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By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

With an agreement pending to sell the Anshei Sfard synagogue and real estate, Louisville's only Orthodox congregation is now thinking about its future at a new location.

A Texas-based real estate development company, Bomasada Group Inc., has contracted to buy the five-acre Dutchmans Lane parcel, which includes the synagogue, the mikvah and two houses. Bomasada plans to tear down the structures and build an apartment complex of approximately 280 units in its place.

The company has nine months to close the deal, but that timetable can be extended to a year if the rezoning necessary to start construction is not complete.

But Fred Levein, a broker for RE/MAX 100 and Anshei Sfard's agent in the deal, doesn't anticipate any problems.

"It's an excellent use for the property," he said.

All of which means that the upcoming High Holy Days at Anshei Sfard will likely be the last for the venerable synagogue, according to Rabbi Simcha Snaid.

Now, the congregation is turning to the future.

It plans to relocate to the second

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Anshei Sfard has signed a contract to sell its synagogue on Dutchmans Lane. The buyer, a Texas-based real estate developer, has nine months to get the property rezoned and close the deal. Anshei Sfard plans to move, at least temporarily, into Shalom Tower. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

Charlottesville violence prompts peace vigil in Highlands

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Just as she was about to address 200 onlookers from the steps of the St. Paul United Methodist Church, Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks sighed – deeply.

"I hate that I had to have the honor to be here," she said.

No one took offense. Everyone knew why she and 10 other religious, lay and political leaders were assembled on the steps of the Highlands area church – and why they were there, too – to mark the deaths of three innocents and the injuring of several others at Unite the Right white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 12.

Interfaith Paths to Peace, a Louisville-based NGO that promotes peace

and interfaith understanding, hastily organized the Sunday, August 13, evening vigil.

"We must remember this country was built on united we stand, divided we fall," said Haleh Karimi, its executive director. "What we experienced in Charlottesville was not an act of unity, but an act of division."

Aside from a few bikers who appeared to deliberately gun their engines as they passed the church, the program went off without incident.

The vigil lasted 45 minutes, with leaders from different faiths condemning hatred, extolling love, and calling upon President Donald Trump, who had not condemned the white supremacists by name, to act to unify the country. Trump, in his initial statement on Charlottesville, instead said

there had been acts of violence "on many sides."

He walked those words back on Monday, August 14, in a carefully worded statement in which he condemned white supremacists. The next day, though, at what was supposed to be a speech on infrastructure in the lobby of Trump Tower, a combative president went off script, doubling down on his initial position, saying not all the participants in the violence were white supremacists and laying blame on "both sides."

Eighteen Jewish Democrats in the House of Representatives have since called on Trump to "consistently and unequivocally fight against racists and anti-Semites" in the deadly aftermath of Charlottesville.

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‘Co-couples’

Abramsons, Kronenbergs hope to renew energy in Annual Campaign

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

To head its 2017-2018 Annual Campaign, and to nurture future leaders, the Jewish Federation of Louisville has again named co-chairs.

Two married couples have been named to be the faces of this year's drive: Jerry and Madeline Abramson, and Ariel and Faina Kronenberg.

The purpose for having four co-chairs – “co-couples,” as Jerry put it – is to blend experience and youth and put in place a process that develops future Federation leaders.

“The whole theory is that Madeline and I have done it before, on one level or another, with the campaign,” Jerry said. “It seemed to make sense to have co-chairs so that we could bring another young couple on. Then next year they could bring another couple on to be with them. That way, we could have a continuity of leadership for the campaign.”

Jerry, a former Louisville Metro mayor and Kentucky lieutenant governor, has chaired the campaign once before. Madeline has chaired the Women's Division.

But the Kronenbergs aren't without their own experience. Ariel currently serves on the JCL Board of Trustees and Faina has co-chaired YAD programs as well as Israel at 60.

Each couple appeals to a different demographic that the Federation



Jerry and Madeline Abramson (left) and Faina and Ariel Kronenberg will co-chair the 2017-18 Annual Campaign for the Jewish Federation of Louisville. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

serves.

“We hope that we'll be able to connect with people we know in the community, and we know have been philanthropic and generous to community needs in the past,” Madeline said.

“But the Kronenbergs know a whole set of younger people we may not have met,” she continued. “I think that our experiences in the Jewish community will really complement each other.”

Identifying an untapped demographic, Faina, who was born in the former Soviet Union, hopes to connect with Louisville's Russian Jewish community during the campaign.

“If I can get them contributing more – both of time and, of course, financially,” she said, “they will know that every contribution is valuable, helpful and counts.”

But first, she said the Federation must offer programming that appeals to them.

“I feel their absence at social events,” Faina said. “They come to use the facilities, but when it comes to social activities, to party-type events, I feel they are absent and I would love to find out why and what activities or events would speak to them more.”

Ariel said it is critical to renew interest in the campaign, among all age groups, including his own.

“I play basketball Sunday mornings with the same group of guys; we've been playing for 20 years,” he said. “A lot of them used to be very, very involved and they kind of drifted away, and they are not excited about what the Jewish community is. For me, that would be a great thing, to feel the excitement again.”

Apart from raising money, the couples agreed on a subset of goals for this year's campaign:

- Energize or reenergize the Boomer generation.
- Attract and make the Federation meaningful for newer and younger families.
- Remind the community of the importance of the campaign.

- Listen to the donors and continue the personal touch of the campaign by meeting with people.

Born in Argentina, Ariel and his family made Aliya when he was 9. He grew up in Rishon LeZion and moved to the United States with his wife, Faina, after his military service. He earned a bachelor's degree in advertising and marketing and an MBA from CUNY Baruch College.

The couple moved to Louisville, where Ariel became a vice president at LSY Defense, LLC. He and Faina

Committee and is the past chair of the Kentucky Region of the Red Cross. She has twice chaired the board of Maryhurst, a Louisville-based organization that offers residential and treatment programs for young women who have experienced abuse and neglect. She is a former chair, and now director emeritus, of the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts and is a past chair of the Kentucky Commission on Women. Madeline and Jerry have a son, Sidney, and a daughter-in-law, Kandice.

WHAT INSPIRES me?

The question “What Inspires Me” will become a recurring theme throughout the Annual Campaign.

have three children – Emma, Gabi and Liam.

Born in St. Petersburg, Faina left the then-Soviet Union when she was 2. The family briefly lived in Israel before moving to Calgary, Alberta, where she grew up. She met Ariel while studying in Israel and they moved back to New York where they both went to college – she studied German at Columbia University. She worked as an ultra-sound technician after moving to Louisville. While co-chairing Israel at 60, Faina insisted that the celebration include a significant observance of Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day.

Madeline, a Louisville native, has served as a leading community volunteer in organizations dedicated to the arts, social services, health care, young people and education. A graduate of Bellarmine University and the University of Louisville, she currently chairs the American Red Cross Kentucky Region Volunteer Services Advisory

A Louisville native who grew up in Strathmoor Village, Jerry graduated from Indiana University and Georgetown University Law School. After a successful local political career – he was sometimes called Louisville's “mayor for life” and the international airport terminal was named in his honor – Jerry's capped his career by serving in the Obama administration as deputy assistant to the president and White House director of intergovernmental affairs.

One of the more exciting aspects of the upcoming campaign, Jerry said, will be its emphasis on social media.

“The fact that they're focusing this campaign from the get-go on the social media is something that's probably unique in comparison to past campaigns,” he said. “When you're talking about drawing more people into the organization, drawing them into the campaign, this is the perfect way to reach out to millennials and others.”

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Jewish parenting

Temple women offer primer course on raising Jewish children

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Cindy Schwartz is Jewish, but she wasn't raised that way.

"I call myself Jewish by chance or fluke," she said. "I had two Jewish parents, I grew up in New York and we did nothing Jewish. I never walked into a synagogue; we never did anything in our home."

In fact, she described as "pure chance" her marriage to another Jew, saying he was the only person she ever dated of the same faith.

So when Schwartz and her husband, Matt, moved to Louisville – his hometown – and began attending services at The Temple, she felt uncomfortable.

"I looked around and I thought, 'I don't know anything that's going on here,'" she said.

The bad news behind Schwartz's story is that it's nothing new. Thousands of young Jews grow up with little to no understanding of their own faith. As such, they are not prepared to pass Judaism to their children, even if they want to.

The good news is, it need not be that way.

Uncomfortable as those first nights at The Temple were for Schwartz, they weren't her last. She volunteered to assist a friend teaching third grade in the religious school. That began her 12-year stint as an instructor.

"My husband has said to me before



Raising Jewish Children, the six-part class to be taught at The Temple this October and November, will offer ideas and strategies for Jewish parents interested in instilling Jewish traditions in their kids. (photo provided)

that one of the biggest surprises in our marriage is how much Judaism I have brought to our family. And I think once I started to learn and once I realized how much it helped me parent in a way that was positive, I created traditions, created moments. I just kind of built on it."

Today, Schwartz, along with Jessica Springer, are preparing to teach a six-week course, Raising Jewish Children, which will run from October 15 to November 19 at The Temple. Its three rabbis will also teach.

While the class is being billed as an

opportunity to "explore the basics of Jewish parenting," it is not a critique on the state of Jewish parenting in America.

"I do not think that Jewish parents need to learn how to raise their children Jewish," said Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, a senior rabbi at The Temple. "This class is teaching basic Jewish concepts, ideas, holidays and tradition to parents who feel they did not get that growing up, either because they were not raised Jewish, or because they did not get a Jewish education,"

Is Jewish parenting a thing? Do Jews raise their children in substantially different ways compared to mothers and fathers from other faiths?

"This is something I've thought a lot about," said Deborah Kolben, the founder and editor of Kveller, a seven-year-old news blog devoted to Jewish parenting issues.

When she started Kveller, "I hadn't thought a lot about my Jewish identity since my bat mizvah. But suddenly, when you have a kid, you realize that it's all on you to figure out what if anything you're going to impart to them in terms of a Jewish identity and/or the religion piece of things."

Kolben said there lots of stereotypes related to Jewish parenting. "You, know that we're overbearing, and pushy, and always trying to get you to take a sweater," she quipped. "Thankfully, I think those stereotypes are starting to fade."

What's left, she continued, are real life issues parents of all faiths must face. She said resources, such as her blog and The Temple's class, help parents deal with those issues minus the stereotypes.

"I can't tell you how Jewish parenting has changed," Kolben said. "I think parenting trends in general have changed and we're living in a particular moment where, for a certain social class of parents, there is an intense focus on our kids. There's the whole helicopter parenting trend of parents being very, very involved in their kids' lives. Thanks to social media, moms now have a false glimpse into other people's lives.

"It's easy to believe that other people have it all together, that their life is prettier, more perfect, and that their kids are totally well behaved," Kolben added. "We've written a lot about that on Kveller and we've encouraged people to share the 'real' parenting photos of the tough moments that don't make it on to Facebook."

Schwartz believes Jewish parenting is changing, even if Jewish values are not.

"I think it's flexible and I think it can change over time," she said. "I guess the idea of the class is to provide options for people to try out, try on, modify. I think it's a pretty wide range."

If Jewish parenting is changing, Springer, the daughter of an interfaith marriage, said it's partly because the Jewish community is changing.

For instance, her father was Jewish but he didn't take an active interest in religion, so her mother, the non-Jewish parent, took on that responsibility.

"She made sure we got to religious school," Springer recalled. "She made it possible for us to observe the religious holidays at home, and she made Friday dinner. We always did Friday dinner with candles and challah."

The extended Jewish family, which served as a conduit for transmitting Jewish traditions and rituals, is disappearing, she said. Children frequently live far from their grandparents, aunts and uncles who understand and practice Judaism.

"The communities aren't as tight," Springer said. "There is less Jewish community in terms of right where you live, so you don't see a lot of traditions being passed on."

"If your parents didn't do it for you, then you don't necessarily have a neighbor to pass it on to you," she continued. "You have to go look for it. This class will be kind of like looking for those things, but all in the one place."

The six weeks of the class are divided into six topics:

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- What Traditions Can I Realistically Incorporate into My Family's Busy Lives?
- Creating Your Own Extended Family.

Part six will address a topic of the class' choice.

Springer envisions the sessions bringing a Jewish slant to everyday parenting issues.

"When you potty train, we all know what to do based on the books we read," she said, "but none of them have like a Jewish twist, so what can we do to make that a Jewish experience? How can we incorporate Judaism into making that special?"

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New Reconstructionist rabbi 'excited' to experience Louisville Judaism

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Diane Tracht may be the only Reconstructionist rabbi in Louisville, but that doesn't mean she's here to promote her own brand of Judaism.

"I wouldn't be so bold as to say I can change Jewish Louisville, or that it even needs changing," she said.

In fact, Tracht, who was ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia on June 11, said she's far more "excited" about experiencing Judaism as it's practiced here. She said Jewish observance varies somewhat from place to place, whether it's Louisville, Philadelphia or the Upper West Side of New York.

Tracht, who arrived in Louisville in August, is here to begin a year-long chaplaincy residency at Baptist Health Louisville. When she's done there, she plans to seek certification from the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education.

She plans to make the chaplaincy the focus of her rabbinate, and she



Rabbi Diane Tracht

hopes to eventually train future chaplains.

Proud as she is to be an RRC alumna, she quipped that she is not here to "spread the gospel of Reconstructionist Judaism."

"I'm a Jew. I'm a rabbi. I'm a Reconstructionist rabbi, but that is not what I keep in bold," she said.

A Pittsburgh native, Tracht grew up in a family not connected to the Jewish community there, though it did observe Chanukah and Passover.

Still, Tracht said, she felt an intuitive connection to Judaism, and her high school career aptitude tests suggested she should pursue work in the clergy.

So when she enrolled at Haverford College near Philadelphia, she became active in the Jewish Student Union. That's where she first met Reconstructionist rabbis, since RRC was nearby.

She decided she would like to go to rabbinical school there.

Not all her Haverford experiences were so positive. She frequently met Jewish students who told her that because her mother wasn't Jewish, neither was she.

"I was actually hearing that my whole life," she said, "so in college I started really grappling with how traditional Judaism held that I wasn't Jewish."

After graduation, she studied at the Pardes Institute in Israel for a year before enrolling at RRC. During her first year at the seminary, she underwent a Conservative conversion.

"I had internalized to some degree that I wasn't Jewish, so having a conversion was a route to heal from that spiritual wound," Tracht said. "And I'm a somewhat a traditional Jew myself. Having that ritual being an option for a Jew like me was a great opportunity."

Chaplaincy work has appealed to her for some time. She recalled reading an article in her senior year

of high school about a Jewish chaplain during the Iraq war who learned Muslim rites for the dying – a skill that came in handy when he comforted a dying Muslim.

That kind of compassion impressed her.

"If religion can cross over and provide healing in those moments," she said, "then let me do that."

Though Tracht is the only Reconstructionist rabbi in Louisville (for now anyway), she is not the only the Reconstructionist-trained clergy. Cantor Sharon Hordes of Keneseth Israel received her cantorial education through a joint program established by RRC and Gratz College.

"It will be nice to have someone else in town to bring some of what makes Reconstructionist unique," Hordes said. "Maybe there are Jews here who have not found an approach to Judaism that suits them and will find inspiration in Reconstructionist theology and practice."

Katelyn Graves, new youth program manager, has worked with kids since camp

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Katelyn Graves has known for a long time that she wanted to work with kids.

"I went to a Jewish day camp," the Durham, North Carolina, native said. "I stated working at another camp when I started college. That's where I fell in love."

It's no wonder, then, why Graves is happy to be The J's new youth program manager, working with Director of Camp Youth & Families Mindye Mannel.

It's not her first JCC job. A recent graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans, where she studied psychology and sociology, Graves spent a summer working at the New Orleans JCC camp



Katelyn Graves

there as well as teaching day school. She had previously been on the summer camp staff at the Levin JCC in Durham.

Her job here will be different. Graves and Mannel will work

together on year-round family programming in the areas of enrichment, after school, parent's night out and school's out.

She hopes to "rebrand" the school's out programming to include winter and spring break as well as days when school is off for holidays, service days and inclement weather.

She also plans to add additional programming for the family and elementary and middle school age children.

One program that's already in the works is a BBYO/ Teen Connect "Kick-off," a night out at a soccer game with Louisville City FC.

Graves said the event is designed as

a bridge between kids entering their teen years and Jewish observance.

"We'll get some of those new incoming sixth graders into the mix," she said, "so they'll include Judaism into their everyday activities."

Corey Shapiro earns Frank Fellowship will travel to Poland, Israel this year



Corey Shapiro

Community of Louisville, has received yet another honor

The Frank Family Leadership Institute and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) have accepted Shapiro as a 2017-2018 Frank Family Fellow in recognition of his work in the field of Jewish community relations.

According to an acceptance letter to Shapiro signed by JCPA President David Bernstein and three other offi-

Corey Shapiro, a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council and this year's recipient of the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award from the Jewish

Community of Louisville, has received yet another honor

As part of the fellowship, Shapiro will take part in a mission to Poland, including a visit to Auschwitz/Birkenau, from November 29-December 3.

He also will join the JCPA Leadership Mission to Israel from December 3-8, spending a week there in JCPA leadership meetings with key decision makers and experts.

Finally, Shapiro will attend the JCPA's 2018 annual national conference in New York from April 21-25, 2018.

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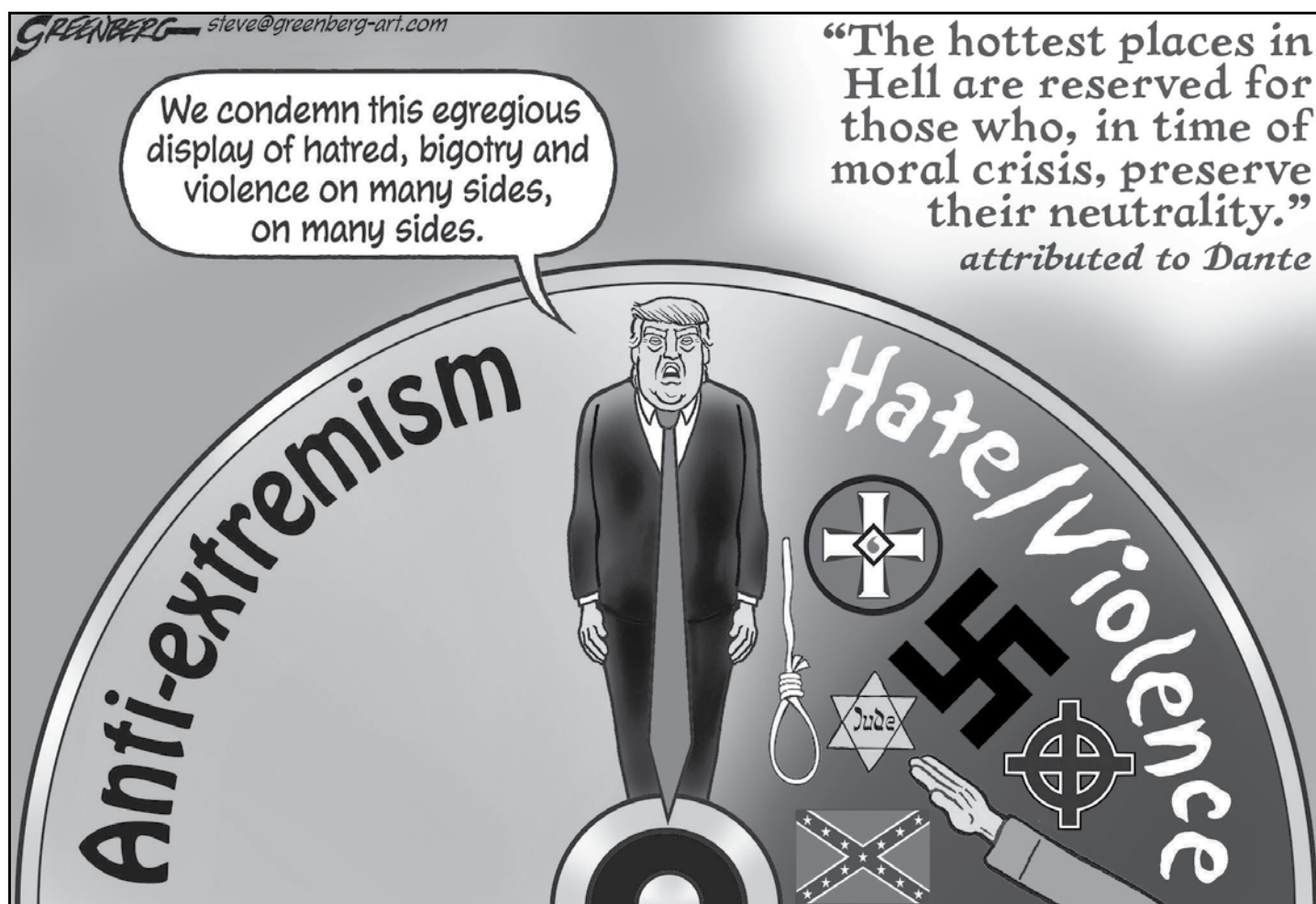
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FORUM



JCRC's new task forces will respond to 'interesting times'

There is an old Chinese curse that is terribly applicable in our world today: May you live in interesting times.

From the unspeakable violence in Charlottesville to the seeming acceptance of bigotry across our land, it appears that the despicable has become commonplace. We truly live in "interesting times."

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) recognizes the need to confront situations we cannot begin to imagine. Now more than ever, we must develop relationships and coalitions with people and groups in our community who mirror our goals and values.

Most of all, we must be immediately responsive to incidents threatening vulnerable groups.

To address these situations, we are restructuring the JCRC into three task



Rabbi Stanley R. Miles

forces: Local, National and International.

These groups will meet on a bimonthly basis as will the entire JCRC. Of course, the task forces will also meet whenever necessary.

The Local Task Force will address

local issues. It will serve as a Jewish voice in the interfaith community and reach out to coalitions reflecting our values and concerns. Issues that arise in local schools will be a focus of activity. The Local Task Force will also confront the reality of anti-Semitism.

The National Task Force will be

JCRC's lobbying arm in both Frankfort and Washington. It will consider issues of national concern and craft resolutions for the annual meeting of our parent organization, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

The International Task Force will deal with the issues and situations of Jews in Israel and around the world. The safety of Jewish communities in Europe and religious pluralism in Israel are currently on its agenda. Israel advocacy will be of primary concern to its members.

The JCRC is proud to constantly strive for the safety, rights and security of Jewry and other groups needing our support in these very interesting times.

(Rabbi Stanley R. Miles is chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council.)

Camp and Charlottesville: Why we do what we do

Our lives begin to end the day we decide to be silent about things that matter.

— Martin Luther King Jr.

J Camp 2017 came to a close on August 11, and I decided, after listening to the send-offs and conversations heard throughout the building and at the final camp circle, that the experience was the perfect topic for my August column.

The camp staff was energetic, warm and engaged for 10 weeks. Our counselors had the same enthusiasm on the last day as the first. The contagious spirit of our Israeli schlichot, Tomi and Lior, touched both campers and counselors. Our camp team deserves a major Kol Hakavod, congratulations on a job well done. Finally, I believe



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everyone should know that our Yachad program, which served campers in need of special assistance, continues to change lives.

I was ready to write that very camp column, and then Charlottesville happened.

I was upset and angry by what transpired in Charlottesville. I worried for the worshippers of Congregation Beth Israel who were fearful as neo-Nazis paraded past their synagogue – on Shabbat – chanting "Seig Heil" and anti-Semitic slogans.

I wanted to do something to make this madness stop, so I decided to attend a rally in the West End with my daughters the day after the Charlottesville violence and hear firsthand about the pain and anguish our fellow Louisvillians were feeling. As Jews, we cannot be silent.

I recognize we cannot instantaneously stop hate. But we do have many platforms, including camp, to create positive Jewish experiences.

Our commitment to our campers this summer was not a passing moment; it is an ongoing commitment to help children grow and become good people. As a Jewish community, it is now more important than ever that we speak up for good and speak out

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The Charlottesville lesson: We're going the wrong way

I stood on the paving stones of Grant Street in downtown Pittsburgh with a pack of other reporters, standing between hastily erected chain link fences that separated us from an angry crowd and the steps of the City-County Building.

We were all waiting for *them* to come out. We didn't have to wait long.

Within minutes, a thuggish gang stormed from the front doors of the government building wearing various arrays of white sheets, hoods, storm trooper helmets and masks – the Ku Klux Klan. Carrying swastikas like battle flags, they stood behind a lectern while their leader spoke.

For the next 20-30 minutes – I really don't recall how long it lasted – that hooded Klansman spewed the kind of hatred that covers your soul like mud. I felt dirty as I filled my notepad.

He talked about what they wanted to do to blacks and Jews (only he didn't use the words "blacks" and "Jews.") One in the bunch took the opportunity to demonstrate his judo moves for the crowd, just to show that he had the skills to get the job done.

All the while, the counter-demonstrators raised a deafening din, trying



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to drown out what the Klansman was saying. Some of them picked up pebbles and hurled them in the Klan's direction, most of them falling short and stinging the reporters instead.

Police handcuffed one protester. "I hate the Klan!" he shouted to us as they led him away.

Above it all, I saw a group of people standing on a roof about a block from the action. We understood they were federal agents taking pictures of the white supremacists as they stood ramrod straight on the steps.

We knew the situation was volatile and could get out of hand, but it never did. The Klan staged its little circus, its members' constitutional rights were exercised, and they quickly left the same way they came, through the doors of the City-County Building.

Police kept a tight lid on the pot. Crisis averted.

That was 17 years ago. Sadly, things did not go as well on Saturday, August 12 in Charlottesville, Virginia, during yet another white supremacist rally.

A man plowed his car into a crowd of counter-demonstrators, killing one woman and injuring 19 others. Two Virginia state troopers, monitoring the situation from the air, died when their helicopter crashed near a golf course.

All of which was bad enough, but it was made worse, when President Donald Trump, responding to the violence, chose not to condemn the supremacists by name. Instead, he directed his comments to people "on many sides."

(Several hours later, the White House, in an effort to control the fallout from the president's words, finally issued a statement from an unnamed spokesperson condemning "white supremacists" for instigating the violence.)

These events made me think back to that day on Grant Street in Pittsburgh, to the protester who police arrested, and especially to those people behind that fence, trying futilely to hit the hate mongers with their pebbles.

Were they right to throw stones? No. Frankly, it would have been better had

the Klan staged its show for an empty street – no reporters, no protesters. No one.

That didn't happen, but it doesn't mean that the anti-Klanniks, wrong as they were to throw those stones, had sunk to the same depth as their targets.

The same is doubly true for Charlottesville, where the good guys were the victims. Still, the president could not bring himself to explicitly lay blame for the weekend mayhem at the feet of those who were directly responsible.

Are the police investigating? Yes, Would they need to if the rally never took place? The answer is obvious.

The white supremacists went to Charlottesville looking for an incident. They reasoned that the president, who soft-peddled their support for him during the campaign, wouldn't call them out by name.

They were right.

We've come along way since Pittsburgh, but I can't help but worry that it's all in the wrong direction.

(Lee Chottiner is the interim editor of Community.)

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against evil – for our children's sake as well as our own.

We teach our campers to respect each other and respect the uniqueness of everyone. We teach tolerance and

acceptance of all people. As the Jewish Community of Louisville, composed of the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Relations Council and The J, we understand the responsibility we have to speak up and speak out. If we care about justice, we care about all people.

We need to get to know our neigh-

bors, welcome the stranger – as our Torah teaches – and publicly stand with new and old diverse partners for a peaceful and fair community for all Louisvillians.

An uplifting camping season at The J came to an end at the same time something shameful and alarming happened in our country. At the very

least, though, it reminds us yet again what our mission is, and why we do what we do.

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



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Hate in Charlottesville: The day the Nazi called me Shlomo

By Ron Kampeas
JTA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – The white supremacists, for all their vaunted purpose, appeared to be disoriented.

Some 500 had gathered at a park here Saturday, August 12, to protest this southern Virginia city's plans to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from the park. Pressured by the American Civil Liberties Union, Charlottesville had allowed the march at Emancipation Park – or Lee Park, the protesters' preferred name.

That worked for an hour or so, and then the protesters and counterprotesters started to pelt one another with plastic bottles – it was unclear who started it. Gas bombs – mildly irritating – seemed to come more from the white supremacists. Finally the sides rushed each other headlong and there were scuffles.

So Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe declared a state of emergency and, heeding the police, the white supremacists filed out of the park and started walking, north, but to where no one seemed sure. There was talk of meeting at a parking lot, but which parking lot, no one was sure. As they approached the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial, a bucolic hill overlooking an overpass, they sputtered to a stop for consultations and did what marchers on a seasonably warm day do: They sat on the grass, sought shade and chatted.

I had been following at a distance

with a handful of journalists and folks who were there not so much to counter-protest as to deliver an alternative message. Zelic Jones from Richmond bore a poster with a saying by Martin Luther King Jr., "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

I climbed the hillock to see if anyone would be willing to talk. On the way, the marchers had studiously ignored reporters, but I thought, at rest, they might be more amenable. It was not to be. One man, wearing black slacks, a white shirt, sunglasses and black baseball cap, shadowed me. He moved to stand between me and anyone I had hoped to interview.

I looked him directly in the eye. "How's it going, Shlomo?" he asked. "My name is Ron," I said. I hadn't identified myself as Jewish.

"You look like a Shlomo." "You want to talk?" I offered. "I don't talk to the press," he said. "They just lie." He scampered away.

The exchange was jarring in how personal it was. I've been hated directly for many things (try being a journalist, anywhere), but it had been a while – I'd have to cast back to early childhood – since I'd faced visceral hatred just for, well, looking Jewish.

A year ago, at a hotel in Washington, D.C., I had attended the unveiling of the "alt-right," convened by one of its lead theorists, Richard Spencer, who also was in attendance in Charlottesville. That news conference – an expression of white supremacy argued in plummy tones that disguised its

hateful content – was removed from the hatred stalking the streets of Charlottesville on Saturday. Spencer was polite and helpful after the fact. His ideas are toxic, but in the airless corridors of a Washington hotel, they seemed denuded of malice; they seemed to be the imaginings of an intemperate toddler.

Here in Charlottesville, the hatred was present and real and would before the day ended apparently kill someone, when a car driven by a 20-year-old Ohio man plowed through counter-protesters.

Among the 500 white supremacists were men and women bearing signs like "Goyim know!" (Know what?) and "Jews are satans [sic] children." There were Nazi flags. There were men all in black, T-shirts and slacks and army boots and helmets, jogging along with plastic shields. There were the men who sang of "blood and soil" as they marched to the Emancipation Park event. And when the white supremacists got their act together and gathered in McIntire Park, they shouted "Jew" every time the name of Charlottesville's Jewish mayor, Michael Signer, was mentioned.

Of course, the hostility was not confined to Jews: As targets, Jews were not even preeminent; blacks were. There were the "White lives matter" T-shirts. Marching along McIntire Road, the white supremacists shouted the N-word at drivers passing by. More prominent than the Nazi flags were the Confederate flags and their variants.

The focus on Jews was anomalous: This was supposed to be about the Confederacy and Southern heritage, and defenders of the Southern cause are not always identified with hostility toward Jews. About an hour's drive away, Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery, a Confederate monument, has a carefully tended Jewish section.

And yet here it was, the chants of "Jews will not replace us" (as?). I had two more personal encounters. At the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial, a man wearing a floppy beige sunhat started following me and explaining the lie of the Holocaust, the evil of the Jews, the value of DNA in determining purity. I retreated as he ran after me, screaming, "My mother says I'm a Jew! My MOTHER! Does that mean I'm entitled to something?" (I resisted

replying, "Your mother's love.")

And earlier, filing out of Emancipation Park, a group of youths surrounded and shouted at me, "Take that wall in Israel down! An open border for everyone!" – a reference to a popular theory on the far right that Jews are engineering open borders to bring the United States to ruination while keeping Israel pure. They moved on.

Anomalies like these tend to be-muse, at least me. What the racists believe to be hurtful jibes come across more as non sequiturs, as mouthings of the deluded or the possessed. Why Shlomo of all names? What was that about DNA? A wall in Israel?

And then the car rammed the crowd, and there was a fatality, and some 35 injured, including five critically, and it was harder to pick out the absurd and use that as a way of keeping an emotional distance from the hate speech. I counted the wounded, rushed by stretchers into the back of ambulances, the less seriously injured patched up with torn cloths, leaning on friends' shoulders and wincing.

I retreated to a cafe that was open only to clergy and the media dispensing free water and beer. I filed a story, and on the large wall TV, CNN said President Donald Trump was ready to speak.

The cafe fell silent. There was, it seems, even among this crowd of liberal clergy, a thirst for a message of unity from a president who has pledged, and more often than not failed, to lead us all.

Trump engaged in some throat clearing about the Veterans Administration, and then began, "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred bigotry and violence, on many sides." At "on many sides" the room erupted into shouts of anger. On cue, Trump repeated, "On many sides."

There was only one side visibly and overwhelmingly gripped by hate on Saturday in Charlottesville.

As the day wore on, the White House refused to retreat from Trump's "many sides" comment, and the president's tweets didn't add clarity.

"Condolences to the family of the young woman killed today, and best regards to all of those injured, in Charlottesville, Virginia. So sad!" was his last tweet of the day.

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Arnold Zegart establishes the Rosetta Handmaker Fund in Louisville

Even though it was about 15 years ago, Arnold Zegart still vividly remembers an impassioned speech by Ernie Marx at a Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration at Adath Jeshurun.

At first, Ernie spoke softly about living in Germany during the rise of the Nazis. His parents had saved up money for a new bicycle and Ernie had to learn his bar mitzvah Torah portion before he was allowed to ride it. He kept his soft tone (perhaps because it was simply too painful to remember) as he recalled Kristallnacht and how that evening fell shortly before his bar mitzvah.

But then, his voice picked up and he pounded the lectern as he exclaimed, "and then the Nazi's came and STOLE MY BICYCLE that my father had worked so long and so



Arnold Zegart

as they developed a strong rapport and friendship up until Ernie passed away in 2007.

A few years later, when Arnold's mother passed away in 2010, Arnold and his brother Kenny established the Rosetta Handmaker Fund. The fund helps to subsidize the Jewish Federation of Louisville's annual Teachers' Trip to the United States

hard to give to me!"

Arnold remembered distinctly how moved he was to hear Ernie tell his story. It was the first of many stories that Arnold would hear from Ernie

Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, D.C., and related programming for the teacher participants. Inspired by Ernie's stories of survival and courage, Arnold and Kenny not only wanted to leave a legacy to honor Ernie's and their mother's memory, but they also wanted to educate the youth of tomorrow with stories that should never be forgotten.

"It's important to me to leave a legacy in honor of my mother, Rosetta Zegart Handmaker, and Ernie Marx, who was a Holocaust survivor," said Arnold. "Both of these special people had an enormous impact on my life and it is an honor and privilege to know that, through the fund we established, the stories of the Holocaust will continue to be shared and taught to future generations."

By establishing the Rosetta Handmaker Fund, the Federation has been able to send nearly 90 teachers to the USHMM. The impact of this visit and the history that is shared with the hundreds of students privileged to learn from these teachers is immeasurable.

You, too, can establish a fund just like Arnold Zegart to sustain those Jewish programs that reflect your values and in return contribute to the future strength of Jewish Louisville.

To learn more about creating a fund at the JCL or leaving a legacy to any Jewish institution through Louisville's participation in the LIFE & LEGACY program, please contact Jennifer Tuvlin at the JCL, jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2735.

Chief Rabbinate challenges High Court's jurisdiction in Western Wall case

JERUSALEM – Israel's Chief Rabbinate said the country's Supreme Court lacks the jurisdiction to rule on the "intrareligious" struggle involving egalitarian prayer at the Western Wall.

In a 166-page brief filed Tuesday, August 22, with the Supreme Court, the Chief Rabbinate said in part, "The courts are not the appropriate tribunal to decide if Jewish law can be changed and the holy sites can be desecrated."

The brief said the court does not have the authority to make decisions

on the topic of religion, and noted that it would not attempt to make religious decisions for Israel's Muslim and Christian communities. It added that the case is about advancing government and feminist issues, not freedom of religion.

"The Rabbinate does not want to set up a wall or to stop Reform and Conservative visitors from visiting the Western Wall and other holy sites," the brief says. "Each worshipper uses their own prayer book and prays as

he or she pleases, and no one gets involved in their prayers. If the petitioners wish to pray at the Western Wall, they may do so. The Reform and Conservative are not obligated to pray in a mixed area by their beliefs, they simply want to. Their religious freedom is not harmed at all."

The brief also noted that all decisions of a religious nature involving holy sites have been decided by religious leaders, not the courts, since the beginning of the British Mandate.

Filed in the name of the country's two chief rabbis, the brief is responding to a petition filed with the Supreme Court by the liberal Jewish movements in Israel and the Women of the Wall calling for the implementation of a government agreement to expand and upgrade the egalitarian prayer section at the southern end of the Western Wall. In June, the Cabinet suspended the agreement passed in 2016.

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PICTURE THIS: PEACE VIGIL

Appalled by the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, that white supremacists instigated, several Jewish Louisvillians joined approximately 200 others for a peace vigil Sunday, August 13, on the lawn of the St. Paul United Methodist Church in the Highlands. Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks was among the faith leaders who spoke at the gathering, as did Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council. (photos by Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner)



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First cohort of J-MAP selected; mentors, mentees paired

By Benji Berlow
For Community

Jewish Family & Career Services and the Jewish Federation of Louisville have announced the first cohort of J-MAP, the Jewish Mentorship Alliance for Professionals.

Funded in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the six-month mentorship program helps young Jewish Louisville professionals navigate career advancement and professional development.

The first cohort includes 10 pairs of mentors and mentees. The mentors are Carlyn Altman, Jacqueline Brill, Dr. Rachel Davis-Stockton, Seth Gladstein, Lisa Goldberg, Jordan Green, Micah Jorrisch, Amy Landon, Becky

Ruby Swansburg and Corey Shapiro.

The young professional mentees are Hannah Beker, Jodi Dubrovsky, Dr. Allison Feit, Rachel Goldenberg, Lesli Harad, Bonnie McCullagh, Erin Miller, Justin Sayers, Justin Smith and Madeline Winer.

The cohort actually began in late June with an interactive group presentation on Myers-Briggs personality types led by JFCS Career Counselor and J-MAP co-coordinator, Erin Heakin.

"We thought it would be useful for the mentees and mentors to have a common language to use to understand each other better and improve communication," Heakin said.

After learning their individual Myers Briggs type, mentors and mentees be-

gan to set goals for their partnerships.

"I have enjoyed getting to know Erin [Miller] and understanding how she wants to develop personally and professionally," said Micah Jorrisch, director of development at Family & Children's Place and a J-MAP mentor. "I have been very fortunate to have wonderful mentors in my life, and I hope that I can have a positive impact on Erin's journey."

J-MAP was created to help young professionals find direction as they begin their careers.

"I am really happy that I signed up for J-MAP; it has been another way to develop myself as a young professional," said Justin Sayers, a breaking news reporter for the *Courier-Journal* and J-MAP mentee. "It has been nice

to have somebody who could provide advice during such a crazy stage of my life."

J-MAP also gives more seasoned professionals an opportunity to share their experience.

"Thus far, my experience with the J-MAP program has been very fulfilling," said Seth Gladstein, lawyer and J-MAP mentor. "Not only have I met a group of young Jewish professionals who are committed to Louisville and its Jewish Community, but I have also had the opportunity to give some career and life advice to someone just starting his career."

Applications for the second cohort of mentorship pairs will open this winter.

Jewish monument defaced in Bulgarian town

By JTA

A monument put up by Jews in Bulgaria to thank the town of Vidin for preventing the deportation of its Jews during the Holocaust was vandalized.

The Thanksgiving Monument, erected in 2003, was spray-painted with the words "Allah," "Palestine," "Hamas," and the Islamic star and crescent moon symbol, the Shalom Organization of Jews in Bulgaria said Monday in a Facebook post.

The organization posted photos of the vandalism, which occurred Saturday, on its Facebook page.

The mayor of the Vidin municipality, Ognyan Tsenkov, called the vandalism an "outrageous and unacceptable" act, the Shalom Organization said in its post. He reportedly ordered the monument to be immediately cleaned.

Shalom Organization President Alexander Oscar, in a letter to the mayor, thanked him for his firm statement and quick action and stressed that the monument "will continue to be a symbol of the brotherhood and a long history between our two peoples," the post also said.

In 1943, the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, some politicians and many members of civil society successfully stood up to the Nazis and prevented

the country's Jews from being deported to death camps, the Sofia Globe reported.

Next year, Bulgaria's Jewish community will mark the 75th anniversary of the prevention of the deportation of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews. However, more than 11,000 Jews from parts of northern Greece and Yugoslavia, territories which were under Bulgarian administration during World War II, were deported and killed.

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Greenberg medals at Maccabiah, but meeting the athletes was a bigger prize

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Peyton Greenberg came away from the 20th Maccabiah Games this summer a winner.

Not only did the 20-year-old, 5-foot-11 swimmer, a junior at Northwestern University, swim three open events at the games, competing against athletes of various ages and experience levels, she won two silver medals in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke events.

Her performances built upon her medal count from the 2013 Maccabiah when she netted a gold and two silvers.

But winning wasn't why she went to Israel this summer. This time, the Louisville native was after a different prize.

"I was just interested in talking to as many people as possible on this trip," she said.

An international relations major at Northwestern, Greenberg said she wanted to use this time in Israel to broaden herself and get ready for her career.

Mission accomplished.

"This changed my life," Greenberg said of the latest Maccabiah. "It enhanced my connection to Judaism. I made friends from around the world and I really found a sense of myself."

The Maccabiah Games, which took place this past July in Israel, are sometimes called the Jewish Olympics.



Peyton Greenberg won silver in her final Maccabiah games this summer. (photos provided by Peyton Greenberg)

First held in 1932, the games this year hosted some 10,000 athletes from 80 countries who competed in 47 events.

Greenberg talked to athletes from around the world and discovered that they labored for their sports under different circumstances.

For instance, she met a 50-meter swimmer from Hong Kong, who told her how the practice of Judaism is suppressed in China, and how he struggled for three years to convince authorities to let him travel to the games.

"He only found out he could go come three days before the competition," Greenberg said.

Wherever she went in Israel, Greenberg met people whose families came from countries in the Middle East, and Europe, who reached the Jewish homeland one step ahead of a mass

slaughter or after surviving one.

One IDF soldier whose family made aliyah from Iraq, told Greenberg about an infamous massacre of Jews there. He was likely referring to the Farhud, the two-day pogrom of Baghdad in 1941 when at least 180 Iraqi Jews were killed and 1,000 were injured.

"Everyone has a story like that," she said.

Greenberg's Maccabiah experiences have informed her expression of Judaism. She attends Shabbat services at Hillel at least once a month; she expects to return to Israel; she's even interested in pursuing dual citizenship.

"I identify more with Judaism than I did in the past," she said. "I'm much more open to discussions about [Judaism]. I'm more open to explaining to my non-Jewish friends about why it's important to me."

A lifelong swimmer, Greenberg, the daughter of Rick and Debbie Greenberg, grew up competing for Lakeside Swim Club and duPont Manual High School as well as Northwestern in Big Ten meets. She swam the 100-medley relay at the 2012 Kentucky State Championship, competed in the World Championship trials in 2013, and qualified for the 2016 Olympic Trials in Omaha.

She was one of three local athletes to be inducted into the JCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

She was one of two Louisville athletes to compete at Maccabiah. Andrea Glazer was on the show jumping team, which won the silver medal in that event.

Greenberg thanked her parents and coaches at Lakeside, duPont Manual and Northwestern for her success at the games.

While the Maccabiah Games left a lasting impression upon Greenberg, the just-concluded Jewish Olympics was probably her last.

"I'd have to train for two more years," to prepare for the next one, she said, "and I probably should get a job."



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A long-simmering debate: Who owns America's oldest synagogue?

NEW YORK – The story of America's oldest synagogue, as told by retired Supreme Court Justice David Souter, is the story of American Jewish history.

Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, Souter wrote, was built in the 1700s by Sephardic merchants whose community then declined. In the late 1800s, Eastern European Jews arrived in the area, occupied the building and have used it to this day. Since then, heirs of the older Sephardic community have tried to maintain a foothold in the historic synagogue that they consider theirs.

On Wednesday, August 3, Souter awarded a victory to the Sephardim.

Writing an appeals court ruling on a lawsuit over who owns Touro Synagogue, Souter, who has regularly sat on the court following his 2009 retirement, wrote that the building and its centuries-old ritual objects all belong to Congregation Shearith Israel, a historic Sephardic congregation on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

The decision reversed an earlier district court decision that gave ownership of the building – and the multi-million-dollar artifacts – to the group that worships there: the Ashkenazi Congregation Jeshuat Israel.

The Newport congregation said it will ask for a rehearing of the case.

It's an odd – and oddly enduring – dispute being played out in an American courtroom. Souter's ruling is a primer on nearly 400 years of American Jewish history, and a dispute that touches on historical tensions between Sephardic Jews with roots in Spain, Portugal, North Africa and the Middle East, and Ashkenazi Jews with roots in Eastern Europe.

Touro, built in 1763, has loomed large in American Jewish history. Along with its claim to being the first Jewish building in the country, it also received George Washington's 1790 letter guaranteeing that the United States "gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Shearith Israel, hundreds of miles away, has held title to Touro since the early 1800s, when the shrinking Newport community asked the New York City congregation to steward the building and its ritual objects.

It's a fitting relationship. Shearith Israel – also known as the Spanish and



The interior of the historic Touro Synagogue during the 70th annual reading of George Washington's letter to the city's Jewish congregation on Sunday, August 20. The congregation that worships at Touro and Congregation Shearith Israel in New York are currently embroiled in a legal battle over who owns the synagogue and its religious objects. (photo courtesy of The Newport Daily News)

Portuguese Synagogue – has a sense of its history as well. Founded in 1654, it bills itself as "America's First Jewish Congregation." (Its current building is its fifth home.) Old-time members still wear top hats and worship in the distinctive Sephardic style passed down from its founders, complete with a cantor in robes and choir. Some Shearith Israel members are descended from the original families that started the congregation four centuries ago.

Jeshuat Israel, founded in 1881 as Ashkenazi immigrants began flooding America from Eastern Europe, has worshipped at Touro for more than a century. For a time, according to Souter's ruling, its members occupied the synagogue illegally, praying there even as Shearith Israel sought to keep it closed. Only in 1903, following a court battle, did the two groups sign a contract establishing Shearith Israel as the owner and giving Jeshuat Israel a lease on the building.

According to the terms of the contract, Jeshuat Israel must pray in the Sephardic style – its own identity be damned.

Seeking to form an endowment, Jeshuat Israel arranged in 2011 to sell

a pair of handcrafted, 18th-century silver bulbs, which are used to adorn Torah scrolls, to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, where they were on loan. But Shearith Israel objected to the \$7 million sale, both because Shearith Israel said it owned the ornaments and claimed the sale violated Jewish law. Jeshuat Israel then sued Shearith Israel, and Shearith Israel countersued – both of them seeking legal ownership of the bulbs.

Because the bulbs are meant to rest upon a Torah scroll, Shearith Israel asserted, selling them to a secular institution constitutes an unacceptable decline in holiness.

The district court had ruled in Jeshuat Israel's favor on the grounds that it occupies the building and that Shearith Israel had failed in its trustee obligations. But Souter reversed the ruling, partially based on the 1903 contract, writing that Shearith Israel "is fee owner of the Touro Synagogue building, appurtenances, fixtures, and associated land."

Now, says Gary Naftalis, Jeshuat Israel's lawyer, the congregation is "reviewing our legal options going forward." Jeshuat Israel could ask the appeals court's full panel of judges to

review the ruling, and may petition to have the case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Shearith Israel President Louis Solomon said in a statement that the congregation is "gratified" by the court's decision and, as a result, "has been restored to the position it has held for centuries." The statement added that the congregation hopes to move forward from the court ruling, which "enables two great Jewish congregations to regain the harmony that existed between them before this unfortunate episode began five years ago."

But even as Shearith Israel has retained ownership of America's oldest synagogue, it no longer reflects the community that American Jews have become. The families who founded America's first Jewish congregations – exiles from Spain and Portugal via Amsterdam, London, Brazil and the Caribbean – likely would not identify with the largely Ashkenazi, largely non-Orthodox American Jewish community of 350 years later.

Even Shearith Israel has gone with the flow, hiring a rabbi from a renowned Ashkenazi rabbinical dynasty, Meir Soloveichik, in 2013.

Still, part of the New York congregation's appeal is its anachronism – led by a cantor and choir in an era of lay leadership, formal in an era of casual dress, Sephardic in an Ashkenazi-led community. And now, even if it no longer owns the American Jewish present, it can say that it still holds title to the American Jewish past.



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Person-centered care is a philosophy



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky

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Healing therapy teaches practitioners how to lay hands and facilitate relief and relaxation through

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In an era when the opioid crisis has reached epidemic proportions, it is all the more important to teach patients to include non-pharmacological means of pain relief and relaxation, such as the energy techniques of therapeutic touch (Delores Krieger) and healing touch (Hover-Kramer). Healing Therapy includes the gentle healing arts of presence, positive affirmations, relaxation response conscious breathing, aromatherapy, guided imagery, comfort touch, hand and foot massage, body massage, cutaneous stimulation, music, humor and laughter, distraction, prayer and

meditation.

As we prepare for Elul, the final month before Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, our tradition calls on us all to focus upon healing, renewal, restoration, repair and forgiveness. At a time when our world is increasingly engulfed in violence and hatred, this message is all the more relevant.

May each of us use this time to practice prayer, mindfulness and meditation, to practice positive thinking, and spread hope and forgiveness. Let us remember that the energy we carry with us has an effect on those around us. Let us do what we can to bring a calming peace to those we encounter.

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

Comedian By JTA and filmmaker, lauded for MDA telethons, Jerry Lewis dies

By JTA

Comedian and filmmaker Jerry Lewis, known for his work with singer-actor Dean Martin and his four decades of hosting the Muscular Dystrophy telethon, has died at 91.

Lewis, best known for his starring role in *The Nutty Professor*, died Sunday morning at his home in Las Vegas, *The Las Vegas Review Journal* columnist John Katsilometes first reported. He was 91.

Though he was largely out of the



Jerry Lewis

movie industry by the end of the 1960s, Lewis continued to perform a comedy routine in Las Vegas, where he got his start in 1949, according to *Variety*.

Lewis was born Joseph Levitch to Borscht Belt entertainer parents Danny and Rae Levitch, who used the name Lewis when they appeared in small-time vaudeville and at Catskills resort hotels, according to the New York Times. Lewis, known as Joey when he was young, said the fact that his parents often left him in the care of his grandmother and aunts gave him a longstanding sense of insecurity and a need for attention.

Lewis began performing with Martin in 1946 after they performed on the same bill at a Manhattan nightclub and created an act, which soared in popularity with Lewis using his phys-

ical slapstick comedy acting alongside Martin's relaxed persona. The duo also starred in 13 films, but broke up 10 years later, at which point they were barely speaking to each other.

Lewis and Martin reconciled in 1987, when Lewis attended the funeral of Dean Paul Martin Jr., Martin's oldest son, a pilot in the California Air National Guard who had been killed in a crash. They continued to speak occasionally until Martin died in 1995, the Times reported.

Lewis began writing, producing and directing films in the late 1950s and 1960s. *Rock-a-Bye Baby* (1958), *The Geisha Boy* (1958) and *Cinderfella* (1960) were his first three films, and were directed by Lewis mentor Frank Tashlin. Lewis wrote, directed and starred in the 1960 film *The Bellboy*, his directorial debut.


In the 1963 film *The Nutty Professor*, Lewis, in a variation on *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, played both the shy chemistry professor and a brash nightclub singer. At the end of his life, Lewis hoped to bring a musical adaptation of *The Nutty Professor* to Broadway.

Lewis began hosting the annual Labor Day weekend Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon in 1966, remaining as host of the telethon and his beloved "Jerry's Kids" until 2010, raising more than \$2 billion during those years.

He received the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences' Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for his charitable activity in 2009. He has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame — one for his movie work, the other for television.

The French government inducted Lewis into the Légion d'Honneur in 2006.

In 2015, the Library of Congress announced that it had acquired Lewis's personal archives. In a statement, Lewis said, "Knowing that the Library of Congress was interested in acquiring my life's work was one of the biggest thrills of my life," according to the *New York Times*.




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Green: Naked Hummus plans to offer subscriptions for food

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Fresh from the 12th Hazon Food Conference in Falls Village, Connecticut, Amy Green is ready to go public with some news.

The owner of Naked Hummus, a Louisville kosher-certified maker of chickpea products, is making plans to be a subscription-based business.

That means customers could one day have falafel delivered to their doorsteps.

Green also said that she made connections at the conference with people who could help her in the venture, including manufacturers of frozen food products, “which is where we’re going with our falafel.”

Recently, we got our certification,” she added. “So we’re now kosher, according to the Vaad.

For now, Naked Hummus continues to sell its products on the web and at the farmers market at Douglass Loop.

Green described the Hazon Food Conference as an educational experience for purveyors of Jewish food in the 21st century.

“It’s really a conference about the future of Jewish food, where we’re heading with Jewish food,” she said. “It causes us [to think] not just about what we eat with regard to kosher, but everything surrounding that food.”

Green wasn’t the only Louisvillian there. Her husband, Ohad Holzberg, was at the conference, and The J’s JOFEE Fellow, Michael Fraade, was a presenter on the topic, “Israelite Agriculture and the Tanach.”

The conference addressed food’s impact on the environment, animal welfare and responsibility to employees through four tracks:

- Jewish food traditions;
- Cooking demonstrations and do-it-yourself experiences;
- Food justice and sustainability;
- Health and wellness.

“The Food Conference aims to inspire and motivate us to think more broadly about our food choices,” Hazon Senior Program Manager Jessie Berlin wrote in her welcoming statement. “We hope that this conference... will help you consider new commitments around food for a sweet New Year.”

Hazon, which means vision, is a Jewish NPO that works to create a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community, and a healthier and more sustainable world for all.

Some presentations at the conference straddled the line between science and science fiction.

“We had a scientist talk about growing meat (animal protein) in a test tube,” Green said.

One program demystified the process of making meat kosher with a butcher actually demonstrating how to halachically slaughter an animal.

“Not everyone watched,” Green said. “We had the option.”

Green was especially proud of the cappuccino made with goat’s milk from an animal she milked herself. She appropriately called it a “goatccino.”



Amy Green chops up Israeli salad at the Hazon Food Conference. (photos provided by Amy Green)

“It was the most delicious cup of coffee I ever had in my entire life,” she said.

Green and Holzberg also served roasted garlic hummus, pan-fried falafel and Israeli salad at a food festival there.

She’s convinced that Jewish food has a bright future.

“Absolutely, it does,” she said, noting that Jewish delis are opening across the country, though not without some controversy.

For instance, some of those delis have not-so-Jewish foods on their menus, like bacon.

“This is where it’s becoming a big question,” she said. “Is that Jewish food?”



Green milked a goat to prepare what she said is the best cup of coffee she ever had in her life.

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Destination: Poland

Louisville Jews visit the country for many reasons, return changed

By Bruce Snyder
Community Correspondent

For many Jews, Poland is something of an enigma, a study of contrasts.

The 120,000-square-mile country was once home to the largest Jewish community in Europe – about 3 million before the war. No one knows how many live there today, but the number is small, mostly in Warsaw and Krakow. In many towns and villages, Jewish life has vanished.

Not that Jewish life is gone there. Since the fall of the Iron Curtain, many Poles have discovered that they have Jewish roots; some have even embraced their forgotten faith. JCCs have opened in Warsaw and in Krakow, where an international Jewish music festival attracts thousands every year.

Still, between the Holocaust, the rise of communism and the country's deeply rooted anti-Semitism, Poland remains for many a graveyard for Jews.

Why then do Jews, including Louisville Jews, choose to visit this land?

This year, several area Jews journeyed to Poland for many reasons – family trips, conferences, seminars. For almost all of them, though, the Holocaust was the underlying reason.

More than a few have come back changed.



Two Holocaust survivors who were at Buchenwald concentration camp together met for the first time since the war this summer during an international Jewish music festival in Krakow, Poland. (photos provided by Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner)

Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner of Temple Shalom went to Poland this summer with Classrooms Without Borders (Temple Shalom President Keiron O'Connell and his wife, Paula, also made the trip.). She still winces when she recalls her first trip to the country.

"I was there for a week and couldn't wait to leave," she said. "Every time I passed an older person, I couldn't help but think, what were you doing during the war?"

This summer marked her third visit to Poland, and a change of heart.

"I wanted to see the Holocaust sites because I felt as a Jew, it was a respon-

sibility and obligation I had. We had a member of our congregation who was actually a Holocaust survivor (Ann Klein), so I think people grew up, and attend our synagogue knowing Ann survived Auschwitz."

"Unless you've been there, you won't fully understand what I'm talking about," Jacowitz Chottiner said. "We got home last month, I asked people [who traveled with me] how they were doing, and people said they were still really struggling.

"The more people can experience that, the better for all humanity," she added. "We are all children of one God."

(Jacowitz Chottiner is married to the interim editor of this paper.)

Jordan Gould, 17, a senior at duPont Manual High School this past year, visited Poland over the summer, with his father, David Gould, along with relatives and friends.

The trip surprised them both.

"My expectations were not high," Jordan said, "but you go there and it's a different feeling."

David, his father, said the death camps deeply affected him.

"Visiting Auschwitz and Birkenau, I got exactly what I expected; actually, it was more emotional than I thought," he said.

As for the rest of Poland, "I got nothing like what I expected," he said. "I thought it would be cold, and it was the total opposite. Now we're bringing back our story and talking to people. My parents are in their 70's. When we came back and told them our experience – their generation still equates Poland as turning their back on the Jewish people – maybe my parents will now decide to go to visit and have the same experience."

Michal Kofman, a University of Louisville sociology professor, has visited Poland many times, including this summer for a conference in Wroclaw.

She said her trips there have taught her a valuable lesson: let go of hate.

"One of the lessons of the Holocaust is that it is not us against them, and they are not out to kill us," she said.

An Israeli whose grandmother was born in Poland, Kofman noted that

many non-Jewish Poles were also killed by the Germans – about three million, according to some sources.

"I know it's difficult to walk the streets of Poland, look at people and wonder what their family was doing during the war," Kofman said, "but they suffered a lot. They were also occupied in addition to the Jewish people.

"I think the healthiest way to deal with the Holocaust is to say, yes, it happened, and face it," she added. "But we are moving on from it, moving on as a community, with reconciliation with the Polish people. That doesn't mean you have to forget it or dismiss your anger. It means you can move on and create something that is valuable."

Dan Penner, a Holocaust studies instructor at Atherton High School and Bellarmine University, also made the trip this year with two Louisville Holocaust teachers.

They led a group of 19 students from Atherton, duPont Manual and Central high schools on an 11-day tour of Holocaust sites in Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic. Two of the students they took, were Jewish.

"Most of the kids had taken our class or were about to take it," Penner said, "so they had a pretty good Holocaust background."

Still, that did not prepare them for Auschwitz-Birkenau.

"You can talk about it, but it's just so real [when you're there]; it's life impacting."

One girl in the group was so disturbed by what she saw at Auschwitz that she couldn't bring herself to visit Birkenau. "She stayed on the bus," Penner said. "That was her choice."

It was Penner's third visit to Poland, but his first leading a student group. He hopes to lead another in two years.

After the Auschwitz visit, the teachers went around the bus asking their students to throw out words to describe what they were feeling "The kids had all sorts of responses, how emotionally draining it was," Penner said. "My word was 'honored.'"

He chose that word, he said, because teaching the Holocaust "is relevant and necessary," especially these days. "You can compare it to what happened in Charlottesville to make that crystal clear," he said.



A sign at the entrance to the Krakow JCC

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September 5, 4pm Caregiver Support Group

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September 8, 2pm Alzheimer's Caregiver Support SSPGroup

Meets on the second Friday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Kim Toebbe at 502-452-6341, ext. 103.

September 14, 1pm Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group

Meets on the second Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Connie Austin at 502-452-6341, ext. 305.

September 20, 10am Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month at Kenwood Elementary 7420 Justan Avenue. Contact Jo Ann Kalb at 502-452-6341, ext. 335.

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Free event but reservations required.

Contact Anita at ajarboe@jfcslouisville.org or 502-452-6341

Lillian O. Seligman was a past president of the Jewish Family & Career Services Board of Directors and she continued to have an active interest in the growth of JFCS services throughout the years. The Contemporary Thought Forum Series will offer the community a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Lillian's love of learning with thought-provoking, entertaining programming.



D'VAR TORAH

Why is this year different than all other years? Here's why

By Rabbi Avrohom Litvin
For Community

As I prepared to think about the upcoming High Holidays, I was struck with a question. I know, it is not Passover, but, *Mah Nishtana* – how is this year different from all other years?

In good Jewish tradition the answer would probably be something like this: In all other years, each person uses the two holy days of Rosh Hashanah to connect to G-d. Many go to synagogue. Many more enjoy a festive meal with family and friends. Still more resolve to be better people – better in their relationships with their families, with their fellow man, with G-d.

Sadly, we all know that most New Year's resolutions do not last. If it is to lose that weight or exercise more, take up a hobby or pray on a more regular basis – all too often, time passes and even the best of resolutions end up discarded, languishing on the garbage heap of unfulfilled good intentions.

It is a bit depressing when you think



Rabbi Avrohom Litvin

about it. Why should this year be any different than any other year? Why should this year's resolutions last when many of us may have tried this before and seen only the smallest of change from

year to year?

Well, according to the Kabbalah, there is a two-part secret that empowers people this year, even if they have not experienced much success in previous years. You see, this year the two days of Rosh Hashanah occur on Thursday and Friday, leading directly into the holy Shabbat.

Why is that so important? Let's delve into these holy teachings, and soon it will all become clear.

On the two days of Rosh Hashanah, we blow the shofar – the simple sound of the ram's horn aimed to be a call

for goodness and holiness. Shabbat, too, is a time of holiness, when we are each encouraged to readjust our lives and reconnect with family, friends and G-d.

There is a fundamental principle taught in the Torah: "Something repeated three times acquires a force of permanence – (*chazaka*).” The term is derived from the word "*chazak*," which means strength, and carries an assurance that if we do something three times in a row, there is a presumption that it will be carried out indefinitely. How much more so in the case of Rosh Hashanah, which is designated, literally, the *rosh* (head) of the year, not just the beginning of the year. This means that, in addition to being the beginning of the year, it is also, and essentially, the head of the year.

It then follows that just as the head directs all the organs of the body and gives the guidance and ability to function, so too Rosh Hashanah directs and animates each day of the year in all aspects of our daily lives. It

is therefore quite understandable that, since this year there are three days in a row of holiness and positive spiritual energy, we gain a sense of permanence for goodness and holiness all year long.

May G-d bless us all with the resolve to use this spiritual energy to fill our lives and fill the world with goodness in the upcoming year. May this resolve and our positive actions trigger G-d's further blessing that we all be inscribed and sealed for a good and sweet year, and for the greatest blessing of all – the coming of *moshiach* (messiah) and the era of peace and goodwill and holiness for the world.

(Rabbi Avrohom Litvin is director of the Jewish Learning Center.)

(Shabbat candles should be lit on the following nights and times: August 25, 8:05 p.m.; September 1, 7:54 p.m.; September 8, 7:44 p.m.; September 15, 7:33 p.m.; September 22, 7:22 p.m.; September 29, 7:11 p.m.)

CHAVURAT SHALOM



Compiled by Sarah Harlan
For Community

We've got some great musical entertainment and holidays to observe.

Check out what's happening at Chavurat Shalom in September:

Thursday, September 7 – guitar students from the University of Louisville Department of Music will perform for

us. Lunch will include cheese tortellini alfredo with smoked salmon, broccoli and carrots, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and assorted cookies and brownies.

Thursday, September 14 – flappers, yes! There are two of those. Crowd favorites Two of Diamonds (Ann Waterman and Beth Olliges) take you back to the Roaring 20s for a delightful costumed journey in music. Sing along. Lunch will include meatloaf, green beans, roasted potatoes, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and bread pudding.

Thursday, September 21 – no Chavurat Shalom; *shana tova u'metukah!*

Thursday, September 28 – Mike O'Bryan, accordion player extraordinaire, will return to entertain us. Lunch will include herb roasted chicken, couscous with roasted vegetables, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and apple cobbler.

Thursday, October 5 – no Chavurat Shalom; *chag sukkot sameach!*

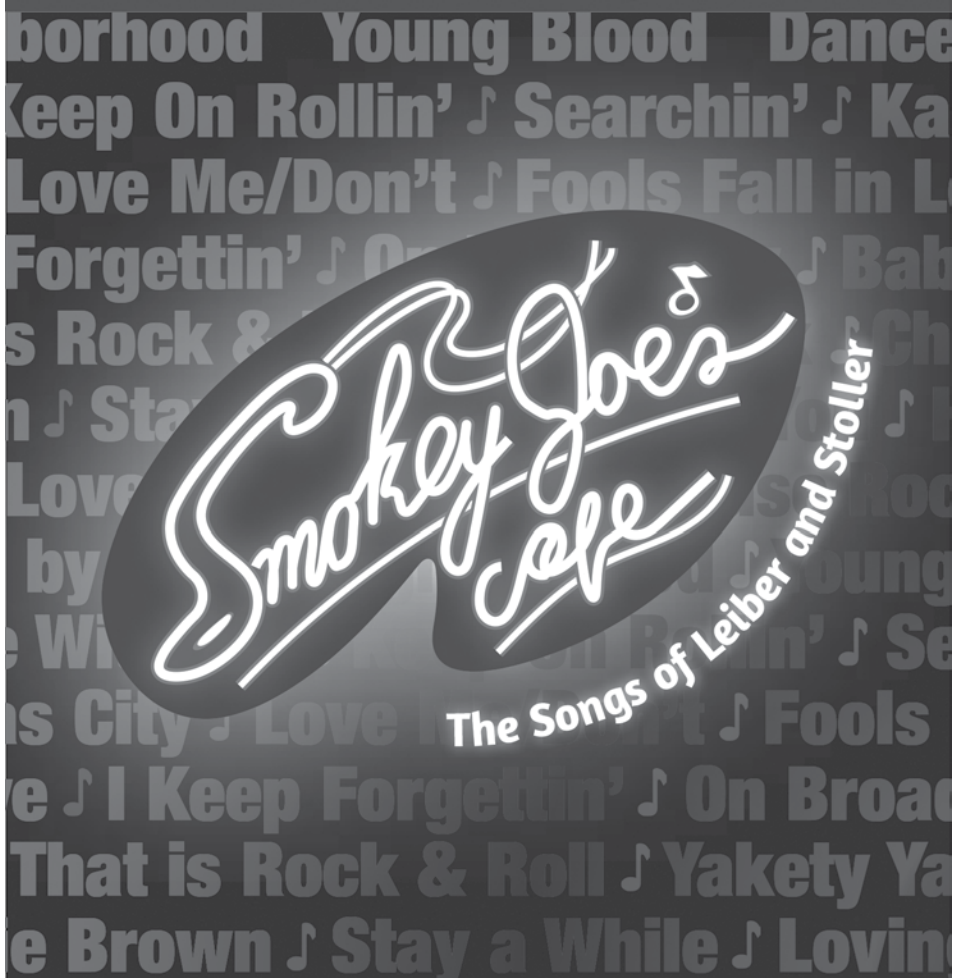
Chavurat Shalom is a community-wide program for Jewish seniors and their friends. The group meets in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing.

Lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Chef Z is the caterer for the activities. Contact Sarah Harlan at 502-423-1818 or sarahharlan86@gmail.com by the Tuesday of the week of the activity for reservations. Vegetarian meals are available if requested.

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

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

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Illana Saltzman
The Temple

September 9

Matthew Margulis
Adath Jeshurun

October 7

Jacob Figa
The Temple

October 21

Joseph Levinson
Adath Jeshurun

Joseph Todd

Temple Shalom

October 28

Alex Schwartz
The Temple

November 11

Nicki Kaplan
Temple Shalom

February 3

Carter Schwartz
The Temple

March 3

Zachary Resnik
Adath Jeshurun

March 10

Brady Salmon
Temple Shalom

Carly Schramko

Adath Jeshurun

March 24

Gabriella Kronenberg
Adath Jeshurun

April 14

Sharon Ohayon
The Temple

April 28

Jacob Levitz
Adath Jeshurun

May 12

Sophia Snyder
Adath Jeshurun

May 26

Reagan Rothschild
The Temple



June 9

Nila Rothman
The Temple

July 14

Samantha Chazen
The Temple

July 21

Roman Beauchamp
The Temple

August 4

Samuel Schultz
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August 11

Ada Weiss
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Rosh Hashanah Section

Musical mitzvah

Louisvillians learn to blow shofar for the High Holy Days

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Jake Hyman isn't what you would call a novice shofar blower, but he recalls what it felt like to be one.

The 13-year-old stood before his congregation, Keneseth Israel, last year during the High Holy Days, grasping the shofar his grandfather gave him. He recalls blasting out the short and long sounds synonymous with commanding Jews to awaken from their spiritual slumber and examine their deeds.

"I was a little nervous," recalled Jake, son of Lee Hyman and Debby Rose, "but it was fun and it made me feel proud that I could do it."

It was also something that rabbis at most area congregations encourage.

Every year, at Louisville's synagogues, worshippers are given the chance to come to the bima, shofar in hand, and try blowing it before their community of worshippers.

In most cases, the offer comes at the conclusion of Yom Kippur, when everyone can try their hand at belting out a good, long *tekiah gedolah*.

"I also put out some extra shofarot" for anyone who wants to give it a try, said KI Rabbi Michael Wolk.

Rabbi Robert Slosberg of Adath Je-



The mitzvah of blowing the shofar can be performed by young and old alike. (photos provided)

shurun, said he, too, opens the Neilah (concluding) service for worshippers who want to try their hand at this special mitzvah. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner of Temple Shalom, going into her second year at that congregation, said she would do the same.

Blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashanah is a bit more complicated. A blower must be able to produce the short and long notes that tradition proscribes – *tekiah*, *shevarim*, *teruah*. That takes some practice.

Some rabbis prefer that their blowers first demonstrate that they can make the notes.

"I offer a three-session class that members are invited to take," said Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks of The Temple, "but they must get their shofar blowing 'certified kosher' by me prior to the service. Since there are more than just a couple [shofar blowers], it's OK if they're not great. I just help them improve with whatever tips I can offer."

One of Rooks' pupils is Michelle Elisburg, president of the Louisville Chapter of Hadassah. She took Rooks' course last year and blew her shofar on Rosh Hashanah. The rabbi also passed out literature addressing the whys of shofar blowing as well as the hows.

"I was a religion major in college and my graduation present from my parents was a shofar," Elisburg said, "so I had it for a really long time, but didn't know how to blow it properly."

Over the years, though, when she visited her home congregation in Washington, D.C., and listened as congregants stood at all corners of the sanctuary blowing their horns, she became inspired to try it herself.

"I thought, 'Oh I could do that, I should do that, and I would do that.'"

Last year with five or six other worshippers at The Temple, she did do that. She was nervous, but she said it went well enough.

"It gives you chills," Elisburg said of the experience.

She described hearing many shofars at once as "awe inspiring," the mix of different size horns, each producing different sounds, being reminiscent of an orchestra.

"Everyone is doing the same note at the same time," Elisburg said, "but they all sound different."

The satisfaction of blowing a shofar goes beyond the sound it makes.

"I feel very connected to the tradition," Elisburg said, "because I know it was something they did in ancient times."

The history of the shofar is grounded in Jewish tradition. According

to Exodus, the sound of the shofar emanated from Mount Sinai at the giving of the Torah. The Book of Joshua records how the people of Israel marched around the walls of Jericho blowing shofarot until the walls collapsed and the city fell.

On Rosh Hashanah, however, the shofar calls the observant to reflect on their deeds of the past year, and to change.

Observant Jews say the shofar is to be blown 100 times on the New Year through a pattern of notes: the *tekiah*, one long, straight blast; *shevarim*, three medium, wailing blasts, *teruah*, nine quick blasts in succession, and the *tekiah gedolah* – one long, sustained blast that ends both the shofar service on Rosh Hashanah as well as Yom Kippur.

Though some sources describe the shofar as one of the earliest musical instruments, Wolk stops far short of that assertion.

"I actually think it's not," he said. "There's no mechanism that controls the pitch that allows you to change it. There's a few different sounds depending on how you blow it. But it's not a musical instrument; it's a religious item."

Still, music can be made with it. Examples of music being played on the



shofar are easy to find on the Internet, including, appropriately enough, "Hatikvah."

In fact, when Jake Hyman first tried to blow his shofar, he thought it might be similar to the trumpet, which he was playing at the time.

It wasn't.

"You have to put your mouth in slightly different positions," he said. It also has just a couple pitches. It was somewhat different."

Now that she has done this mitzvah, Elisburg is anxious to do it again this year. She admitted, though, that her shofar skills might be a little rusty.

"I suppose I need a refresher," she quipped.

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Rosh Hashanah Section

Service times

Looking for a place to observe the High Holy Days this year? Here are the service times for all local congregations. Contact the congregation of your choice to arrange for tickets. Some require tickets, others charge for admission, and some offer free admission:

Adath Jeshurun

2401 Woodbourne Ave., 502-451-5359

Wed., Sept. 20, Erev Rosh Hashanah

5 p.m., New Year's Party

5:45 p.m., service

Thurs., Sept. 21, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m., morning service

9:30 a.m., intergenerational family

service (Slosberg Event Center)

Following both services, Tashlich

Fri., Sept. 22, Rosh Hashanah, second day

9 a.m., morning service

10:30 a.m., intergenerational family

service, Yarmuth Family Chapel

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

6:45 p.m., service

6:45 p.m., intergenerational family

service, Yarmuth Family Chapel

Sat., Sept. 30, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., service

9:30 a.m., intergenerational family

service, Slosberg Event Center

2 p.m., Rap and Reflect

5:45 p.m., Ask the Rabbis

6 p.m., Mincha

7:10 p.m., Neilah

7:55 p.m., Ma'ariv

8:05 p.m. Shofar blowing, Havdalah, following the service, break the fast

Anshei Sfard

3700 Dutchmans Lane, 502-451-3122

Sat., Sept. 16, Selichot

11:30 p.m., refreshments

Midnight, Selichos

Wed., Sept. 20, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:24 p.m., candle lighting

7:25 p.m., Mincha, followed by evening services

Thurs., Sept. 21, Rosh Hashanah, first day

8:30 a.m., morning services

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

5 p.m., Tashlich

7:15 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv (light candles at 8:19 p.m.)

Fri., Sept. 22, Rosh Hashanah, second day

8:30 a.m., morning services

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

7:21 p.m., candle lighting for Shabbat

7 p.m., Mincha, followed by Friday night services

Sat., Sept. 23, Shabbat Shuva

9 a.m., morning services

6:30 p.m., Shabbat Shuva speech

7 p.m. Mincha

8:17 p.m., Shabbat ends

Sun., Sept. 24, Fast of Gedaliah

6:14 a.m., fast begins

8:16 p.m., fast ends

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

7 a.m., Shacharit

7:10 p.m., candle lighting

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

Sat., Sept. 30, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., Shacharit

Noon, rabbi's sermon followed by

Yizkor and Mussaf

5:45 p.m., Mincha

7 p.m. Neilah

8:07 p.m., fast ends

Wed., Oct. 4, Sukkot, first night

7:02 p.m., candle lighting

7 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv

Thurs., Oct. 5, Sukkot, first day

9 a.m., Shacharit

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

Maariv

7:58, light candles

Fri., Oct. 6, Sukkot, second day

9 a.m., Shacharit

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

Maariv

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6:59 p.m., candle lighting for Shabbat

Sat., Oct. 7, Shabbat

9 a.m., Shacharit

6:50 p.m., Mincha

Wed., Oct. 11, Hoshanah Rabbah

7 a.m., Shacharit

6:52 a.m., candle lighting

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

Maariv

Thurs., Oct. 12, Shemini Atzeret

9 a.m., Shacharit

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

6:45 p.m., Mincha

7:48 p.m., candle lighting

Around 8 p.m., dancing for Simchat Torah

Fri., Oct. 13, Simchat Torah

9 a.m., Shacharit

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

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

Maariv

6:49 p.m., candle lighting

Sat., Oct. 14, Shabbat

9 a.m., Shacharit – 9 a.m.

6:40 p.m., Mincha

Chabad House

1564 Almara Circle, 502-235-5770

Wed., Sept. 20, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:25 p.m., evening service 7:25 pm

Thurs., Sept. 21, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9:30 a.m., morning service

12:15 p.m., shofar sounding

6:25 p.m., Mincha and Tashlich

Fri., Sept. 22, Rosh Hashanah, second day

9:30 a.m., morning service

12:15 p.m., shofar sounding,

7:25 p.m., evening service

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

7:25 p.m., Kol Nidrei service

Sat., Sept. 30, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., morning service

12:45 p.m., Yizkor

6 p.m., Mincha

7:10 p.m., Neilah

Keneseth Israel

2530 Taylorsville Road, 502-451-5359

Sun., Sept. 17, Selichot

9 a.m., Selichot service (KI Cemetery)

10 a.m., cemetery beautification project

11 a.m., individual memorial prayers with clergy

5:45 p.m., afternoon service

Wed., Sept. 20, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m., service

7:23 p.m., candles

Thurs., Sept. 21, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m., morning service

6 p.m., Rosh Hashanah in Big Rock Park

8:30 p.m., candles

Fri., Sept. 22, Rosh Hashanah, second day

9 a.m., morning service

6 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

7:20 p.m., candle lighting

Sat., Sept. 23, Shabbat Shuvah

9:30 a.m., morning service

12:30 p.m., afternoon service

8:27 p.m., Havdalah

Sun., Sept. 24, Fast of Gedaliah

6:09 a.m., fast begins

8:03 p.m., fast ends

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

6:45 p.m., Mincha

7 p.m., Kol Nidre

7:09 p.m., candles, fast begins

Sat., Sept. 30, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., morning service

11:15 a.m., Yizkor (approximately)

4 p.m., study session with rabbi

6 p.m., Mincha and Ne'ilah

8:16 p.m., fast ends

After services, break the fast

Wed., Oct. 4, Erev Sukkot

6:45 p.m., candles

7 p.m. Erev Sukkot service

Thurs., Oct. 5, Sukkot, first day

9:30 a.m., morning service

5:45 p.m., afternoon service

7:41 p.m., candles

Fri., Oct. 6, Sukkot, second day

9:30 a.m., morning service

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

6:58 p.m., candle lighting

Sat., Oct. 7, Shabbat Chol HaMoed

9:30 a.m., morning service

12:30, afternoon service

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

8:05 p.m., Havdalah

Wed., Oct. 11, Hoshanah Rabbah

5:45 p.m., Erev Shemini Atzeret

service

6:51 p.m., candles

Thurs., Oct. 12, Shemini Atzeret

9:30 a.m., morning service and

Yizkor

5:45 p.m. Mincha

6:15 Simchat Torah dinner/celebra-

tion

7:58 p.m., candles

Fri., Oct. 13, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., morning service

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

6:48 p.m., candles

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Saturday, Sept. 16, Selichot

7 p.m., discussion and service

Wed., Sept. 20, Erev Rosh Hashanah

8 p.m., evening service

Thurs., Sept. 21, Rosh Hashanah, first day

10 a.m., morning service

10:30 a.m., family service

Immediately following services, oneg

Immediately following oneg, Tashlich at Browns Park

Fri., Sept. 22, Rosh Hashanah,

second day

10 a.m., morning service

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah

Sat., Sept. 23, Shabbat Shuvah

10:30 a.m., morning service

Thurs., Sept. 29, Erev Yom Kippur

8 p.m., Kol Nidre

Thurs., Sept. 30, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., morning service

1 p.m., family service

3 p.m., afternoon service

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Sat., Sept. 16, Selichot

7:30 p.m., oneg

8 p.m., service,

9 p.m. Tikkun Selichot.

Wed., Sept. 20, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m., classical service (main sanctuary)

6 p.m., children's service (Waller Chapel)

8 p.m., regular service (main sanctuary)

8 p.m., contemporary service, led by Temple youth (Waller Chapel)

Thurs., Sept. 21, Rosh Hashanah

10 a.m., morning service (main sanctuary)

Immediately following services, Tashlich, (Captain's Quarters dock)

Fri., Sept. 22, Shabbat Shuvah

6:30 p.m., Yahrzeit

7 p.m., Erev Shabbat service

8 p.m. oneg

Sat., Sept. 23

9 a.m., Torah Study,

10:30 a.m., morning service

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

6 p.m., classical service (main sanctuary)

6 p.m., children's service (Waller Chapel)

8 p.m., regular service (main sanctuary)

Sat., Sept. 30, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., morning service (main sanctuary)

12 p.m., Service of Healing and Holiness with Rabbi Gaylia Rooks (main sanctuary)

12 p.m., Forgiveness: Can We Truly Forgive Others? with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel (library)

1 p.m., The Eclipse of Faith: Understanding God in Darkness and in Light, with Rabbi Rapport (Library)

2 p.m., afternoon service (sanctuary)

3:45 p.m., Yizkor (sanctuary)

4:45 p.m., concluding service (sanctuary)



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NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

AJ secures 18 L&L commitments

Adath Jeshurun is the first participating LIFE & LEGACY organization here to secure 18 legacy commitments – the threshold number to qualify for a \$5,000 incentive gift from the Jewish Community of Louisville.

To participate, each Jewish agency or congregation must commit to secure 18 legacy commitments for the first two years of the program. Once the milestone is reached, the entity qualifies for the incentive and fulfills its initial commitment.

Bill Esakov and Frankye Gordon, led a team of AJ volunteers who secured the commitments in less than five months. Chuck O’Koon, Peter Pearlman, Sidney Hymson and Rabbi Robert Slosberg round out the team.

LIFE & LEGACY is a national program sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, in conjunction with local agencies, to encourage legacy philanthropic giving.

To date, more than 50 people have committed to making a legacy gift.

In addition to AJ, the other participating entities are Temple Shalom, The Temple, Keneseth Israel, The Jewish Federation of Louisville, The J, Jewish Family & Career Services, Jewish Learning Center-Chabad and Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad.

JFCS poses SNAP Challenge

The Jewish Family & Career Services is inviting people to see for themselves what it’s like to depend on federal assistance to feed a family.

JFCS is asking Jewish Louisvillians to take what it calls the SNAP Challenge – a one-week exercise in September when a family goes on a food budget.

SNAP stands for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps. It is the largest program of the domestic hunger safety net.

Under the rules, from September 10-16, a single person will live on \$30 a week for food; a couple, \$45; a family of three, \$60, and a family of four, \$75.

All food purchased during the challenge week, including fast food and dining out, must be included in the total spending. The cost of oils, spices and condiments already owned are not included, but participants must avoid accepting free food.

To take the challenge, sign up at bit.ly/JFCSNAP2017.

As an alternative to the SNAP Challenge, people are asked to spend \$30 on food donations for the JFCS Food Pantry. Bring purchases to the pantry at 2821 Klempner Way during the week.

Kim Toebe has more information at 502-452-6341 or at ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org. The J, Jewish Community Relations Council and New Roots are cosponsoring the challenge.

Research scientist to address NCJW

Dr. Martha Bridge Denckla, a research scientist, will be the keynote speaker at the opening meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women,



Dr. Martha Denckla

Louisville Section, Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m. at The Temple.

A physician with a 40-year career centered on developmental learning and attentional disabilities, Dr. Denckla

will address learning disabilities, attention deficit hyperactive disorder and anxiety in her remarks.

Dr. Denckla is director of the developmental cognitive neurology and the Batza family endowed chair at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Maryland.

She was the first woman to be appointed professor of neurology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where she currently is a professor of neurology, pediatrics and psychiatry and a professor of education.

The charge for the program and refreshments is \$20. Payment by cash or check will be accepted at the meeting. To pay by credit card, contact Jamie at the NCJW office, 458-5566.

Akko arts & tech center opens

The city of Akko, Louisville’s Partnership2Gether community in Israel, recently celebrated the opening of the Akko Center for Arts and Technology (A-CAT), the *Jerusalem Post* reports.

The center is affiliated with the Pittsburgh-based Manchester Bidwell

Corporation (MBC), which offers art education and career training to at-risk youth and adults in transition.

In Akko, the goal of the center is to facilitate connections among the city’s diverse, sometimes divided, population.

For Akko, a city of 55,000 residents (72 percent Jewish, 28 percent Arab), A-CAT will provide vocational opportunities in a city located in Israel’s social and economic periphery as well as bridge the gap between Jews and Arabs through art, environment, career training and collaboration, according to the *Post*.

Siegel featured in Business First

Brad Siegel, senior vice president and general manager of Horseshoe Southern Indiana, was featured in the August 4 *Louisville Business First*, which included his business in its “Best Places to Work” section.

Twenty-five businesses and organizations – 21 in Kentucky, four in Indiana – were named to the list. Combined, they employ 2,859 people, according to LBF.

Fleischaker profiled in LBF feature

Jon Fleischaker, chairman of the Jewish Community of Louisville Board of Trustees, is featured among the “20 People to know” profiles in the August 18 *Louisville Business First*.

An attorney for 47 years and a partner at Dinsmore and Shohl LLP, Fleischaker is the subject of a brief Q&A about the focus of his practice.



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AROUND TOWN

AJ music night supports Gilda's Club

Adath Jeshurun will host an evening of music Saturday, September 16, with singer/songwriters Nick Peay and Gavin Caster, at the synagogue.



Gavin Caster

The free concert is meant to encourage donations for Gilda's Club Louisville, a support center for children and adults with cancer.

Peay and Caster will perform an acoustical set of well-known Americana-style songs and originals. The evening will also include a musical tribute to the High Holy Days.



Nick Peay

The annual concert is an opportunity to learn more about how individuals and families living with cancer may seek free social and emotional support at Gilda's Club Louisville (GildasClubLouisville.org).

Peay was influenced by the songwriters and bands of the 1960s and 70s, and that music continues to inspire his songwriting and musical approach. His music has been embraced by Louisville-area radio stations.

Caster has drawn inspiration from Motown; The Carpenters; Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young; and Jimi Hendrix. His music reflects the passionate and artful song crafting of the artists of that time.

Located at 633 Baxter Ave., Gilda's Club Louisville offers support and networking groups, lectures, workshops and social events in a non-residential, home-like setting. It serves members from Jefferson, Oldham, Bullitt, Spencer, Shelby, Hardin, and Nelson counties in Kentucky, and Clark and Floyd counties in Indiana.

Peace by Piece concert coming

The Temple will host its annual Peace by Piece Interfaith Summer Concert Sunday, August 27, 6 p.m. in the Waller Chapel. The performance is free to the community. There will be a Middle Eastern dinner directly following the show, \$10 per person (children free). RSVP is required, call 502-423-1818.

AS holds Knit & Qvell

Anshei Sfard will next hold its Knit & Qvell circle Thursday, September 7, 1 p.m. in the synagogue library. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. Call Toby Horvitz 502-458-7108 for details.

AJ hosts Grandparents Day Shabbat

Grandparents are invited to the Adath Jeshurun bimah on Saturday, September 9, for an aliyah in their honor. Their grandchildren may accompany them. The service starts at

9:30 a.m.

AJ observes 9/11

Adath Jeshurun will commemorate the 9/11 attacks and pay tribute to their victims at a September 11. A special mourner's Kaddish will be recited its 7:15 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. services.

Spiritual Pragmatism group at AJ

Dr. Courtney Snyder, a holistic psychiatrist and Marty Snyder, a business and leadership advisor, are starting a spiritual pragmatism discussion group at Adath Jeshurun Sundays from 9:45-11:15 a.m.

The group will meet twice a month, to address purpose and meaning and navigating practical challenges in daily life.

The initial meeting dates and topics are September 10, "The Perils of Advice," earning to listen and be present (with ourselves and others); September 24, "People Plan, God Laughs," embracing uncertainty vs. clinging to outcomes. The group is open to the community. For more information, visit adathjeshurun.com/spiritualpragmatism.

Temple holds Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner

The Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner at The Temple will be held Friday, September 15, at 5:30 p.m. Author and activist Yael Dayan will be the guest speaker.

The dinner includes traditional Shabbat cuisine – chicken and veggies. A vegetarian option is available. Adults are \$5 and children under 13 eat for free. Reservations are required. Call 502-423-1818 by September 13.

Dayan also is the guest speaker that same evening at The Temple program Transitions: An Evening with Yael Dayan, at 6:30 p.m.

AJ slates annual cemetery service

The annual Adath Jeshurun cemetery service will take place on Sunday, September 17, 11 a.m. in the Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 2926 Preston Highway.

KI holds Tashlich in the park

Keneseth Israel will celebrate Tashlich at Big Rock Park Thursday, September 21, at 6 p.m. Worshippers will use breadcrumbs to symbolically cast their sins into Beargrass Creek.

Afterwards, there will be a New Year's party with cake and champagne, followed by the afternoon service. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

KI holds break-the-fast after YK

The Keneseth Israel Sisterhood will hold a break-the-fast Saturday evening, September 30, following the conclusion of Yom Kippur. There is no charge, but reservations are required. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ hosts Sukkot in the City dinner

Adath Jeshurun is offering an elegant dinner in the sukkah Friday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. The dinner costs \$15 each for adults. Advanced reservations are required by September 28 and can be made at adathjeshurun.com/sukkotdinner, or by calling 458-5359.

The dinner is geared to adults and is open to the entire community. Free sitter service is available.

KI slates parties in sukkah

Keneseth Israel has scheduled two social events for Sukkot.

There will be a pizza and falafel party Sunday, October 8, at noon, in the sukkah. The cost is \$5 per member or \$10 per household. Men's Club life members get free admission. Pay at the door.

KI also will hold a steak and scotch party in the sukkah Tuesday, October 10, at 7 p.m. Chef Sasha Chack will prepare a variety of kosher steaks and different scotches to be sampled during the meal. The cost is \$18 per person. To RSVP, email RSVP@kenesethisrael.com or call 502-459-2780.

Simchat Torah party slated at KI

Keneseth Israel will hold a Simchat Torah party following Mincha Thursday, October 12. There will be a light celebratory dinner. The *hakafot* (Torah procession) starts at 7 p.m. including stuffed Torahs for kids. An ice cream feast will cap the evening. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ hosts Simchat Torah program

Adath Jeshurun will host a Simchat Torah celebration Thursday, October 12, at 6 p.m. There will be snacks and games, dancing with the Torahs at 6:30 p.m. and a colorful apple dipping bar at 7:15 p.m. The program is free

and the community is invited.

Reservations are required by October 4 for the Apple Dipping Bar. Visit adathjeshurun.com/simchat or call 458-5359 top RSVP.

Torah Yoga held at KI

Keneseth Israel hosts a Torah yoga class in conjunction with Temple Shalom and Hadassah on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Cantor Sharon Hordes & Lisa Flannery lead the class.

KI Mah-jong Club to meet


Keneseth Israel's bi-weekly mah-jong game is held every first and third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in the small chapel. All skill levels are invited.

KI Lunch and Learn meets at bistro

Keneseth Israel Rabbi Michael Wolk will next hold his lunch and learn program Thursday, August 7, noon at the Bristol on Main Street. The class is free and open to the public (food sold separately). Topic will be about the High Holidays. RSVP to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com.

The Temple holds Torah study

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel leads Torah study Saturdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Fishman Library before the morning service. There will be coffee, bagels and cream cheese, and other treats.



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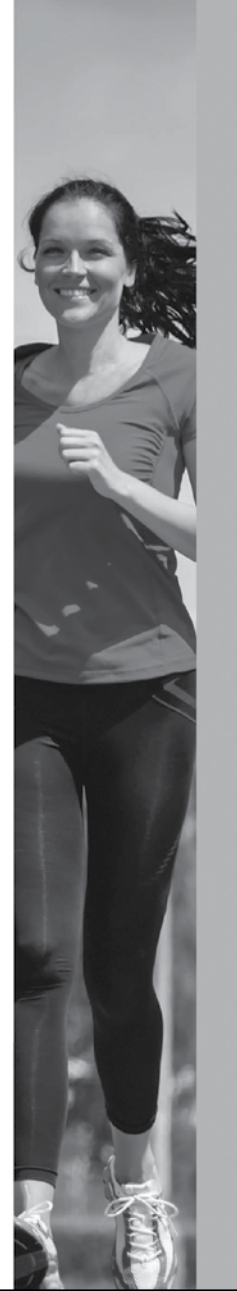
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Illana Saltzman **Rose Saltzman**

Illana Rose Saltzman, daughter of Lynn Abramson-Saltzman and Matthew Saltzman, will become a bat mitzvah Saturday September 2, 2017, at

The Temple.

Illana is the sister of Elia and Ben Saltzman, granddaughter of Sunny and the Ira Abramson and Barbara Saltzman and William Saltzman.

Illana will be entering the seventh grade at Kentucky Country Day. She plays field hockey and lacrosse and is a horseback riding enthusiast. Illana is full of spirit and loves animals.



Matthew Margulis **Lee Margulis**

Matthew Lee Margulis, son of Herlene and Paul Margulis, brother of Bradley, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah Saturday, September 9, 2017, 9:30

a.m., at Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Matthew is the grandson of Marty and Judy Margulis of Louisville, and Carol and the late Colin Kraines of Sarasota, Florida, and Cape Town, South Africa.

Matthew is an eighth grader at Kammerer Middle School where he is on the baseball team and plays alto saxophone in the band.

An avid baseball player, he has been on the Sundevils travel team since he was 8. He collected supplies for the Kentucky Humane Society for his mitzvah project.

Matthew and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Engagements



Dr. Marvin Fleischman and Anita DeCarlo

happily announced their engagement on August 3, 2017. The couple lives in Louisville, but is originally from New York City. Fleischman is a

retired chemical engineering professor at the University of Louisville. DeCarlo is a retired business systems analyst from Cablevision in Bethpage, NY.

The wedding is planned for late June 2018.

Obituaries



Albert "Abbie" Rieser

Albert "Abbie" Rieser, 92, died Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Baptist Health.

Born December 25, 1924 in Ichenhausen, Germany, to the late Hilda Hess

and Max Rieser, Albert was a merchant with Max Rieser Furniture Store, on Market Street from 1928 to 1988.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of The Temple.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Ellen Rieser.

He is survived by his son, Rabbi Louis Rieser (Connie) of Boynton Beach, Florida; his sister, Frieda Berlin; his grandchildren, Micha Rieser and Zev Rieser (Britta); his great-grandchildren, Milo and Daxton Rieser; and his longtime companion and caretaker, Denise Crumpton.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 16, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial to follow in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.



Anne E. Shapira

Anne E. Shapira passed away Sunday, August 6, 2017.

A native of Ottawa, Ontario, Anne was born March 23, 1914, to the late Mildred Hollander and Harry Edel-

stein. She graduated from McGill University and served a two-and-a-half-year internship at Montreal General Hospital. After moving to Louisville, she became a dietician with Jewish Hospital.

She was past president of Brandeis University Women's Committee in Louisville and a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation and Congregation Adath Jeshurun. She also volunteered with Jewish Hospital and the Kentucky Museum of Arts & Crafts.

Anne was also a member of NC-JW-Louisville Section, Hadassah, and the McGill Alumni Association and the Brandeis Women's Committee.

In 2012, Shapira was a featured in Lion of Judah, along with three other women in their 90s. Shapira was honored for marking her 90th birthday by creating an endowment for the Federation's ROAR children's reading and tutoring program.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, David M. Shapira; and her son, Harry J. Shapira.

She is survived by her daughter, Miriam S. Ostroff; her daughter-in-law, Judy Shapira; her sister, Freda Saphier of Sarasota, FL; five grandchildren, Dr. Adam (Debra) Shapira, Ian (Caroline) Shapira, Gwen (Scott) Heyman, Lori Ostroff and Craig Ostroff; nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Anne's physician, Harry Renco, and her caregivers, Paula Burr, Ruth Malone, Debra Priest and Bertha Spaulding.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 9, at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Reach Out and Read, Anne E. Shapira Literacy Initiative Endowment, c/o NCJW, 1250 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40204 or the Jewish Federation of Louisville.



Beatrice Finkin Darnell

Beatrice Finkin Darnell, 90, passed away Monday, August 14, 2017, at Jefferson Manor.

A native of New York City, she was born March 24, 1927,

to the late Rose Dressner and Harry Finkin.

Beatrice was a retired sales clerk with Stewart's Department Store and a member of Temple Shalom. She enjoyed shopping and loved Bunko.

In addition to her parents; Darnell was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Darnell; and her brother, Bernie Finkin.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Darnell (Debbie), Harvey Darnell and David Darnell (Sharon); and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 18, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial

followed in Cave Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Breast Cancer Awareness.



Cheryl Klein

Cheryl Klein, 74, passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born July 7, 1943 in Philadelphia, Cheryl graduated from Lower Merion

High School in suburban Philadelphia and attended the University of Miami (Florida) where she received a degree in education in 1964. After a short career in teaching, she turned her attention to becoming a mother and homemaker.

An accomplished bridge player, she received the rank of life master. This was one of her proudest moments and occurred as her mother, Rosalind, celebrated her 90th birthday. She always looked forward to her games at the Louisville Bridge Center with her many friends.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents, Rosalind and Leonard Dickman of Philadelphia.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, David; her son, Michael of Santa Monica, California, granddaughter, Jordan of Santa Monica, and brother, Barry Dickman (Annie) of Philadelphia.

A memorial service was held Sunday, July 30, at The Temple. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or the donor's favorite charity.

Ida G. Sontz

Ida G. Sontz, 94, died Thursday, August 17, 2017, at Baptist Health.

A native of Sumner, Mississippi, Ida was born July 22, 1923, to the late Bertha Rosenson and Alex Goldberg. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Sontz; and three siblings, Libby Orlansky, Anne Levey, Jack and Hyman Goldberg.

Ida is survived by her daughter, Rosalyn Friedman (David); her son, Dr. Michael A. Sontz (Jennifer) of Evansville, Indiana; and her two grandchildren, Dr. Pam Sontz of San Diego, California, and Mitchell Friedman of Phoenix, Arizona.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff of Atria Springdale for their loving care and attention.

Graveside services were held at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may go to Congregation Adath Jeshurun or Hosparus Health.



Linda Borowick

Linda Borowick, 75, passed away Monday, July 24, 2017, at Episcopal Church Home.

Born February 27, 1942, to the late Ada Lewis and Dr. George Freed,

Linda was a member of Anshei Sfard Congregation, where she served as vice president, and was a member of

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Hadassah and B'nai Brith.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Dr. George Freed and Ada Lewis Freed Fox; her step-father, Bensie Fox; and her sister, Beverly Leischener.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Alvin "Buddy" Borowick; her children, Kerry Borowick (Stacey), Richard Borowick (Cami) and Jodi Borowick Abend (Robert); her sister, Helane Lamb (Eric); her step-sister, Susan Morris (Harry); her step-brother, Lawrence Fox (Sherre); her brother-in-law, Stephen Leischener; and her grandchildren, Joel Borowick, Joshua Abend, Nicholas Abend, Hunter Borowick, Aaron Abend, Alayna Borowick and Miranda Borowick; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank many groups for going above and beyond: Dr. Michael Kommer and his entire group of doctors and staff at CBC for her special care and treatment; the staff at the Episcopal Church Home; her second family/friends/neighbors at the Troon Community for all their love and support

they gave to Linda and her family; and especially Dr. Jane Cornett for making her final days compassionate, comfortable and humane.

Special thanks to Brenda Bush. As Linda's best friend and sister by another mother, the words "above and beyond" do not begin to describe her love, support and tireless efforts for Linda and her family during this two-and-a-half-year battle. Linda referred to her as "her five-star general," and she truly was.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 27, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Anshei Sfard Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Anshei Sfard Congregation, the American Cancer Society or the donor's favorite charity.

Myra Mark

Myra Mark, beloved and devoted mother of Martin Mark, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 9, 2017, in Cape Town, South Africa.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Harry, and her beloved grandson, Justin Mark.

Myra was a legendary professor of economics at the University of Cape Town where she had an illustrious career spanning four decades.

During that time, she taught thousands of students, many of whom are now scattered all around the world.

Myra is survived by her sons Martin (Ronna) and Jonny (Aviva); her daughter, Suki (Doron) Lurie; and her grandchildren, Daniel and Josh Mark, Dani and Savi Lurie, and Alon and Tali Mark.

Myra will be truly missed, but her legacy will live on in all corners of the globe.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Justin Mark Children's Fund at Adath Jeshurun.



Nonna Podolskaya

Nonna Podolskaya, 94, of Crestwood, died Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at Norton Brownsville Hospital.

Born in Kiev, Ukraine on June 20, 1923, Nonna attended medical school, becoming a pediatrician. She came to the United States in 1995 and was a member of The Temple.

She is survived by her daughter, Anna Podolskaya (Yakov Gold); her

grandson, Sam Gold (Elaine); and one great-granddaughter on the way.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 11, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple.

Sanford Spiegel

Sanford Spiegel, 91 of Louisville passed away Friday August 18, 2017.

He served in World War II in the Navy and graduated from the University of Miami. His career was in merchandising and he moved to Louisville to work for Levy Brothers.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Selene; his sons, Scott (Cathy) and Martin (Michele); seven grandchildren, Lindsay (Drew), Courtney, Brandon (Kate), Chad, Natalie, Laura, and Meredith; and one great-grandchild, Charlotte.

The family wishes to thank Donna Harris and Edyth Giles of Mercy Works and Hosparus Health for their compassionate care and requests that expressions of sympathy be sent to The Temple or Hosparus Health.

A private funeral service was held Sunday, August 20.

Fox CEO rebukes Trump's response to racism, pledges \$1M to ADL

By JTA

James Murdoch, chief executive of the 21st Century Fox media corporation, pledged to donate \$1 million to the Anti-Defamation League in an apparent rebuke of President Donald Trump's statements on the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In an email Thursday, the Fox scion gave a statement against the racist and neo-Nazi sentiment that swept through Virginia last weekend, The New York Times reported. It was also the most outspoken that a member of the Murdoch family has been in response to the week's events.

"What we watched this last week in Charlottesville and the reaction to it by the President of the United States concern all of us as Americans and free people," James Murdoch wrote.

"These events remind us all why vigilance against hate and bigotry is an eternal obligation — a necessary discipline for the preservation of our way of life and our ideals.

On Saturday, a suspected white supremacist killed a counter-protester in Charlottesville, where hundreds of far-right activists had gathered for a march. Trump that day condemned violence on "many sides." Amid calls for him to denounce neo-Nazis and other racists specifically, he spoke out against the "Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and white supremacists" on Monday.

The following day, however, the president reiterated that he believed that the protesters and counter-protesters shared the blame for the violence, and said there were "very fine people" on both sides. Jewish and other human rights organizations, Republican lawmakers and top military brass issued statements saying racism and anti-Semitism need to be called out in more specific terms.

James Murdoch's father, Rupert, is a conservative media mogul who has become an informal adviser to Trump, recently dining with the president at the White House, according to the Times. The younger Murdoch has been less outspoken about his political views than his father.

With a subject line reading, "Sub-

ject: Personal note from James Murdoch re: ADL," Mr. Murdoch addressed the note to "friends."

"The presence of hate in our society was appallingly laid bare as we watched swastikas brandished on the

streets of Charlottesville and acts of brutal terrorism and violence perpetrated by a racist mob," he wrote. "I can't even believe I have to write this: Standing up to Nazis is essential;

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floor of Shalom Tower. Snaid said a transition committee to oversee that move is already in place, though no contract has been signed yet.

“We’re going to try to make it as warm and appealing and inviting as possible,” the rabbi said of the congregation’s future home.

But, he stressed, it’s only a temporary home. Eventually, the congregation wants to move into a new synagogue scaled to fit the needs of a smaller congregation. Anshei Sfard has 31-35 members.

The congregation has yet to begin

the process that would lead to a new synagogue, but Snaid said it’s not too soon to begin thinking about it.

“I plan to definitely speak about it in the near future,” he said.

In the meantime, he will have his hands full with the transition, especially as it relates to religious items that may have to be buried.

“The halachic side of it,” he said, “that’s my job.”

Levein said Anshei Sfard will make arrangements for all its religious and historic items that it plans to keep.

“We made sure to put in the contract that all artifacts of the synagogue, including the stained glass windows, can be removed by the synagogue – and will be by the synagogue – and stored

for future use.”

Anshei Sfard was founded in 1892 when a small group of ardent champions of “Torah-true Judaism” met in a “dimly-lit upstairs meeting hall” at 7th and Market streets to hold High Holy Day services, according to the congregation’s website.

In time, as the membership grew, the congregation purchased the old B’rith Sholem Temple at 511 South First S. It broke ground for the current synagogue in 1957.

The contract to purchase the property lends new urgency to the search for a new venue for the Louisville Community Mikvah, which is housed in a free-standing building on Anshei Sfard property. The Vaad, which owns

the mikvah building, but not the real estate, has a committee in place to address the issue. Snaid sits on that panel.

A mikvah, or ritual bath, is considered essential infrastructure for any Jewish community that hopes to grow. Not only is it used for purification rites of observant men and women, but rabbis of all streams of Judaism use it for conversions.

“If everything goes through, then in a year, or less than a year, we’ll be off the property,” Snaid said. “We have to have something in place before that.”

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Republicans have also been critical. Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee blistered the president, telling reporters in Chattanooga, “the president has not yet been able to demonstrate the stability nor some of the competence that he needs to demonstrate in order to be successful;” nor, he added, that he “understands what has made this nation great and what it is today.”

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, who converted the president’s daughter, Ivanka, to Judaism, also criticized the president’s response to Charlottesville, saying “we are deeply troubled by the moral equivalency and equivocation” that Trump espoused.

Even Ivanka tweeted a condemnation of the white supremacists.

At the vigil, Rooks’ speech was tinted with irony.

She read from a letter from Tru’ah, a rabbinic human rights organization, which was signed by several rabbis,

including she, and sent to the president prior to the Charlottesville rally. That letter called on Trump to “clearly and strongly denounce this rally and all forms of white supremacy, and to enforce those words with unambiguous deeds.”

“We sign this letter because we oppose hate,” Rooks continued, “because we stand with the vulnerable, the historically marginalized, and the threatened, because we reject the current ascendance of white supremacy in our country, emboldened by the words and deeds of those in the highest positions of power....”

Dr. Muhammad Babar, a Louisville physician, speaking for the Muslim community, struck a stark note when he said many Americans thought the 21st century would be a time when racism, hatred and intolerance would fall by the wayside.

“We were living in a fool’s paradise,” he said.

Babar noted that white supremacists paraded openly in Charlottesville, “this

time without hoods and masks.”

He called for prayer for the victims of “Charlottesville “and for our fellow citizens who are blinded by hatred.”

Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, said the sight of swastikas flying was obviously troubling to Jews, but it was doubly so to see them in the United States.

“There has been almost universal condemnation by out ‘elected leaders,’” he said, emphasizing the word “almost.”

JCRC Chairman Rabbi Stanley Miles issued a statement after the vigil, lamenting that hatred and fear, like love and understanding, are passed down from generation to generation.

“Hatred and intolerance must never be tolerated,” Miles said. “We look to our leaders to be exemplars of understanding. When they are not, we, the Jewish community, together with other communities, must band together to promote understanding – not total agreement on every point or

every issue, but understanding – that each person is a child of God, created in God’s image and must be respected as such.”

The vigil was one effort to bring healing in the wake of Charlottesville. The Jewish organizational world mobilized a grassroots movement of Shabbat dinners across the country the weekend of August 18 dedicated to celebrating diversity, equality, and inclusion in the face of fear.

Together at the Table, as the initiative was called, attracted hundreds of volunteers to host a Shabbat dinner, post them online and either invite friends or open them to anyone.

The Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation partnered with One Table, Repair the World, Jewish Federations of North America, ADL, Hillel International, the Republican Jewish Coalition, National Jewish Democratic Council, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, and the Reform and Conservative movements were just a few of the sponsors.

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Schwartz compared the class to a “toolbox” where parents can find help as they instill Judaism in their own kids

“I really didn’t have anything to pass

on,” she said, referring to her own experience. “I didn’t have a toolbox to reach into.”

Eventually, though, through her teaching, reading and what she learned on her own, “a light switch went on.”

Has it paid off for her?

“When my son left for college he

turned to me and he said, ‘you know, I really would like to hang a mezzuza on the door, on my college door;” Schwartz said. “I thought, ‘Oh my!’ I ran up to The Temple and I bought the mezzuza, and I thought, ‘It’s like, a lot of what I did resonated.’

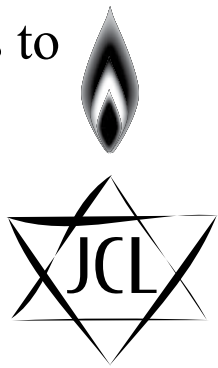
“College is the moment where they step out the door,” she added. “We

looked for colleges that had Jewish populations, but let’s be honest, it was going to be about whether he was going to seek it out on campus. When he left with his little mezzuza in hand, I did think to myself, Yeah, he was listening, he got it.”

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there are no good Nazis. Or Klansmen, or terrorists. Democrats, Republicans, and others must all agree on this, and it compromises nothing for them to do so.”

Murdoch said that he and his wife, Kathryn, plan to donate \$1 million to the ADL, urging others to follow suit.

“We hardly ever talk about our charitable giving, but in this case I wanted to tell you and encourage you to be generous too. Many of you are supporters of the Anti-Defamation League already – now is a great time to give more,” he wrote.

Since early in the Trump campaign,

the ADL has urged him to refrain from rhetoric and actions that seemed to encourage white supremacists and other members of the far right. The group also called on Trump to forcefully denounce them or disavow their support.

On Thursday, Apple CEO Tim Cook pledged that his company will donate \$1 million each to the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center in the wake of the rally in Charlottesville.

On Friday, the ADL and the U.S. Conference of Mayors will hold a news conference call to issue a bipartisan announcement in response to the events in Charlottesville. Mayors across the country have condemned the bigotry and violence seen there.

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