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Louisville artist creates Israel at 70 mural

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Israel in Louisville



Young and old alike danced to Israeli melodies at the August 19 Israel Experience at The J. Hundreds of people attended the festival, which celebrated the State of Israel's 70th birthday, learning about the country's culture, tasting Middle Eastern food and, of course, dancing. See photo gallery, page 24. (Community photo by Tara Cocco)

Teachers, Jewish leaders hope to influence how Shoah is taught

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

With mandatory Holocaust and genocide education about to become law in Kentucky, a group of teachers and Jewish leaders are organizing to influence the way the subject is taught.

This committee has drafted a rationale statement for the project, which must be approved by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

They also plan to work on recommendations for pedagogy – the method and practice used for teaching the subject. A number of curricula, including those developed by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and Yad Vashem, have already been OK'd for use by the KDE.

Metro Council overturns Anshei Sfard landmark ruling

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

By an overwhelming margin, Louisville Metro Council overturned the landmark designation for Anshei Sfard synagogue Thursday, August 9, clearing away a major hurdle to the sale of the five-acre property to the Jewish Community of Louisville.

The JCL hopes to make the synagogue property at 3700 Dutchmans Lane part of a larger, modern Jewish campus, though no firm plans have been announced.

Council voted 21-1, with two members abstaining and two not voting, to overturn the March 22 decision of the Historic Landmarks Commission, which narrowly approved the designation. The one no vote came from Councilman Brent Ackerson (D-26), in whose district the synagogue is located.

Meryl Davis, the first woman president of Anshei Sfard, Kentucky's only Orthodox congregation, said council's reversal of the designation represents a new beginning for her members.

"We have a chance to have a future," she said. "The synagogue is still in existence and we have every intention of moving forward."

Anshei Sfard had opposed the landmarking all along, claiming it impeded



Metro Council's vote to overturn Anshei Sfard's landmark designation could clear the way for the synagogue's sale to the JCL. (Community photo)

its efforts to sell the building and real estate, threatening the future of the 126-year-old congregation.

The members no longer worship in the synagogue, instead meeting for services in the nearby Shalom Towers. In time, they hope to build or buy a synagogue that better fits their needs.

Had council upheld the designation, Davis said, it would have meant "destruction," for Anshei Sfard.

But Avram Kahn, one the petitioners for the landmark designation, criticized the vote, saying council gave no reason for overturning the commission's ruling. He left open the possibility of a court appeal, but he also said the petitioners were willing to "negotiate."

Jon Fleischaker, chair of the JCL Board of Trustees, hailed the ruling as a "major victory," noting that the historic ele-

ments of the building, including its stain glass windows, would be preserved, and that the mikveh directly behind the synagogue would stay open until a new ritual bath is constructed and ready for use.

He said the vote reinforces "the sanctity" of a congregation's right to make its own decisions about its property.

Still, he noted that JCL's offer for the property, which was made on the condition that the landmark designation is overturned, would not be executed as long as there is a chance for an appeal. The petitioners have 30 days from the date of the decision to file one.

Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith, who proposed the resolution to overturn, said the council's planning, zoning & annexation committee reviewed the case and determined that it did not meet five of the nine criteria for designation, and that the landmarks commission, by a 5-4 vote, approved it over the objections of the property owner.

She said that the synagogue is an example of the mid-century architecture, but that the design style is "ubiquitous," and the building's features alone are not enough to merit a landmark designation.

Council's vote is the latest development in a story that has received



Fred Gross shakes hands with state Sen. Morgan McGarvey on March 21 shortly before the Kentucky Senate passed the Ann Klein and Fred Gross Holocaust Education Act. Now an effort is underway to influence how the subject is taught in public schools. (Community photo by Lee Chottiner)

"The curriculum is the what; the pedagogy is the how, and the rationale statement is the why," Goldberg said.

The participants held a conference call this week to discuss how best to proceed, but Goldberg stressed that the process is still in its early stages.

The KDE already has a web-based "portal," a collection of resources, in place through which middle and

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THE DASHBOARD

D'var Torah

Power corrupts: On fear, power, politics and abuse

By Rabbi David Ariel-Joel
For Community

The Torah portion of this week, *Shofetim*, deals with the political structure of an ideal society. It tells us, "Justice, justice you shall pursue."

This adage ought to be the pillar of our society. It establishes the political structure of the ideal state, describing the role of judges, law enforcement and political power.

It tells us that fear is the real danger to justice and a just society. People are not bad, but terrified people tend to do unjust things.

Fear is the real danger to a just society. When we are terrified we abuse power, and when we abuse power we become corrupt.

Our portion deals with politics and political power, it is the only place in the Torah that deals with appointing a king to Israel. The people of Israel did not have to appoint a king; only if they chose to be like the other nations, then were they allowed to choose one.

Basically, the Law of the King is about restricting the power of a monarch. The king may not have many horses (restricting his military force). The king may not accumulate a lot of gold and silver (restricting taxes). He may not have many wives (restricting diplomacy of biblical times), and he may not be a judge or a priest.



Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

So what does a king do all day?

The king will sit and study Torah all day from the priests and Levites.

The king must obey the laws of the Torah; the Torah however does not say that the people must obey the king.

If the king follows all these restrictions, he will stay in power for many years.

Basically, the king is not in control; the laws of the Torah control the king.

This portion establishes the paradigm of what is power and politics in an ideal state.

The Torah teaches us that in order to stay in power, it is necessary to restrict one's power. Anyone who abuses power will then lose it.

It also teaches us that in a just society, the leader should have as limited power as possible. Power, we are taught, corrupts.

The paradox of power is that when not abusing power, one gets to hold their power; when a leader and a society start to abuse their power, it will be lost.

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

Snapshots



Ben Carter, the instructor for The J's new Olympic weightlifting workshop, coaches his wife, Kat, as she lifts more than 100 pounds of weight overhead. The workshop, which meets Wednesdays, runs through October 24. (Community photo by Tara Cocco)

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- September 14 @ 7:33
- September 18 @ 7:27
- September 21 @ 7:22
- September 28 @ 7:11

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Correction

A story in the July 27 edition, "Louisville couple sheds light on trials of fertility treatment," contained an incorrect photo caption. The photo was not taken

at Temple Shalom, and it was provided by Benji Berlow; it was not taken by Lee Chottiner. A correct caption appears with the story online.

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NEWS

Karen Berg: Demographics issues, gender favor Senate bid

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Karen Berg always saw herself going into politics. In fact, she had it all figured out.

"I was actually a political science major," she said. "I was going to go to law school, I was going to work for Legal Aid. I was going to run for office, maybe be a judge, and hopefully change the world."

A three-month summer internship at Legal Aid changed all that.

"At the end of that summer, the lawyers that I worked with had a little goodbye party for me," Berg recalled. "They sat me down after the party and said, 'Karen, you can do anything; don't do this.' And they meant it. They were miserable. They had no funding; they had no support; they had piles and piles of cases on their desks that they didn't feel they were adequately equipped to address."

So the Louisville native and daughter of the late Dr. Harold and Pearl Berg abruptly shifted gears. She completed all her pre-med prerequisites in one year; went to medical school and became a radiologist.

She happily practiced medicine for 31



Karen Berg

years (and continues to work part-time). Still, she remained drawn to politics, and concerned by the direction that Kentucky and the country were taking.

So last year, the same day she retired from University Hospital, Berg went to Jefferson

County Democratic Headquarters, and announced to its executive committee that she was running for the Kentucky Senate from the 26th District.

"I had talked to my family a long time before I did this," Berg said. I said, 'Guys, this is what I'm thinking about doing. Are you OK with it?'"

She also joined Emerge America, a national program that trains Democratic women to run for office and win. Women must apply months ahead of the six-month program.

"It's not like people didn't have plenty of warning," she said. "They knew this is what I was getting ready to do."

Today, Berg, 56, a self-described fiscal conservative and social liberal, is running a spirited, grassroots campaign against her Republican opponent, incumbent Ernie Harris, who has been in the Senate since 1995. She has knocked on nearly 11,000 doors in Jefferson and Oldham counties and shown up at public rallies – including the June 30 downtown demonstration for children separated from their parents at the border – all with the backing of a staff of family, friends and volunteers.

If she wins, Berg, it is believed, will be the only Jew in the Kentucky Legislature – an assembly not known for its ethnic and religious diversity. Its last known Jewish lawmaker, Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, served in the House from 1997 to 2008, and the Senate from 2009 to 2013 before leaving to become a Fayette County Family Court judge.

Sitting in her house, sporting a big campaign button on her dress, surrounded by walls adorned with her father's mosaics and her husband's oil paintings, her dog Yofie barking on the couch, Berg offered several reasons why she thinks she has a shot at winning.

The changing demographics in her

district favor a Democrat, she said. The district is one of the most affluent, best educated in the state, and she's betting her positions will resonate with those voters.

She has lived in the district most her life. In fact, she and her husband, Bob Brousseau, reside in the same house where she grew up.

More than 10,500 voters turned out for the recent Democratic primary, in which Berg garnered 7,112 votes. Compare that with the Republican primary, when less than 10,000 voters came to the polls, giving Harris a slim majority – 5,193 – compared to his opponent's 4,750 votes, and Berg thinks she's generating more interest among constituents.

"A lot of Ernie's long-term constituents didn't vote for him – almost half," she said.

Finally, this is a campaign season where women are running, and winning, in eye-opening numbers, as well as casting ballots. She believes her issues dovetail with those of other women.

Berg favors keeping public money in public schools, opposing both charter

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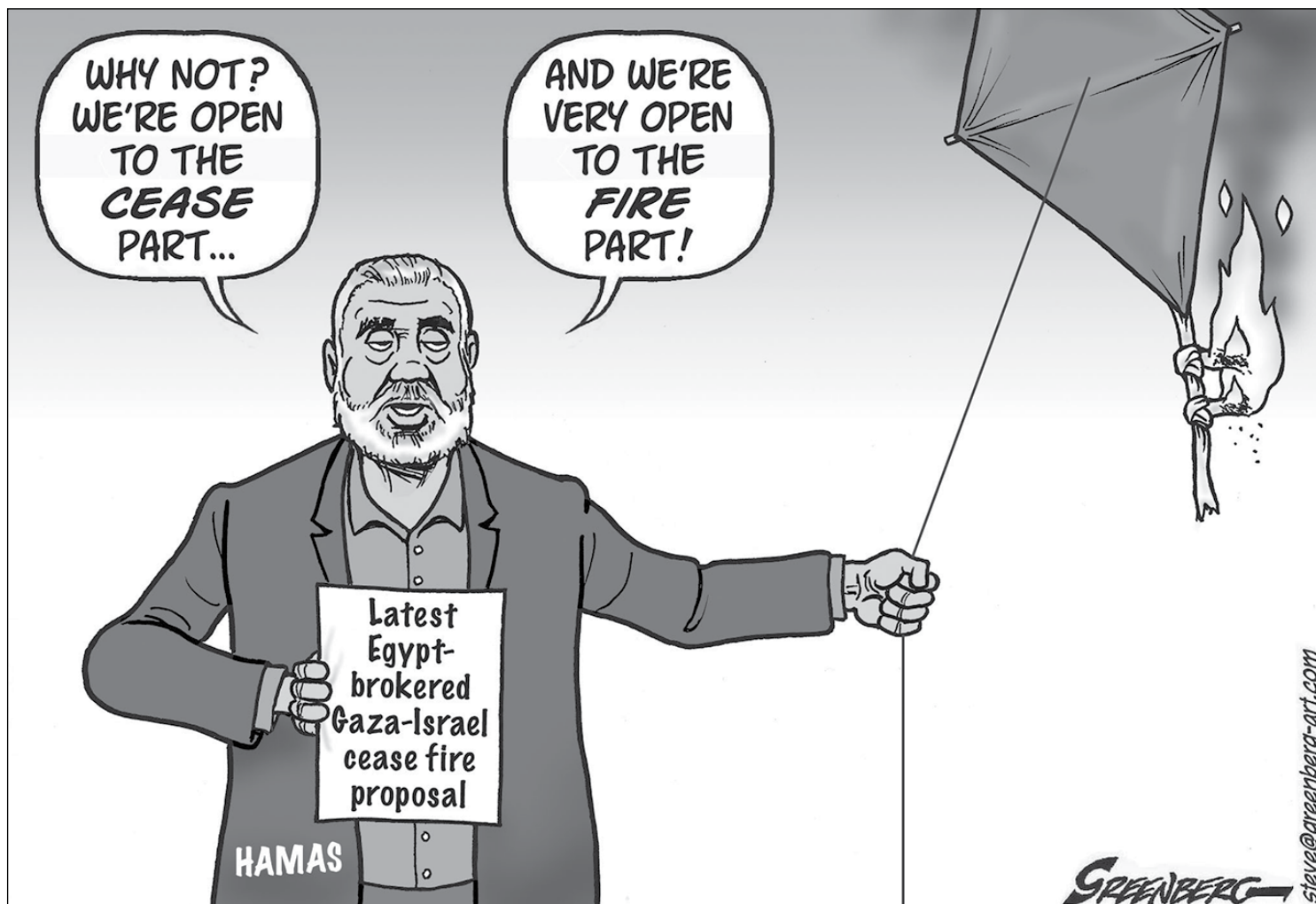
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FORUM



Cedars of Lebanon pose climactic wake-up call

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree and grow mighty like a cedar in Lebanon.

— Psalm 92

The cedars of Lebanon are dying, and climate change is to blame.

Psalm 92, which appears in most Shabbat *siddurim*, contains this line, which casts the cedars of Lebanon as the epitome of strength and vigor among righteous humans. It's an iconic statement, one that transcends modern day politics. (The symbol of an Arab country is aggrandized by Jewish liturgy.)

And yet, the cedars of Lebanon are vanishing from the earth.

And climate change is to blame.

The news probably won't change the way you live. You'll still play golf on weekends, go to dinner with your friends, take your kids to college.

But as you do all that, keep the line in the back of your mind: The cedars of Lebanon are dying, and climate change is to blame.

Thanks to *The New York Times*, and an exceptional piece of all-media journalism (text, video, photos, graphics), we know the cedars of Lebanon are dying, and climate change is to blame.

According to the *Times*, as temperatures rise in Lebanon, the eco-zones where the cedars live are shrinking, retreating to the highest elevations until at last there will be nowhere left for them to thrive.

If nothing changes, by 2100, experts say, the cedars will survive only at the "northern tip of the country."

Even there, the trees will be vulnerable to insect infestation, which have already claimed 7 percent of the dear forest in the Tannourine Cedars Forest Nature Reserve. The infestations, which were unknown there prior to 1997, are direct-



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Lee Chottiner

ly tied to the changing climate.

Men have been chopping down the cedars since ancient times, using their prized wood for palaces and temples. King Solomon procured cedar for the First Temple of Jerusalem.

So, yes, the cedars of Lebanon have been disappearing for a long time. However, climate change could finish them off.

What does this mean?

On September 9, we will observe Rosh Hashanah, what we call the birthday of the world. Those dying cedars will be one more chilling reminder (as if we needed one) that the world is on its sickbed.

Add that to so many other disheartening developments on the climate front:

- The United States has become the only nation on earth to pull out of the Paris Climate Accords.

- The polar ice caps are melting at rate faster than even climate scientists were expecting.

- Extreme weather events – wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, the spread of arid land -- are on the rise.

- And, as you have surely noticed, it's hot out there and getting hotter, with lasting health and economic consequences.

While all this is happening, our national leaders, from both parties, have gone silent on the subject. Many of my colleagues having reported extensively

on the Paris accord have now moved on to newer, shinier issues.

The health of the world, with some exceptions (like *The Times'* cedars story), get short shrift.

We ignore this issue at our own risk, and our children's risk.

It may seem like an impossible issue. How do we wrap our arms around so titanic a problem? What do we do? What can we do?

Let's start with what we mustn't do – nothing.

The People's Climate Movement, a grassroots effort to keep the health of the planet on the front burner, is planning a climate march for Saturday, September 8, called Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice. It won't be the first time; the inaugural climate march was held in 2014; they have continued every year since as the crisis has worsened. Last year, demonstrators marched in 370 cities; 200,000 people in Washington alone hit the streets.

This year, a Louisville rally is slated for 10 a.m. at Metro Hall, 527 West Jefferson St.

To rally on Shabbat is understandably unthinkable for some. Others might interpret it as an act of *pikuach nefesh* (saving a life). In any event, it's a chance to do something.

If you cannot be at this rally, there are still 365 days in a year to speak out. Use them.

Someday in the future, a worshiper in a synagogue will open her siddur. She will come to Psalm 92, as he always does. Her eyes will read down to the line about the mighty cedars. As Jews, it is our task to make sure that worshiper will not be not reading about an extinct tree.

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

FORUM

Racial, economic equality in justice system a Jewish issue

In the Torah – Deuteronomy, chapter 16 verse 20 – it says, “*Tzedek, tzedek Tirdof.*” (Justice, justice you shall pursue). This is one of the founding principles of the Jewish faith, a mantra that has guided Judaism and Western society for thousands of years. It is a call to action, not just a profession of faith, and it should guide us in our daily lives and our public works.

There is little disagreement that our criminal justice system is broken. From the moment of an arrest, there is potential for injustice. Police brutality, while rare, has caused certain levels of distrust, particularly in minority communities.

The United States has 4 percent of the world's population, but roughly 25 percent of the prisoners. Our physical sites for incarceration are far more numerous than any other democratic country. We spend more money on prisons and jails than we do on our entire education system.

While our laws are written to be color blind, the reality is that people of color are simply treated differently when justice is meted out. Sixty percent of all prisoners in this country are people of



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Matt Goldberg

color. One in 10 black adult males in their 30's has been incarcerated at any given time.

Not only people of color are mistreated by the justice system. There is a separate system for rich and poor. Because of our cash bail system, people who cannot afford bail or the usurious bonds that are available in some states are forced to sit in jail until trial or plead guilty simply to avoid lengthy stays behind bars until trial. Furthermore, 60-90 percent of criminal defendants need publicly funded counsel. Public defenders are horribly overworked, handling between 350 and 1,000 cases per capita each year, making these attorneys, for the most part, less effective advocates for their clients.

Mandatory sentences pose another problem. Most people in our criminal justice system are there for non-violent drug crimes. More than half of all arrests are drug related, a majority of which are for personal use or simple possession. A retired federal Judge recently remarked that aircraft hijackers, terrorists and child rapists get less time in prison than someone who sells marijuana three times, because of the three strikes policy still in effect in some states. There were approximately 19,000 people in state prisons for drug offenses in 1980. Today, that number is over 200,000. Exponential increases are also seen in federal prisons.

Prisons have all but abandoned rehabilitation in favor of retribution. Severe overcrowding and pervasive violence are problematic. The use of solitary confinement for long stretches of time leaves long-term psychological effects on inmates, making reintegration that much more difficult.

Even after paying for their crimes, ex-convicts find many avenues closed to them. Mandatory disclosures of all criminal convictions when applying for

jobs are a huge barrier to reintegration into society.

In Louisville, we are familiar with the Ban the Box legislation, a concerted effort to try and remove questions about past incarceration from job applications. Ex-felons are also denied voting rights; 6.1 million Americans are barred from voting due to a felony record, despite having served their time.

The recidivism rate in this country is also alarming. Once released, nearly half return to prison at some point. In other Western countries, the rate is much lower.

Make no mistake: This is a Jewish issue, and a relevant one. The justice of which the Torah teaches is for everyone, and we are commanded to pursue it. We can advocate; we can vote, we can hold our elected leaders accountable.

And we must do so now.

(Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, moderated an August 5 panel discussion on equality at The J. Coverage of that program can be found on page 15.)



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FORUM/NEWS

Elul: Why is this month different from all other months?

The beauty of the Jewish calendar is the flow from season to season, from holiday to holiday – from festival to festival.

One of the months is Elul, a time of reflection that began on August 12 and leads up to Rosh Hashanah – the Jewish New Year.

Elul is unique for a variety of reasons. I like that it includes a built-in reminder that the High Holy Days are approaching. Wake up calls come in many different forms, from blaring alarm clocks to gentle music, with multiple opportunities to hit the snooze button, and we can choose our own interpretation.

Elul is the connection between where we currently stand and the year to come, so it is a fitting tradition to hear the shofar blast each morning of Elul. The



Sara's View

Sara Klein
Wagner

shofar, which can be a horn from a ram or any kosher animal, is traditionally blown as a call for repentance. Imagine if we all used this Hebrew month for both personal and communal reflection and forgiveness.

On an individual level, the world we live in is moving so fast, with multiple

responsibilities and a constant barrage of information. It is no wonder we can't slow down enough to be reflective. What a great idea it is for each of us to look for ways throughout the month to listen for the wake-up call and reflect on how we spent the past year. It could include time with our children or spouse, celebrations, caring for aging parents, volunteering or learning a new skill.

During Elul, there are key questions we can ask ourselves: How might we use our time differently in the coming year? How do we ensure that those around us how important they truly are?

Since my days in Sunday school and youth group, I have always liked this time of year. I embraced apologizing to those I had let down or treated unfairly in the past year. This is what Elul is all

about.

Elul affords each of us a chance to acknowledge and heed the call to action ... or we can hit the snooze button.

At the beginning of Elul, the Zohar teaches, we are *achor el achor* (back to back); by its end, we are *panim el panim* (face to face). What a gift it is to recognize that we cannot improve or build stronger relationships when we turn our backs to one another. Let's all embrace this new year of 5779, and this month, as a time to be willing to turn around towards each other and make changes. Shanah Tovah.

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

New Chabad program targets unaffiliated, fulfills goal of study

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Chabad of Kentucky has launched a new program designed to enhance the Jewish experience regardless of affiliation.

Celebrate with Friends is the fourth and final step of a program to increase Jewish activity, which came out of a study Chabad commissioned two years ago.

In this latest step, 64 programs will be scheduled between now and December 2019, each containing a Jewish component, such as lighting Shabbat candles, prayer, meditation or tradition, but they

will be paired with an enjoyable activity meant to attract Jews who are not necessarily affiliated or synagogues goers.

Those activities could include biking, yoga, bowling, and cross training for the sports-minded, and lectures and dining to suit others. Each month there will more four distinct programs for people to consider.

"We left room to custom tailor events to the needs of the people coming," said Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, regional director of Chabad of Kentucky.

The first four activities will be centered around the High Holy Days, Litvin said. After that, the program will offer four activities per month: one each for

Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Participants can pick and choose, Litvin said.

"The point is to enable people to connect with G-d while Celebrating with Friends and having fun doing both."

Chabad is working with the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence to support the project, but it also plans to do its own fundraising.

He said Chabad can "tailor" a program to suit participants. "The idea is to keep it safe and keep it enjoyable – no judgments."

Litvin said the Celebrate with Friends program addresses the final need identi-

fied by the Chabad study. The other three were:

- Lexington is underserved. (Chabad of the Bluegrass has since opened.)
- The Louisville Jewish Day School should be relocated. (It has since been moved from Downtown to Dupont Circle.)

- The Eastern Suburbs are underserved. (Chabad Chai Center opened this past May in Prospect.)

"This is an opportunity for the community to do what they enjoy most with friends and family," Litvin said of the new program, "within a Jewish experience."



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FORUM

New Year reflections: What would you change if you could?

Rabbi Nadia Siritsky
For Community

With the New Year about to begin, it is a time for reflection: What did we do that left us feeling proud? What are we prepared to leave behind? What parts of us need forgiveness and healing? What new dreams, hopes and commitments are we prepared to make, so that this coming year will be filled with blessings?

It is a time to take inventory. Especially as we approach Yom Kippur, we contemplate the meaning of this season of repentance, atonement, prayer and tzedakah (charitable giving to ensure justice), culminating in a day of fasting.

The rabbis taught that one is commanded to fast (along with other rituals, such as wearing a white kittel, which is traditionally worn when one dies and is buried), to be reminded of the fragility of the body and to approach the sensation of feeling faint and near death.

From such an experience, worshippers are encouraged to move outside of the ego's defense mechanisms and recognize the importance of those values one is tempted to cast aside during the rest of the year. As the Talmud teaches, live every day as if it were the last day – a technique that is often used in psycho-



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky

therapy as well, to help with difficult decisions.

For example, think about what you did yesterday. If you knew that yesterday was the last day of your life, what would you have wanted to do differently? How would you have spent your time? Would you have

spent more of it with your loved ones? Would you have told them you love them? Would you have forgiven someone or asked for their forgiveness?

If we lived every day as if it were our last, there would be little preparation to do as we approach the High Holy Days.

For most of us, though, we have allowed our humanity and egos to get the best of us. It can be difficult to think of approaching those whom we have hurt – intentionally or unintentionally – and asking for their forgiveness. The truth is, we may not want to know about the unintentional hurts, let alone make them right.

But this is what we are asked to do, to

take a spiritual inventory and do the difficult, messy and sacred work of making amends.

Working in a hospital, I am frequently called to the bedside of one who is dying. I bear witness to the regrets that family members are afraid to voice and the unresolved feelings that are too painful to bring up, yet are too painful to let die. My role is to encourage them to have those difficult conversations; they will become the raw material of later healing.

In Judaism, there is a prayer that one is supposed to recite upon one's deathbed: Vidui, which means, confession. The rabbis teach that we are not supposed to wait until our final moments to recite it. Recognizing that any of us could die at any moment, a modified version is included in our daily prayers, to be recited three times a day. A more expanded reflection is associated with the recital of the Shema before sleep, and a more comprehensive prayer is recited on Yom Kippur.

With all of these required prayers to be recited, how many of us can truly say the words authentically? There are many variants of this prayer for forgiveness. In anticipation of the High Holy Days, I share the following translation by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, along with

my own prayers for a new year filled with healing and forgiveness for us all:

*You, My Eternal Friend,
Witness that I forgive anyone
who hurt or upset me or offended me -
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whether by accident or willfully,
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Hear the words of my mouth and
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Who protects and frees me. Amen.*

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

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ARTS

Mosaic marvel

Jewish Louisville artist captures Israel's 70th birthday in tiles

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

While The J celebrated Israel's birthday at the August 19 Israel Experience festival, a mosaic in honor of the milestone birthday was unveiled.

The six-by-four-foot mural, not including the edge, which contains about 25 square feet of glass tile, will soon hang in the lobby of The J, where its artist, Dr. Lisa Klein, spent several weeks creating the work of art and answering questions from curious passers-by.

"Lisa spent the past few months literally greeting members, guests, campers and their families almost daily as she created a beautiful mosaic to share with the community for years to come," said Sara Klein Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville. "Campers stopped by her table (at the Israel Experience) to find where they had helped put their tiles in."

In fact, Klein drew her inspiration for the mural from the logo for the 70th anniversary celebration.

"I tried to incorporate a lot of color into the project," she said, "not just color, but sparkly color, and then the incorporation of the mirrors (mirrored tiles), which enables people to see themselves in it as the celebrants."

A pediatric cardiologist, Klein has been on sabbatical from her profession to discover her muse. She has only been making mosaics since spring 2017, but her natural talent and love for the genre shine through her work.

Lenae Price, philanthropy and outreach director, noticed Klein's mosaics and encouraged her to make more,



Dr. Lisa Klein, seen here with the mosaic mural she created for Israel's 70th anniversary, spent months in the lobby of The J working on the project, using enough glass tiles to fill 25 square feet of space. (Photo provided)

Klein said. When the opportunity came to make a mosaic celebrating Israel's

birthday, Price approached her.

"I agreed to do it," Klein said, "and

with great excitement, I launched into it."

She was profiled on WHAS 11 on August 1 as she worked on the project.

"I just love the idea of creating a cohesive image out of fragments and making it look like something that's recognizable and has meaning to it," Klein told the station. "Israel was created from the fragments of war and conflict, and it's now a vibrant and bustling community and country."

Fittingly, Klein attributes her origins as a mosaic artist to a trip to Israel.

She and her husband, Robert M. Klein, co-chairs of the Jewish Federation's Partnership2Gether in Louisville, visited Israel in January 2017. There, they met up with a photographer friend, Jochanan Kishon, and hiked in Tzipori National Park, where they saw ancient mosaics.

Later, at a Shabbat dinner at Kishon's home, he told Klein, "Do you realize how your face lights up when you see these [mosaics]? You should learn how to do it. Find someone in Louisville to teach you."

That's just what Lisa Klein did.

Throughout most of her life, her artistic side has been in music. She has played piano since childhood, and she's been playing harp for the past 13 years. She has had some vocal training, too. Her next big artistic endeavor, she hopes, is to land a part in a CenterStage play.

"I'm really pushing the envelope, getting outside my comfort zone," Klein said. "This project was actually outside my comfort zone, but I'm really glad I did it because I learned so much from it."

The Parting Gift a story of obsession, devotion and betrayal

By Ranen Omer-Sherman
For Community

In his first two novels (*Light Fell* and *When We Danced on Water*), American-born Israeli writer Evan Fallenberg created highly sympathetic characters grappling with terrible losses and inner turmoil.

Now, in *The Parting Gift*, Fallenberg delivers an intense tale of psychological suspense, narrated by a complex protagonist whose shrewd intelligence and warm charisma lethally combine with a severe personality disorder.

Told in epistolary form by its unnamed narrator, the story takes us from the early days of a passionate love affair to its

brutal unraveling. We meet this young man as he prepares to take leave of an old college friend, Adam, and his girlfriend, Beth, who have been hosting him in the aftermath of the narrator's abrupt return from a sojourn in Israel.

As he narrates his story, we are swept along by his genial voice and adventurous nature, beginning the day he abandons his friends in Israel on their outing to visit a spice farm that has become all the rage among Israeli foodies. One glimpse of its owner, Uzi, a salt-of-the-earth bear of a man, and he is smitten with desire.

After rapidly seducing Uzi and proving himself an able worker, the narrator learns the business so well that soon he has elevated Uzi to true culinary guru status. He also ingratiates himself deeply into the lives of Uzi's former wife and children. He learns their intimate secrets and weaknesses and those of Uzi's most trusted Palestinian employees. It isn't long before he convinces himself that he is the true "mainstay of this family and this business."

All seems absolutely harmonious on the prosperous coastal farm until one day it isn't. As if unable to believe that Uzi could truly be as devoted to him as he deserves, he sleuths obsessively for signs of betrayal and finds it everywhere.

Here, the plotting gets especially tricky and yet the author pulls it off, brilliantly capturing his unreliable narrator's growing paranoia, the consequences of which grow to the heights of Shakespearean



villainy (imagine Iago in a rural Israeli village).

Ultimately, the amoral narrator delivers more than a powerful portrait of obsession, offering colorful renderings of both rural and urban Israel, Jews and Arabs, parents and children. All of which is narrated in richly sensual language, whether in the heady flavors and piquant aromas of Uzi's herbs and spices, or sizzling scenes of eroticism. This psychologically resonant heartbreak of a novel will linger long in the reader's imagination.

(Ranen Omer-Sherman is the JHFE-endowed chair of Judaic studies at the University of Louisville.)

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NEWS

Hunger Walk continues to make a difference in Louisville

By Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor Emeritus

As the High Holy Days approach, we look back at the past year and evaluate our behavior. Have we treated others fairly? Have we stepped up to do our share? Have we done enough to help those in need in our own community?

The reality is there are many people in Louisville today who can't tell you where their next meal is coming from. The city has food deserts where fresh foods and good nutrition are not readily available and food insecurity is a significant problem.

Many of us support the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry and the Meyer Food Pantry Fund as was evident with the great turnout for Pancakes 4 the Pantry earlier this month.

But there is more that can be done.

The 40th Anniversary Community Hunger Walk is Sunday, September 23, starting at Harbor Lawn in Waterfront Park. Registration and the Family Fun Fest open at noon, the opening ceremony will be at 2 p.m. and the two-mile walk will begin at 2:15. The event will conclude at 4 p.m., just in time for the festival of Sukkot – the celebration of the fall harvest.

Dare to Care was established after 9-year-old Bobby Ellis died of starvation in Louisville's Russell neighborhood on Thanksgiving Day 1969. Rabbi Herbert Waller of The Temple was one of the or-



Rabbis Michael Wolk and Stan Miles at the 2014 Hunger Walk in Louisville. This year's walk will be held Sunday, September 23, at Harbor Lawn in the Waterfront. (Photo provided)

ganization's founders.

The first community Hunger Walk was held in 1978 to raise money for Dare to Care thus enabling the organization to feed more people. Today, Dare to Care feeds 134,000 each year.

Register today for the Jewish Louisville team at thehungerwalk.org. The suggested minimum donation is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children, although

larger donations are always welcome.

Please join us for this 2-mile walk around the Great Lawn. We'll head down Witherspoon Street to River Road. As we approach the Big Four Bridge, we'll turn toward the river and head back past the Lincoln statue to the Harbor Lawn.

If you can't do the walk itself, you can still be part of the team and help fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry just in

time for Sukkot. Help the Jewish community maintain its record as one of the most generous supporters of the annual Hunger Walk.

(Shiela Steinman Wallace is the 2018 Hunger Walk Chair for the Jewish Community Relations Council.)

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Annie O'Connell



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In 2011, Annie established her own law firm, where she practices criminal defense, civil rights, family law, personal injury, employment and probate matters. She has conducted numerous jury trials, including complex and high-profile felony matters, throughout the Commonwealth's state and federal courts.

Annie is a native Louisvillian. She attended law school at the University of Louisville Brandeis School where she has been invited to return to teach students as an adjunct professor. Early in her career, Annie was featured in Louisville Magazine as a "Young Lawyer On the Rise" (2006). In 2012, she was awarded the Frank E. Haddad, Jr. Young Lawyer of the Year award by the Louisville Bar Association. She has a reputation among her colleagues, judges and clients as a smart and zealous advocate.

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NEWS

Sans blindfold, Gia Blum is discovering Israel – and herself

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

As her friends prepared to blindfold her for the walk through Jerusalem's Old City, ending at the Western Wall, Gia Blum made a life-changing decision.

The 18-year-old Atherton High School senior pulled out her cell phone and texted her mother back in Louisville, telling her that she didn't want to go to college right away. She wanted take a gap year in Israel.

"I just figured I had more courage than I was ever going to have," Blum recalled, "and I realized if I didn't do it right then, I'd never do it."

All during the walk, Blum was nervous, wondering how her parents, Jeff and Lisa, would take the news, but her nerves subsided when the throng of teens, all participants in the March of the Living, reached the Kotel, where her friends removed the blindfold.

"I saw everyone there crying and being with each other," she said. "It felt like ... you know."

Blum, who just graduated from Atherton, will return to Israel on September 2 for an eight-month Young Judea program for gap year high school graduates. She will spend half her time in Jerusalem studying Hebrew and Jewish subjects, and the other half in Tel Aviv, doing community service work, most likely with Mogen David Adom – Israel's version of the Red Cross.



Gia Blum at the Western Wall (photo provided)

For a young woman who grew up as a completely secular Jew, it will be life changing, indeed.

"My family was very, very secular," Blum said. "I didn't go to day school or anything like that. I went to a public school and I was the only Jewish kid in my class – every year. So I really didn't have much exposure at all to the Jewish community."

All that changed when Blum worked as a counselor at Camp J. Last year, then-Teen Director Kari Semel asked her if she would like to take a free teen trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, which fell through when it became apparent there were more teens than tickets.

So Semel promised her she would be first on the list for this year's trip. Only this year's trip wasn't to Washington, but to Poland with March of the Living, an annual gathering of Jewish teens at the sites of the Holocaust followed by a week in Israel.

Poland, Blum explained, taught her a sobering new perspective for her own life.

"For kids my age during the Holocaust, college wasn't on their minds at all," she said. "They were going through things so much bigger. They were losing family members, losing their own lives, struggling to be alive. It really just made me see there are so much more important things in life than going straight to college and doing everything society tells you to do."

So when she heard some of her friends from the March talk about taking a gap

year in Israel before starting college, she became jealous. She wanted that gap year, too.

"At that point, I was already committed to college," Blum said. "No one, including me, expected this to happen."

That led to the night in the Old City when, by March of the Living tradition, first-time visitors to the Kotel are blindfolded, so they can feel the full emotional experience once the bandanna is removed.

Blum's mother, Lisa, felt taken aback by her daughter's text.

"But I was also touched by her emotion," she said, "and how much the experience had affected her. It kind of gave me chills, but in a good way. We always wanted her to be happy, and it seemed like this was making her so happy."

Young Judea is a self-described Zionist youth "movement" that brings together thousands of Jews, from all backgrounds, in summer camps and year-round programs in the United States and Israel, empowering future Jewish leaders.

With one trip to Israel done and another about to begin, "Blum said she can 'absolutely' see herself as an advocate for Israel programs to young people as life-changing experiences."

Without March of the Living, she said, "I would still be sitting at home, completely oblivious [to Israel]. I think all it takes to get someone interested is more knowledge, more experience."



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J Performance Zone makes debut for crossfit training buffs

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

For some gym rats, workouts have less to do with Stairmasters, NordicTracs and weight machines, and more to do with medicine balls, box jumps and a contraption called Jacob's Ladder.

These are some of the instruments used in crossfit, a mode of exercise that deemphasizes workout machines that has been growing in popularity over the last 15 years. They can be found in the new J Performance station, which opened last week in the lower gym.

Really, it's the trend where gyms are going," Fitness Director Matt Vamvas said of crossfit. "Running, lunges, jumping ... it's less about machines."

Crossfit exercising was already happening at The J, Vamvas said. J Performance merely centralizes them in one location for a total experience.

"For people into crossfit, we want them to have this option," he said.

Much of the crossfit equipment can be found on a modular apparatus called the "X-lab." Bolted to the gym floor, it holds medicine balls (and an elevated target against which to hurl them), battle ropes, pedal bells, pretty much anything that doesn't require an electric current to get a workout.

The X-lab isn't the only apparatus. Spread 60 feet along the side of the



Fitness Director Matt Vamvas and J member Lauren McCombs work out with the battle ropes at the new J Performance Zone fitness station in the lower gym. (Community photo by Tara Cocco)

gym is an Astroturf carpet upon which gym rats can push something called the "prowler" – a weighted sled in football camps.

In fact, Vamvas explained that many of the exercises at the J Performance have their roots in football or military training. "If you played football, he said, "this isn't new."

The only other apparatus, Jacob's Ladder, is an angled, elevated climbing device with wooden pinwheels. The user wears a belt with a taut line as he (or she) climbs continuously up the pinwheels. Unlike the other apparatuses, Jacob's Ladder does use electricity, but only to run a screen to measure the user's performance.

Demo classes will be offered this fall in which the fitness staff will show members how best to use J Performance. For first time users, Vamvas recommends a trainer, or at least a spotter, for some of the equipment.

"There are so many things to do [on J Performance], it can be overwhelming," he said, "but we're here to help people and give a better workout."

And he noted that weight machines are not going away for those who prefer them. Crossfit buffs simply have more options.

"Now we have more toys to play with," he quipped.

Civic leaders panel addresses equality after *Hairspray* finale

By Elizabeth Gerber
For Community

CenterStage wrapped up its performance run of *Hairspray*, a musical that deals with racial equality, on Sunday, August 5, with a panel discussion on racial equality in Louisville and nationwide.

The final performance was followed by a one-hour discussion of race issues by a four-member panel – Frank Goodloe, CenterStage production manager; Shelton McElroy, national deputy director of operations for the Bail Project and a Street Academy instructor for the Louisville Urban League; Shameka Parrish-Wright, bail disrupter and client advocate for The Bail Project; and Corey Shapiro, legal director for the ACLU of Kentucky.

Set in Baltimore during the 1960s, *Hairspray* is about a teenage girl who wants to dance on a local TV show, which is racially segregated.

Moderated by JCRC Director Matt Goldberg, the panel discussed arts and equality while exploring ways the community can help make Louisville a more equal and inclusive place for all its residents.

Throughout the discussion, the panelists helped the audience brainstorm ways in which they can lead by example in their community:

- Donating to organizations working for racial justice and equality;
- Supporting local empowerment initiatives;
- Support companies that prioritize



Shelton McElroy (right) makes a point during an August 5 panel discussion on the subject at CenterStage. (Community photo by Tara Cocco)

diversity;

- Boycotting companies that profit from the private prison industrial complex.

The disparity in the incarceration rates for blacks and whites became a significant topic of discussion. According to McElroy, the United States is the world leader in incarceration rates, with 2.2 million people in prisons and jails across the country. People of color make up 67 percent of the U.S. prison population while composing just 37 percent of the population.

Overall, African-Americans are more likely than white Americans to be arrested; once arrested, they are more likely to be convicted; and once convicted, they are more likely to face stiff sentences.

Black men specifically are six times as likely to be incarcerated as a white or Hispanic man.

The incarceration rate for African-Americans has led to voter disenfranchisement, according to Shapiro.

"Kentucky is one of three states that has a lifetime ban on felons voting," he said, "and that has resulted in 26 percent of all African-Americans in the state of

Kentucky being excluded from our political process."

Parrish-Wright lamented how many women find themselves behind bars

"A lot of women we deal with are usually in jail for defending themselves in domestic situations," she said.

Many of those arrested end up in jail simply because they can't afford bail. That leads to greater punishment for poorer people, largely African-Americans, while their cases are pending

The Bail Project fights mass incarceration by paying bail for low-income Americans.

"It's not perfect; you will have repeat offenders, you will have recidivism," Parrish-Wright said, "but poverty shouldn't be a crime."

The panelists offered ideas such as of eliminating mandatory minimum sentences, shifting resources to community-based prevention and treatment facilities, examining and addressing the policies that contribute to racial inequality at every level of the justice system, and removing barriers that make it harder for individuals with criminal records to turn their lives around.

The panel discussion was not the first CenterStage has held, and according to Anne Ensign-Urteaga, its operations manager, it probably won't be the last.

"If can find relevant speakers, have meaningful conversations that the audience wants to be involved with," she said, "then I will continue to do it."

(Community Editor Lee Chottiner contributed to this story.)

CENTERPIECE

SENIOR CALENDAR

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

AUGUST 28

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Tyrone Cotton will return to perform blues, folk and rock music. Refreshments will be served after the program.

A performer for 30 years, Cotton writes music that blends soul, folk, blues, jazz and rock. He has toured the United States and Japan and is currently working on a new album.

SEPTEMBER 4

Senior retirees meeting. Bruce Gadansky, chief operating officer from the Better Business Bureau, will speak on scams and financial exploitation. Refreshments will be served after the program.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 NOON

Annual Sukkot luncheon in the sukkah. Rabbi Hillel Smulowitz will be the guest speaker. Reservations should be made by Friday, September 21.

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 11 A.M.

Boomer Wall exercise class (renamed: Regain

& Maintain) will meet in the dance studio. The class helps with balance, coordination and stability.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 11 A.M.

A new class, called Crochet Club, will hold its first meeting in the Senior Adult Lounge. The class is for all skill levels. Marilyn Mattingly and Natalie Kusyo will be the instructors. Those with crochet needles and yarn are asked to bring them. Crochet items may be donated to a local charity.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Day trip to Churchill Downs. The group will leave The J at 11 a.m. A buffet lunch will be held, and races can be watched from the four-tier balcony overlooking the finish line. Cost – \$32 for members, \$38 for nonmembers – includes lunch, admission, reserved seat, racing form and transportation. Space is limited. RSVP by Friday, September 14.

Camp concludes

From field trips to GaGa pits, Camp J had something for all

By Mary-Kate Smith
For Community

As Camp J wrapped up its 2018 season the week of August 10, the staff reflected on the awesome adventures over the summer.

"It was a super summer of the super-heroes," Camp Director Mindye Mannel said. Looking back, she noted that many things came together to make summer 2018 both fun and successful.

"We had lots of new campers, extended enrollment, higher registration than in the past and a lot of enthusiasm from our campers and our staff," Mannel said.

Cameron Tabler, the young leaders' supervisor, gushed enthusiasm about the things his campers learned and achieved over the summer. The Young Leaders, rising seventh through ninth grade traditional campers, focused largely on community service.

"We did a lot of really good things," Tabler said. "Last week we went to the Humane Society. We made toys throughout the week. And then we donated a bunch of dog and cat toys to the Humane Society, so that was really awesome."

Other supervisory staff also expressed excitement about watching their campers grow and learn throughout the summer.

Keff First through Third Grade Supervisor Rachel Harris, Keff Kindergarten through First Grade Supervisor Daniel McCarthy and Yachad Coordinator Mary Potts all said they were proud watching as Yachad campers became more independent throughout the summer.

"Yachad was also all-inclusive this year," McCarthy said. "The campers stayed with the group the whole time, which was awesome."

The frequent rain did not keep Camp J from carrying on with fun activities. During rainy weather the camp staff played indoor staff games like basketball, soccer, and field hockey.

"All the kids would watch, and they



GaGa was one of many popular activities at this summer's Camp J. (William Beasley photo)

would like cheer and make signs and stuff," McCarthy said.

Trek Supervisor Connor Finke said muddy gaga and water balloon fights were a favorite among the rising fourth through sixth grade traditional campers. While Harris said Spotlight and dance performances were her favorite part of the summer.

"I enjoyed seeing the kids run all the way up and do their dances and their performances and just get smiles on their faces from other campers just watching them," Harris said.

As camp came to a close, the fun did not slow down. During the final week of the summer, campers enjoyed visits from the Tzofim Friendship Caravan – Israeli scouts who travel the country giving performances at Jewish communities large and small – and the portable planetarium. Field trips also found a place in the final week of camp.

Keff experienced a time travel scavenger hunt at the Frasier Museum and made time machines out of recycled materials, while Trek explored the Parklands at Floyd's Fork and enjoyed Mr. Gatti's pizza.

On the last day of the summer, campers and staff celebrated with a camp slide show and Popsicle party, a super ending for a super summer.

FAMILY YOGA

Join us on the first Sunday of each month for Family Yoga!

1:30 p.m. at The J Aerobics Studio.
Free for all ages.



Going for the gold



Six teenage athletes from Louisville competed in the 37th Maccabi Games from August 5 to 10 in Long Beach California. Three won gold medals: Ben Kaplin (baseball), Alex Schwartz (recreational tennis), and Adam Lapinski (basketball). Jackson Segal played lacrosse; Ethan Tuvlin, basketball; and Ryan Catapano, recreational tennis. More than 2,500 teens from across the globe took part in the five-day athletic competition and artsfest. The Louisville team also performed community service with JCC Cares. (Photo provided by Matt Vamvas)



High Holy Days Section



Five new things to do – and enjoy – for the New Year

Apple picking

It's traditional to eat apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah to symbolize a sweet new year. Rather than just picking up apples at the grocery store, take the kids to the nearest pick-your-own apple orchard and let them see where apples really come from. When you bring home bushels of apples, find some recipes for a new take on Rosh Hashanah's traditional apples and honey. Or use a few apples to make apple-print tablecloths or apple-print placemats for your Rosh Hashanah dinner. Even better, turn an apple into a honey bowl. Before you know it, apple picking and apple crafting will become an annual tradition – complete with many a great photo op!

Honey tasting

As it turns out, there are lots of different kinds of honey out there. Because bees suck nectar from all types of flowers, the honey can have a very different taste. Assemble your family for a taste test. Go to the local farmer's market and buy two or three kinds of honey. (Not only are you supporting local agriculture, but you're also showing your kids where food comes from.) At home, arrange a smorgasbord of foods to dip into the various kinds of honey—challah, apples, pretzels, bananas, etc. Which honey goes best with which foods? When you find



Apples are traditionally dipped in honey on Rosh Hashanah to symbolize a sweet year. To enhance the custom, some people actually go apple picking at their local farms at this season and try new apple-based recipes. (Photo provided)

your favorites, you can put them out at your Rosh Hashanah table. (Check with your pediatrician, but generally honey is not recommended for children under the age of 1.)

New Year's cards

Rosh Hashanah is a great time to send cards to friends and family. Your kids can write about their summer ad-

ventures, their new teacher at school -- or even your trip to go apple picking. We love making apple-print New Year's cards – just cut or fold construction paper to the size of your choice and follow these steps (<https://www.kveller.com/article/apple-print-blessings-placemat/>) to do apple prints. Your friends and family will love the personalized touch that the homemade apple prints bring to their

cards.

Challah baking

On Rosh Hashanah, it's traditional to make a round challah instead of the normal braided shape eaten throughout the rest of the year. Why round? Because the year is a circle. If you've never made challah before, it's like many other bread recipes – you get to punch and knead the dough. That's a great way to get out all of your frustrations before the new year begins! And kids love playing with dough, too – try breaking off a little bit and letting them make their own challah shapes.

Nature walk

Fall is a great time to be outdoors and appreciate the beauty of nature. Take advantage of the (hoped-for) temperate weather and head to the nearest forest, reservation or park. Walk slowly with your kids, picking out animals, insects, flowers, plants and trees. Have your kids find their favorite rocks, plants, trees, flowers or insects along the way. Talk to them about the cycle of the year and the seasons. It'll keep them engaged and help your simple walk feel like an adventure.

(Compiled by Amy Deutsch, a Jewish educator and a mom.)

Must-know words and phrases for the High Holy Days

By My Jewish Learning Staff

(MJL via JTA) – Here are some important Hebrew words and terms you may encounter over the High Holiday season.

Akedah — Pronounced ah-keh-DAH. Literally “binding,” the Akedah refers to the biblical story of the binding of Isaac, which is traditionally read on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

Chag sameach — Pronounced KHAG sah-MAY-akh. Literally “happy holiday,” this is a common greeting on Rosh Hashanah and other Jewish holidays.

Elul — Pronounced el-OOL (oo as in food). The final month of the Jewish calendar; it is designated as a time of reflection, introspection and repentance.

Het (also chet) — Pronounced KHET (short e). Sin, or wrongdoing.

L'shana tova u'metukah — Pro-

nounced l'shah-NAH toe-VAH ooh-meh-too-KAH. A Hebrew greeting for the High Holy Day season, this means “For a good and sweet year.”

Machzor — Pronounced MAHKH-zohr. Literally “cycle,” the machzor is the special prayer book for the High Holy days containing all the special liturgy.

Selichot — Pronounced slee-KHOTE. Literally “forgivenesses,” selichot are prayers for forgiveness. Selichot refers to two related types of penitential prayers: the prayers that customarily are recited daily at morning services during the month of Elul, as well as the name of the service late at night on the Saturday preceding Rosh Hashanah consisting of a longer series of these penitential prayers.

Shofar — Pronounced shoh-FAR or

SHOH-far (rhymes with “so far”), the ram's horn that is sounded during the month of Elul, on Rosh Hashanah and at the end of Yom Kippur. It is mentioned often in the Bible in reference to its ceremonial use in the Temple and to its function as a signal horn of war.

Tashlich — Pronounced TAHSH-likh, literally “cast away,” Tashlich is a ceremony observed on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah in which sins are symbolically cast away into a natural body of water. The term and custom are derived from a verse in the Book of Micah (7:19).

Teshuvah — Pronounced tih-SHOOVuh. Literally “return,” teshuvah is often translated as “repentance.” It is one of the central themes and spiritual components of the High Holy Days.

Tishrei — Pronounced TISH-ray. The first month in the Hebrew calendar; during which Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot all occur.

Unetaneh Tokef — Pronounced ooh-nuh-TAH-neh TOH-keff. Literally “we shall ascribe,” a religious poem recited during the Musaf (additional service) Amidah that is meant to strike fear in us.

Yamim Noraim — Pronounced yah-MEEM nohr-ah-EEM, thgis term means “Days of Awe,” referring to the High Holy Days season. Sometimes it is used to refer to the 10 days from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur, which are also known as the Aseret Yimei Teshuvah, or the 10 Days of Repentance.

Yom tov — Pronounced YOHEM TOHV or YON-tiff, this is a general term for the major Jewish festivals.

Knowing what is going on in the community can be as easy as snapping your fingers.

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Area synagogues share service times for Days of Awe

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

Sun., Sept. 9, Erev Rosh Hashanah

5 p.m., New Year's Party
5:45 p.m., traditional service

Mon., Sept. 10, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m., traditional service
9:30 a.m., intergenerational family service (Slosberg Event Center)
Tashlich following both services

Tue., Sept. 11, Rosh Hashanah, second day

9 a.m., traditional service
10:30 a.m., family service (Yarmuth Family Chapel)

Tues., Sept. 18, Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre

7 p.m., traditional service
7 p.m., intergenerational family service, (Yarmuth Family Chapel)

Wed., Sept. 19, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., traditional service
9:30 a.m., intergenerational family service, (Slosberg Event Center)
2 p.m., Rap & Reflect
6 p.m., Ask the Rabbis
6:20 p.m., Mincha
7:30 p.m., Neilah
8:10 p.m., Ma'ariv
8:20 p.m. Shofar-blowing, Havdalah

Monday, Sept. 24 Sukkot, first day

9:30 a.m. Shacharit
5:45 p.m. Mincha

Tuesday, Sept. 25, Sukkot, second day

9:30 a.m., Shacharit
5:45 p.m., Mincha
Monday, Oct. 1, Shmini Atzeret
9:30 a.m. Shacharit & Yizkor Service
5:45 p.m. Mincha, followed by Ma'ariv without Hakkafot
7 p.m. Simchat Torah Hakkafot

Tuesday, Oct. 2, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., Shacharit at KI
5:45 p.m., Mincha at AJ

Anshei Sfard

3700 Dutchmans Lane, 502-451-3122, x0

Sat., Sept. 1, Selichot

11:30 p.m., refreshments
Midnight, Selichot

Sun., Sept. 9, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:42 p.m., candle lighting
7:45 p.m., Mincha, evening services to follow

Mon., Sept. 10, Rosh Hashanah, first day

8:30 a.m., morning services
Around 11 a.m., rabbi's sermon followed by shofar

p.m., Tashlich

7:15 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv (light candles after 8:38 p.m.)

Tue., Sept. 11, Day Rosh Hashanah, second day

8:30 a.m., morning services
Around 11 a.m., rabbi's sermon followed by shofar
7:15 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv
Yom Tov ends at 8:36 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 12, Fast of Gedaliyah

6:02 a.m., fast begins
8:35 p.m., fast ends

Sat., Sept. 15, Shabbat Shuva

9 a.m., morning services
7:20 p.m., Mincha
8:30 p.m., Shabbat ends

Tue., Sept. 18, Erev Yom Kippur

7 a.m., Shacharit
7:27 p.m., candle lighting
7:15 Kol Nidrei followed by Rabbi's Sermon and Maariv

Wed., Sept. 19, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., Shacharit
Noon, rabbi's sermon followed by Yizkor and Mussaf Mincha
7 p.m., Neilah
8:23 p.m., fast ends

Sun., Sept. 23, Sukkot, first night

7:20 p.m., candle lighting
7:20 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv

Mon., Sept. 24, Sukkot, first day

9 a.m., Shacharit
7:10 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv
Light candles any time after 8:15 p.m.

Tue., Sept. 25, Sukkot, second day

9 a.m., Shacharit
7:10 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv
8:13 p.m., Yom Tov ends – 8:13pm

Sat., Sept. 29, Shabbat

9 a.m., Shacharit
7:05 p.m., Mincha

Sun., Sept. 30, Hoshana Rabba

8:30 a.m., Shacharit
7:09 p.m., candle lighting
7:10 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

Mon., Oct. 1, Shemini Atzeret

9 a.m., Shacharit
Around 11 a.m., rabbi's sermon followed by Yizkor
7 p.m., Mincha
Light candles any time after 8:04 p.m.
Around 8:50 p.m., dancing for Simchat Torah

Tues., Oct. 2, Simchat Torah

9 a.m., Shacharit
Around 10:30 a.m., dancing for Simchat Torah
7 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv
8:03 p.m., Yom Tov ends

Chabad of Kentucky

1654 Almara Circle., 502-459-1770

Sun., Sept. 9, Erev Rosh Hashanah

3:15 p.m., Mincha
7:30 p.m., New Year celebration service
8 p.m., Rosh Hashanah Dinner

Mon., Sept. 10, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9:30 a.m., Shacharit
11:00 a.m., Children's program
12:15 p.m., Shofar blowing, Musaf
6:45 p.m., Mincha followed by Tashlich

Tue., Sept. 11, Rosh Hashanah, second day

9:30 a.m., Shacharit
11 a.m., Children's program
12:15 p.m., Shofar blowing, Musaf
7:45 p.m., Mincha, Meditation and Maariv

Wed., Sept. 12,

Deadline for Ordering lulav and etrog

Tue., Sept. 18, Erev Yom Kippur/

3:15 p.m., Mincha
7:30 p.m., Kol Nidre and Maariv

Wed., Sept. 19, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Shacharit services
11 a.m., Children's program
12 p.m., Yizkor
6 p.m., Mincha
7:15 p.m., Neilah, followed by Shofar and Maariv

8:30 p.m., Break the fast

Sun., Sept. 23, Erev Sukkot,

7:15 p.m., Mincha, Maariv

Mon., Sept. 24, Sukkot, first day

10 a.m., Shachrit
11 a.m., Children's program
1 p.m., Kiddush in the sukkah
7:20 p.m., Mincha, meditation and Maariv

Tue., Sept. 25, Sukkot, second day

10 a.m., Shachrit
11 a.m., Children's program
1 p.m., Kiddush in the sukkah
7:20 p.m., Mincha, meditation and Maariv

Sat., Sept. 29, Sukkot, 4th day Chol Hamoed

10 a.m., Shachrit
11 a.m., children's program
12:30 p.m., Kiddush in the sukkah
7:10 p.m., Mincha, meditation and Maariv

Sun., Sept. 30, Sukkot, Hoshana Rabba

8:30 a.m., Shachrit
7:30 p.m., "Connect" holiday service
8 p.m., Holiday dancing with Torah

Mon., Oct. 1, Shmini Atzeret,

10 a.m., Shachrit
11 a.m., Children's program
12:30 p.m., Yizkor, followed by Musaf and Kiddush

7:15 p.m., Mincha, Sukkah farewell
8:15 p.m. Simchat Torah service and Dancing with the Torah

Tues., Oct. 2, Simchat Torah

10 a.m., Shachrit Services
11 a.m., Dancing with the Torah
Sat., Oct. 6, Shabbat Bereishit,
10 a.m., Shachrit
11 a.m., Children's program
12:30 p.m., Kiddush luncheon

Keneseth Israel

2530 Taylorsville Road, 502-451-5359

Sat., Sept. 1, Selichot

10 p.m., service

Sun., Sept. 2, KI Cemetery

10 a.m., beautification project
10:30 a.m., cemetery prayers

Sun., Sept. 9, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m. – Erev Rosh Hashanah service

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High Holy Days Section



Yom Kippur: 9 things you didn't know about Day of Atonement

1. The word “scapegoat” originates in an ancient Yom Kippur ritual.

Jews historically have been popular scapegoats — blamed for an array of ills not of their creation. However (and we're not kidding), they really do deserve blame (or credit) for the term scapegoat. In Leviticus 16:8 (in the Torah portion Achrei Mot), the High Priest is instructed on Yom Kippur to lay his hands upon a goat while confessing the sins of the entire community — and then to throw the animal off a cliff.

2. Another animal ritual, swinging a chicken around one's head, has sparked considerable controversy, and not just from animal-rights activists.

In 2015, the kapparot ritual, in which a chicken is symbolically invested with a person's sins and then slaughtered, spurred two lawsuits in the United States: one by traditional Jews claiming their right to perform it was being abridged by the government and another by animal-rights activists. Centuries earlier, the ritual drew criticism from notable sages like the Ramban (13th century) and Rabbi Joseph Caro (16th century), whose objections had less to do with animal welfare than with religious integrity.

3. Yom Kippur once was a big matchmaking day.

The Talmud states that both Yom Kippur and Tu b'Av (often described as the Jew-

ish Valentine's Day) were the most joyous days of the year, when women would wear white gowns and dance in the vineyards chanting “Young man, lift up your eyes and see what you choose for yourself. Do not set your eyes on beauty, but set your eyes on a good family.” Given the aforementioned caffeine headaches and the difficulty of making a decision on an empty stomach, we're glad this particular tradition is no more.

4. Food and drink are not the only things Jews abstain from on Yom Kippur.

Other traditional no-nos on Yom Kippur include bathing, wearing perfume or lotions, having sexual relations and wearing leather shoes. The less-than-attractive aroma resulting from the first two restrictions (not to mention the romantic restrictions imposed by the third) may explain why the day ceased to be an occasion for finding true love.

5. In Israel, Yom Kippur is the most bike-friendly day of the year.

Although many Israelis are secular, and there is no law on the books forbidding driving on Yom Kippur, virtually all the country's Jews avoid their cars on this day. With only the occasional emergency vehicle on the road, bikers of all ages can be seen pedaling, even on major highways.

6. Eating a big meal before the holi-

day begins will make your fast harder rather than easier.

Traditionally, the meal eaten before beginning the fast is supposed to be large and festive, following the Talmudic dictum that it is a mitzvah (commandment) to eat on the eve of Yom Kippur, just as it is a mitzvah to fast on Yom Kippur itself. However, eating extra food — particularly in one last-minute feast — does not help to keep you going for 24 hours, says Dr. Tzvi Dwolatzky of Israel's Rambam Health Care Campus. He suggests eating small amounts of carbohydrates (bread, potato, rice, pasta), some protein (fish, chicken) and fruit.

7. On Yom Kippur in 1940, London's Jews kept calm and carried on.

In the midst of the Battle of Britain, the relentless Nazi bombardment of London that began in September 1940, the city's synagogues went on with their Yom Kippur services. According to JTA, while air raid warnings “twice disturbed” the morning services on Oct. 12, 1940, “most synagogues carried on regardless” and a “large proportion of the men attending services wore uniforms of the various forces.”

8. Yom Kippur's Kol Nidre services are the only night of the entire Jewish calendar when a prayer shawl is worn for evening prayers.

According to the late Rabbi Louis Jacobs, the tallit (prayer shawl) is worn during

Kol Nidre as “a token of special reverence for the holy day.” It is traditional to wear a tallit or a white garment for the entire holiday, with the color white symbolizing both our spiritual purity and our removing ourselves from the vanities of the material world. Many people actually wear a white robe called a kittel.

9. A Virginia rabbi's pro-civil rights movement sermon on Yom Kippur in 1958 riled up local segregationists and sparked fears of an anti-Semitic backlash.

JTA reported that Virginia's Defenders of State Sovereignty group demanded that local Jews “move quickly to refute and condemn” Rabbi Emmet Frank of Alexandria's Temple Beth El for his sermon criticizing the state's “massive resistance” to school desegregation and said that if he had intended to destroy Christian-Jewish relations, “he could not have been more effective.” While a “leading member” of the Reform temple reportedly said a “considerable” number of congregants worried Frank's stand “might result in increased anti-Semitism,” others “sided with the rabbi, holding that he held a spiritual and moral duty to speak out for social justice.” The congregation stood by Frank, and The Washington Post published an editorial calling him a “courageous clergyman.”

(Compiled by My Jewish Learning)

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Mon., Sept. 10, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m., morning service
10:15 a.m., children say the blessings for fifth aliyah
10:30 a.m. family service
12:15 p.m. teen service
6 p.m., Tashlich at Big Rock

Tue., Sept. 11, Day Rosh Hashanah, second day

9 a.m., morning service
10:30 a.m., family service
12:15 p.m., teen service
6 p.m., afternoon service

Tue., Sept. 18, Erev Yom Kippur

6:45 p.m., Mincha
7 p.m., Kol Nidre
7 p.m., family service
Wed., Sept. 19, Yom Kippur
9 a.m., morning service
10:30 a.m., family service
12:15 p.m., teen service
around 11:30 a.m., Yizkor
5 p.m., study session with Rabbi Wolk
6 p.m., Mincha and Ne'ilah
Around 8:30 p.m., break the fast dinner

Sun., Sept. 23, Erev Sukkot

6 p.m., service

Mon., Sept. 24, Sukkot, first day

9:30 a.m., morning service
6 p.m., afternoon service

Tuesday, Sept. 25, Sukkot, second day

9:30 a.m., morning service
6 p.m., afternoon service

Wed., Sept. 26

6 p.m., afternoon service

Sat., Sept. 29

9:30 a.m., Shabbat morning service

Sun., Sept. 30, Hoshana Rabba

8:45 a.m., morning service @ AJ
5:45 p.m., evening service @ KI
Mon., Oct. 1, Shemini Atzeret
9:30 a.m., morning service with yizkor
5:45 p.m., mincha @ AJ
7 p.m., Simchat Torah Celebration @ A.J.

Tuesday, Oct. Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., morning service @ KI
6 p.m., afternoon service @ KI

The Temple

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Sat., Sept. 10, Selichot

7:30 p.m., oneg (Atrium)
8 p.m., service (Waller Chapel)
9 p.m., Tikkun Selichot (library)
Sun., Sept. 9, Erev Rosh Hashanah,
6 p.m., classical service (sanctuary)
6 p.m., children's service (Waller Chapel) followed by oneg in The Temple Trager ECEC

8 p.m., regular service (sanctuary)
8 p.m., contemporary service (Waller Chapel)

Mon., Sept. 10, Rosh Hashanah

10 a.m., morning service (sanctuary)
10 a.m., High Holy Day Your Way (Library) for grades 4-6 preregister at website

Tashlich at Captain's Quarters Dock immediately following services

Fri., Sept. 14, Shabbat Shuvah

6:30 p.m., Yahrzeit service (Library)
7 p.m., Shabbat Shuvah (Waller Chapel) followed by Oneg

Sat., Sept. 15, Shabbat Shuva

9 a.m., Torah study
10:30 a.m., Shabbat service
Tues., Sept. 18, Erev Yom Kippur
6 p.m., Kol Nidrei classical service (sanctuary)
6 p.m., children's service (Waller Chapel)
8 p.m., Kol Nidrei regular service (sanctuary)

Wed., Sept. 19, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., morning service (Sanctuary)
10 a.m., High Holy Day Your Way (Library) for grades 4-6, preregister at website
12 p.m., special music with student Cantor Mike Jarvis
1 p.m., Yizkor education session with Rabbi Rapport

1 p.m., educational session (library)
2 p.m., afternoon service (sanctuary)
3:45 p.m., Yizkor service (sanctuary)
4:45 p.m., concluding service (sanctuary)
5:30 p.m., break the fast (main entrance)

Mon., Sept. 24, Sukkot

10:30 a.m., Sukkot morning service (Waller Chapel)

Mon., Oct. 1, Sukkot/Simchat Torah

10:30 a.m., Sukkot Yizkor service (Waller Chapel)

Temple Shalom

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Sat., Sept. 1, Selichot

7:30 p.m., study session
8:30 p.m., services

Sun., Sept. 9, Erev Rosh Hashanah

8 pm, service

Mon., Sept. 10, Rosh Hashanah, first day

10 a.m., service
10:30 a.m., family service
Tashlich following oneg

Tue., Sept. 11, Rosh Hashanah, second day

10 a.m., service

Tue., Sept. 18, Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre

8 p.m., service.

Wed., Sept. 19, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., morning service
10:30 a.m., family service
1:30 p.m., Study session on Jonah with Rabbi Helen Bar-Yaacov from Israel
3 p.m., afternoon service
4:30 p.m., Yizkor
Neilah service immediately follows Yizkor

Sun., Sept. 23, Erev Sukkot

6:30 p.m., services, in the sukkah (weather permitting)

Sun. Sept. 30

Simchat Torah services at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 1

10:30 a.m. Yizkor service



High Holy Days Section



AROUND TOWN

Pre-Selichot 'Night of Storytelling'

Adath Jeshurun will hold a pre-Selichot "Night of Storytelling" at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 1. The work of Interfaith Paths to Peace, is included in the presentation entitled "In the Heart of the Other: A Muslim and a Jew Trade Stories." Havdalah and refreshments begin at 9:30 p.m., followed by the traditional Selichot service at 10 p.m. The event is free.

AJ Cemetery service

The annual AJ cemetery service will take place at 11 a.m., Sunday, September 2, in the Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 2926 Preston Highway.

Elegant Dinner in the sukkah

Adath Jeshurun will host a dinner in its sukkah on Friday, September 28. The dinner, which follows the 5:45 p.m. service, is geared to adults, and the cost is \$15 per person. Visit adathjeshurun.com/sukkotdinner or call 502-458-5359 by Friday, September 21, for reservations. There is a 55-seat capacity.

PJ Library/AJ Sukkot Adventure

Families with children ages 8 and below may participate in PJ Library's Sukkot Adventure at from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Sunday, September 23, in AJ's Chester & Vivian Slosberg Memorial Sukkah. Children will hear stories, sing songs, make crafts, and enjoy snacks, all while learning about Sukkot. This event is free.

RSVP Shannon Benovitz at sbenovitz@jewishlouisville.org or 502 238-2719 or visit adathjeshurun.com/PJLibrary by September 19.

Simchat Torah with AJ, KI

Adath Jeshurun and Keneseth Israel will co-sponsor a joint Simchat Torah celebration on Monday, October 1, at AJ. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with Mincha/Ma'ariv followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m. Dancing with the Torahs will begin at 7 p.m. The dinner costs \$10 per adult and \$5 per child ages 3-10. Visit adathjeshurun.com/simchat or call 502-458-5359 to RSVP. Also, a shared Simchat Torah service will begin at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 2, at KI.

Cemetery cleanup

Keneseth Israel will hold its cemetery cleanup on Sunday, September 2, at the KI cemetery, 719 Locust Lane. Cemetery beautification (building a fence, repairing gravestones, planting and cleaning) will begin at 10 a.m., followed by clergy visits to gravesites at 10:30 a.m. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Family services

Gabe Pachter will again lead High Holy Day family services at Keneseth Israel. A lifelong Jewish educator, Pachter has more than 10 years' experience leading High Holy Day services. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, all children will be invited to say the blessings on the fifth Aliyah before family services begin. There is no charge, but reservations are required. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Rosh Hashanah in the park

Keneseth Israel will hold tashlich at Beargrass Creek, Big Rock Park, at 6 p.m., Monday, September 10. A New Year's party with cake and champagne, then afternoon services, will follow. The entrance to the park is at the north end of Valletta Lane. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Break the fast

The Keneseth Israel Sisterhood will host a break-the-fast immediately following the conclusion of Yom Kippur services on Wednesday, September 19. There is no charge for this light meal, but reservations are required. Donations to defray costs are appreciated. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Family sukkah party

Keneseth Israel will hold a family party in its sukkah at 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 24, including a light dinner, an edible sukkah contest, arts and crafts. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Ceviche in the Sukkah

Keneseth Israel will serve Latin-inspired food and cocktails in its sukkah at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 27. Mayan Café will cater. The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Simchat Torah Party

Adath Jeshurun and Keneseth Israel will hold a joint-synagogue Simcha Torah event at 5:45 p.m., Monday, October 1. A light celebratory dinner will follow mincha. The Hakafot will start at 7 p.m. An ice cream feast will cap the evening. Reservations are required. RSVP by September 21 to AJ, 502-459-5359 or at adathjeshurun.com/simchat. Sitter service is free, but reservations are required.

Yom Kippur music program

The Temple will hold a special music program with Student Cantor Mike Jarvis from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 19, following morning services.

Yizkor and the Value of Remembrance

Rabbi Joe Rapport will lead a program on why we gather for Yizkor services, on Yom Kippur and for festivals, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 19, at The Temple.

Schmoozing the Sukkah

Temple Shalom will hold its third annual Schmoozing in the Sukkah at 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 28. The evening will begin with a Shabbat service in the Founders Garden (weather permitting) with music provided by the klezmer band Lost Tribe. Dinner will follow. A campfire with more Lost Tribe music and schmoozing will follow the meal. Bring your folding chairs and adult drinks; child supervision will be provided. RSVP by September 23 to 502-458-4739 or information@templeshalomky.org.

Free Jewish calendars

Chabad of Kentucky is offering free 2018-19 Jewish calendars. Contact them at calendar@chabadky.com or 502-459-1770.

Rosh Hashanah Dinner

Chabad will hold its annual Rosh Hashanah Dinner on Sunday, September 9. A service will be held at 7:30 p.m. followed by the meal at 8 p.m. Cost \$18 for adults, \$10 for children. Contact Chabad at rabbib@chabadky.com or call 502-459-1770 by September 4 to RSVP.

Yom Kippur break-the-fast

Chabad will hold closing prayers on Yom Kippur followed by a break-the-fast beginning at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 19. The fast ends at 8:24 p.m. There is no charge. Contact rabbib@chabadky.com or 502-459-1770 for details.

Sukkah building offered

Chabad will help construct and assemble sukkahs. Contact Rabbi Chaim Litvin at rabbichaim@chabadky.com for details.

Pizza in the Hut

Chabad House will be serving pizza in its sukkah from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 26. Contact Rabbi Chaim Litvin, rabbichaim@chabadky.com or 502-442-2208 for details.

Bourbon & BBQ in the sukkah

Chabad House will pour bourbon and serve barbecue in its sukkah at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27. You must be 21 or over. Heaven Hill will provide the bourbon. Contact Rabbi Chaim Litvin, rabbichaim@chabadky.com or 502-442-2208 for details.

Shabbat-Sukkot deli luncheon

Chabad will hold a deli luncheon in its sukkah on Saturday, September 29. Services begin at 10 a.m., followed this family-friendly luncheon. Admission is free. Contact Rabbi Litvin, rabbib@chabadky.com or 502-459-1770 for more details.

Torah dance party

To celebrate the completion of the reading of the Torah, Chabad will hold a Torah dance party, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, September 30. The party is particularly geared toward children, with stories, games, prizes and flags. Contact Rabbi Litvin, rabbib@chabadky.com or 502-459-1770 for more details.



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B'nai Mitzvah Listings, 2018-19

August 11
Ada Weiss
Keneseth Israel

August 18
Hailey Hertzman
The Temple

August 25
Lilly King
The Temple

September 1
Benjamin Greenberg
Adath Jeshurun

Hannah Ciriano
The Temple

September 22
Cameron Breier
The Temple

September 29
Isaac Levitch
The Temple

October 6
Julia Geer
Adath Jeshurun

Joshua Siegwald
The Temple

October 13
Sophie Braunstein
The Temple



A bar mitzvah boy reads from the Torah. B'nai mitzvah is a traditional Jewish rite of passage for boys and girls in Judaism. This page contains a list of all b'nai mitzvah in the area synagogues for the coming year. (photo provided)

October 20
Jack Kaplan
Adath Jeshurun

Luke Patterson
The Temple

October 27
Miranda Borowick
Adath Jeshurun

November 3
Benjamin Teitel
The Temple

November 10
Lauren Goldberg
Adath Jeshurun

Lauren Rowe
Keneseth Israel

November 17
Josh Gitter
Adath Jeshurun

December 1
Violeta Higuera
The Temple

December 8
Piper Charney
Adath Jeshurun

January 5
Jared Tuvlin
The Temple

March 9
Emma Hales
Keneseth Israel

March 23
Benjamin Norton
The Temple

May 11
Anna & Claudia Cohen
Adath Jeshurun

Levi Koby
The Temple

May 18
Julia Goldstein
The Temple

Elyssa Goldstein
The Temple

May 25
Leah Schuhman
Keneseth Israel

Nate Kaplan
Temple Shalom

Maraya Goldstein
The Temple

June 1
Blake Tasman
Adath Jeshurun

Ryan Marks
The Temple

Ethan Schwartz
Temple Shalom

June 15
Nicole Scaiewicz
The Temple

August 3
Jenna Figa
The Temple

August 10
Ariel Hatzell
The Temple

August 24
Audrey Weinberg
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August 31
Kendall Geller
Adath Jeshurun

Abigail Berger
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JFCS FOOD PANTRY

SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Mayo
- Mustard
- Jam/jelly
- 1 lb bags/dried beans
- Ketchup
- Crackers

Remember, donations can be made at your local synagogue.

Food must be donated in original packaging before the expiration date. Monetary donations also may be made to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. Contact Kim Toebbe: 502-452-6341, ext. 103.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Sept. 3, 4pm and Sept. 4, 3pm Caregiver Support Group

Meets first Monday of month at Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Rd.
 Contact Connie Austin: 502-452-6341, ext. 305.

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

September 13, 1pm Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group

Meets second Thursday of month at JFCS.
 Contact Connie Austin: 502-452-6341, ext. 305.

September 14, 2pm Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Meets second Friday of the month at JFCS.
 Contact Kim Toebbe: 502-452-6341, ext. 103.

September 17, 12:30pm Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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

September 19, 10am Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Meets third Wednesday of month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 919 Palatka Rd.
 Contact Jo Ann Kalb: 502-452-6341, ext. 335.

September 20, 7pm Adult Children of Aging Parents

Meets third Thursday of month at JFCS.
 Contact Mauri Malka: 502-452-6341, ext. 250.

EVENTS

September 13 is the biggest day of the year for local giving!



Help JFCS reach its goal of \$10,000. To donate, go to: giveforgoodlouisville.org and search for JFCS.



October 11, 5-8pm

A fun, shopping experience, including refreshments and live jazz.
Proceeds to benefit JFCS clients.

We are accepting donations at JFCS through September 20th of new, gently used and vintage jewelry, scarves and designer handbags in excellent condition.

Contact Kim: 502-452-6341, ext. 103.

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PICTURE THIS: Israel Experience

Here are some scenes from the August 19 Israel Experience. Each station around the Community Garden shelter coincided with a city in Israel offering a craft project, game or other activity highlighting Israeli culture. The day also included Israeli dancing, a Krav Maga demonstration, a camel named Levi, a bedouin tent, a gaga pit and slides for the kids. Naked Humus and Steel City Pops provided refreshments and Chabad offered chances for men to put on tefillin. (Community photos by Tara Cocco)



PICTURE THIS: Farm to Table

Scores of people dined well at the July 25 Farm to Table Dinner at the J Pavilion. Chefs from Mayan Cafe, Monnik, Flavaville and Naked Humus prepared enticing dishes and cocktails, using farm-fresh ingredients. Meanwhile, The Juggernaut Band performed for the guests. Proceeds from the event supported The J's Jewish Outdoor Food and Environmental Education Program. (Community photos by Tara Cocco)



NEWS & NEWSMAKERS



Judy Freundlich Tiell

JFCS' Tiell to retire in December

After nearly 40 years at Jewish Family & Career Services, Judy Freundlich Tiell will be retiring as the executive director at the end of this year.

Touting a vision for JFCS as an organization that serves the entire community through a Jewish lens, Tiell has helped to create programs and services that enable people to develop skills, manage transitions and move forward in positive ways.

She has served on Metro United Way Council of Agency Executives and is a past president of the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services.

This year, Tiell received the Spalding University Social Work Leader Award.

A search committee is underway to find her successor. See next month's Community for more information about her career and retirement events.



Sarah Baron

Baron joins Federation staff

Sarah Baron has been named leadership and engagement manager at the Jewish Federation of Louisville, a position that focuses on young adults. Specifically, Baron will concentrate her efforts on leadership development and philanthropy.

A veteran of the performing arts sector, Baron previously was director of education at the North Carolina Symphony and held numerous positions at Orchestra Iowa, including community engagement director and operations manager.

Her husband, Dustin Baron, is a Louisville native.

Winay named TS youth group advisor

Stephanie Winay has joined Temple Shalom as its new youth advisor. She



Stephanie Winay

will work with the congregation's Pretty Awesome Reform Temple Youth (PARTY) group.

A native of Indianapolis, Winay attended the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, majoring in business management. While there, she was served as the youth group advisor at Adath B'nai Israel in Evansville.

She recently moved to Louisville, where she works for the Hertz Rental Car Corporation.



Bradley Waller

Jewish teen becomes Eagle Scout

Bradley Waller of Louisville became an Eagle Scout Sunday, July 29, during a ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Louisville.

Bradley and his parents, Bill and Stacy, are members of Temple Shalom.

For his Eagle project, Bradley made a labyrinth for the church where the ceremony was held.



Seymour "Sy" Slavin

Slavin to receive UofL award

Seymour "Sy" Slavin, professor emeritus of the University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work, has been selected to receive the Gold Standard Educator Award for Optimal

Aging from the University of Louisville, Gerontology Center of Louisville, 11:30 a.m., Friday, September 7,, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 830 Phillips Lane. The presentation comes just prior to Slavin's 97th birthday.

CHAVURAT SHALOM

Welcome 5779 with Chavurat Shalom friends, music, games and scholarly explorations.

On Thursday, September 6, Two of Diamonds (Ann and Beth) celebrate the seasons with a whole spectrum of favorite tunes. Wear bright colors and sing along. Lunch will include sweet and sour beef stir fry, jasmine rice, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and bread pudding.

On Thursday, September 13, Jason Parroco, Hosparus Health manager of community outreach, will talk about options and important factors when considering hospice or palliative care. Lunch will include baked chicken, mixed vegetables, barley pilaf, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and cherry cobbler.

On Thursday, September 20, Emily Sansbury from the Lake Forest Retirement Community will visit for Game Day, talking about a new option in senior living facilities. Lunch will include hoisin salmon, couscous, roasted cauliflower, Asian-style slaw, fresh fruit and assorted desserts.

On Thursday, September 27, Ranen Omer-Sherman, University of Louisville professor of Judaic studies, joined by a recent Judaic studies Ph.D. graduate, will share information about the program and the latest research in the field. Lunch will include veggie lasagna, ratatouille, caesar salad, fresh fruit and triple chocolate brownies.

Chavurat Shalom is an opportunity for seniors to meet socially and share ideas. Lunch is \$5 and reservations are due by the Tuesday before the program. RSVP to 502-423-1818 or sarahharlan86@gmail.com. Vegetarian options must be requested in advance. Programs are held in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Hwy. 42, unless otherwise noted. Lunch starts at noon, followed by the program at 1 pm. Transportation costs \$5 round trip and can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Chavurat Shalom is funded through the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, The Temple, The Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, NCJW, the Jewish Federation of Louisville, and other donors.

LOUISVILLE VAAD HAKASHRUTH

Venues currently supervised and certified by the Vaad:

- ◆ The Jewish Community Center (Kitchen)
- ◆ The J Outdoor Café (Dine -n- Dive)
- ◆ KentuckyOne Health Jewish Hospital (kosher kitchen only)
- ◆ The Arctic Scoop: 841 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. (They have pareve options and are available for any occasion at any off-site venue)

Services provided by the Vaad:

- ◆ Consultation on kashruth and of kosher products at local businesses and companies

List of local businesses providing kosher catering (must request to have Vaad supervision when ordering):

- ◆ Bristol Catering (kosher catering available at off-site venues such as The J, synagogues, etc.)
- ◆ The Catering Company - Michaelis Events (kosher catering available at off-site venues)
- ◆ Hyatt Regency Louisville (kosher catering only)
- ◆ Louisville Marriot East (can host kosher events but does not have kosher catering service)
- ◆ Other venues may be approved only upon request for kosher supervision

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Summer Craft Fair

Temple Shalom will host an end of summer craft fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, August 26. The fair will showcase local artists and crafters. The Men's club will be selling hot dogs and other refreshments.

Celebration Shabbat

All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of September may participate in a group aliyah during Shabbat morning worship services at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, September 1, at Adath Jeshurun.

Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Michael Wolk will hold his next lunch and learn class at noon, Thursday, September 6 at The Bristol on Main Street. The class is free, but food sold separately. RSVP to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com.

Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard

The Anshei Sfard Knit & Qvell Circle will meet at 1 p.m., Thursday, September 6, in the library of the synagogue, 3700 Dutchmans Lane. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. Call Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108 for details.

Down the Rabbit Hole

The Temple Shalom Men's Club will present Dr. Kaveh Zamanian, founder of Rabbit Hole Distillery, at its first break-fast lecture of the season, at 10 a.m., Sunday, September 9. Zamanian will share the story of his journey from clinical psychologist to maker of bourbon. A \$5 donation, defraying the cost of the brunch, is requested.

No Shush Shabbat

Temple Shalom's next No Shush Shabbat will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, September 14. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottin-

er and song leader Benji Barlow lead an interactive service. No Shush Shabbat is particularly designed for families with small children.

Shabbat Scholar, Frank Schwartz

Frank Schwartz will serve as Shabbat Scholar at Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, September 15, following the kiddush lunch. His topic will be: "What does Judaism teach about community: Within the family, Havurah, synagogue, or JCC? What is cohousing, and is it a Jewish concept?"

Pragmatic spirituality discussions

Marty and Dr. Courtney Snyder facilitate a discussion group on spirituality at Adath Jeshurun two Sundays a month at 10 a.m. The next two sessions are on September 16 ("Love Thy Neighbor... yes, even that neighbor!") and September 30 ("A Day Without Shoulds, Coulds or Woulds"). Contact Courtney Snyder at cbsnyder12@gmail.com.

Torah Yoga

Keneseth Israel, Temple Shalom and Hadassah will hold their next Torah Yoga class at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 20, at KI. Cantor Sharon Hordes will guide the Torah study; Lisa Flannery, the yoga.

Short & Sweet Family Service

Adath Jeshurun will resume its Short & Sweet Family Service for children in grades K-7 and their families, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Saturday, September 22. The informal service includes a story, grape juice and challah, and is followed by a special kiddush lunch.

Bagels and Belonging: Membership Matters

The Temple will hold its semi-annual Bagels and Belonging: Membership Matters breakfast from 9:30 to 11 a.m.,

Sunday, September 23, in the Heidem Auditorium. The event corresponds with the first day of Religious School. New, prospective, and current members are welcomed. The event is free. RSVP to The Temple at 502-423-1818 or ken-tuckycor@gmail.com by September 13.

Sunday Morning adult study

Adath Jeshurun will hold a new series of classes on understanding the prayer book, Sundays on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 11, 18. "Prayer Book Hebrew and Concepts" will meet from 10 to 11 a.m.; "Treasures of Siddur Lev Shalem - The Psalms," from 11 a.m. to noon. Contact instructor Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Interfaith relationship discussion

Jewish Family & Career Services will hold a group discussion on parents with young adults in interfaith relationships at 7 p.m. Monday, October 8, at the JFCS, 2821 Klempner Way. The program will allow participants to share ideas and gain support in a safe, open environment with no judgments. RSVP to Judy Freundlich Tiell at jftiell@jfcslouisville.org or 502-452-6341, ext. 224.

Wrestling with Faith

The Jewish Learning Institute begins its new semester on October 16, tackling beliefs in Judaism that seem outdated, reconciling scientific findings with ideas that cannot be proven in a lab, and the role of religion in gender roles, relationship choices and other controversial issues. Classes are held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Jewish Learning Center, 1110 Dupont Circle. The fee is \$80. Call 502-459-1770 or visit www.myJLI.com to register.

AJ Book Club

The AJ Book Club is currently reading *If All the Seas Were Ink* by Ilana Kurshan. The book will be discussed at the next Book Club meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 28, at Adath Jeshurun. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

AJ Trivia Night

Adath Jeshurun will resume its Trivia Night at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, October 28. Louisville Trivia will be the monitors. Dessert is included. The cost is \$10 per person. Participants are asked to bring a canned food item for the JFCS Food Pantry. Call 502-458-5359 or visit adathjeshurun.com/trivia to RSVP.

Bridge Club

Keneseth Israel's bridge club meets Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the small chapel. RSVP to gwishnia@gmail.com. (The club will not meet on Jewish holidays during September.)

Jews and Brews

Rabbi Michael Wolk leads Torah study over coffee Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in The J library. Due to the High Holy Days, Jews and Brews will meet only on September 5 at The J, and September 26 in Rabbi Wolk's sukkah. Email him at mwolk@kenesethisrael.com for the address.

Mahjong Club

Keneseth Israel's mahjongg club meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. at KI. RSVP your attendance to 502-412-0515 or ben-niem1946@gmail.com.

Saturday Torah study

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel; leads Torah study Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Fishman Library before the morning service. Coffee, bagels and cream cheese are provided.

GLOBE BRIEFS

By JTA

White House speech writer with white nationalist ties fired

The White House has fired a policy aide and speechwriter with ties to white nationalists after reporters began asking questions about his employment.

According to CNN, Darren Beattie, a former professor and immigration hard-liner, was fired after reporter Andrew Kaczynski asked about his attendance at the 2016 H.L. Mencken Club Conference at which he delivered a speech. White nationalist figures such as Richard Spencer, John Derbyshire and Robert Weiss-

berg frequently attend the Mencken Club Conference.

"In 2016 I attended the Mencken conference in question and delivered a stand-alone, academic talk titled 'The Intelligentsia and the Right.' I said nothing objectionable and stand by my remarks completely," Beattie told CNN.

In a tweet, Kaczynski wrote that he had "asked the White House last week about a speechwriter who was listed as speaking at a conference that included white nationalists Peter Brimelow, Jared Taylor and a host of VDARE writers. Friday evening they told me he was gone." VDARE is an anti-immigration website.

Anonymous entrepreneur restores Polish Jewish cemetery

WARSAW - An anonymous Polish entrepreneur has spent hundreds of thousands of zlotys to restore the Jewish cemetery of ywiec, a small central Polish town of 32,000 residents.

The cemetery had fallen into ruin following World War II and was among several under the care of the Jewish community of Bielsko-Biala, which has only several dozen members, Wyborcza.pl reported.

The community, which maintains responsibility for a dozen such cemeteries, was unable to pay for the upkeep of the

19th-century graveyard, which was overgrown with weeds.

The philanthropist, who asked to remain anonymous, expects the the work to be completed by September. He hired 10 workers to repair the fence and restore tombstones, many of which had toppled. Some weigh several hundred pounds.

"This man is a great Pole. To say 'thank you' is not enough," said Dorota Wiewióra, chairman of the Bielsko-Biala Jewish community.

Israeli officer who killed Palestinian rioter gets doubled sentence

Israel's High Court has doubled the prison sentence of a border policeman who shot and killed an unarmed Palestinian teenager during a Nakba Day riot outside of Ramallah in 2014, Haaretz reported.

He had previously been sentenced to nine months incarceration and a 50,000 shekel (\$13,600) fine under a plea deal.

On May 15, 2014, Ben Dery and other members of his Border Police unit were sent to the Beitunia checkpoint outside Ramallah to contain Palestinian demonstrations. Despite being under orders to use rubber bullets, Dery switched to live rounds and shot 17-year-old stone-thrower Nadim Nuwara in the chest, killing him.

Both Nuwara's parents and Dery's attorney had expressed opposition to the plea agreement.

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B'nai Mitzvah



Hannah Ciriano

We are proud to announce that Hannah Ciriano will have her bat mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 1 at The Temple.

Hannah is the daughter of Steve and Julie Ciriano; sister of Rebecca and Maya Ciriano; granddaughter of Richard and Myrna Cohen and Joe and Marian Ciriano.

A seventh grader at Kammerer Middle School, she is on the field hockey and girls soccer teams. She also plays cello in the orchestra and is a member of the Beta Club. We invite the congregation to celebrate with us and enjoy a kiddush lunch in honor of Hannah's bat mitzvah.



Lilly Madelyn King

Lilly Madelyn King, daughter of Nikki and Ted King, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah 6 p.m., Saturday, August 25, at The Temple. Lilly is the granddaughter of Jackie and Mark Posnansky of

Louisville, and Suzi and Jim King of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and the great-granddaughter of Rosita Kaplin of Louisville.

A seventh grader at the dePaul School, she is a competitive gymnast with Kentucky Gymnastics Academy and has been competing in the sport since the age of 8. She has earned numerous state titles and was one of 16 gymnasts chosen to represent Kentucky at regional championships in April.

Lilly also enjoys reading, art and spending time with family and friends.

For her mitzvah project, she collected more than 120 new and gently used gymnastics leotards to be donated to gymnasts in need around the world through the organization "Left Over Leos." Additionally, she created inspirational notecards for Blessings in a Backpack and wrapped holiday gifts for children in need through Kosair Charities Kids Volunteer Club.



Cameron Michelle Breier

Cameron Michelle Breier, daughter of Shelly and Ben Breier and sister of Dylan and Hayden, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 22,

at The Temple.

Cameron is the granddaughter of Susie Spencer and Robert Breier and the late Eileen Breier.

A seventh grader at Kentucky Country Day School, Cameron is a member of the soccer, field hockey, basketball and lacrosse teams. She attended Birch

Trail Camp for the past three years, loves spending time with her friends, listening to music, dancing and reading.

For her mitzvah project, Cameron is participating in an organization called Roo's Wish, where she will collect new or gently used luggage/duffle bags, blankets and toys for foster children. She will be involved in the creation of a new parent/child visitation room in Jefferson County, helping to paint, decorate and set up the room with the toys she collects. To donate to her cause, please find the box in The Temple labeled Roo's Wish.

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



Isaac Allen Levitch

Isaac Allen Levitch, son of Carol Jones Levitch and Paul Levitch and brother of Benham, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 29 at The Temple.

Isaac is the grandson of Sue and Gil Levitch and Betty and David Jones and the great-nephew of Jane Goldstein.

A seventh grader at Kentucky Country Day School, Isaac runs cross country and plays basketball and baseball. In his free time, Isaac practices Shaolin Kempo Karate at St. Matthews Martial Arts and enjoys playing games, listening to music and hanging out with his friends.

He has attended Camp Livingston for the past four years.

Isaac and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and join them for the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Obituaries



Edith Schimmel Rubin

Edith Schimmel Rubin, 89, died August 9, 2018, at her home following a long illness.

A native of Frankfurt, Germany, Rubin immigrated to the United States in the spring of 1939, six months after Kristallnacht, fleeing Europe with her parents to escape the harsh Nazi persecution of Jews.

During World War II, Rubin lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and later graduated from Fort Wayne's Central High School. Knowing no English when she first arrived in the United States at age 10, she nevertheless became the editor of her school newspaper during her senior year.

Following high school, Rubin moved to Geneva, Switzerland and Paris, France, working to become an interpreter at the United Nations. First, she attended the

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University of Geneva, then completed a degree at the University of Sorbonne. She later returned to the United States to do post-graduate work at Columbia University in New York.

In 1951, Rubin gave up her dream of work at the United Nations to make an even bigger dream come true: She married the love of her life, municipal bond attorney Joseph R. Rubin in Louisville. The couple was married for 59 years until Joseph Rubin's death in 2010. Rubin often said that marrying her husband was the smartest decision of her life and the source of her greatest blessings.

Fluent in German, French and English, Rubin also enjoyed studying and speaking a variety of other languages. Throughout her adult life, she was an avid Bridge player, a patron of the arts, a theater goer (especially for Broadway musicals) and dancing.

Together with her husband, she delighted in traveling overseas. They also spent many winters in southern Florida. In both Louisville and southern Florida, they enjoyed socializing with friends.

Always chicly dressed, Rubin became widely admired for her beauty, elegance and sweet-natured charm. She also was highly regarded for her overall sense of propriety and style in all social matters.

Because of her exceptional beauty, during the early years of her marriage, Rubin was a professional model for the Alix Adams Model Agency. Once, during a live local television talk show, a well-

known clothing designer flirted with her in full view of the television audience – and her immediate family. That was when her husband announced: “No more modeling for Mother.”

Rubin then devoted herself to her life as a full-time housewife and mother, but she frequently used her skills as an editor to proofread legal documents for her husband.

Guests at Rubin's home continually complimented her on her interior decorating skills, and she often received requests for decorating advice. Due to her innate creativity, she was offered a partnership in an interior decorating company, but she declined.

Rubin's memberships include Keneseth Israel Congregation, Hadassah and the Standard Country Club. She also held the honorary title of a Kentucky Colonel.

Rubin is survived by her son, Ronald M. Rubin of Louisville; and her daughter, Paula J. Rubin of Johns Creek, Georgia.

A funeral service was held August 14, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave., Louisville. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation or the donor's favorite charity.

Sidney Alan Winer

Sidney Alan Winer passed away on Friday, August 3, 2018. He was 91.

Born and raised in Louisville, a son of the late Sol and Marian Winer, Sidney graduated from Male High School and Indiana University where he was a proud



Navy during World War II, then went on to a long, successful career in the insurance industry in Louisville.

He enjoyed and excelled at tennis and golf and was an active member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, where he served as president.

In addition to his parents, Sidney was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ailene Frankfort Winer; and his sister, Gerry Samuels.

He was a loving father and “Paw Paw” who is survived by his three daughters, Audrey Bartlow (Peter), five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter; grandsons Ryan Bartlow (Davitta) and Jake Bartlow (Jenn); Diane Cheshner; grandson Ian Cheshner (Paige) and great-granddaughter, Tegan; and Meredith Friedman (Dick); granddaughters, Carly Friedman and Josie Friedman. He will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services were held on August 6 at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave. Burial followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun, your house of worship, or your favorite charity.

member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. He remained a life-long fan of both schools.

Those who knew Sidney knew that his two sporting passions in life were IU and the Chicago Cubs.

He served in the

Industries, Inc. a Fortune 500 company.

Like many women of that era, Edna dedicated herself to raising her children and instilling the value of family cohesiveness. More than that, she was a model of grace and warmth who affected everyone she met.

She had a brilliant, fiercely independent mind and was a voracious reader, and an excellent bridge player. While she preferred to be a private person, she was comfortable and successful in the public arena. She was a perfect partner for the dynamic corporate executive, but she also was a pioneer as one of the first members of the Louisville and Jefferson County Human Relations Commission.

Her life exemplified her commitment to an inclusionary society, both in public policy and personal conduct.

After Stanley's death in 1975, Edna found satisfaction in working as an interior decorator with Thorpe Interiors, but she devoted most of her energy to her grandchildren, Jennifer, Jacob, Aaron, Jessica, Jamie, and Braden, who survive her and cherish the time they had with her. She also formed a unique friendship with Ray and Elise Sales, which sustained her for many years.

Edna is also survived by her extremely grateful children: Fran, William (Susan), Robert (Judy), and John (Cathy); her grandchildren, and their spouses, Scott Cheatham (Jennifer), Ross Cohen (Jessica), and Sarah Tate (Aaron). And she doled out special affection to her great-grandchildren, Lucas, Cash, Egan, and Godric. She is also survived by her sister, June Atlas (Stanley).

One can only wonder what a person with Edna's innate talents and personal qualities would have become in today's world. It is safe to say that she would have been a monumental success in her husband's and sons' business world, in the political arena, or in any field she chose. Rather, she left her indelible mark on the many people she touched and loved.

Visitation was held Friday, August 10, in The Yarmuth Chapel at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Expressions of sympathy may be made to AJ or the donor's favorite charity.

Edna Elaine Klein Yarmuth

Edna Elaine Klein Yarmuth, mother of U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, passed away Tuesday August 7, at 91.

The anchor of the Louisville Yarmuth family for 70 years, she was born in



Louisville on January 26, 1927, a daughter of Sam and Hattie Klein. She became the valedictorian of her 1944 graduation class at Atherton High School, then went on to attend the University of Michigan for one year before marrying Stanley Yarmuth, whom she had met at a USO dance while he was in basic training at Fort Knox. He went on to become the founder, president and CEO of National

Anshei Sford

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national attention, including coverage by the *Forward*.

Last year, a Texas developer made an offer for the property, planning to build a 268-unit apartment complex on the site, but it pulled out in the face of neighborhood opposition and lukewarm support from the city.

Speaking after the vote, JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner, said she hoped the congregation and the Jewish community can now move forward.

“It's really a big step forward for Anshei Sford,” she said. “We're pleased that things worked out and we look forward with our plans for a campus expansion benefiting the entire Jewish community.”



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schools and a state takeover of JCPS; she calls for development that improves highways while protecting open spaces; she favors common sense gun control, Medicaid expansion and single-payer healthcare, alternative energy, and a plan to fund state pension plans using gaming revenue and medical marijuana sales.

But she's betting that her pro-choice stance on abortion will especially galvanize women voters.

"For the most part, women my age and older remember what it was like before Roe v Wade," she said. "They remember that women died – died horrible septic deaths. They don't want to go back there. They may not agree with abortion, but they don't want women to die as a result of that choice."

This election, Berg is marveling at how her gender is proving to be a political plus.

"The fact that I'm a woman makes a huge difference," she said. "For the first time in my life, I feel like maybe being a woman is actually an advantage rather

than a disadvantage."

But what about being Jewish?
"That's a really good question," Berg replied. "I don't know how many voters know I'm Jewish. I certainly don't hide the fact, and I certainly am unequivocally 100 percent Jewish, but how much of an impact it has on the day-to-day voters, I don't know."

She stopped short of saying her opinions reflect Jewish values.

"I think they reflect my values," she said. "Are they Jewish values or humanitarian values? I don't know. I know that there are certain basic things I was taught to believe in. One is that you have a responsibility, not just to you and your family, but you have a responsibility to your neighbor."

Berg's parents were both first-generation Americans who moved to Louisville from New York. Harold Berg went to medical school here and became a physician and well-known mosaic artist. His murals hang all over town, including the CenterStage auditorium. Berg still has a basement closet chock full of his tiles.

Pearl Berg, a nurse, English teacher and lawyer, "loved education," her daughter said.

Both parents were active in Jewish organizations "In every way, shape or

form," Berg said. "There wasn't a Jewish organization my parents somehow didn't support. It was just who they were."

Jews who have run for office before Berg dismiss the idea that her religion could color the outcome of her campaign.

Amy Shir, who ran unsuccessfully for the state House in 2006, doesn't think being Jewish affected her campaign, or that it will affect Berg's.

"Being a Democrat affected the outcome," she said of her campaign. "I had a few people ask me whether I took Jesus Christ as my personal lord and savior, but it was my party affiliation that mattered."

She added that it could be more of a factor in a statewide race.

Likewise, Louisville Metro Councilman Brandon Coan (D-8) and Jerry Abramson, long-time mayor of Louisville and former Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, don't believe religion will be a factor.

"In my judgment, it does not," said Abramson, who lives in Berg's district and is endorsing her. "It did not for me in my lieutenant governor's race. It did not for me in my five mayoral races. I think people will be much more interested in her on the issues."

U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, who also has endorsed Berg, agreed.

"Jerry Abramson and I, and many other Jewish candidates, have been elected in this community over the years," Yarmuth said in a prepared statement. "I am not concerned that Karen's religion will prevent her from winning her race. She'll be a fantastic state senator for the people of District 26."

In the final weeks of the campaign, Berg said she will concentrate on getting her voters to the polls, which she believes will make the difference in this race.

"When I was a political science major, I actually did my thesis on why people didn't vote," she said. "My argument was that people didn't really see a difference between the candidates; it didn't really matter who won, because society was relatively homogenous and the difference between this person and that person wasn't really going to make that much of an impact on anybody's life."

Not anymore.

"We now know that every vote matters – every vote matters," she added, "and who you vote for matters. It matters a lot."

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Teachers

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high school teachers can access help with their Holocaust instruction. Goldberg said the committee's intent is merely to refine that portal.

"We're not reinventing the wheel here; there are already wonderful curricula out there," he said. "What we want is for teachers around the state to have access to high-quality guidelines for teaching the Holocaust."

The Kentucky Legislature, in its regular session this year, passed the Ann Klein and Fred Gross Holocaust Education Act, making Holocaust and genocide education mandatory in public middle schools and high schools. Governor Matt Bevin signed the act, which takes effect next year.

The legislation's passage capped a 15-year lobbying effort, primarily by Fred Whittaker and his students and parents from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Louisville.

The new law also enshrines a benchmark for what qualifies as a genocide: The United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Lauren Gallicchio, social studies academic program consultant for the KDE, is working with the committee.

Kentucky will become one of a handful of states to require Holocaust education in its schools.

Whittaker, who just returned from Poland, where he took part in the Classrooms Without Borders seminar that exposes teachers to the actual sites of the Shoah, said he hopes the committee will serve to "enrich" the KDE's portal.

He wants Holocaust instruction in Kentucky to be more than a dry recitation of the facts to a classroom full of students.

"The teachers should be called to be more than historians when they're in the classroom with the Holocaust," he said.

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