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End of an Era Judy Freundlich Tiell retiring from JFCS **STORY ON PG. 4**

Capital progress Five co-chairs to guide upcoming Capital Campaign

By Community Staff

The five community leaders who will be the faces of the JCL's transforma-tional Capital Campaign to raise funds for the future J and an expanded Dutchmans Lane campus say now is the time to move forward with the next chapter of Jewish Louisville.

Jerry and Madeline Abramson, Frank and Barbara Weisberg, and Dr. Jeffrey Tuvlin, all familiar faces in the commu-nity, come from different backgrounds and bring different experiences to the campaign - the Abramsons, for instance, co-chaired last year's Annual Campaign but they share a commitment to raise funds to build a new J that meets the needs of the Jewish community for years to come.

"The timing is right," Barbara Weis-berg said, "and it's time for us to leave a legacy for our children and grandchildren.

"It is an honor and privilege to work along side these leadership volunteers, said Stacy Gordon-Funk, senior vice president of philanthropy for the Jewish Community of Louisville. "I am thrilled be in a position professionally to help change the Jewish landscape in Louisville for decades to come with a new J campus and building. As a new grand-



Jerry Abramson (left), Frank Weisberg, Dr. Jeffrey Tuvlin, Barbara Weisberg and Madeline Abramson will head up the Capital Campaign to build the new J on an expanded campus at Dutchmans Lane. (Community photo by Tara Cocco)

mother I'm committed to leaving a legacy for those who come after us. It's a transformational time for all of us."

The future J will benefit the lives Jews and non-Jews alike.

The Capital Campaign - called "Our

Community. Our Future" – is part of a two-track process to assemble the resources for the future J and Dutchmans Lane campus. The campaign track will

capture of Adolf Eichmann, will appear

items connected to Eichman's capture

following 28 years in the Mossad, will

speak at Temple Shalom at 7 p.m., Sun-

day, October 7. (See Around Town, page 21). The Temple, JHFE and Classrooms

without Borders

Hovav will

are co-sponsoring the visit.

Innovations Series.

(See story, page 9).

Avraham, who curated an exhibit of

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Family Recovery Court to open in October

NCJW-backed

By Lee Chottiner Community Editor

National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, is celebrating the opening of the new Jefferson County Family Recovery Court, the mission of which is to bring together families split up because of drug addiction.

The court, which is expected to open sometime in October, largely because of the NCJW's fundraising efforts, fills the void of the old Family Drug Court, which closed in 2009

due to cutbacks in state funding. The key differences, according to Jane Godchaux Emke, past presi-dent of the NCJW-Louisville Section, is that the offenders coming through the new court will not be subject to jail time, and for now at least, the court will solely operate on

But that can't last forever, Emke said. That's why community leaders who are raising funds for the court want to include it in the state budget for 2020.

'We don't want to fund it with private funding more than three full years," Emke said. "We're going af-ter state funding. If the courts were funded by wealthy individuals and corporations in the long term, then none of us would have any justice.'

Emke is part of a team of community leaders, including retired *Courier-Journal* Editorial Director David Hawpe, Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk David Nicholson and State Senators Julie Raque Adams (Republican) and Morgan McGarvey (Democrat), who have worked to establish the court. NCJW held a "Birth of a New

Court" celebration on September 26 at the Jefferson County Judicial Center Downtown, recognizing donors to the effort and honoring Judge Patricia Walker FitzGerald with this year's David Richart Pathway to Justice for Children Award.

The Family Recovery Court is designed to help parents who have temporarily lost custody of their

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Jewish World comes to town in 5779 World Jewish leaders to speak here; Cantors Assembly to convene

By Lee Chottiner Community Editor

The year 5779 – or 2018-2019 if you prefer – could be remembered as the year the Jewish world came to Louisville.

Maybe not the whole world, but enough to take

note.

Leaders who

are front and

center on the

Jewish political,

social and reli-

gious fronts are

making their way

to the Derby City

this coming year.

Several Louisville



Rabbi Rick Jacobs

organizations are providing opportunities for the community to learn from these speakers, including Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the synagogue association for

Reform movement in North America; Rabbi Daniel Hillel Freelander, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), the umbrella organization for Reform, Liberal, Progressive and Reconstructionist Jews around the globe; and Avraham Infeld, president emeritus of Hillel International-the

Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, which has chapters at the University of Louisville and at Bellarmine University. Infeld will be hosted by The J as part of its Israel @ 70 Innovation Series

But first, Gil Hovav, an Israeli

television celebrity and one of its leading culinary journalists, and Avner Avraham, a retired Mossad agent and the chief consultant on the motion picture, Operation Finale, the story of the

Avraham Infeld

here.

Rabbi Daniel Freelander

Temple Shalom, The Temple and JHFE are co-sponsoring his events.

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speak at The Temple at 7 p.m., Friday, October 12, and at Temple Shalom at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 13. He, too, is part of the Israel at 70

THE DASHBOARD

D'var Torah The 'sukkah solution' works

By Rabbi Simcha Snaid For Community

I am sure we have all experienced the packing-for-vacation saga. We pack so many clothes, planning exactly when and for what we use them.

We jam 12 shirts, seven pairs of pants, 15 pairs of shorts and, most importantly, eight pairs of shoes (hopefully all an exaggeration) for our five-day vacation. Then, we get everyone to sit on the suitcase, so we can close it, praying it is not overweight.

Finally, we are ready, excited and well prepared.

But the saga is not over. After our relaxing vacation, we must pack up again.

This time, the feeling is totally different. We open the drawers and see more than half of our clothing neatly folded, the same way it was when we originally put it in. They were never used! We look at the drawers, shaking our heads. What were we thinking? Why did we pack so much?

Once again, the same planning-and-packing happens. "This time will be dif-ferent," we say, and the vacation-packing saga continues.

Likewise, we all undertake a daily

journey. Destination: life. Are we properly packed and prepared? As we exit the High Holy Days, we hope we have packed our belongings for the journey into the rest of the year. But have we really?

Which actions, outlooks, and thought processes are necessary for our growth? Which habits are growth hindrances? Are we packing our worn, wrinkled and comfortable items, or are we going to discard those and try a new look with a new set of carefully chosen garments? Is it not time for a wardrobe makeover?

Some of us never find the time to take inventory, but those who do are often creatures of habit. This year looks oddly familiar to last year, and the years before. We open our suitcases to find many of the contents have gone untouched.

We see all our unused baggage and shake our heads. What happened to all our good intentions from last year? What happened to that strong resolve? Why are we still carrying around the same burdens and empty resolutions?



The solution can be found in the way we pack for our through journey Instead life. of transferring our entire wardrobe, we need to select a few essentials that we'll actually use. When we have grand plans to change everything, we usually end up changing

nothing. This is why we have the "sukkah solution" specifically at this time of year.

Sukkot is the time when we leave our sturdy and secure homes and dwell in a structure that is insubstantial and frail. No matter how elaborate our actual sukkah may be, there are obvious limitations to what we can bring. Most of our comforts must be left behind, so we must choose wisely, deciding what is truly indispensable and meaningful.

We need to separate all the gadgets that distract us daily and determine life's essentials. Sukkot is an exercise timed to help us prioritize our life for the year. It teaches us what we need to properly pack so we don't have many unused items. It is our reminder for the rest of the year of what is truly important. When we try to change too much, rarely do things get accomplished.

The beauty of Sukkot is that we leave our luxury, but still have meaning and enjoyment. We are forced to focus on what is most important to us in our lives: our families and friends, and our trust in G-d that He will always be there to protect us.

May we utilize the "Sukkah Solution" to see what is essential and important in our lives and carefully choose what we would like to resolve and change for this upcoming year.

(Rabbi Simcha Snaid is the spiritual leader of Anshei Sfard. He and his wife invited the community to visit them in their sukkah.)

Snapshots





Members of The Temple Young Adult Group got in touch with their inner lumberjacks on Sunday, August 26, when they visited Flying Axes in Louisville. About 30 young people, ages, 22 to 36, were learning the finer points of axe throwing and enjoying a few beers. (photos provided by The Temple)

Candles

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

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- October 19 @ 6:41
- October 26 @ 6:32

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Correction Myrle Davis is the president of Congregation Anshei Sfard. Her first name was

misspelled in the August 24 Community.

Friday, October 26.

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NEWS A great career IFCS' Judy Froundlich Tiell to retire in December: fund established in her

JFCS' Judy Freundlich Tiell to retire in December; fund established in her honor

By Beverly Bromley For Community

Judy Freundlich Tiell will end her service to Jewish Family & Career Services in December when the long-time executive director of the agency retires. "Licenad the staff in 1979 and had

"I joined the staff in 1979 and had been a part of the management team for many years," Tiell said. In recognition of her long-standing

In recognition of her long-standing service and commitment to JFCS, its board of directors has announced the establishment of the Judy Freundlich Tiell Family Strengthening Fund to honor her commitment to providing families parenting skills, economic means and social connection.

Her husband, Bob Tiell, former head of the JFCS Career Services, recalled when the executive director's position became vacant in 2004.

"I urged Judy to throw her hat into the ring, truly believing that she was much more than a worthy candidate," he said. "I think time has demonstrated that it was a wise decision."

Jane Goldstein, former president of Jewish Family & Vocational Service (the predecessor to JFCS), called Tiell "an excellent hire" and lauded her for "positioning JFCS as a vital part of our community,"

"I was privileged to meet Judy when I interviewed her for JFVS in 1979," Goldstein said. "It was clear then that Judy was a remarkable social worker, committed to the organization's Jewish values,"

A Brown University graduate, Tiell went on to earn two masters' degrees: an MSW from the University of Maryland and a Master of Arts in Jewish studies from the Baltimore Hebrew University.

Her social work practice has specialized in areas of adoption, infertility and intermarriage, helping many in the



Judy Freundlich Tiell addresses a capacity crowd at this year's MOSAIC Awards, a major fundraising event for the Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS). Tiell has been with the agency since 1979. (Photo by Ted Wirth)

region build families.

Tiell also helped to create programs and services that enable people to develop their skills, manage transitions and move forward in strengthened and

positive ways. As executive director, her vision for JFCS has been that the organization serves the entire community through a Jewish lens and *tikkun olam* (repairing

the world). She has been instrumental in creating LHOME, a certified community development financial institution, and other financial empowerment programs benefitting individuals and families.

Tiell also has brought her skills and leadership to the Jewish communal field.

"[Judy's] involvement with the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services and the Association of Jewish Family and Children Agencies helped to define our work for more than a decade," said Linda Burger, CEO of the Jewish Family Service of Houston, Texas. [Her] leadership helped birth the newly formed Network of Jewish Human Services, an organization that meets the needs of our field today."

Tiell is proud of her role in starting a local chapter of Resolve, a support group for people dealing with infertility, and the development of numerous support networks within the Jewish community for people dealing with substance abuse, for the LGBT community and for interfaith couples.

She has mentored and coached many young social workers and has created an organizational culture that allows for the growth and development of young professionals.

"Judy has been an exemplary and gifted leader," said Joe Tolan, former head of Louisville's Metro United Way. "I consider myself quite fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with her, and I wish her all good things as she embarks on this new stage of her life."

As a first-generation American, Tiell has been passionate about helping refugees and immigrants find their place in the community. Many JFCS programs that focus on creating pathways for newcomers to move forward in their careers were developed under her leadership. Indeed, since college, she has worked with refugees, helping them with job development and cultural competencies.

"Judy has touched so many people with warmth, understanding and kindness, said Sara Klein Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville. "She has helped interfaith couples navigate the start of their lives together with support and understanding. She has worked with young couples adopting children. She has guided substance abusers to the help they need. She has ensured that services and support are available for refugees and immigrants, giving them a fresh start in Louisville."

Married for 37 years, Judy and Bob have two sons, Scott and Jeff, and their respective partners, Lindsay and Kendra.

(Beverly Bromley is director of development and marketing at JFCS. To contribute to the Judy Freundlich Tiell Family Strengthening Fund, contact Bromley at 502-452-6341, ext. 223, or at bbromley@ jfcslouisville.org.)



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NEWS

Shapiro's commitment to social justice makes position with ACLU-KY the perfect fit

By Lee Chottiner Community Editor

From his downtown office, Corey Shapiro follows very different court cases:

There's the challenge to a state law requiring pregnant women to see sonograms of their fetuses and listen to their heartbeats before getting an abortion.

And there's the man suing the state to put "I am God" on his vanity license plate. (The state won't let him.)

To Shapiro, an attorney and the new legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union-Kentucky (ACLU-KY), these cases have one thing in common: They challenge state efforts to deprive people of their civil liberties.

Shapiro joined ACLU-KY in May. Broadly, his job is to manage the legal program. Specifically, he litigates cases that are docketed, makes decisions, with input from the executive director and the board, about what cases to take, and provides public education on legal issues

He and his staff don't just take cases in Louisville.

'We have all of Kentucky," Shapiro said

A litigator for 15 years, Shapiro brings to the job extensive experience in working for the rights of others. He worked for the civil rights organization People for the American Way following graduation from Washington University. Since law school, he has litigated

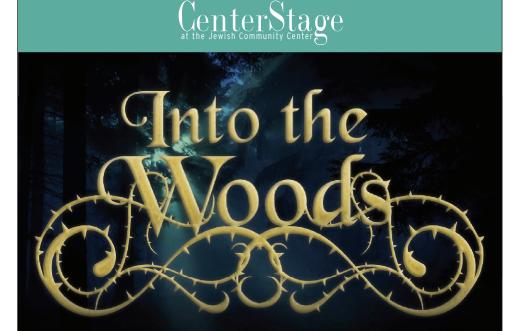


Corey Shapiro is overseeing civil rights litigation as the new legal director of the ACLU Kentucky. (Photo provided)

several civil liberties cases pro bono (without fee) and received a "Lead On!" Award in 2012 for representing disabled adults in a class action civil rights case in Illinois.

'His credentials are impressive,' ACLU-KY Executive Director Michael Aldridge said in a prepared statement. "His experience as a litigator and community organizer is unique, and his vision for the Legal Program is energiz-

ing." Shapiro said the job just suits him. "I've always maintained part of my practice as working pro bono civil



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rights-type cases," he said, "so when this opportunity arose, I knew it was something I wanted to do full-time." He said the work he does dovetails

with his Jewish teachings. "Absolutely," Shapiro said. "I think my commitment to social justice and civil rights comes from an upbringing of those same traditions of Judaism. I think they're one and the same in a lot of ways.

Some of the highest profile cases Shapiro and his staff are working on address abortion rights.

Case in point, ACLU-KY's challenge of H.B. 2, the bill that requires women to view an ultrasound and hear the fetus' heartbeat. The bill provides no exception to women who became pregnant as the result of rape or incest or who face a medical condition such as a birth defect.

They are unable to decline," Shapiro said. "Right now, it's not being enforced. We have a preliminary injunction.

Originally, the case was heard and won in U.S. District Court for Western District in Louisville. It has since been appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

He's also challenging the state's threat to revoke the license of Kentucky's only abortion clinic, EMW Women's Surgical Center, due to "technical deficiencies" in its agreements with a hospital and ambulance service. The state had approved these agreements in 2016 when it renewed EMW's license, according to the ACLU.

"The tactics we see in Kentucky have been the same for over 30 years," Shap-iro said. "Anti-abortionists are chipping away at women's reproductive rights through small restrictions that over time, they hope, will make it impossible for women in Kentucky to get the health care they need."

But a big part of Shapiro's job is to be a public face of the ACLU, which he did recently at The J, joining a panel discussion on civil rights following the final CenterStage performance of Hair*spray*. He also sat on a panel following a screening of *RBG*, a film about the life of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

But networking with the public goes

beyond speaking engagements. "We make reports," Shapiro said. "We work with our organizers to give them information to take to our members and the general public.

He also calls upon the national ACLU for resources when litigating his more high-profile cases. Shapiro said he doesn't fear attacks

on civil liberties, but they must be taken seriously.

"Instead of being paralyzed by fear, we should take action and push back fiercely against these attacks," he said."Those who seek to limit our liberties are the real cowards, as they fear a society where the Constitution lives up to its promise to protect the most vulnerable, treat people equally under the law, and provide justice for all.'

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What Does 'trouble' mean in Israel?

When Julie Weinberg-Connors, a bubbly, smiling 23-year-old Jewish woman from Boston, arrived at Ben Gurion Airport in September, she was first interrogated, then informed by an Israeli security agent that she would not be allowed to enter the country.

Her obvious response was, "Why?"

"Because you're here to make trouble," the officer said.

That's odd, considering that Weinberg-Connors, far from being a bomb thrower, was there to study at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies – a respected academy where even Louisville rabbis have gone to learn. She also plans to make aliyah.

But she happens to be politically liberal and, on a previous visit, had gone to Khan al-Ahmar, a West Bank Bedouin village that the Israeli government has slated for destruction for several reasons. The Israel High Court of Justice has upheld the eviction of its residents.

Still, Weinberg-Connors' political beliefs, and her willingness to act upon them, drew from authorities the accusation of "trouble."

For the record, Weinberg-Connors was eventually permitted to enter the country, but not before she was made to sign a pledge not to travel to certain areas in the West Bank under Palestinian control. Trouble averted?

Perhaps, but moves against people such as Weinberg-Connors can lead to trouble of a different sort.

This past August, Peter Beinart, a journalist and columnist for the Forward, who has called for a boycott of products made in Jewish West Bank settlements – what he calls a "Zionist BDS" – was also detained and questioned at Ben Gurion Airport. He later wrote that he was asked whether he had participated in violent protests or events that promoted anarchy or opposed Israeli democracy.



Human Resources

Lee Chottiner

BDS – Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions – against Israel is deplorable; I believe that. So is the suppression, even harassment, of people whose politics differ from ours. In this country, we have tolerated Klansmen, Nazis, communists (though Hollywood blacklisting remains a dark page in U.S. history), religious extremists and flag burners.

These days, some of us get offended when some football players take a knee at the National Anthem. Still, our democracy has demonstrated time and again how its real strength lies in tolerating speech of all sorts. The house won't collapse if people are permitted to express things we dislike, or even hate.

Like the United States', Israel's democracy is being tested. And the stress tests frequently involve how Jews may may live and worship in the Jewish state.

For instance, when Reform and Conservative rabbis – men and women – holding Torah scrolls have marched into the Western Wall plaza to worship there, only to face phalanxes of guards and haredi Jews determined to stop them, up to and including trying to rip the Torahs from their arms, that is trouble.

When the government passes legislation prohibiting gay couples from using an Israeli surrogate to become parents and raise Jewish families, all because of their sexual orientation, that is trouble. When a Masorti rabbi is arrested before dawn for having the audacity to marry people, that is trouble.

Trouble can also mean body searches at the Western Wall plaza, which happened to female rabbinic students on August 24, 2017, including lifting their shirts and skirts. The security service didn't say what they were looking for, but women have been detained and searched for Torah scrolls and other religious items.

Many the world over describe Israel as the only true democracy in the Middle East, and for good reason. Arab leaders have served in the Knesset, the Cabinet, even the Supreme Court. Political parties representing the gamut of philosophies compete in each election. No trouble there.

And for many Jews in Israel and the Diaspora, real trouble stems from the hostile external forces facing the country: Hamas, Hezbollah, ISIS, Iran – all keeping the country on a constant war footing with their rocket attacks and violent rhetoric and, in Iran's case, nuclear program.

But there are warning signs, as the above examples show. What is worse, these cases don't involve non-Jews, but Jews themselves, all taking political, religious and social stances that the powers that be – government and religious authorities – find inconvenient.

For the sake of the only true democracy in the Middle East, *that* kind of trouble, which threatens to divide the Jewish world and overshadow Israel's achievements, must be resolved.

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

FORUM

This year, more than ever, the community must vote



JCRC Scene

Matt Goldberg

Whenever we take a public stand on a particular issue, we look at our guiding principles. What does Jewish tradition say? Have we talked about the issue previously? Is there a consensus in the community on this issue? What do our national Jewish advocacy organizations have to say? Should we take a stand one way or the other on this issue at all?

We at the Jewish Community Relations Council have a process for releasing our public statements; we ask all these questions and carefully consider what we publish. Some issues are obviously easier than others, but we are always carefully considering what we say. I bring this up because the November

I bring this up because the November midterm elections are getting close, so political campaigns are heating up. That means we are being bombarded with candidates' stances on a whole host of issues, many of which we at the JCRC have addressed.

While neither party has a monopoly on where we stand – and we do not, in any way, shape of form, endorse candidates – it feels like our choices in the elections are becoming ever starker. Now, more than ever, candidates opposing each other rarely agree on anything, making it easier, I believe, to make a choice. Finding out where candidates and political parties stand on issues is easier than ever.

All the issues that we care about communally will be affected by this next election. Our two political parties differ (for better or worse) on Israel-related issues such as moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem. They differ on gun control, environmental issues, economic prosperity and values.

Our choices now make all the difference in the direction this country will take. If you care about the issues that inform your values, then you need to come out and vote on November 6.

Eastern European Jewish growth

Not 75 years after the Holocaust wiped out entire Jewish communities, there is a wonderful renaissance of Jewish life in Eastern Europe.

Poland, Lithuania and the Czech Republic, the hubs of Jewish learning and life for hundreds of years, are seeing Jewish life restored. There is a new JCC in Krakow. A new Torah scroll was just dedicated for a liberal synagogue in Prague for the first time since the Holocaust. Budapest, our Partnership2Gether city, has almost 100,000 Jews and most of them are young. Quite a change from their parents and grandparents, whose Jewish expressions was suppressed under communist rule.

Obviously, the Jewish populations in these countries will never again reach the numbers of pre-World War II (at



Jewish Louisville turned out in force for the annual Hunger Walk to support the Dare to Care Food Bank. Two teams from the community raised \$1,800. (photo provided)

least, not in our lifetimes) and the Yiddish/Jewish culture of these places is all but gone. Still, we should be heartened by the rebirth and resurgence of these communities.

The Joint Distribution Committee, an organization that has been around for over 100 years, supports Jewish life in Eastern Europe through direct service to impoverished Jews, summer camps for young people, and re-establishing the institutions of Jewish life.

Strong support for Hunger Walk

The Hunger Walk took place Sunday, September 23, with strong Jewish support.

The annual two-mile trek around Wa-

terfront Park that supports Dare to Care, the largest food bank in the area included a proud contingent from the community. It was good to see that Jewish-affiliated teams were the top two fundraisers. (Keneseth Israel raised over \$1,000 and Jewish Louisville Team raised over \$800).

This walk is an important part of Jewish Louisville history. Rabbi Dr. Herbert Waller co-founded it 40 years ago, shocked that an 11-year-old boy on the city's West End had died from starvation.

Today, one in six people in our area are food insecure. As Jews, we must, and do, respond to this critical problem.

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

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After completing my Bachelors degree in Accounting at Kentucky State University, I attended the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. I started my legal career with the City of Louisville Law Department and, subsequently, with the JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, where I have faithfully served our community since 2003.

Throughout my career as an Assistant County Attorney, I have made fair and balanced judgments, while serving my community and its residents with honor. I am now well-equipped and prepared to assume the next position in my legal career serving the people of Jefferson County in yet a higher calling—that is of **District Court Judge.**

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FORUM

Message to Jeff Bezos Father's 'nothing' pledge teaches son lifelong tzedakah lesson

By Michael Ginsberg Guest Columnist

When I was a child, I often accompanied my father to religious services at our middle class synagogue in Brooklyn. My father was an active member, generous with his time and money in supporting the institution. However, one day during High Holy Day services, he dramatically drew the line at conspicuous generosity.

At that time, congregants purchased tickets to the services and were given reserved seats. In this particular service, the president of the congregation stood at the altar – the bima – and called off the names of the congregants from the seating chart, asking them by name for donations.

The technique set off something of a spirited competition, with congregants trying to out-contribute each other, which I'm sure was at least part of the motivation for the practice.

When they called out my father's name, he shouted, "Nothing." The president, clearly thrown off guard, repeated my father's name, with an apology for not hearing him. My father shouted louder, "Nothing," setting off quite a buzz in the sanctuary.

I was never prouder of my dad. Even at age 9, I understood his message: Charity is done for its own sake, not for self-ag-



A lesson learned in the synagogue about tzedakah and self-aggrandizement should apply to charity outside the synagogue, too, Michael Ginsberg says. (photo provided)

grandizement. (My mother took a different approach; she once asked my cousin to send me a birthday present and make sure to leave the price-tag in place. But that's another story.) I thought of my father when I read a newspaper article recently about Amazon CEO Jeff Bazos' offer to fund new Montessori schools in low-income neighborhoods. He joins a long list of rich folks, including famous athletes, who make big public splashes of donations to start a school, a foundation, a program that will repair some piece of the planet. They all attach their name to the initiative, and they bypass existing programs that already show promise but lack the funds to fully succeed.

Jeff, here's my proposal: Attach your name to a donation and reap the praise that comes with your generosity. However, how about announcing your donation as funding for grants to help existing programs that can persuasively document success and need? I'm sure you can find plenty of them.

At our synagogue, the donations shouted out were often in multiples of 18, which, in Hebrew, is signified by the word *chai*, or life. So, someone would shout, "chai" or "twice chai" (\$18 or \$36) etc.

Perform a mitzvah, or good deed, Jeff: Go ahead and shout out "a million chai" (you do the math), but keep your plans in your desk drawer and keep your name off the side of the buildings. If it makes you happy, leave the price tag on the grant approval.)

(Michael Ginsberg is a journalist, a retired community college English professor in Louisville and a copy editor for Community.)



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J fitness trainers certified to work with cancer patients

By Bruce Snyder For Community

Responding to soaring cancer rates in Kentucky, The J is starting a program to help those battling disease develop appropriate exercise regimens. Fitness Director Matt Vamvas and

personal trainer Mat Shalenko have become certified cancer exercise specialists.

"It is inspiring," Vamvas said of the people he works with. "It makes me feel better for them. I want my clients to be around for as long as they can.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Cancer Institute, Kentucky has the highest cancer rate in the United States. It also has the highest cancer death rate in the country. Breast, prostate, and lung cancer are the three most common types found in our area.

For Vanvas, working with cancer clients is personal business. His grandmother and aunt died from cancer,

"If exercise can help people get through chemo treatments," he said, 'then I am 100 percent behind it.

In fact, Vamvas used to work for the American Cancer Society, and has been training clients for several years.

He and Shalenko have been taking an online course called CETI, which stands for the Cancer Exercise Training Institute. The webinar teaches the proper way to help cancer patients safely exercise. It stresses that each



Fitness Director Matt Vamvas shows Beth Mans, who just underwent a double mastectomy, an exercise regimen she can perform while recovering from the surgery. Vamvas, along with Mat Shalenko, are The J's certified cancer exercise specialists. (Community photo by Lee Chottiner)

client is different, based on the type of cancer they have, their health, and their overall background. "It's not only the type of cancer you are dealing with, but other things, like chemotherapy, which can have side effects that cause nausea or fatigue," Vamvas said. "So we learn that every cancer patient is to be helped on a case-by-case basis. Each training routine is specific to the individual and their needs. Some people take to exer-

cise better than others. "Bottom line," he added, "we will do things safely and smartly.

Since the CETI webinar is constantly updated with the latest techniques, Vamvas is constantly consulting the patients' physicians, making sure training programs are proper and safe. "Our personal training rates will

apply," he said, "but we can work with clients if there are financial concerns.

Prospective clients can contact me directly. It is something we want to grow, maybe have group classes, and go from there. So for patients battling cancer, I just want to help make their lives better

Though still in its infancy, the program is attracting attention. J Member Services Director Beth Mans, who is battling breast cancer, recently held an impromptu session with Vamvas.

Mans underwent a double mastectomy on August 8, which precludes upper body weight training while her body is healing. To compensate, Vamvas put together a regimen of leg exercises on the machines that don't require hand-held free weights or squats. Another cancer patient might have completely different therapy needs, depending on the cancer and other factors.

"Each person's journey is different," Mans said, "so getting on board with an exercise program from the beginning, so they can be active and know what is safe for them [to do], whether it's weight training, cardiovascular or yoga, is beneficial.

That's why she touts the program.

I think it's wonderful to know you can keep exercising [while recovering from cancer]," Mans said. "You don't have to just sit on the couch."

Interested?

Contact Matt Vamvas at 502-238-2792 or mvamvas@jewishlouisville.org.

Speakers series showcases Israeli, Louisville innovation

By Mary-Kate Smith For Community

In celebrating Israel's 70th anniver-sary, the Jewish Federation of Louisville and The J are holding a series of lectures about Israel and innovation.

This series, named the Israel at 70 Innovation Series, will include five events, which will take place on October 9, 13, 14, 29 and November 5, highlighting innovations in security, food, community, environmental engagement and the Jewish drive for innovation respectively:

• Innovations in Security: The Iron Dome & The Red Ball - Tuesday, 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 9 in the Patio Gallery of The J:

• Innovations in Food: Israeli Cooking with Gil Hovav – 7:30 p.m., Satur-day, October 13, at Temple Shalom;

• Innovations in Community: The Next Jewish Community with Avraham Infeld – 5 p.m., Sunday, October 14, at Jewish Hospital Rudd Heart & Lung Center:

• Innovations in Environmental Engagement: Green Horizons, Green Hearts and the "Envirom" – 6 p.m., Monday, October 29, location TBD;

• Thou Shalt Innovate: Exploring the Jewish Drive for Innovation with Avi Jorisch - 5:30 p.m., Monday, November 5, GE's First Build.

Lenae Price, the Innovation Series director, said the idea for the series came from a desire to highlight the ways Israel, as a small Middle Eastern country, has become a global leader in



The logo for the upcoming Israel at 70 innovation Series

innovation.

We felt it appropriate to highlight the impact Israel has had and continues to have on the world through innovation," she said.

One of the series speakers, Aric Mutchick, hopes to raise the commu-nity's conscience about the work being done in Israel in so many sectors.

"I think it is important to draw that connection between Israel and innovation," Mutchick said. "Giving people a sense of the influence Israel has over innovation and technology is a positive thing.'

Mutchick, president and CEO of Experior Group, Inc., will headline the first event in the series. He will present on Red Ball Drills, an active shooter response training methodology he developed. The system is based upon his experience in the Israel Defense Forces and working in counterterrorism and security. He is speaking with Ari Sacher, a rocket science who will discuss The Iron Dome missile defense system.

While sharing his own innovations with the community, Mutchnick also

wants to encourage others to innovate. "Hopefully, we are enabling people

to say, 'I have an idea' and run with it because there is support in the Israeli community and Jewish community to do that," he said.

Though excited about the inspirational potential of the series, "I am most excited at the prospect of bringing the community together and the potential partnerships and innovations that could be developed through this series,' Price said. "People are most excited to hear how we, as a community, can step up our innovation game."

The "2017 and 2018 Bloomberg Innovation Index" named Israel as the 10th most innovative economy in the world. Similarly, in 2016, Louisville was dubbed in *TIME* magazine as a place of "free-wheeling innovation." Price said the Israel at 70 Innovation Series was designed to emphasize the innovative nature of both communities and encourage further innovation.

The series is among several Federation and J events this year celebrating Israel's 70th anniversary. Another upcoming event is Bikes & Bourbon partnership experience in October.

Tickets to Innovations in Security, Innovations in Environmental Security, and the Thou Shalt Innovate events are \$18 each or \$36 for the full series. The Innovations in Food and the Innovations in Community events are free of charge.

For more information on the events. visit jewishlouisville.org.

CENTERPIECE

Couple bikes across country for Alzheimer's Association fundraiser

By Lisa Hornung For Community

Bruce and Kelley Dawkins are venturing out on the ride of a lifetime.

The Windy Hills couple – both J members – are riding their bicycles from St. Augustine, Florida, to San Diego, California, to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association. They departed on August 31.

The charity is close to their hearts. Kelley's mother, Patti Ford, 85, suffers from the degenerative brain disease.

No strangers to bike treks, the couple embarked on their first long ride three years ago from the headwaters of the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico. They were hooked, so they decided to do a much longer trip.

do a much longer trip. "Since we're going through a lot of problems with her mom with Alzheimer's, we thought it would be a good way to combine our love of cycling with a way to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association," Bruce, 62, said.

The couple started planning their trip in January, when they got a bunch of maps from the Adventure Cycling Association. The route is an established bicycle route that many others have taken, so they know it's the safest way to go.



Bruce and Kelley Dawkins are cycling across-country to raise money, and awareness for Alzheimers' patients. (Community photo by Lisa Hornung)

The trip is a little more than 3,400 miles and will take about 60 days. They will likely cover 60 to 70 miles per day, fewer at the beginning. "We'll be getting in shape as we go,"

Bruce said.

They plan to stay in hotels some nights, but they also plan to camp and couch-surf, too, using a website called WarmShowers.com, which is specifically for cyclists.

For their camping nights, they have

dehydrated meals that Kelley, 52, has prepared for the trip. She takes ingredients and puts them in a food dehydrator, then into vacuum-sealed bags. On the day a certain meal is scheduled, she adds water in the morning. By the time they reach camp, the food is rehydrated and ready to cook on a stove.

"Somebody was asking me at the office, 'Is it like mush?" Kelley said. "No! You can still see all the individual vegetables – carrots and meat."

vegetables – carrots and meat." They dehydrate their meals because the water weight in the food would weigh their bikes down.

"The bike weighs so much," Bruce said. "When you have all that gear on there, there's no way you can even control it, so you have to make sure the food doesn't weigh very much."

Both riders have panniers on the back of their bikes, one filled with food and the other with camping gear. They carry about four days' worth of clothing, and wash them as they go. They also will have boxes of food shipped to them during the trip by Kelley's coworkers, and they'll ship back clothing and items they don't need anymore, such as off-season garments.

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It's pretty much shorts and T-shirts," Kelley said with a laugh. "Even if we go someplace nice, we're going to be in shorts and T-shirts.

Their biggest challenge will be crossing the desert.

There's two stretches there," Bruce said. "Each stretch is 80 to 90 miles with no services, so unless you have the food and water and all that, you could really get into bad shape.'

Since they will carry about 500 ounces of water at a time, the couple wisely chose to ride east to west. "If we started in San Diego we'd be hitting the desert, and it would be 110 degrees Kelley said.

The Dawkinses managed to get time off from their jobs to do this, which was easier than expected. Kelley, who teaches reading for Langsford Learning Centers, said her bosses were very sup-portive. "They said, 'You've got to go do this. It's once-in-a-lifetime!

Bruce, an independent insurance agent, is just taking the time off, though he will be working while on the road.

"I won't be making any compensation during this time," he said, "but at least I'll still have a job.

This bike trip isn't the only adventure in the Dawkins family. The couple just sent their youngest daughter to France act.alz.org/goto/wegocrosscountry.

to teach for a year.

"Everything is happening at once and we're going to be emotionally exhausted by the end of this," Kelley said. "But we are big believers in the Alzheimer's Association, and we want to raise awareness for it as we go across the country. If we have time, we'll go to some of the Alzheimer's Association chapters along the way in the bigger towns and maybe talk a little bit about our trip.

Meanwhile, Kelley's mom, Patti, is in assisted living. For a while, she wouldn't eat and had zero quality of life, but she has improved since the couple brought in Hosparus.

Last year, they had thought this bike trek would be a memorial trip for her, but Patti's turnaround has given them new hope.

While the pair looks forward to the joys of travel, they are most looking forward to the people they meet along the way.

"Every journey we've ever taken, we've just been overwhelmed by how nice and how good people are," Kelley said. "It's just reaffirming to me that people are all kind and good – or mostly kind and good.

"And they're curious," she added. "You know, 'What in the world are these two old people doing? These old people are crazy!

Want to help?

Follow Bruce and Kelley's cross-coun-try trip at their blog: **bruceandkelley.** wixsite.com/website. To donate, visit

SENIOR CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER 9

A lawyer from Kentucky Elderlaw, PLLC will continue a discussion on what seniors need to know about nursing home costs, Medicare, Medicaid and veterans' benefits. Refreshments will be served after the presentation

OCTOBER 16

Bingo this month will be sponsored by Masonic Home. A representative from the facility will speak about changes taking place there and what facilities and programs are offered to seniors.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

11:45 P.M. Shabbat Celebration with the kids from J Preschool

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 12:30 P.M.

Lunch & Learn with Jewish Community **Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg**



Senior retirees meeting. Rabbi Nadia Siritsky will speak about human trafficking. Refreshments will be served.

OCTOBER 30

Musical Presentation. Dr. Stephen Mattingly and his guitar students from the University of Louisville return for another great performance. Refreshments will be served.



UPCOMING EVENT

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NEWS

Curly-Dave by a nose Louisville couple expecting after Derby-themed IVF

By Lee Chottiner Community Editor

The picture says it all. There's Benji Berlow and Lisa Sobel-Berlow sitting on a couch, each en-grossed in a book. Lisa is reading *What* to Expect When Mommy's Having a Baby; Benji, The Expectant Father.

That's right, Benji and Lisa are pregnant. The couple's three-year, \$60,000 odyssey to have a child through IVF (In Vitro Fertilzation), virtually every step of which they have shared with the world through their blog and Facebook posts (including the book photo), paid off on August 23 when, after their last embryo transfer, a series of beta-hCG tests - blood tests used to diagnose pregnancy - indicated it was alive and

growing. "Anything over a 5 with a beta test is a sign that you're pregnant," Benji said. "Our first test [for another embryo] came back zero, so we knew what could have happened. This one was over 120. We had a subsequent test three days later, and it was over 300, and after another test, it was through the roof." They are expecting their child sometime in April.

Benji and Lisa, both of whom work at Jewish Louisville institutions, have gone through two rounds of IVF, the last of which they assigned a Kentucky Derby theme, since the harvesting of Lisa's eggs at the Kentucky Fertility Institute in Louisville (KFI) came on the day they normally throw their Run for the Roses party. They even let their friends suggest thoroughbred-sounding names for the three eggs that were taken: MyHeartsDesire, Curly-Dave and So-Ber.

So-Ber did not become a viable



Lisa Sobel-Berlow and Benji Berlow, who went public with their quest to become parents through IVF, are expecting their first child sometime around Thunder Over Louisville. (photo provided by Benji Berlow)

embryo. Curly-Dave tested "mosaic," meaning some of its cells were abnormal, though it could be used as a last resort. That left MyHeartsDesire, which was transferred to Lisa on June 19.

But subsequent beta tests showed the embryo did not take.

So Benji and Lisa were down Curly-Dave, which was transferred on July 25. On August 3, the first of that embryo's beta tests delivered the news the couple had long hoped for.

"At the beginning we were like, excited, but we also know things can go wrong this early," Benji said. "But week after week, we can see Curly on the ultrasound getting bigger. At first, it's a flicker. Then you can see the motion of

the heart and hear it. It's great."

As a result, Benji and Lisa have "graduated" from KFI, meaning they no longer need to be seen there on a regular basis. Lisa actually showed at the clinic one last time wearing a cap and gown.

'We definitely took it a little bit further, but that's what they call it," she said. "You're graduating from the clinic, meaning they feel your pregnancy has progressed far enough that they feel comfortable releasing you to the care of a normal OBGYN."

But they still plan to stay in touch with KFI, and with Hasidah, a California-based nonprofit organization that assists infertile Jewish couples with the expenses of becoming pregnant, and which awarded Benji and Lisa a \$10,000 grant for their second round of IVF.

"They are continuing to support us emotionally, providing us with re-sources and just checking in with us, but we are also checking in with them, Lisa said. "Ultimately, KFI and Hasidah want to hear from us when Curly arrives.'

(Yes, they continue to call the fetus Curly, which they have shortened from Curly-Dave. They don't want to know

the sex, preferring to be surprised.) Rabbi Idit Solomon, founder and CEO of Hasidah, said lesson scan be drawn from Benji's and Lisa's experiences

"They did a tremendous job of surrounding themselves with support," Solomon said. "The journey through infertility can be isolating and painful. All the support may or may not help with pregnancy, but it keeps people whole along the way."

Since its founding in 2013, Hasidah's support has resulted in 11 babies, four pregnancies, and two in process, she added.

Benji and Lisa don't know if they will continue to call the baby Curly after the bris or naming ceremony. "If Curly has curly hair, maybe," Lisa said. One thing they do know: They appre-

ciate all the support they have had from so many people, and they don't want that network to go away.

"It's still going to take a village," Lisa said. "Even though we got past the starting line little bit, it's still several months to go, and we want everyone to celebrate with us when we celebrate our little bundle of joy."



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Kim Toebbe: 502-452-6341. ext. 103.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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October 11, 1pm

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group Meets second Thursday of month at JFCS. Contact Connie Austin: 502-452-6341, ext. 305.

October 12, 2pm

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Meets second Friday of the month at JFCS. Contact Kim Toebbe: 502-452-6341, ext. 103.

October 15, 12:30pm

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

October 17, 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.

October 18, 7pm **Adult Children of Aging Parents** Meets third Thursday of month at JFCS. Contact Mauri Malka: 502-452-6341, ext. 250.



EVENTS

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PICTURE THIS: KICKOFF CELEBRATIONS

Frank and Barbara Weisberg recently opened their home to kick off the Capital Campaign for the new J and expanded campus at Dutchmans Lane. The future facility, which will serve Jews and non-Jews alike from across Louisville, will raise funds for the development of the project. Architects from GBBN are already working on the designs. Groundbreaking is expected in 18-22 months. (Community photos by Tara Cocco.)



The Major Gifts New Year's Celebration on Sunday, September 16, hosted by Maxine and David Rouben, kicked off the Herzlian Event Series that runs from October 2018 through February 2019. (Community photos by Tara Cocco.)







INNOVATIONS IN SECURITY

ISRAEL'S IRON DOME TECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE GLOBE WITH ARI SACHER Tuesday, October 9 | 6 PM Drinks & Dessert | 6:30 PM Program Patio Gallery at the JCC | Tickets: \$18 each



INNOVATIONS IN FOOD

HUMMUS WITH A HEART: STORIES, DEMO & TASTING Saturday, October 13 | 7:30 PM | Temple Shalom Tickets: Free, RSVP by October 5 by calling Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 or emailing information@templeshalomky.org.



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INNOVATIONS IN COMMUNITY

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ARTS

Bunbury stages A Jewish Joke in Louisville premiere

By staff and releases

The Bunbury Theatre Company opens its 32nd season in October with *A Jewish Joke*, a play by by Phil Johnson and Marni Freedman.

Done in partnership with ShPIel Performing Identity of Chicago, A Jewish Joke is about a curmudgeonly Jewish comedy screenwriter from MGM who comes up against the Communist blacklist in 1950's Hollywood. He must now make the biggest decision of his life.

Loaded with stories about the great era of Jewish humor, this solo comedy shows one small man facing the tough American events of the mid-20th century.

The production will open Off Broadway after its Louisville Premiere, according to a Bunbury Theatre release.

The play, which was hailed by the *Times of San Diego* as a production that "should be seen by every American," A



Jewish Joke is part of a long-term collaborative effort betweeen Bunbury and ShPIel. David Chack, artistic director of the ShPIeL and professor of dramatic arts at The Theatre School at DePaul University, and Juergen K. Tossmann, producing artistic director of the Bunbury, expect to hold workshops and one other production with a Jewish thread – *The Green Book* – during the season.

The play opens on Thursday, October 4, and will run for 12 performances throughout the month. For tickets and showtimes, visit the BunburyTheatre box office at 502-585-5306 or visit **louisvilletickets.com/organizations/ bunbury-theatre-company**. Prices range from \$10 for students under 25, to \$19 for seniors over 62, and \$22 for general admission. All performances will be in the Henry Clay Theatre on the third floor of the Henry Clay Building.

A Jewish Joke, a solo comedy based on Hollywood blackisting, will be peformed here. (Eric Woolsey photo)

This year's Oscar foreign film race full of movies on Holocaust and anti-Semitism

By JTA

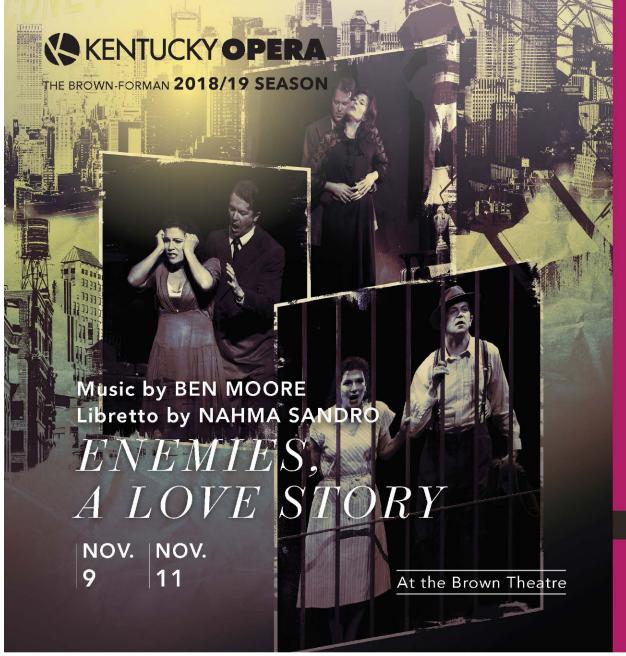
Russia nominated a film about the Nazi death camp Sobibor as its entry for the Academy Award for best foreign language film.

Sobibor, a multimillion-dollar production with state funding, centers on the 1943 escape by Jewish inmates from the camp under the leadership of Russian inmates. It was one of only two such occurrences during the Holocaust, with the other happening that same year in Treblinka.

The two-hour film features Konstantin Khabenskiy, one of Russia's best-known actors, along with an international cast as well as unusually gory visuals. It is based on historical research of the history of the camp in Poland, where SS guards and Ukrainians murdered 250,000 Jews.

The Holocaust and anti-Semitism featured in the submissions of five other European countries: The Netherlands, Austria, Romania, Slovakia and Switzerland. The Dutch submission is The Resistance Banker, based on the actions of Walraven van Hall, a banker who financed the resistance during Nazi occupation, including efforts to save Jews. He was recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations — Israel's title for

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Based on the book by ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER

Ben Moore's Brilliant Opera Comes Home to Kentucky Opera Experience the darkly funny tale that got its start right here in Louisville



FORUM

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Infeld will speak on "The Next Jewish Community" at 5 p.m., Sunday, October 14, at the Jewish Hospital Rudd Heart & Lung Center.

Heart & Lung Center. A career educator, Infeld served as president of Hillel International from 2007 to 2008. In 2012, he was elected chairman of the board of the Hillels of Israel.

The Israel at 70 Innovations Series is a five-part program that highlights innovative trends and programs in Louisville and the Jewish state, and collaboration between the two. The series runs from October 9 to November 5.

The URJ's Jacobs, who The Temple will host as part of its 175th anniversary celebration, will be here Friday, October 19.

Jacobs is at the frontline of the fight

for religious pluralism in Israel, he has marched to the Western Wall with other Reform and Conservative religious leaders, Torahs cradled in their arms, demanding the right to for Reform and Conservative worship freely there.

Active in global social justice issues, Jacobs joined a delegation that assessed disaster response following Haiti's devastating earthquake in 2010. He traveled to Darfur as part of an international humanitarian mission to the Chad-Darfur border area in 2005, and in 2009, participated in an annual conference of Muslim and Christian leaders, held in Qatar, to build understanding between the West and the Muslim world.

Freelander, who will be the guest of Temple Shalom from April 5 to 7, is also fighting for pluralism in the Jewish state, but with member synagogues in more than 50 countries, he also is involved in other issues that affect Jews in those lands.

Members of The Temple and Temple Shalom will worship together during Jacobs', Freelander's and Hovav's visits.

Hundreds of other Jewish reli-

gious leaders are coming to town this year – literally – to attend the annual gatherings of two well-known Jewish organizations.

Louisville will be the site of the 72nd International Convention of the Cantors Assembly, the umbrella group for the cantorate in Conservative Judaism, from May 19 to 23, 2019, at Marriott Downtown. Cantor David Lipp, of Adath Jeshurun, will be installed as president of the organization. As many as 200 members are expected to attend.

It's the first time the Cantors Assembly has held its convention in Louisville, according to Lipp.

Lipp, the incoming Cantors Assembly president, said the international

convention will be highlighted by three concerts: a performance by cantorial students from the Jewish Theological Seminary on Monday, a "Bluegrass/ Jewgrass" concert with the Kentucky Homefront on Tuesday and a final concert a at 9 p.m. Wednesday. All performances and sessions at the convention, except for the annual meeting, will be open to the public. Also, The Society of Jewish Ethics,

Also, The Society of Jewish Ethics, an academic organization dedicated to the promotion of scholarly work in the field of Jewish ethics, will hold its annual meeting in Louisville from January 3 to 6 at the Marriott Louisville, Downtown. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the Society of Christian Ethics and the Society of Muslim Ethics, which also will be meet here that month.

Letter to the editor Lights at the festival in jeopardy

From the start of Festival of Trees & Lights in 1989, the late Jerry Berman understood why Lights needed to be part of the event.

Berman realized this venue was the best way to showcase to the entire city the Jewish traditions, how Christmas was not a Jewish Christmas, and especially how the Jewish community was part of Louisville.

Today, that mission has become even more crucial. With no citywide events like the defunct Heritage Festival Week on the Belvedere, Festival of Trees & Lights is now the sole event that showcases Jewish heritage and reach nonaffiliated Jews.

However, Lights could end because of the lack of an organized Jewish community involvement.

For the last five years, the Festival has been supporting Lights, both financially and with volunteers. Lights needs a permanent committee, one that can provide a continual chair with a committee and Jewish volunteers.

Currently, one Jewish person has been the chair for the past four years and one person volunteers to pass out the doughnut holes on Sunday. The rest of the volunteers are from St. Xavier and various non-Jewish volunteers who try to explain the Chanukah exhibit to the thousands of visitors.

Besides the thousands of dreidels, gelt, handouts on Chanukah and the various signage, Festival has used money that could have gone to the hospital to enhance the Lights area. From a dreidel mascot to the klezmer band to story reading by PJ Library to the Chanukah items in their gift shop, Festival has worked hard to make Jewish Heritage Day an event

Since 1990, Festival of Trees and Lights has raised more than \$7 million, and this year's proceeds will help Norton Children's Hospital build the Jennifer Lawrence Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, a dedicated, state-of-the-art unit with advanced cardiovascular technology and equipment, as well as hire specialists to care for children with heart issues.

Many a Jewish family in Louisville has a story to tell about Children's Hospital saving their child's or relative's life.

Now it is time for the Jewish community to save Lights.

Honi Marleen Goldman Louisville

(The author is the Lights chair for the Festival of Trees and Lights.)

CHAVURAT SHALOM

On Thursday, October 4, classical pianist Nada will return with an enchanting program in the main sanctuary. Lunch in the Heideman will include baked tilapia, roasted cauliflower, barley with sautéed vegetables, Asian-style slaw, fresh fruit and rice pudding.

(There will be no Chavurat Shalom on Thursday, October 11.)

On Thursday, October 18, accordian player Mike O'Bryan will return to celebrate September and October birthdays and anniversaries. Lunch will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans with almonds, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and celebratory cake.

fresh fruit and celebratory cake. On Thursday, October 25, The Silver Notes will sing some spooky numbers for Halloween and other seasonal favorites. Lunch will include roasted chicken, wild rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, kale salad, fresh fruit and apple cobbler. 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. A vegetarian option is available if requested in advance. All programs will be held in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple unless otherwise noted in the listing. Lunch starts at noon, followed by the program at 1 pm. Transportation can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom is \$5 round-trip. Chavurat Shalom is funded through the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, TheTemple, The Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, NCJW, the Jewish Federation of Louisville, and other donors. The Jewish Community of Louisville gratefully acknowledges donations to the following JCC SECOND CENTURY FUNDS AND OTHER ENDOWMENTS

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FORUM

Donna Craig Award Jewish Hospital, KRM partner for refugees, immigrants



Jewish Hospital

Rabbi Nadia Siritsky

Every year at Passover, we recite the biblical words, "My father was a wan-dering Aramean," recalling our history as a people that has been forced out of our homeland more times than we can count, seeking refuge and mercy in other countries only to find ourselves fleeing toward safety and freedom a few years later.

On September 23, we celebrated Sukkot, remembering the decades-long journey through the desert and the wilderness, with uncertain supplies of food and water, and the temporary shelters (sukkot) that we built. One outcome of these rituals and holidays is the still resonant memory of our identity as a nation of immigrants and refugees, displaced and in exile, which,

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in Hebrew, we call galut.

For many of us, this story reflects those of our parents and grandparents, many of whom fled Europe due to po-groms, poverty, discrimination and the coming of the Holocaust.

For Jewish Hospital, this story is at the core of our founding. The hospital was established in 1903 for Jewish patients who could not get care elsewhere (either for religious or financial reasons) as well as for Jewish doctors who could not practice anywhere else.

Jewish Hospital continued this legacy of justice and access for all people by being the first racially integrated hospital in the area, welcoming African-American physicians to practice when other hospitals did not. This commitment to inclusion and advocacy is also at the heart of other Jewish organizations in this city, such as Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS), as well as in our country, such as the Religious Action Center (RAC), the Hebrew Immi-grant Aid Society (HIAS).

Few people realize that Louisville is a major immigrant resettlement center, in large part thanks to the culture of inclusion that Jews here have worked to foster. I believe that JFCS' annual MO-



KRM presented Jewish Hospital the Donna Craig Volunteer Service Award on September 21 for its commitment to employing refugees in Louisville. Pictured here are attendees of the event. (photo provided)

SAIC awards, along with its career and immigrant services have also changed perceptions in our city, helping to create a culture that celebrates diversity. Jewish Hospital has also played a

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pivotal role with its diverse staff and its efforts to support them in a variety of ways. Jewish Hospital and Saint Mary's Foundation's Adath Jeshurun's Pikuach Nefesh Fund is one example of

how we have partnered with the Jewish community to help our employees who came to this country as refugees. We helped one employee reunite with his wife and two children from South Sudan less than a year ago.

Jewish Hospital is proud of its legacy of welcome and inclusion. In recent years, we have been blessed with the ability to keep this legacy alive through our partnership with Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), hiring recent refugees and immigrants, many of whom worked in health care in their home countries or in refugee camps

KRM was founded in 1990 by Donna Craig, who led the agency until 2000. Craig established a service model for KRM that placed central emphasis on the involvement of community members partnering with the agency to welcome newly arrived refugee families and support its mission and operations.

Craig died in 2012, but KRM has continued to honor her vision by awarding the Donna Craig Volunteer Service Award at its annual Global Gourmet fundraiser. On September 21, Jewish Hospital received the award in recognition of its championing of employment opportunities for refugees.

Amid change and transition, Jewish Hospital continues to fulfill its founding mission and to serve as a light to others who are struggling. This is precisely the legacy that we have inherited, and the essence of the festival of Sukkot. Even though we may wander through the wilderness, facing an uncertain future, we journey forward with faith in our hearts and a commitment to justice and mercy for all people.

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

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FEATURES

'We don't exist in a vacuum' New Filson archive is preserving Jewish history here

By Lee Chottiner Community Editor

Abigail Glogower opened a folder with the name "David Armstrong" typed on the edge.

She then carefully removed a handwritten letter from the late Louisville mayor and one-time prosecutor to his friend, Fred Joseph, describing a night in Leningrad when he and other attorneys visiting Russian capital slipped away from their handlers for a covert meeting Jewish refuseniks.

The folder contained other papers related to that encounter, including stories later published in *Community*.

"This is the first thing I ever catalogued here," said Glogower, curator of the fledgling Jewish Community Archive at the Filson Historical Society. But it won't be her last.

Glogower, who started at the Filson in 2017, took Community on a tour of the archive, which she hopes will stoke new interest in Louisville history as something that was made by more than just "white Protestant men in the 1800s."

In fact, she has already begun displaying artifacts from the archive in an exhibit in the main museum titled "Connecting the Dots: Exploring Your Family History," which opened August 31. That exhibit includes photos from the Helman family, among the founders of Four Courts-Louisville Hebrew Home, including an oil painting of Carl K. Helman.

Glogower hopes exhibits such as these will spur interest in Jewish genealogical research at the Filson.

Another exhibit in the carriage house shows parts of the wardrobe of activ-



Abigail Glogower handles a letter from the late Louisville Mayor David Armstrong describing a meeting he had with refuseniks in Moscow. It's one of many curated items in the new Jewish Community Archive at the Filson Historical Society. (photo by Jamie Evans)

ist Geneva H. Bell, whose husband, Dr. Jesse Bell, was the first black physician at Jewish Hospital.

Composed several cubic feet of boxes and folders filled with papers, albums, photos, programs, records and other curated items, the Jewish archive is preserved, not just one shelf or stack, but throughout the Old Louisvillebased museum. An elaborate cataloguing system is all that tigs it together

ing system is all that ties it together. "Since my arrival, we have brought in half a dozen new collections related to the Jewish history of Louisville ranging in size from a single letter ... to 13 cubic feet (Jewish Hospital records)." Glowgower said. "I am also in the process of acquiring several more collections as we speak, but we don't like to count our chicks before they hatch."

Among other examples of papers in the collection are the correspondence to and from Isaac W. Bernheim, including letters to a New York rabbi on the subject of Zionism.

"It really seems, until his dying day, he was not on board with Zionism," Glogower said of Bernheim. "He really believed that Jews need to be fully integrated and participating citizens in their own countries."

Just as interesting were the papers

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non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust – in the 1970s.

Austria's The Waldheim Waltz, by the Austrian-Jewish director Ruth Beckermann, is a biographical drama about former United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, and the controversy of his participation and role in the Nazi regime during World War II. I Do Not Care If We Go Down In History As Barbarians tells the story of a theater director seeking a re-enactment of the barbaric massacre of thousands of Jews in Odessa by occupying Romanian troops.

Slovakia's The Interpreter follows a Jewish man's efforts to find the Nazi officer who may have killed his parents.

Eldorado, the Swiss submission, looks at the hardships faced by modern-day immigrants to Europe, juxtaposing their situation with the realities experienced by asylum seekers during World War II, including many Jews. Hungary's submission, Sunset, was directed by Laszlo Nemes, a Jewish-Hungarian filmmaker, is set in 1913 Pudepest and follows the trials of Irigg

Hungarian filmmaker, is set in 1913 Budapest and follows the trials of Irisz Leiter, a newcomer to the city whose parents' shop is burned. "Throughout the film Irisz and those

"Throughout the film, Irisz and those around her make so much of her name that one wonders if the Leiters were Jewish, casting a dark shadow over" the fire, The Hollywood Reporter wrote in its review. "But this is never explicitly stated in the film and remains only a of Rabbi Martin Perley, a former Army chaplain and spiritual leader of Brith Shalom who left the congregation in the 1960s to become director of the Jefferson County Human Relations Commission.

Many of Perley's papers deal with ministering to ex-Jewish G.I.s and POWs, but one disturbing folder is a collection of hate mail he received – and saved – while running the commission. He even kept the envelopes, including one addressed to him in scrawling caps, using vicious language to describe the rabbi.

The letters are "hateful and vile," Glogower said, but every so often, she noted, one poses a "thought-provoking question." One writer, for instance, asked the rabbi why the Jewish community was moving from predominantly black city neighborhoods to predominantly white suburbs.

Glogower sees the archive as a way that shows how Jewish Louisville has intersected with the broader community over the years, with each influencing and being influenced by the other.

"I get excited about points of overlap between the Jewish community and the larger Louisville community," she said. We don't exist in a vacuum."

Want to go?

The Filson Historical Society is located at 1310 S. 3rd St. and is open for research Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a \$10 daily research fee for nonmembers. Glogower can be reached at 502-635-5083 x214 or at **abbyglogower@filsonhistorical.org**. To learn of upcoming exhibits, visit **filsonhistorical.org**.

possibility."

Israel's submission is The Cakemaker, which centers on a German pastry maker who travels to Jerusalem in search of the wife and son of his dead lover. It is Israel's 51st submission to the award; the country has received 10 nominations but has yet to win.

The Palestinian submission is Ghost Hunting, a documentary about prisoners from Israeli detention reliving their incarceration and alleged torture.



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and CEO of Snapsheet, a mobile platform that processes auto claims more efficiently. He ranked third on the list.

Weisberg got the idea in 2010 when, after having a fender bender, he got three estimates from three body shops in what he called a "super-frustrating and timeconsuming process" - no transparency

and no tech support. So he started Snapsheet which this year alone, will processes more than 600,000 claims.

The company also works with more than 70 insurance companies, employs more than 500 people and has raised nearly \$45 million in venture capital.

'Not bad for a Jewish kid from Louisville," Weisberg quipped.

Best yet, users need not travel from one body shop to the next. The whole process can be done at home on a smart device

Next up for Snapsheet is the insurance



Latts wins coveted honor from Bourbon group

Kate Shapira Latts, vice president of marketing for Heaven Hill Brands, rea who's who for the Windy City's fastest compa-

ceived the Fifth Annual Lois Mateus Networking Award Aug. 24 from Bour-Women and bon the Kentucky Distillers' Association (KDA), according Review.

ognized for her 'thoughtful leader-

ship and meaningful contributions to Kentucky's signature Bourbon and spir-its industry," according to the publication. The award is presented in conjunction with the KDA.

Lois Mateus, for whom the award is named, is a retired senior vice president of Brown-Forman Inc., and the first woman ever to serve on the KDA Board of Directors.

"I'm honored to be recognized as one of this great industry's female pioneers, Latts was reported as saying. "Lois's vision and leadership have been an in-

to the trade publication The Bourbon Latts was rec**CNPE honors Tiell** Judy Freundlich Tiell, executive di-

Judy Freundlich Tiell

rector of the Jewish Family & Career Services, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Center for Nonprofit Excellence during the CNPE's October 9 Pyramid Awards Luncheon at the Marriott Hotel.

Tiell is retiring from the JFCS at the end of the years following many years of

service. (See story, page 4.) The Pyramid Awards celebrate contributions by nonprofit honorees in the areas of collaboration, governance, inclusion, leadership, social innovation and

vision. Networking begins at noon with the luncheon itself to follow at 12:30pm. Tickets are \$85. Email sstalker@cnpe. org for reservations or to sponsor a full table.

Teen honored for PSAT performance

David Kaplan, a sixth grade student from Louisville Collegiate School, is among the students being honored by



David Kaplan

the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) for their exceptional scores on the PSAT 8/9.

David. now 12 (he was 11 when he took the test), is a seventh grader at Collegiate, having skipped a grade. He

is the son of Vadim and Faina Kaplan. Duke TIP's 4th-6th Grade Talent Search identifies students across the nation who have scored at or above the 95th percentile on a grade-level standardized test.

As part of the program, the students are invited to take an above-level stan-dardized test, the PSAT 8/9, to learn more about their abilities. Duke TIP then hosts annual recognition ceremonies to honor the students who scored the highest. Of 9,635 students who took the PSAT 8/9 through Duke TIP – all of whom are in the 95th percentile of their grade level – 791 will be invited to one of the ceremonies.

Working with host academic institu-tions, Duke TIP sponsors more than 30 ceremonies in 16 states throughout April, May and June each year. Speakers include university administrators and professors from the host institutions, state and government officials, and accomplished former Duke TIP students.

Israel has its own 9-11 monument

By staff and wire reports

Thousands of people went to the 9/11 monuments on September 11, marking the 17th anniversary of the attacks that changed the world.

But one of those monuments, which is not in the United States, has an interesting distinction.

Israel's 9/11 Living Memorial Monument is the only one outside of this country to include all the names of the victims.

Located on 9/11 Living Memorial Plaza in Ramot, Jerusalem, the 30-foothigh bronze sculpture, which opened to the public in 2009, was created by Israeli artist Eliezer Weishoff and KKL-JNF landscape architect Yechiel Cohen. It shows the American flag folded into the shape of a memorial flame.

A metal shard from the ruins of the Twin Towers is incorporated into the base of the monument.



Israel's 9/11 Living Memorial Monument

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AROUND TOWN

(Editor's note: To make Around Town more user friendly, items for adult education, services and regular weekly and monthly events are being grouped under separate headings. Also, more photos and color will be used to make the entire section easier on the eyes.)

Bikes & Bourbon

A pela tan of cyclists, including eight from Israel, will converge on Kentucky in October for Bikes & Bourbon – a fourday bicycle tour to showcase the commonwealth and the bourbon industry.

From October 5 to 8, participating riders may take part in one or all rides on a fully supported tour of Kentucky's cities and landmarks.

The eight Israeli cyclists come from Louisville's Partnership2Gether region. They will join local riders for daytime rides and nighttime events. Visit **https:// jewishlouisville.org/event/bikesbourbon/** for a complete list of events.

The four legs of the four-day tour include:

• Friday, October 5: a kickoff breakfast at The J, a ride in Bardstown and home-hosted Shabbat dinners;

• Saturday, October 6: a ride in Frankfort and dinner on the Mary M. Miller riverboat;

Sunday, October 7: a ride in Louisville with a dinner at The J's Brewfest;
Monday, October 8: a ride in Lex-

ington with Finale Celebration there. To host a Shabbat dinner or join the riders on the Mary M. Miller for dinner, contact Amy Fouts **grants@jewishlouisville.org** or 502-238-2757.

Operation Isaiah

Keneseth Israel is joining with The Forgotten Louisville to help the homeless. Meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, October 4, at KI for evening services, followed by a caravan to give food and supplies to the homeless. To see what The Forgotten Louisville does, view a video at **tinyurl. com/ForgottenLouisville**.

Contact Eric Yussman at 502-627-2576 or e**ric.yussman@gmail.com** for details.

ACLU's Shapiro speaks

Corey Shapiro, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union-Kentucky, will be the guest speaker at the next Temple Shalom Men's Club breakfast,10 a.m., Sunday, October 7. He will speak on cases the ACLU-KY is currently litigating and other related issues. A \$5 donation for breakfast is requested.

Fashion Encore Sale

National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, will hold its annual shopping extravaganza, the Fashion Encore Sale, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, October 7, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, October 8, at the Nearly New Shop on the lower level of the Mid City Mall, 1250 Bardstown Road. The sale offers a full range of high-end designer and brand name clothing, shoes, and vintage attire for men, women and children throughout the year. It also has items for the home, including furniture, holiday decorations, china, glassware and rarely found items for collectors. The Nearly New Shop, the NCJW's main funding source, supports many communitywide programs and services. To volunteer, call the NCJW office at 502-458-5566.



'Operation Finale' consultant here Temple Shalom will host Avner Avra-

ham, a retired Mossad agent and the chief consultant on the motion picture *Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolf Eichmann*, which is currently in the cinemas, at 7 p.m., Sunday, October 7.

Avraham, who spent 28 years in the Mossad, has curated an exhibit on the capture of Eichmann, using items from the vaults of the Israeli intelligence service. He will talk about his life, the real Operation Finale and his work on the movie. His presentation will include rare pictures and videos as well as behindthe-scenes footage of the film. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

RSVP by October 2 to the Temple Shalom at **information@templeshalomky.org** or 502-458-4739. The Temple, Classrooms without Borders and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence are co-sponsoring the event.

Judicial Forum

The KI Men's Club will present a nonpartisan judicial forum with candidates for the Jefferson County District and Family courts at 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, at KI. Bill Story, news director at WAVE, will moderate. Call 502-645-2045.

'Kentucky Strings' at AJ

Louisville Orchestra Conductor Teddy Abrams will direct Kentucky-based string players for a concert at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 11, at Adath Jeshurun. Tickets can be purchased at **louisvilleorchestra.org** or by calling 502-587-8681. The Schiller Family is sponsoring the performance in memory of Dr. Sheldon Schiller and Andrew Schiller.

Gil Hovav in Louisville

Israeli culinary journalist and television celebrity Gil Hovav will speak at Louisville's two Reform congregations on the weekend of October 12-13.

At 7 p.m., Friday, October 12, Hovav will speak at The Temple during Shabbat services. His topic will be, "Wartime Cooking in Jerusalem."

At 7:30 p.m, Saturday, October 13, Hovav will put on a program at Temple Shalom, "Humus with a Heart: Stories, Demos & Tasting." He will speak about Israel's national dish, demonstrate a recipe followed by tasting. Havdalah will be held followed by wine, cheese and appetizers.

Hovav's visit is supported by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. The Jewish Community of Louisville also is sponsoring the visit as part of its Israel at 70 Innovation Series.



Jeremy Dauber

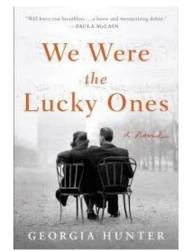
JHFE Annual Lecture

Professor Jeremy Dauber of Columbia University will address Jewish comedy at the Fourth Annual Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Lecture, Sunday, October 14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The lecture, titled "Jewish Comedy: A History in Five Jokes," will take place in the Chao Auditorium of Ekstrom Library on the University of Louisville.

A leading scholar of Yiddish literature, Dauber is out with his latest book *Jewish Comedy: A SERIOUS HISTORY*, which is a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award

The event is free to the public, and a book signing will follow. The JHFE, Department of Comparative Humanities, and Hillel of Louisville are supporting the program, which will include a free reception afterwards. RSVP to Ranen Omer-Sherman at **ranen.omersherman@louisville.edu**.



Cover of We Were the Lucky Ones

'We Were the Lucky Ones'

Georgia Hunter, author of the bestselling novel *We Were the Lucky Ones*, will speak about the book at 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 16, at the Filson Historical Society. Set in Germany before and during World War II, *We Were the Lucky Ones* is the story of three generations of the Kurc family and their struggles to stay alive in a time of desperation, barbarity and death. The program is free for Filson members, \$10 for nonmembers.

Wrestling with Faith

Jewish Learning Center-Chabad will offer *Wrestling with Faith*, a new sixsession course that addresses common challenges people have in their relationship with G-d.

The program begins at 7 p.m., Tuesday October 16 and will explore questions as: Why do I need G-d if I can live perfectly well without Him? How can we relate to a loving and caring G-d amid the experience of tragedy and suffering? And, How do we reconcile compelling evidence for evolution and the age of the universe with a Bible that tells a different story?

The courses are held at the JLC, 1110 Dupont Circle. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is sponsoring the classes. Call 502-459-1770 or visit **myJ-LI.com** to register.

URJ President at The Temple

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, will be speaking at The Temple on October 19, during the 7 p.m. service. He is coming to celebrate the congregation's 175th anniversary.

Under Jacobs, the URJ is engaged in the implementation of the URJ's strategic 2020 Vision, an action plan for the future of Reform Judaism structured around its core priorities of strengthening congregations, "audacious hospitality" and *tikkun olam* (social justice). Deeply committed to the State of Israel, he has studied for two decades at Jerusalem's Shalom Hartman Institute, where he is now a senior rabbinic fellow.

Jacobs will be on hand for the service and a special oneg to follow. Temple Shalom will join The Temple for worship.

Peace by Piece concert

The Temple's third annual interfaith concert, Peace by Piece, will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, October 20, in the Waller Chapel.

The concert showcases people from various beliefs, cultures, experiences, faiths and traditions, all coming together in peace and love to demonstrate the power of song. The Shir Chadash choir, Student Cantor Mike Jarvis, soloist Jennifer Diamond, opera singer Gregory Rahming, Native American drummer Jeremiah Cunningham, troubadour for peace Darrell Adams, and others will perform in English and Hebrew. Dr. Louie Bailey will lead.

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is supporting the concert, which is free to attend, though the pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. is \$5 per person (free for children 12 and under). RSVPs are required by Thursday, October 18. Visit The Temple website at the**templelouky. org** or call 502-423-1818.

AROUND TOWN

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Pumpkin picking

The Temple Young Adults will go pumpkin picking at Huber's Farm on Sunday, October 21. The carpool will leave The Temple at 3:30 p.m. The event is for ages 22-36. RSVP by October 18 at **thetemplelouky.org** or 502-423-1818.

'G.I. Jews'

Rabbi Joe Rapport of The Temple will resume his Sunday Night at the Movies series on October 21. Part 1 of *G.I. Jews*, a four-session series based on the PBS documentary *GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II*, will be screened.

Each movie night will feature a portion from the PBS series, plus additional material from the original book by historian Deborah Dash Moore, along with extra oral history film clips from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The pizza dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the film and discussion at 7 p.m.

AJ Book Club

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

Empowerment and prayer

Chabad will explore prayer and physical and spiritual power during its "Power Brunch for Body and Soul" program, Sunday morning, October 28. The program is free and sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770 for details.

AJ Trivia Night

Adath Jeshurun will hold Trivia Night at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, October 28. Louisville Trivia will be the moderators. The cost per person is \$10, which includes dessert. Participants are requested to bring a canned food item to donate to the JFCS Food Pantry. Call 502-458-5359 or visit **adathjeshurun.com/trivia** for reservations.

Painting party at Uptown Art

Adath Jeshurun and Hadassah will mark Israel's 70th birthday with a painting party from 3 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, November 11, at Uptown Art, 2458 Bardstown Road.

Participants will paint their versions of the Western Wall. The cost is \$19 per person. Reservations with payment are required by October 15. Contact Lisa Goldberg at **Irg528@gmail.com** or visit **uptownart.com/louisville-ky** under the private parties & events calendar (select the November 11 photo of the Kotel).

AJ Preschool openings

Adath Jeshurun Preschool has limited spots remaining in both the 2-year-old and 4-year-old classrooms. Contact Preschool Director Sara Gambrell at **sgambrell@adathjeshurun.com**, or 502-451-3434.

WORSHIP

AJ-KI Simchat Torah celebration

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, \$5 per child ages 3 to 10. Reservations are required for the dinner. Contact AJ at **adathjeshurun.com/simchat** or 502-458-5359. The celebration continues Tuesday, October 2, at KI with a shared Simchat Torah service at 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat, deli lunch

Chabad will hold an introductory Shabbat service, followed by a deli lunch, at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, October 6 at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle. Rabbi Avrohom Litvin will lead a lesson at that time. The Luncheon will begin at 1 p.m. The program is free and sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770 for details.

Shabbat, chicken dinner

Chabad will celebrate Shabbat on Friday, October 12, at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle. The kabbalat service starts at 6:45 pm. A three-course chicken dinner will follow. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is partly sponsoring the program. Call 502-459-1770 for details.

Shabbat Unplugged

Keneseth Israel will hold a Shabbat dinner at KI, immediately following Friday night services at 6 p.m., Friday, October 15. A *tisch* will follow dinner with singing zmirot and niggunim. Cost is \$10 per person (\$20 maximum per family.) RSVP to 502-459-2780 or **rsvp@kenes**ethisrael.com. Pay at **kenesethisrael.** com/fee-account-payment.

Havdalah, bonfire, meditation

Chabad will celebrate the conclusion of Shabbat with a havdalah, a bonfire and meditation at 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 20, at Chabad House 1654 Almara Circle. The program is offered free and sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770 for details.

Short & Sweet Family Service

Adath Jeshurun's Short & Sweet Family Service, for children in grades K-7 and their families, will be held next at on Saturday, November 3, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. The informal service includes a story, grape juice, challah, followed by a special kiddush lunch.

ADULT EDUCATION

Classes at The Temple

The Temple will offer two new adult education classes on Wednesdays, starting October 3.

["]Building Character: Jewish Principles of How to be a Good Person," taught by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, will meet from 9:30 to 10:35 a.m., addressing how Jewish values can inform conversations about the dilemmas posed by this widening gaps in American and Israeli societies. "The Torah of our Lives," taught by Rabbi Joe Rapport, will meet from 10:45 a.m. to noon, and will look at the Torah and traditions within Jewish Lifecycle ceremonies. Additionally, The Temple offers four six-week classes on Mondays: Rapport's advanced Hebrew class and Ariel-Joel's basic Hebrew class, both from 6 to 7 p.m.; and Ariel-Joel's text study and Mark Goldstein's beginning Hebrew, both from 7-8 p.m.

Melton family living class

Melton: Foundations of Jewish Family Living, a new Melton class, is addresses the core values of Judaism. The awardwinning curriculum uses stories from Jewish tradition and the messages they convey.

The course includes 20 lessons – 10 about Jewish holidays and 10 about Jewish adults. Specifically designed for young adults and parents, the class meets monthly with free childcare provided with advance registration.

Classes, which meet at Adath Jeshurun, are taught by Jewish educator Lisa Rothstein Goldberg, a mother of two. Tuition is free thanks to an anonymous donor; the only cost is \$36 for the textbook. Each lesson stands alone, so participants need not attend all classes in a specific order.

Classes will be held on the following Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at AJ on October 15, November 12, January 14, February 11, March 11, and April 8. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@ adathjeshurun.com for reservations.

AJ adult study options

Adath Jeshurun will offer a series of free Sunday morning classes designed to enrich knowledge and understanding of the prayer book. Classes will be held at AJ on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 11 and 18. "Prayer Book Hebrew and Concepts" will be held 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** for details.

New Louisville Melton courses

New Melton Classes begin at Adath Jeshurun in October: Year 1 – "Purposes and Rhythms of Jewish Living, taught by Rabbi Stan Miles and Deborah Slosberg, meets Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. or 9:30 a.m. to noon. Year 2 – "Crossroads of Jewish History and Ethics of Jewish Living, taught by Cantor David Lipp and Rabbi Robert Slosberg, meets Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A new course, "Foundations of Jewish Family Living," taught by Lisa Rothstein Goldberg, will be held monthly from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free childcare is provided with advance registration. The reduced tuition for this course has been subsidized by an anonymous donor.

Contact Louisville Melton Director Deborah Slosberg at **dslosberg@ada-thjeshurun.com** or 502-458-5359 to register.

The Ethical Life

Join Keneseth Israel to study the sources of Jewish ethics in their original texts and learn how to apply them today. Each class includes a short video featuring Jewish Theological Seminary faculty members and other expert scholars, text study and a guided group discussion led by Rabbi Michael Wolk. The classes will meet Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., between October 8 and December 24, at KI. Cost: \$36. Register at **kenesethisrael.com/fee-account-payment**.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

Jews and Brews

Rabbi Michael Wolk leads Torah study over coffee Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the J Library.

KI Bridge Club

The Keneseth Israel Bridge Club meets Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the small chapel. RSVP to **gwishnia@gmail. com**.

Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead a lunch & learn class at noon, Thursday, October 4 at The Bristol on Main Street. The class is free, but food is sold separately. RSVP to **mwolk@kenesethisrael.com**.

Pragmatic Spirituality

Dr. Courtney Snyder and Marty Snyder facilitate a pragmatic spirituality discussion group Sundays at 10 a.m. at Adath Jeshurun. The next session on October 14, will address the topic "Rebooting the Soul, Conscious Computing and Other Strategies for Reclaiming Our Self-Respect in the Digital Age." The following session on October 21st looks at "Autumn – The Season of Letting Go."

Torah study

Rabbi David Ariel Joel leads Torah study over bagels and coffee Saturdays at 9 a.m. before services in the Fishman Library of The Temple.

Torah Yoga

The Torah Yoga class co-sponsored by Kenseth Israel, Temple Shalom and Hadassah, will be held next at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 18, at KI. Cantor Sharon Hordes leads Torah; Lisa Flannery, yoga.



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FORUM

How synagogues, day schools are failing people with disabilities

By Rabbi Julie Schonfeld Guest Columnist

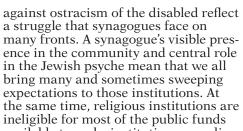
NEW YORK – Diversity and inclusion have become watchwords in our Jewish community, and rightly so. In the past few decades, we have considered how our congregations and institutions can better serve the needs of various populations, among them women, LGBTQ people, Jews of color and interfaith couples.

Now, a new survey from the nonprofit advocacy group RespectAbility shows – as we suspected – we have made progress, but we still have much work to do in how we create more space in our communal life for people with disabilities.

The poll, funded by the Genesis Prize Foundation and others, surveyed thousands of Jewish respondents, some of whom self-identify as disabled. While fully one in four adults has a disability, only 12 percent of Jewish respondents report knowing any clergy member or staffer at a Jewish institution with a disability. Less than a fifth of respondents say that our institutions are doing "extremely well" or "very well" at including those with disabilities in communal activities.

communal activities. Fully one-third of the respondents say that the biggest barrier to more inclusion of Jews with disabilities results from stigma or unacknowledged prejudice. A plurality say that synagogues must take the lead in encouraging the participation of disabled people in our communal life.

Respondents who point to synagogues as the first line of defense



available to make institutions compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA. Accessibility is also overlooked by Jewish philanthropists who prefer to fund what they perceive as new and

fresh ideas. This makes certain accommodations, especially much-needed but expensive brick-and-mortar renovations for accessibility, that much harder to achieve.

But addressing these issues can only come through concrete steps. Disabilities advocates suggest we give disabled people a more visible, active role in religious life. They remind us of the mantra "nothing about us without us" – that is, people with disabilities need to be at the table from the beginning of any planning process. They want to work with institutions to solve issues and make the Jewish community open and welcoming to all.

Creating a more representative and inclusive community means recruiting more disabled people for committees and boards, as well as for professional positions. It might mean asking someone with an intellectual disability to volunteer as an usher at Shabbat services, or offering an aliyah to someone who uses a wheelchair. There are ample resources that rabbis and other faith leaders can use to learn more about disability inclusion, including specialized toolkits for the synagogue. Our community's focus on achieve-

ment can seem praiseworthy, but it can also be very damaging to people, See **SYNAGOGUES** on page 24

Doggie Dip



The J's Community Pool wasn't just for people on Sunday, September 16, when members brought their canines for the annual Doggie Dip. Labs, hounds shepherds and mutts all cooled off in the water then shook themselves dry after the fun. (Community photo by William Beasley)

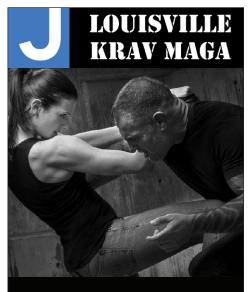
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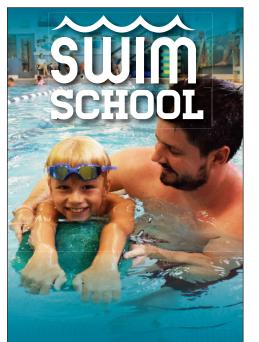
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GLOBE BRIEFS

By JTA

Netanyahu wants action against Iran

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in his annual address to the United Nations General Assembly, unveiled the location of a secret Iranian atomic warehouse in Tehran and implored the International Atomic Energy Agency to inspect it.

Netanyahu dedicated more than half of his speech to Iran's nuclear transgressions and aggressions against Israel and other countries.

He reminded the delegates about Israel's raid on a Tehran storage facility containing Iran's atomic archive and chided the IAEA for not taking action against it. Since the raid, he said, Iran has been emptying the warehouse, including spreading more than 30 pounds of radioactive material around Tehran. "What Iran hides, we will find," Netanyahu said.

He added: "We will act against you in Syria, we will act against you in Iran, we will act against you wherever and whenever. We will act against you to defend our state and our people."

Netanyahu also spoke of Hezbollah's threats against Israel and provided an aerial photo to show where the Lebanonbased terrorist group has hidden precision-guided missiles throughout Beirut.

"Israel knows what you are doing, Israel knows where you are doing it," he said in a remark directed at the Lebanese militant group, "and Israel will not let you get away with it."

EU committee freezes Palestinian aid

A European Parliament committee voted to freeze more than \$17 million in aid to the Palestinian Authority over incitement against Israel in its textbooks.

The Budgetary Committee's bill is an amendment to the European Union's draft budget, which will go to a plenary vote in late October. If the budget passes, the EU will withhold the money from the Palestinian Authority until it commits to reforming its textbooks.

The money represents 5 percent of EU aid to the Palestinians, i24 reported. The EU is the largest financial backer of the Palestinian Authority and the major financer of the Palestinian education system, according to i24.

The Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education, or IMPACT-se, said in a new report that its analysis of the new Palestinian textbooks for grades 1-12 aimed to encourage Palestinian children "to sacrifice their lives in the name of religion" and glorified martyrdom and violent resistance.

According to The Jerusalem Post, the committee's bill states, "The textbooks published by the PA in 2017, which are financed by the EU ... contain, across all subjects, numerous examples of violent depictions, hate speech – in particular against Israel – and glorifications of jihad and martyrdom."

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especially the young, who are experiencing depression, anxiety and mental illness in increasing numbers. The RespectAbility poll finds mental health issues affect Jewish families in numbers similar to national averages: 21 percent of respondents report that either they or a member of their household is grappling with a mental health challenge. Particularly when it comes to mental illness, which is often invisible, the Jewish community ought to investigate how our focus on achievement and even perfection, combined with unspoken stigma and biases, are affecting our kids.

This becomes a particularly important issue in day schools. Our religious day schools are exempt from the ADA and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This near-total freedom from secular legal obligations has significantly impaired a robust and creative response to inclusion. Many Jewish families' affiliation with day schools ends when schools are unable to accommodate their child's disability, and when families are told that the stu-

dent would better be served elsewhere. Concrete steps also include advocacy. Fifty percent of disabled respondents to the RespectAbility poll cite as their top priorities the preservation of safety net programs such as Medicaid, disability insurance and other forms of health care access. Another quarter of respondents with disabilities said their greatest concern is the expansion of educational and employment opportunities. And more than two-thirds of disabled respondents say that it is "extremely important" or "somewhat important" for them to hold down a job.

Securing these opportunities for Jews with disabilities – and all Americans – is a task that, like the fight for Medicaid, has to engage our community's advocates not only in Washington and in state capitals everywhere, but also in our community's own agencies and institutions.

We are now emerging from the High Holy Days, a time when we contemplate the past year, look forward to the next one and consider how we can be more connected and compassionate members of our Jewish and human family. RespectAbility's findings can help spur a renewed and ¬¬¬¬-more precise focus on the needs and narratives of Jews with disabilities.

(Rabbi Julie Schonfeld is CEO of the Rabbinical Assembly, the worldwide organization of Conservative/Masorti rabbis.)





Annie started her law career as a public defender, representing indigent clients in Jefferson County's criminal courts. Through her work, Annie has served the most vulnerable and marginalized members of the Louisville community.

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. Please join Michael & Colleen Abate and Stephanie & Cooper Robertson in supporting Annie!



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Births

Philip Anthony Kaplin



lin, and Kathleen and Michael Davis, all of Louisville, and great-grandson of Phil "Pinky" and Rosita Kaplin of Louisville and Irvine McGee of Okeechobee, Florida.

<u>B'nai Mitzvah</u>

Luke Aaron Patterson



Luke Aaron Patterson, son of Hope and Eric Patterson will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 10:30 a.m.. Saturday, October 20, at The Temple.

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grandson of Lau-

rie and Cary Kap-

The grandson of Phyllis and Andrew Present and Betty

Patterson and the late John Patterson, Luke is a seventh grader at Kammerer Middle School, where he is a member of the baseball team. He also plays baseball on the Sun Devils travel baseball team.

Luke has been a Bats season ticket holder his entire life and someday hopes to enter the profession, if not as a player, as a scout or in management.

He enjoys playing basketball, baseball and wiffle ball with the neighborhood crew, as well as Fortnight and NBA 2K.

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

Joshua Adam Siegwald



Joshua Adam Siegwald, son of and Tricia Stan Kling Siegwald, will be called to the Siegwald, Torah as a bar mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 6, at The Temple. Josh is the grand-

son of Bob and Susan Kling and the

late Stan and Thelma Siegwald A seventh grader at Meyzeek Middle School, he runs cross country and participates in the Beta and Chess clubs.

Josh has volunteered for Dare to Care, Kentucky Derby Festival and the Angel Tree program. He loves sports, animals, music and spending time with friends and family. He is an avid University of Louisville Cardinals fan and enjoys traveling to new cities.

Josh and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and to join them at the kiddush luncheon thereafter.

Sophie Faye Braunsteinn

Sophie Faye Braunstein, daughter of Lisa and David Braunstein, will be called to Torah as a bat mitzvah at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, October 13 at The Temple

Sophie is the granddaughter of Wil-liam and Sandra Braunstein of Louisville and Michael and Ruth Kanefsky of Tucson, Arizona.



An eighth grader at Highland Middle School, Sophie enjoys drama, readguițar and ing, playing clarinet in the Highland Middle School Band. Sophie loves animals and is a vegetarian. Sophie is partici-

pating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program and volunteers at the Kentucky Humane Society. She plans to continue to volunteer after her bat mitzvah.

Obituaries

Marjorie Kean Baker

Marjorie Kean Baker, 81, of Louisville, passed away on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at her home surrounded by loving familv

> Born in Chicago, a daughter of the late Fred and Florence Kean, Margie grew up amongst a wonderful family who have through her lifetime, re-mained amazingly close.

moved Louisville in 1955

and quickly became active in her congregation, serving on their board for years and as president of the Sister-hood. Through this association, she established lifelong friendships, cherished throughout her life.

In 1967, Margie attended the first Weight Watcher meeting in Louisville and went on to lose 137 pounds. Through dedication and heart, she became a top executive to the CEO 25 years later, running the franchise in their absence. This was her calling, helping thousands do the same. There was never a moment in public that someone didn't approach and thank her.

In 1996, Margie married the love of her life, Allan Baker, and began a beautiful and fun-filled life together. She helped Allan grow his business, Korrect Optical. She served as an ambassador and again established many close friendships. The couple traveled the world and loved to

throw extravagant parties. Margie will be so missed by so many that cherished her. With her children, step-children, grandchildren and many friends, the legacy that was Margie will forever live on.

In addition to her parents, Margie was preceded in death by her brother, Bob; niece and nephew, Nancy and Michael Kean; and her loving husband, Allan Baker.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Lee Martin (Jim); son, Scott Kean Goodman (Kristal); step-children, Vicky Unrich, Sharon Butler (Greg), Barry Baker (Shevvy), and Steven Baker (Sheila); her grandchildren, Stacy Boros, Michael Kleinman, Melissa, Ellie and Andrew Baker; and her caregivers, Paula Burr and Patricia Burdette, to whom she was grateful for their care, love and friendship.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 26, at The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42. Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy can be made in Margie's memory to The Temple or WHAS Crusade for Children.

Joan P. Berman

Joan P. Berman, of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and formerly of Louisville, died on Thursday, August 16, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of the late Lee Harris Berman; devoted mother of the late Holly R. Fink (and her husband Joel Fink [Jane Strauss]), Julie S. Davis (David), Sally R. Murek (and the late Morris Murek) and Jack I. Berman (Nan); and loving "Bubbie" of Laura and Jordan Murek.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, August 20, at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park in Clarksburg, Maryland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, General Education Fund, www.wlcj.org. Arrangements were entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

Harry A. Marks

Harry A. Marks, 63, died Thursday, August 23, 2018, at Norton Audubon.

Born June 16, 1955, a son of the late Samuel and Judith Marks, Harry was president of the screen printing division of Allied Sporting Goods and later became owner of Logos Unlimited. He was a member of the Screen Printing Association.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Gregory. Marks is survived by his daughters,

Abigail Reed (Ian) and Michelle Marks; his granddaughter, Sawyer Reed; his brother, Michael Marks (Joanne); mother of Abigail and Michelle, Carol Marks; his aunt, Carol Behr; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Kentucky Humane Society.

Alan Shalette

Alan Shalette, 77, died Saturday, September 1, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, he was born July 23, 1941, to the late Saul and Vivian Fishman Shalette. He was a chemical engineer who later became a financial adviser.

Shalette is survived by his wife, Joyce Cohen Shalette of Albuquerque; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. Stuart and Bonnie Cohen of Louisville; and his brother, Matthew Shalette (Elaine) of Brooklyn.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 4, at Anshei Sfard Cemetery, 721 Locust Lane. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Ân-shei Sfard, 3700 Dutchman's Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40205.

Jerome "Jerry" Wurmser



"Jerry' Jerome Wurmser, a World War II fighter pilot whose military service influenced much of his life, died in Lexington on September 8, 2018.

Born in Louisville on March 16, 1923, the son of the

late Fannie and Philipp Wurmser, Jerry grew up here and graduated from Louisville Male High School.

He attended the University of Louisville, but he cut short his studies to join the Army Air Corps in 1942. After graduating from flight school in January 1944, he was commissioned as a 1st lieutenant and became a flight instructor in Green-

ville, Texas. Later transferred to Dover, Delaware, he began flying the legendary Republic P47 Thunderbolt.

In June 1944 while still stateside, Jerry escaped serious injury during an acrobatics training exercise. He bailed out of his airplane, which was in a near speedof-sound power dive. But the determined pilot resumed flying after just four days în a hospital.

In September 1944, Jerry was one of 14 replacement pilots assigned to the 324th Fighter Group in southern France and went on complete 66 combat missions. One of only two survivors of the 14 replacements, Jerry carried the names of the other 12 men in his wallet throughout his life.

During the war, Jerry was awarded the Air Medal with nine clusters. He became a member of the Caterpillar Club and received the French Legion of Honor in 2011 for his service.

He returned to the states in 1946, serving in the Air Corps Reserves for the next eight years. In later years, he spent many hours on the Internet, connecting with airplane enthusiasts from France and Germany who were researching World War II.

Once stateside, Jerry re-enrolled at U of L, where he met his future wife, Rose Rita Levens. They were married in June 1947. The couple moved to Lexington in 1961, and started a wholesale sundries business, from which Jerry retired in 1984. Widely known as someone to go

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Howard and Shirley Markus honored by friends at JFCS

By staff and releases

Friends of the late Howard and Shirley Markus are honoring the couple's contributions to Louisville.

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The MARTH Group (Marie and Ron Abrams, Marcia and Bruce Roth, Maura and Jerry Temes and Carol and Mickey Heideman) are recognizing the Markuses with a plaque at Jewish Family & Career Services, where both served as president of the board of directors. But the couple's leadership and community involvement went far beyond the JFCS. Howard Markus passed away in June; Shirley, in 2012.

Originally from Cleveland, Howard opened a franchise of Management Recruitment International here in 1967. After he joined the JVS board, his involvement in the community took off. He became the first president of the merged Jewish Family and Vocational Service from 1978 to 1980, providing valuable input into the challenges of merging two agencies with different focus areas and cultures. He helped to create the foundation of the JFCS. Howard also served on the Jewish Federation board and chaired the board of Jewish Hospital from 1988 to 1991. Following the couple's move to Sarasota, Florida, he became the president of the board of the Sarasota Jewish Federation in 2001.

A Louisville native, Shirley led the preparatory math department at the University of Louisville, where she tutored many students who were deficient in



the subject. But she also took an active role in the Jewish community, serving as president of the board of JFVS from 1983-86, ushering in a period of growth in the agency's programming. She also chaired committee at The Temple and became a museum docent in Sarasota

when she moved there with Howard. The couple exemplified leadership during their time here, mentoring young leaders including Peter Resnik, the current JFCS president.

They opened their home at holidays to newcomers to Louisville. Howard participated in the Oral History project at JFCS, showing his, and Shirley's, commitment to community.

"I would like to be remembered through my children, so that they follow the tenets of Judaism and Tzedkah," Howard once said. "I believe you can't be a taker; you must be a giver. The community was good to me and you must give back."

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to for help, be it a temporary home, the use of his pickup or rototiller, or home maintenance, Jerry became active in the community, joining Temple Adath Israel and serving on its board.

In 1996, in recognition of their outstanding service to their community, Jerry and Rose Rita received the prestigious National Conference of Christians and Jews' CHAI award for their work with the Soviet Resettlement Program.

Jerry volunteered with Operation Read, mentored at Cassidy Elementary school, worked with Habitat for Humanity, became a patient escort at the local V.A. Hospital and graduated with the second class of the Lexington Citizens Police Academy.

He was an avid reader and gardener, a Mason, Shriner and Optimist Club member. In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rose Rita; a son, Jeffrey Mark; a brother,

Sol Wurmser; and a sister, Sylvia Blanc. He is survived by three daughters, Judith Wurmser (Paul Cable) and Linda (Jeffrey Lee) Noffsinger, both of Lexington, and Terri Wurmser of Baltimore; grandchildren Lauren Higdon (Joshua Saxton) and Matthew Higdon, Jared Noffsinger and Jeremy Noffsinger; greatgrandsons Joshua Tag Howard and Noah Howard; and grandsons by marriage Adam Cable and Patrick Cable.

Funeral services were held at Temple Adath Israel on September 12. A graveside service followed at Lexington Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Jewish Louisville Community newspaper, c/o The JCL, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205, or the Aviation Museum of Kentucky.

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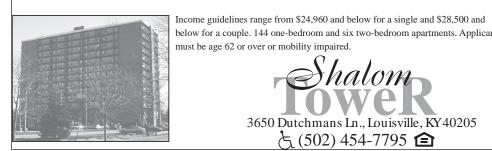


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provide the financial resources to get the job completed.

Meanwhile, the architect, GBBN, is determining where on the campus the new building will be located, what it will look like and how it will be laid out.

Sara Klein Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville, said in a statement that the designs will be created in phases and "paced with the Capital Campaign progress." She said the JCL plans to break ground in 18-22 months.

"This requires more of the vision ng." Jerry Abramson said. "I think thing," Jerry Abramson said. we've got to spend time with folks envisioning what is coming, and the opportunities for themselves, their children and grandchildren.'

The co-chairs noted the funds raised wouldn't just go to constructing a building. It will cover the full cost of campus

development, acquiring the Anshei Sfard property, razing the old building and other site preparation.

Frank Weisberg, a retired realtor, lifelong Louisvillian and accomplished artist, emphasized how important it is for the community to understand what a major project the JCL is beginning.

"We're here to help facilitate it as best we can," he said. "We all believe in it, and we want to make a go of it, and I think we can."

Renovating the existing J simply was not an option, said Tuvlin, a gastroenterologist at Jewish Hospital and a member of the JCL Board of Directors

"It was cost prohibitive, not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant," he said. "It simply was not an option to take the existing structure and put a facelift on it.

The co-chairs already have plenty of resources to draw from as they begin the Capital Campaign. They pointed to the findings from last year's charrettes – planning sessions with the community

to discuss what they want from a future facility - as well as architects' meetings with the Federation and J staff, as benchmarks that will inform the design and functionality of the new J.

"There's been a long process of assessing what the community wanted and felt that we needed to provide, said Tuvlin. "The services that we think are important in today's community.'

Echoing that, Madeline Abramson, also a JCL board member, said "the support of the community will drive the design rather than the design driving com-

munity support." The result, Barbara Weisberg said, will likely be a completely different kind

of J. "This is The J of the future," she said, "so it's totally different from where we are today.

While the Capital Campaign gets under way, the Annual Campaign, chaired by Ariel and Faina Kronenberg, continues moving forward.

We need to keep running the daily

operations and programs that we have run with the Annual Campaign while we're building the future of the commu-' Ariel Kronenberg said. "I've been nity.' saying it at every opportunity we have, and hopefully people will listen.

Madeline Abramson agreed. "It will be important for us to communicate in our ask for support that this is not a gift in lieu of the annual campaign," she said. "It's a gift in addition to annual campaign support.'

There are any number of reasons why people will decide to contribute to the Capital Campaign, Tuvlin said. For him, though, the role that Js play across the country – that of a ground zero where Jews of all backgrounds can come, play, exercise, study - simply grow as Jews exceeds them all.

"We are part of a movement that engages the most amount of Jews outside the State of Israel," he said. "That's an important piece.

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children through drug abuse or neglect put their lives together and be reunited with their kids. Initially, 30 families per year – including about 150 children – are expected to be assisted.

Emke, who has co-chaired the fundraising effort, said the court is about helping families, not punishing offend-

ers. "After you get sober, it's about TLC," she said

More than 400 people died from drug overdoses in Jefferson County in 2017, according to the Courier-Journal.

NCJW has led the effort to raise funds for the court's initial operations. So far, individuals, corporations and founda-tions have donated \$404,000 - enough to provide specially trained social workers, supervised visits, drug screening and parenting classes for two years.

Another \$157,000 must be raised to fund a third year of court costs.

NCJW, a longtime advocate for judicial excellence, will continue to work to influence elected officials to fund permanent family drug courts throughout Kentucky, and to enlist experts throughout the community to conduct an independent evaluation of the new court once it begins operating.



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A Letter to Our COMMUNITY



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TO THE GREATER LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY:

KentuckyOne Health is honored to care for you. In Louisville and across the Commonwealth, we are committed to delivering quality care with compassion, while also helping make the community stronger. We have continued the legacy of excellence at Jewish Hospital and other Louisville health care facilities and take pride in the partnerships with all our neighbors.

As we look to the future of health care in our community, KentuckyOne Health is dedicated to helping shape a strong and viable future for the facilities that will transition to a new owner. This includes Jewish Hospital.

Despite incorrect or inaccurate rumors and speculation, we are not planning for the closure of Jewish Hospital. The complex process of exclusive negotiations with BlueMountain Capital Management continues and we are focused on completing a successful transaction.

We believe that inaccurate speculation from sources who are not directly involved in negotiations is harmful and unproductive for those who rely on our services today and will in the future. Leaders from KentuckyOne Health/CHI, BlueMountain and University of Louisville, which plays an important role due to its academic affiliation, are working toward a positive outcome.

Leaders from these organizations are the only ones in the discussions. If you support the future of health care in this community, we ask that you focus on information from these individuals rather than anonymous sources. Rumors and speculation will only hurt our employees, physicians and patients, and potentially damage or delay the process. We remain committed to reaching an agreement in these negotiations. However, if that is not possible, we will have to evaluate other options.

Our purpose when we began the evaluation of potential buyers was to ensure the ongoing legacy, excellence and stability of all the Louisville hospitals and care facilities. We believe that we can be successful in reaching an agreement which benefits everyone.

Our physicians, nurses and employees are proud to provide care for the people of greater Louisville. This organization has played a vital role in advancing medicine and supporting this community for more than 100 years, and we are confident that legacy will continue in the future.

Thank you for entrusting us with your care,

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