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Bevin OKs anti-boycott order, urges legislature to pass law

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

FRANKFORT – Surrounded by dignitaries, including Israel's ambassador to the United States, Gov. Matt Bevin signed an anti-BDS executive order on Thursday, November 15, making Kentucky the latest state to refuse to do business with contractors that boycott the Jewish state.

Bevin also called on the legislature to make his order "permanent" by passing anti-BDS legislation in the next session.

"I don't know why we could not and should not get this done, and I'm confident that we will," Bevin said at a signing ceremony in the rotunda of the Capitol.

State Rep. Tim Moore (R-Harden), who has introduced such legislation in the past, promised to do so again in 2019.

BDS, which stands for Boycott Divestment Sanctions, is a global effort to isolate Israel financially, culturally, academically and by other means, ostensibly because Israel occupies the West Bank and controls access to Gaza. Its opponents say it is really a veiled effort to weaken and destroy the Jewish state.

BDS proponents try pressuring governments, universities and other institutions to divest their holdings in Israel,



Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin signs the anti-BDS executive order on November 15 in the Capitol rotunda at Frankfort. (Photo by Samuel Martin)

to prevent professionals from working abroad, and even to stop performers from including Israel on their concert tours.

The new order prohibits governmental bodies from dealing with a contractor engaged in a boycott and requires them to state that they are not doing so and will not be for the term of the agreement. State agencies may also terminate existing agreements if a contractor is found

to be part of a boycott.

The order applies only to "executive branch agencies" and not to the entire state, according to Elizabeth Kuhn, the governor's communications director.

Before signing the order in front of more than 60 onlookers – Jews and Christians – Bevin produced a photo of himself meeting with Prime Minister

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Public Service Hall of Fame inducts Abramson

By staff and releases

Jerry Abramson, the longest-serving mayor in Louisville's history, joined the Kentucky Public Service Hall of Fame during a November 16 induction ceremony.



Jerry Abramson

The ceremony was hosted by University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration.

"Mayor Abramson has achieved a truly remarkable career that spans four decades of public service," Ron Zimmer, professor and director of the Martin School, said in a prepared statement. "He has served at all levels of government – local, state and federal – and he is most deserving of this recognition for his many contributions to the betterment of his community and our state."

Abramson served 21 years as Louisville

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#LoveTheStranger

New JCL campaign will counter acts of hate with compassion for the stranger

By Sara Klein Wagner
and Matt Goldberg
For Community

The horrific murder of 11 Jewish worshippers at the Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha synagogue in Pittsburgh was the latest manifestation of the increasing level of hate in our society. This tragedy, combined with the murder of two fellow Louisvillians in a Kroger parking lot simply because of their race, has left us shocked and heartbroken.

These hate crimes are a stark reminder that anti-Semitism and racism are growing in America.

But the outpouring of kindness in the aftermath of these two jarring events should be recognized and celebrated

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According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic incidents have risen 56 percent in the last year, a staggering increase and objective proof that hate crime is getting worse.

Anti-Semitism has never really gone away, Jewish history teaches us. It is something we deal with on a regular basis. The hate-filled march in Charlottesville last year illustrated what is happening in our country. Hate is increas-

ing, and extremist groups feel more emboldened to go public with their ugly messages.

Life is precious; when it is taken away so senselessly, everyone needs to respond. Our Jewish community has felt the embrace from many people of different faiths who stood side-by-side with us. Hundreds of individuals from all backgrounds attended a community vigil on October 28 to remember the victims of the shootings in Pittsburgh and Louisville, and they participated in services a week later at our synagogues as part of a national "Show Up for Shabbat" initiative. Our compassionate city spoke loud and clear, repudiating hate and violence.

Our Torah teaches that we should love the stranger, because we were

once strangers in the land of Egypt, so the Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL) is undertaking a new campaign, **#LoveTheStranger**, which is intended to share hope and compassion wherever it is needed and wherever barriers between people need to come down.

This new campaign will create greater understanding, dialogue and friendships between people of different backgrounds – something that recent events have reminded us is of the utmost urgency – through actions, activities and programming.

We are asking for our community to take some time to do acts of loving kindness and post on social media with the hashtag #LoveTheStranger. Consistent

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Chanukah Events



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THE DASHBOARD

D'var Torah

Pittsburgh aftermath: Where is G-d?



Rabbi
Avrohom Litvin

It was the holy day of Shabbat – Saturday morning, October 27. A man entered a synagogue in Pittsburgh and murdered 11 people. Eight men and three women were mercilessly killed – because they were Jews.

The immediate question is, “Where was G-d?”

I can’t explain why this tragedy occurred. But I do know where G-d was on that day. I am certain of this one simple truth: G-d was in the synagogue along with those 11 martyrs. G-d was with the policeman as he bled on that synagogue floor. And G-d is with the mourners as they deal with the pain and anguish.

Looking through the Bible, one can easily find many instances of our greatest leaders questioning where G-d was during times of tragedy. Abraham and Moses, Job and David – they all confronted G-d and begged to know where G-d was, and why G-d allowed evil to exist?

Equally apparent throughout scripture is the response that we are not privy to understanding the divine reasons that govern the goings on in this world. In the words of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, “We see the world as one who views a beautiful tapestry, but only from the obverse or reverse side.” We see things that seem out of order, and we can’t understand why these occurrences are allowed to happen.

Yet, at that same moment when we grapple in darkness, G-d stands with us, holding us, carrying us, feeling our pain and crying with us. G-d is never so close as when we call out to G-d in times of darkness and lean on G-d for comfort and courage.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe explained after

the passing of his wife that “those who are still living must take these occurrences to heart and use them as a catalyst for goodness and growth.” We are not the victims of fate. We are the authors of destiny. Although we can’t necessarily control our circumstances, we can absolutely control our responses to them.

Eleven lives were snuffed out; I suggest many times 11 acts of light in their memories. Those three women will not be able to light Shabbat candles; how about 300 women lighting Shabbat candles on their behalf. Eight men will not be able to put on Tefillin; maybe 800 men can put on Tefillin in their place. Imagine all the smiles those martyrs will never share again, but we can share smiles for them and brighten the world with that goodness.

Eleven visits to a nursing home over the next year, 11 stories read to a child, 11 extra visits to a synagogue over the next year. Imagine if you and I, and whoever else happens to read these words, can make a profound difference in the world in their honor and in their sacred memory.

As we approach Chanukah – the Festival of Light – would it not be right to light up the entire world with the sacred lights of this special holiday? You may choose to attend the “Unite for Light” program on December 2 at Fourth Street Live or attend a synagogue event or service, or simply light the Chanukah menorah in your home; but your act will bring light into the world and each bit of this light chases away the darkness which often seeks to overcome goodness.

May we know of no more pain or suffering and may we soon witness the coming of the moshiach, when all weapons will be beaten into plowshares and the era of peace and goodness will descend upon the world so all peoples, living in brotherhood and the knowledge of G-d, will cover the world like water covers the ocean beds.

(Rabbi Avrohom Litvin is regional director of Chabad on Kentucky.)

Snapshots



More than 75 vendors filled the foyer, gallery auditorium and upper gymnasium of The J for this year's Snowflake Shoppe. Hundreds of shoppers browsed holiday items such as home decor, jewelry, candles, toys and fudge in an annual happening that supports the Jewish Federation of Louisville. (Community photos by Jessica Budnick)

Candles

Here are the candle lighting times for Shabbat in December:

- December 7 @ 5:04
- December 14 @ 5:05
- December 21 @ 5:08
- December 28 @ 5:12

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7th-8th: 24th Annual Drew Corson
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NEWS

Children of Kristallnacht

Night of violence recalled at commemoration weeks after Pittsburgh shootings

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Hans Bensinger.
Ann Dorzback.
Dan Streit.
Herta Beskin.
Ernie Marx.

They all had a story to tell about Kristallnacht, the night of November 9-10, 1938, when Nazis and their sympathizers, in a planned rampage through Jewish quarters in Germany and Austria, looted and burned synagogues, homes and shops, murdered scores and sent thousands more to detention at Dachau concentration camp.

But they told their stories through the eyes of children at the annual Karistallnacht commemoration on November 8 at Adath Jeshurun.

Dorzback was 17 at the time, Bensinger, 10; Beskin, 11; Marx, who is now deceased and whose story was recounted by two teenage girls, was 13.

The fifth storyteller, Streit, would not be born until one year after Kristallnacht, but his very life depended on what happened that night.

His father hid in a Hamburg cemetery behind a headstone the night of the violence, Streit said, tipped off that the Nazis were coming for him.

"Had my father not been tipped off," the burly, bearded Streit told the crowded sanctuary, "I would not be here today speaking to y'all."

Though the program commemorated the night in 1938 that arguably marked



Ann Dorzback describes what she remembers about Kristallnacht as her son, Bob, listens to the telling. (Community photo by Tara Cocco)

the start of the Holocaust, it could not be separated from the shootings at Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha synagogue in Pittsburgh two weeks earlier.

But Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport of The Temple noted a critical difference:

"Imagine how different Kristallnacht might be remembered if the very next Sabbath, Jews could have gathered in their synagogues across the land surrounded by friends and neighbors of all faiths, clergy and lay people alike," Rapport said, "standing together against

such acts of hate and making a stand for the rights of all people to practice their faith in freedom and safety from harassment or attack."

During the one-hour program, Dorzback, now 97, recalled how her parents tried to calm her and her sister, who were away at school during Kristallnacht, by telling them they were away from home, vacationing in the Black Forest.

When the girls returned home, they got the truth. Their father also an-

nounced that the family would leave Germany.

"A country that has no respect for a house of God has no respect for a human life," his grandson, Bob Dorzback said, recounted his grandfather's words.

Bensinger and his daughter, Karin Applebaum, described what Bensinger had seen that night. (He recalled Gestapo agents arresting his father, and sending him to Dachau.)

Carol Klein, daughter of Beskin, described how a great-uncle in Cleveland managed to bring her mother and parents from Germany after Kristallnacht.

Avery Ramsey and Sarah Kwasny, eighth graders at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, told Marx's story, describing how Gestapo agents arrested his father, then forced him to choose one of his children to come with him. He choose Marx.

Cantor David Lipp sang *Muss I Denn*, a German folk song, and *You Want it Darker*, a song from Leonard Cohen's final album. Cantor Sharon Hordes chanted *El Maleh Rachamim*.

St. Francis of Assisi teacher Fred Whittaker, and Rabbis Stanley Miles, Beth Jacowitz Chottiner Michael Wolk and Robert Slosberg also participated in the program.

Echoing Rapport's comments, Miles said of the people who gathered in synagogues following the Pittsburgh shootings to show their support, "No, my friends, this is not the same world [as Nazi Germany]. Thank God!"



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NEWS

LCJC retains consultant to study synagogue 'sustainability' in Louisville

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

All five Louisville synagogues have banded together in an effort to map out a sustainable future for congregation life in the Derby City.

Supported by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Louisville Council of Jewish Congregations (LCJC) has hired a consultant to study their strengths and weaknesses, sit down with stakeholders and prepare a report recommending ways to move forward.

Rosov Consulting, which has offices in Berkeley, California, and Jerusalem, is expected to complete its study by early summer.

LCJC Chair Matt Schwartz said the study will go beyond the often-asked questions of consolidation or maintaining five synagogues with aging memberships.

"It isn't just about facilities," said Schwartz, who also is president of The Temple. "It's about how to keep people engaged in synagogue life."

The stated objective of the LCJC project is to "set Louisville on a course



Rosov Consulting will work with local synagogues to prepare for the future. (photo provided)

today that ensures a vibrant synagogue life now and for decades into the future."

To achieve that objective, it has identified four goals:

- Help each synagogue, as needed, with strategic thinking and action planning;
- Cull best practices from within

Louisville and beyond;

- Find opportunities for collaboration, financial and otherwise;
- Think "big picture," for what should be done to sustain synagogues.

JHFE will act as a strategic advisor for the project.

Work on the study has already begun, Schwartz said. Rosov representatives are interviewing synagogue leaders now and are expected to visit Louisville this month.

He said the leaders will be open to all options.

"Our goal is not inherently to combine buildings," Schwartz said. "Our goal is to sustain Jewish life in Louisville, which starts with the synagogues."

Rosov's services, according to its website, include evaluation, applied research, strategy development, philanthropic initiatives and "systems coaching" – guiding leaders through the challenges of transition, communication, conflicts and achieving healthy work cultures.

Louisville synagogues face many of the same challenges as congregations across the country: aging memberships,

declining interest in organized religion and the high cost of facility maintenance, to name a few.

Rosov Director Pearl Mattenson said her team is already doing virtual interviews with stakeholders, which will include more than just synagogue leaders, and she expects to have two on-site visits to Louisville completed by mid-December.

She is impressed by the community's buy-in to the project.

"We find it incredibly encouraging that five synagogues have come together in this way and perhaps it is even unusual," Mattenson said. "That bodes well for a community-focused solution that serves everybody."

During his recent visit to Louisville, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, addressed many of the issues facing synagogues here (see story, page 9).

LCJC chose Rosov from a list of 25 firms, which it gradually narrowed down to four.

In addition to paying for the consultant, JHFE also awarded each congregation a no-strings \$50,000 grant to use as they see fit.

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~ W. Clement Stone

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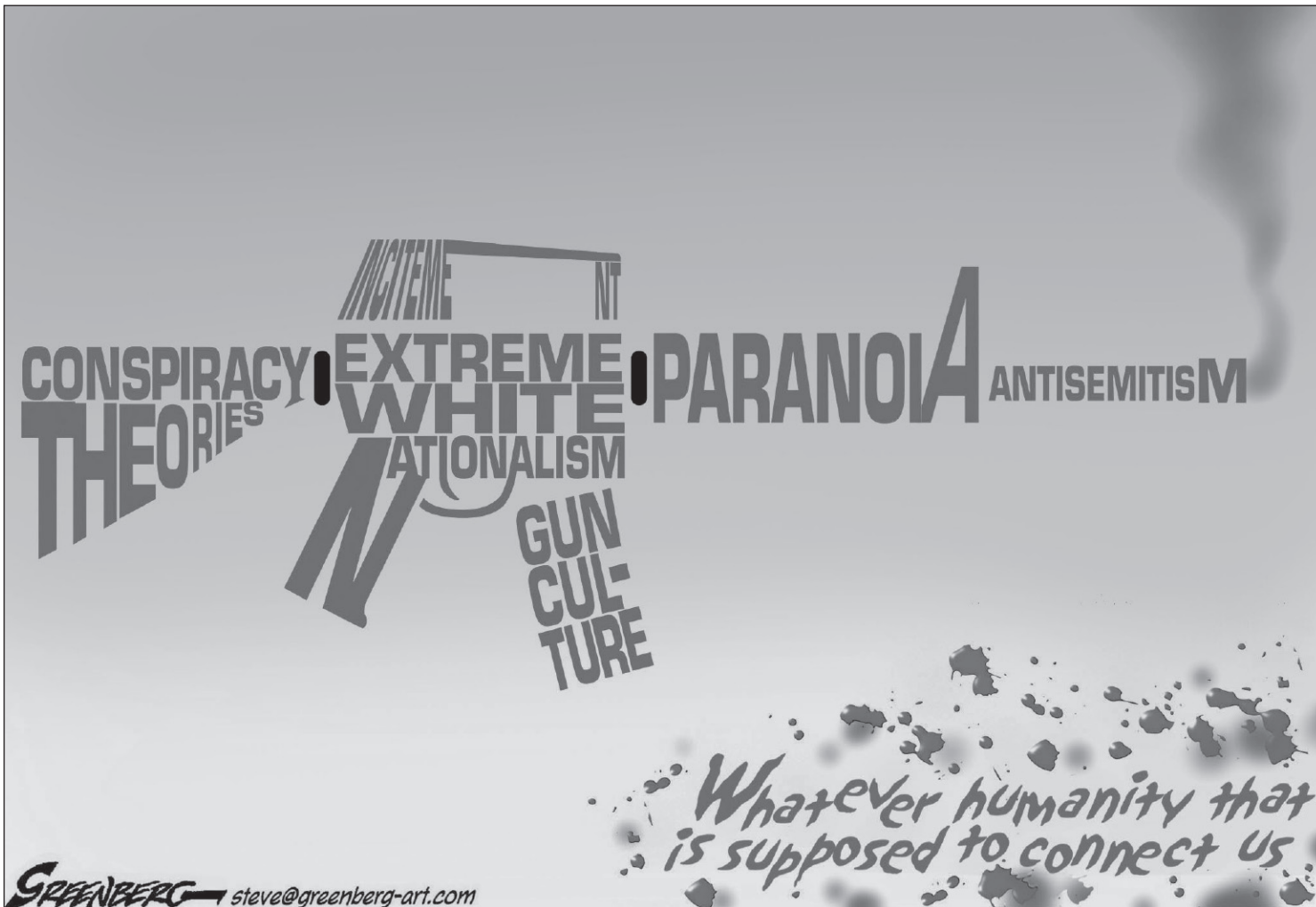
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FORUM



Pittsburgh is where I lived; synagogue is where I'm home

On October 27, the front line in the struggle to save and perpetuate Judaism ran through Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I know a little something about that front line. Born in Pittsburgh, raised in her suburbs, an adult living on the North Side and East End of the city, I am – with apologies to my new hometown, Louisville – a Pittsburgher until I die.

As the editor of *The Jewish Chronicle*, Pittsburgh's Jewish newspaper, for 13 years, ground zero for my coverage was Squirrel Hill, the neighborhood where Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha synagogue, the scene of those deadly shootings by an anti-Semitic gunman, is located.

Squirrel Hill is an upscale, multi-ethnic neighborhood. Bistros, cafes and trendy stores line Murray and Forbes avenues. Schenley Park, with its wide, shady lanes ties the universities to pre-war homes, attracting cyclists and runners and picnickers.

It is simply a beautiful place to live and be.

But everywhere are reminders that Squirrel Hill was, and is, the heart of Pittsburgh Jewish life. Bearded men in kippot and fedoras walk briskly to their next appointments. Women push strollers heavy with kids. Fliers for this Jewish event or that are taped to street lamps and shop windows.

And there are the synagogues.

Like everywhere, synagogue life is in jeopardy as Jews increasingly reject organized religion. Still, it is impossible to walk a couple blocks in Squirrel Hill without seeing a shul. They're in old houses, stately temples with stained glass windows or buildings, like Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha, constructed along modern architectural lines.



Human Resources

Lee Chottiner

One congregation, according to urban legend, started life in a mansion whose previous owner's wish was that a Jew never own it. That was the benign anti-Semitism we were used to until October 27's brand left us all scarred.

I know Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha very well. My great-uncle, Herman Hailperin, a giant in the Conservative movement of his day, was the rabbi there for 45 years, when it was just Tree of Life. I reported on a succession of rabbis. I covered the merger with Or L'Simcha, a newer congregation that had no building. My wife, then just a student rabbi, was asked more than once to read Torah on Shabbat at its bima.

And today it is on the Jewish front line. So is every synagogue in Pittsburgh, Louisville, North America, the whole world.

The 11 people who died Saturday lost their lives because they chose to express their Judaism in their house of worship. Had they rejected synagogue life, as so many others have, they would probably be alive today.

But they wouldn't really be living. Part of what made them Jews, what gave their lives meaning, was what went on within those walls.

During his recent visit to Louisville, Jewish scholar Avraham Infeld, in his

talks about the preservation of Jewish culture, made the case for strong Jewish community centers, but not at the expense of the synagogues. He said Jews are a people with a "God-centered culture," and he took his fellow Israelis to task for rejecting the synagogue in droves.

If you go to a synagogue, if you support a synagogue – if you are on the front line – part of you is crying not only for the loss of life but for the assault on the idea of synagogue itself — literally, as a sanctuary. You may not have given voice to it, but I bet you feel it.

Synagogues are not profit makers. Far from high-tech startups, brewpubs or espresso bars, they're a tough sell to millennials and Gen Z'ers.

But they are where Judaism happens every day. And they are threatened, mostly by the choices of Jews.

For those who have decided to express their Judaism in a way that does not include synagogue affiliation, OK, that's your choice. Now is the time, though, to ask yourselves how you will express your Jewishness – now, after the worst, and probably first, murder of American Jews in their own house of worship.

I don't mean to demean Jews who have chosen to walk away from their faith or simply not to affiliate. I don't know their experiences; I can't walk in their shoes.

But as a Jew who is on the front line, like thousands of others, struggling to preserve a critical component of Jewish existence, I can say this: We need you. More than ever, we need you.

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

FORUM

Where did all the non-Jewish Leaders come from at our Vigils?

By Rabbi Doug Kahn
Guest Columnist

Dozens of interfaith vigils were held around the country to mourn the 11 Jews murdered at Shabbat services in Pittsburgh and to proclaim “no more hate.”

They were organized on short notice with synagogues, Jewish Community Relations Councils (JCRCs), federations, JCCs, JFCS's, Hillels and other Jewish institutions cooperating around the clock in response to the Saturday morning massacre that sent shock waves through the country. At many venues, the crowds overflowed into the streets.

Well over 100,000 people came together from coast to coast. One of the most visible and powerful components of the vigils – the tremendous response of non-Jewish leaders – was largely connected to one of the least visible activities in the Jewish community: JCRCs' daily work building relationships.

Indeed, a common ingredient from the vigils were the heartening pictures of top Catholic, Muslim, Buddhist, Protestant, Hindu, African-American, Latino and Asian leaders standing side by side with public officials and Jewish community leaders to signal wall-to-wall condemnation of anti-Semitism in the strongest terms and to join with us in our hour of need – with powerful words and prayers of solidarity and solace. And they brought their community members with them.

It is hard to describe what this outpouring has meant to us as Jews. We are

vigilant about our security because of our history. Yet we were never prepared emotionally for such a day to arrive in our country, as tragically it did, on Shabbat morning at Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha. Vulnerable and violated as a community, we were immediately embraced and surrounded with love and friendship.

Where did they all come from – the countless public officials, religious and ethnic leaders and members of so many different faith and ethnic communities who participated in the vigils and stood with us in an unforgettable demonstration of love, solidarity and shared mourning in the aftermath of the slaughter?

Some had relationships with local rabbis. Others just came on their own, wanting to show up, to stand up, to say “enough.” But for many non-Jewish community leaders who dropped everything to mourn with us, the magnet was years of relationship building.

One Jewish community organization, the JCRC, focuses on that relationship-building day in and day out across the country. Working with other Jewish organizations, JCRCs proactively reach out to key Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, LGBTQ, Labor, African-American, Latino and Asian leaders, and public officials, to build long-lasting relationships focused around common concerns.

These vigils required a village, so because many in our community do not quite get what JCRCs do, it is worth connecting the dots.

Over the years there has been support

in the Jewish community for this bread-and-butter work, but also many questions: Where is the tangible impact from this work? Do these communities stand up for the Jews as we do for them?

It should not take a tragedy to answer these questions. At the same time, that visual of key leaders from many different communities crowded on bimas across the land should be permanently etched in our minds. To everyone who attended a vigil, please recognize that the work of relationship building is more important than ever. It is part of what makes our community secure. It means we show stand up when other communities need us, and our non-Jewish friends will

know when their presence and voices will make a difference.

It is also a plea for more Jewish community leaders to respond to calls to join in key coalitional tables where the relationships are forged.

Hillel said, “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?”

It is almost as if Hillel was writing the mission statement for JCRCs – and our community.

(Rabbi Doug Kahn is the executive director emeritus of the Jewish Community Relations Council in San Francisco and founder of Broad Tent Consulting.)

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LETTER

HIAS' work lauded

I just wanted to express my deepest shock and sorrow over the mass killings at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

The shooter's last public reference as relates to his motive was to Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society's (HIAS) involvement in refugee resettlement. Although HIAS now resettles a modest number of refugees in the U.S., befitting its long and noble history, the organization has taken a courageous lead role in advocating for the humanitarian support of refugees and condemning the Trump administration's callous restrictions on refugee resettlement, not to mention its wholesale demonization of immigrants.

The brutal massacre of 11 innocent congregants in Squirrel Hill is a horrible loss of life, and horrible lesson on the perils of stoking racist resentments. Direct causality need not be demonstrated.

It is of course true that any individual who commits a murder based on racial or religious hatred is an outlier in terms of outlook and psychology. But when political leaders and the supporters of a mainstream political party persistently problematize the presence of racial or religious minorities, it gives implicit license for warped, damaged individuals to attempt to solve these perceived problems according to their own malign tendencies, sometimes with resort to violence.

There can be no solace after this tragic incident for the long-established Jewish community in Pittsburgh or among Jewish-Americans broadly. But I can only hope the killings in Pittsburgh and the other incidents of politically motivated violence that occurred in our country

last week will illustrate the lasting harm of mainstreaming hatred as part of our civic dialogue.

Most of all, during this difficult time, I just wanted to reach out to Louisville's Jewish community in sympathy and solidarity.

John A. Koehlinger
Louisville

(The author is executive director of Kentucky Refugee Ministries. He sent this letter shortly after the shootings in Pittsburgh.)



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FORUM

In 1986, another anti-Semitic Pittsburgh shooter murdered my childhood friend

By Shalom Lipner
Guest Columnist

WASHINGTON – The outpouring of grief over last month's massacre at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha synagogue has sparked a degree of counter-intuitive hope. Just maybe, the eternal optimists among us believe, this will prove to be the watershed event that sends all the craven anti-Semites crawling back into their caves for good.

I doubt it.

The shooter, Robert Bowers, is now a household name around the world. Maybe that's what he wanted. But Bowers is not the first lowlife to murder an observant Jew in Squirrel Hill. That dubious distinction belongs to Steven Tielsch.

On a Thursday night in April 1986, when Bowers was still a teenager, Tielsch murdered my childhood friend and neighbor Neal Rosenblum. Nuttie, as everyone knew him, was three years my senior. Growing up together in Toronto, we used to play hockey on the street outside his house. His mother was my kindergarten teacher.

Nuttie married a girl from Pittsburgh and had just arrived in town to spend Passover with her family. Walking home that evening from a different synagogue

in the neighborhood – and cutting the recognizable figure of an Orthodox Jew – he was hailed by two men, Tielsch and Kevin Ohm, in a black Corvette looking for directions. When Nuttie approached the vehicle to render assistance, Tielsch took out a .40-caliber pistol and shot him in cold blood. Neal was 25.

Sixteen years and four trials later, Tielsch was finally convicted of third-degree murder and sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison. (Federal records show that he was released last year. Ohm apparently was killed in 1991 in a traffic accident in a car driven by Tielsch.) His prolific rap sheet includes drug trafficking, tax evasion and homicide. Bowers follows in the footsteps of an equally bad seed.

Racists like Tielsch and Bowers are motivated by pure hatred. In the case of Tielsch, who bragged in 1991 that he "wacked some Jew f**k," the district attorney declared plain and simple that "Rosenblum died because of his religion."

It would be a mistake to think that Bowers and his ilk are motivated by any kind of rational impulse. Their antipathy blinds them. How else to explain why Bowers, who claims to despise President Trump, would target American Jews, 75 percent of whom actually oppose Trump

and his policies?

Robert Wistrich, the late historian, referred to anti-Semitism as "the longest hatred." Misfits have always taken refuge in its shadows. To them, it's always the fault of the Jews: liberal and conservative, communist and capitalist, assimilated and apart – all simultaneously. It seems that there's always a "made-to-order" Jew whom anti-Semites can hold responsible for their own personal failings.

The scourge of Jew-baiting exists independently of politics. But their interface becomes toxic when leaders demonstrate tolerance – or worse, sympathy – for anti-Semitic tropes and violence. Trump's dismal response to the August 2017 "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, where protesters chanted "Jews will not replace us," is a case in point; celebrating "very fine people on both sides" empowers fanaticism. Politicians who would continue to embrace Louis Farrakhan after his recent comparison of Jews to termites are no less culpable.

The hearts of all civilized people go out to the Squirrel Hill victims and their families. The attack opened a gaping hole in the fabric of America's most treasured values, and it will not easily mend. This needs to be an urgent time of in-

trospection and healing. Americans on both sides of the political debate must stop pointing fingers at each other and join hands to defend the core freedoms of all their fellow citizens. Anti-Semitism must be combated resolutely, whether it emanates from the right or the left. Enhanced law enforcement will be imperative in order to ensure that criminals are prosecuted, and law-abiding citizens are protected.

Too many historical precedents have taught us that anti-Semitism will likely persist as a feature of our society. Sadly, I don't expect the tragedy in Pittsburgh to change that. But that doesn't mean good people can't put up a fight. If they don't, the integrity and future of the Republic are as good as doomed, and the memories of Nuttie and the 11 souls taken at Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha will be defiled.

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NEWS

Jacobs: 2020 Vision a blueprint for sustainable synagogues

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

(Editor's note: This is the second part of a wide-ranging interview with Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism. In this story, Jacobs addresses the future of the American synagogue and 2020 Vision, the Reform movement's blueprint for growth and change.)

Organized Judaism may be experiencing a concerning decline in affiliation, but Rabbi Rick Jacobs isn't overly concerned.

As the president of the URJ, the synagogue organization for the North American Reform movement, Jacobs is mindful that the Jewish people have been here before.

"In the year 70 of the Common Era, by all historical predictions, we should have disappeared," He told *Community* in an exclusive interview. "We reinvented Jewish life. The rabbinic Judaism we know ... was a radical reinvention of Jewish life. That has happened, not once, not twice, it has happened periodically throughout our history. We are at, I believe, such a moment today."

That doesn't mean Judaism should not plan for the future. In fact, Jacobs, who leads the world's largest Jewish denomination, is doing just that.

He has traveled the country touting 2020 Vision, the Reform movement's plan to reinvent the synagogue – indeed, Judaism – in the 21st century.

The four pillars of 2020 Vision are:

- Strengthen and reinvent congregations – a continuation of what's been done throughout Jewish history;

- Reinvent learning – a reexamination of the service model, how Jews care for one another, learning in a structured environment and sharing what works with other congregations.

"They can learn from the congregation in Portland, Oregon, that may have something that a temple in Louisville can say that's exactly the kind of thing we might use," Jacobs said.

- Social Justice – not a substitute for religion, social action has become a primary way people express religion.

"In 2013, the Pew Study said when asked what's the most important expression of religion, people didn't say fasting on Yom Kippur lighting Shabbat candles," Jacobs said. "It was ethics, equality and social justice – values."

"I'm not going to say for anyone that ritual doesn't matter," he continued, "but the majority of Jews, many of whom are not connected, would still identify Judaism as an ethical, moral tradition. We know that that's a huge portal through which people can enter and express Jewish commitment, and we want to expand it."

- Audacious hospitality – Interfaith families are now the majority of the movement, Jacobs said. Jews of color compose 10 to 20 percent of the members.

"Audacious hospitality says, 'you know what? We're not going to be just nice and let them in. We're going to say we can't be who were meant to be without them.'"

These pillars are not cosmetic changes, Jacobs said.

"This is a moment to say, what is it that is at the core of Jewish community and how are our institutions succeeding to make that the part that will be

preserved."

The synagogue that generations of American Jews have known must change to meet the needs of Jews of today, he said.

"Is the idea that the synagogue has to be a [place] where you pay dues in a



Rabbi Rick Jacobs

kind of more formal way? Is that what defines a synagogue?" Jacobs asked rhetorically. "Is that what defines Judaism? We didn't have dues in synagogues a couple hundred years ago. We didn't actually have religious schools, certainly not in a supplementary way where kids were dropped off; that's not what synagogues did."

To say Jews of today will become just like previous generations as they get older is to misrepresent who they are how they think, Jacobs said.

"Young adults are not simply younger than their parents and grandparents," Jacobs said. "They are different; we know that.... Sociologists tell us it's not just a function of their age, they are different, so do we make presumptions?"

The URJ, he said, is trying speak to those differences. For example, 50 of its congregations have young adult outreach – not junior congregations – reaching out to people ages 23-39, many of whom are not settled in their careers, have not found a life partner and have no children.

"They're in that in-between period of their lives a lot longer than their parents were," Jacobs said. "So congregations are meeting their young adults where they are."

As affiliation rates dip across North America, the URJ's 2020 Vision plan is designed to "strengthen the flow into

Jewish life," Jacobs said.

"The flow is going too much out of the Jewish community; people are opting out," he said. "That doesn't mean that the interest is down, it doesn't mean the hunger is down, or that people are not finding the institutional ways of learning and expressing their Judaism less fulfilling."

One Jewish institution – overnight camps – is growing. The URJ has added

four new camps to its network in recent years, including specialty camps.

"Our teens aren't all the same. We've got teens who are science and technology students, we've got teens who are artists, who are athletes," Jacobs said. "I think the theme here is meet young

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THE J CENTERPIECE

Fitness instructor's cancer journey leaves her Fit to Fight

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

When the JCC and Norton Cancer Institute created their fitness program for cancer patients, they didn't expect it to hit so close to home.

Beth Mans, member services director for The J, was diagnosed with breast cancer in June. She has been undergoing treatments ever since.

Despite enduring some of the toughest chemo, a type known as the "Red Devil," she's managed to continue coming to work nearly every day, teaching classes and carrying on as usual.

But things are anything but usual. While Mans attributes her endurance to her fitness, even those who aren't fit can benefit from exercise during cancer treatment.

When Norton approached The J about creating the fitness program, doctors told Health and Wellness Director Susan Kwasny that people who exercise during treatment tend to weather the treatment better and have better outcomes.

But getting to a gym can seem like climbing a mountain when the effects of chemo kick in.

Enter Fit to Fight, a new program at The J tailored to each individual participant, allowing each to work – and fight – at their own pace.

"I had planned to be part of the team, just in a general sense," Mans said. "But I think I've taken a bigger role. Before it



Beth Mans, who instructs the Fit to Fight class at The J, demonstrates how physical fitness can buttress cancer patients to beat the disease and prevent recurrences. (Community photo by Tara Cocco)

was Matt (Vamvas) and Mat (Shalenko, trainers) and I really wasn't part of the mix. Then we realized, 'Here's Beth who is going through it, who's living it, breathing it and experiencing it. What better asset to have a better understanding of how these people feel?'"

Mans' cancer odyssey began with a routine mammogram, like she has every year. This year, though, she got a call back. Her 3D mammogram found

the tumor.

She got genetic testing for breast cancer, and while she doesn't carry the BRCA genes, she does carry the PALB2 gene, which makes the disease likely to recur. As a 50-year-old, she knew that likelihood was high, indeed.

She underwent a double mastectomy, and because doctors found cancer in one of her lymph nodes, they took a few of those, too.

She took four treatments of the Red Devil chemo. Now she's in a 12-week run of regular chemotherapy. After that, she will begin daily radiation. She doesn't know how long that will last.

"I will be on hormone therapy for the rest of my life because my tumors are fed by estrogen and progesterone," Mans said. "I've chosen not to do reconstructive surgery because I love to exercise and because I want to get back to what I'm able to do a lot sooner."

Her love of exercise is what led her to The J in the first place, and it's why she stays. A fitness instructor since 1998, she adopted her career after she started having kids and decided to do something different. She got certified through the Athletics and Fitness Association of American and then the Aquatics Exercise Association.

She started working at the J in 2010, shortly after moving to Louisville, and eventually got promoted to group fitness coordinator, then to her current position.

When Kwasny became health and wellness director and began assembling a team, "she asked me if I perhaps want to come on as a member services director," Mans said. "I'm in charge of the staff at the desks and the J Play child care while you work out. And then I kind of oversee group exercise and

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Peace #3

Mix media artwork takes top price at this year's Mazin exhibition

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

Mary Russell Wight-Waltman sent a message with her mixed media artwork Peace, and the judge at this year's Mazin Art Exhibition received it.

"I feel like it has a cognitive piece of contemplation with the name of Peace, on a spiritual level, as well, with the ideal of peace," said Shawna Dellecave, the judge for this year's show. "I don't know, she just got in my mind, thinking about what she was creating when she was putting these elements together."

Wight-Waltman won the first prize of \$1,000 at this year's Mazin reception on Sunday, November 4, in The J's Patio Gallery. The artist couldn't attend the opening because of illness, but her entry, Peace #3, a piece of found wood from the Ohio River in a unique shadow-box frame, stole the show. Dellecave said the piece had a "kinesthetic" component.

"Our eyes can see the texture of that deteriorating paint and almost touch it with our eyes, something that seems so simple."

News of her win came as a surprise to Wight-Waltman.

"My husband Jim went and saw the show and came back and told me, 'Oh guess what?'" she said. "I was quite



Peace #3, made from found wood from the Ohio River, was the big winner at this year's Mazin Art Exhibition at The J's Patio Gallery. (Community photo by Jessica Budnick)

surprised because it (the piece) is kind of unusual."

The artist said she likes to go to the river and look for things she can use in her work.

"Found wood, that's my main thing,"



Floriose II, by Jenny Shircliff (Community photo by Jessica Budnick)

she said. "And just other stuff I find in the river. I kind of live in the river."

This year's exhibition had 53 entries, 24 of which were selected for the show.

Floriose II, by Jenny Shircliff to second place; Stroll by Castro, by Jane Kinzer, third place. Honorable mentions went to William Beasley's

Dissociate, Dan Church's Yellowstone Remnants, Marsha Iko Paris' "Grass is Greener," Robert Drennen's Antagled, Ronald Anderson's Capitola, and Trish Courtney's Woke.

The second place winner got \$500; the third place winner, \$300. The honorable mentions may submit a piece next year for free.

All 24 selections presented Dellecave with a difficult choice.

"The weight was great, especially because of the monetary prize," she said. "That put a little oomph. I'm in a local band and we've been performing in the Louisville area for 18 years, so I know what it is to be a local musician and artist in the underground, toiling and toiling. It's wonderful when there's financial support."

The Mazin Art Exhibition was created by Bernice and Benjamin Mazin, an artist who wanted to help support local artists through the shows. The regional, juried art exhibition, which is funded by the Mazin Visual Arts Fund, Judy and Dennis Hummel and the Mazin family, is open to artists 18 and older.

Bernice Mazin's daughter, Marilyn Miller of New York, spoke at the opening reception.

"My mom was a kind, soulful, artistic

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PITTSBURGH/KROGER SHOOTINGS

Community comes together to heal after Pittsburgh, Kroger shootings

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

As the vigil for 11 worshippers killed in a Pittsburgh synagogue and two shoppers gunned down at the Jeffersonstown Kroger got under way, Shalom Malka's mind went to happier thoughts.

He had attended Tree of Life, scene of Saturday's carnage, in the 1980s while he was a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh.

"It's funny," recalled Malka, who today lives in Louisville and teaches at Sullivan University. "I was raised Orthodox and my wife at the time was Reform, so we compromised."

(Tree of Life, now known as Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha, is a Conservative synagogue historically associated with the liberal end of that movement.)

Malka was one of hundreds of Louisvilleans who packed Temple Shalom Sunday night, October 28, for the vigil. No reliable crowd estimate is available, but practically every seat was filled; rows of people lined the walls and approximately 75 more, who could not get in, listened to the speeches from the parking lot out back where speakers were placed.

What they heard were Louisville's rabbis, cantors and civic leaders calling for unity, invoking prayer as therapy, and rejecting the coarsening public hate speech that led to both attacks.



Hundreds of people packed Temple Shalom synagogue for a community vigil following the shootings in Pittsburgh and at the Jeffersonstown Kroger (Community photo by Jessica Budnick)

"We are here because we care; we are here to stand together; we are here because we are not willing to accept the hatred and violence and prejudice that is surrounding us," said Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner of Temple Shalom. "We are here to say this is not OK. This is not the United States that I grew up in; it is not the United States I want my kids to grow up in, nor is it the United

States I want for my grandkids."

Rabbi Michael Wolk of Keneseth Israel invoked a Jewish version of Article 5, the NATO rule that an attack on one ally is an attack on all.

"All Jews are responsible for each other," Wolk said. "An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us."

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport of The Temple expanded upon Wolk's words

to include the victims of the Kroger attack.

"When someone kills my neighbor because of the color of their skin at a grocery store or in their house of worship, it's an attack against everything I believe as a Jew," he said. "And when Jews are killed celebrating Sabbath in their own synagogue for nothing more than being Jews, it is all of our sanctuaries that have been violated."

The shootings in Pittsburgh are believed to be the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in American Jewish history. Authorities are treating them, and the Kroger shootings, as hate crimes.

U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, mindful that he was one political leader amid a slate full of religious leaders at the vigil, spoke of the "moral obligation" that members of Congress have to protect and heal their people.

"There is a soul in this country, and if we do not nurture the soul of the country, we will lose it," he said. "We need to recognize our obligation to preserve the soul of this country."

Daniel Frocht, representing Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, got more political, addressing the epidemic of gun violence in America and noting that legislative responsibility for firearms rests with state and federal leaders.

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aquatics exercise as well."

She has been a popular instructor during her time here, particularly in her aqua fitness classes.

Since starting her treatments – and losing her hair – Mans has chosen not to wear a wig. Her new look attracts attention.

"I had a guy just the other day who stopped in and said, 'Do you have can-

cer?'" she recalled. "I said, 'Yes,' and he said, 'So do I.' And he's like, 'That's why I'm here.'"

"I've had numerous men stop me and say, 'I had prostate cancer 10 years ago. I'm exercising now because I don't want it to come back.' And they realized the benefits after what we've gone through, and we want people who realize the benefits while they're in it."

Though exercise doesn't necessarily keep cancer from recurring, having a stronger body helps make the treatment easier and more effective.

The Fit to Fight program is free and open to all current or recent cancer patients with a note from their doctors.

Mans said she appreciates the members and staff who have been understanding of her circumstances.

"People here have just been so wonderful, you know, and have just been very supportive."

Want to join?

For more information on Fit to Fight, contact Susan Kwasny at 502-238-2794.

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person; she saw beauty everywhere," Miller said. "She taught us to appreciate our vision. She loved art. She was born, not with a silver spoon, but with a paintbrush in her mouth. Both my parents were first-generation who came from poor families, that were rich in love. My mother had supportive teachers who gave her supplies. She was very lucky."

After the show, Miller said she was pleased with the quality of work.

"I think it's absolutely exquisite," she said. "The judge worked very hard, and I think she did a beautiful job selecting. I'm very proud of this exhibit."

She said she was surprised by the number of people who showed up for the opening reception.

"I think my mother would be pleased," she said, choking back tears.

This was Dellecave's first time judging the show, and she found the experience eye-opening.

"I was so impressed with the longevity that they've built with The [J] and the support that's there," she said. "Because the submissions were very wide

and varied, and very strong, all of them. They're a lot of really talented artists."

Miller said she wants people to continue the work her mother loved

"Keep supporting the arts, attending the arts," she said, "because they enrich our lives."

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PITTSBURGH/KROGER SHOOTINGS

Synagogues were filled

Jews, non-Jews showed up for Shabbat following shootings

(Editor's note: In the wake of the shootings at Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha in Pittsburgh and the Kroger in Jefferson-town, area congregations opened their doors for #ShowUpForShabbat, a nationwide campaign by the AJC and Jewish Federations of North America as an act of solidarity. The following is a recap of how Louisville synagogues observed the occasion.)

Anshei Sfard

This past Shabbat, the turnout at swelled as Jewish visitors from the community who do not regularly participate in our services, as well as non-Jews, attended to show solidarity with the Jewish community.

Rabbi Simcha Snaid addressed the tragedy in Pittsburgh, referencing lessons for people in going forward with their own lives.

He referenced the lesson from the previous week's parshat, HaShavua, in which Abraham is called a God-fearing man. Snaid compared this to the prophet Obadiah, who was called a "very God-fearing Man" because of his empathy for the hundreds of other true prophets and his willingness to put their lives before his own in granting them sanctuary and protection from Queen Jezebel and King Ahab who sought to destroy them. Snaid also referenced Moses, remarking on how strange it is that the Torah states that Moses grew up. Why is that important; isn't it obvious?



Eleven shiva candles for the victims of the Tree of Life shootings in Pittsburgh and two votive candles for the Kroger shooting victims in Jeffersontown were lit at Temple Shalom for #ShowUpForShabbat. (Community photo by Lee Chotiner)

Although Moses grew up in the palace and a life of ease and luxury, Snaid said he demonstrated empathy when he saw the suffering of the Jewish people and took action to save and protect them, again demonstrating empathy.

Finally, Snaid noted the words of the Pittsburgh shooter, "All Jews must die." He said those words showed that his intention was not to kill the Orthodox or Reform Jews, or any other division that humans created.

In the post-shiva week, Snaid said, as the healing and planning go forward, people need to overlook these divisions and show that Jews are together.

Adath Jeshurun

Cantor David Lipp expected this Shabbat to be special when he arrived early to 40-50 already seated, ready for the service to begin.

"I knew there would be more people than usual and I told the two b'nei mitzvah that were going to be there to 'practice' their parts of the service to expect it," Lipp said, "but I didn't anticipate 500-600 would be responding to their Ashrei, to their taking out and bringing back the Torah, and their kiddush."

Frank M. Smith, Jr., executive vice president of Simmons College and

Haleh Karimi, executive director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, spoke at the service, along with Rabbi Bob Slosberg. Chris Hartmann of the Fairness Campaign, U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, and Edgardo Mansilla from Americana also shared the bima.

Mansilla and Hartmann led prayers for the country and for peace. Yarmuth, in his comments, hoped that Americans could do better than merely "tolerate" the other, and Fischer doubled down on his commitment to maintaining and expanding the notion of a more compassionate Louisville.

Smith emphasized the need for finding ways to harmonize with one another rather than assuming we need to always "sing in the key of C-major, in unison, without modulations."

Having preceded his talk with Leonard Cohen's *Halleluyah*, Lipp also sang Chana Rothman's *We Can Rise*, inviting the congregation to harmonize.

"For the first time I can remember doing so, I sang *Adon Olam* ... to the melody of Amazing Grace," said. "Although I don't ascribe to all the words of that moving hymn, I certainly felt there was a great deal of grace in Adath Jeshurun's main sanctuary on Shabbat morning."

Keneseth Israel

Rabbi Michael Wolk said he was

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PITTSBURGH/KROGER SHOOTINGS

Louisvillian assists Israeli trauma responders in Pittsburgh

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

A Jewish Louisville native is in Pittsburgh this week, assisting Israeli first responders as they train local providers to care for a community coping with the fallout from a mass shooting.

Cari Margulis Immerman, regional development director of the Friends of United Hatzalah of Israel (UHI), is with four psychologists and social workers from UHI's Psychotrauma and Crisis Response Unit who are working with Jewish agencies, school and community leaders, counselors, children and adults to help victims and providers alike to deal with last week's shootings at Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha synagogue, which left 11 dead and six wounded.

"Victim," in this case, can mean anyone from the friends and family of those who were actually shot, to police who entered the synagogue, community leaders reacting to the crisis, even a neighbor or bystander who heard the gunshots or the sirens.

"We're trying better equip the responders in terms of how do you deal with this," said Immerman, a daughter of Louisville resident Marty and Judy Margulis. "You can learn everything out of books, but most people have



Cari Margulis Immerman, seen here on a rapid response motorcycle used by United Hatzalah volunteers in Israel.

never dealt with a mass casualty situation."

As a regional development director of Friends of UHI, Immerman, who lives in Cleveland, promotes her organization in 17 states.

United Hatzalah is a volunteer rapid response unit in Israel. Using specially equipped motorcycles, its network of

5,000-plus medics can respond within minutes to any crisis, providing assistance until ambulance crews arrive, saving lives.

But UHI also has a psychotrauma team that provides emotional support and stabilization for civilians. Members of that unit are in Pittsburgh this week.

One of them is Miriam Ballin, founder and national director of the Psychotrauma and Crisis Response Unit. Ballin told Community in a phone interview that her team is working mostly with responders themselves, not the people who are experiencing the trauma.

"I'm not treating patients necessarily," Ballin said. "I'm training people like mental health workers, like public figures, like staff members in schools to know what to do, because I'm leaving at the end of the week. That's the best thing I can do."

But it's impossible not to come in contact with people who are experiencing trauma. Ballin said she's actually walked the streets of Squirrel Hill, the neighborhood where Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha is located, asking passersby how they are doing.

"You really see people feeling the trauma," she said. "We met people in passing, saying how are you holding up,

and they burst out crying, particularly the adults who are busy taking care of the children."

When she landed in Pittsburgh last Sunday, she met a couple coming home from Israel who were "terrified" to open their cell phones, lest they learn the names of friends who were no longer alive.

Her team has held literally dozens of workshops this week in Pittsburgh, passing on what they have learned from responding to traumatic events in Israel. They have also gone to funerals as representatives of the Jewish state.

Ballin is careful not to label what people are experiencing as post-traumatic stress. A more accurate condition would be acute stress reaction. Seventy-two hours after the incident, she explained, any reaction to an abnormal situation is considered completely normal.

She advised people working with children not to lie to them, but to give them age appropriate information, noting that kids are resilient and will recover.

She also advised community leaders – a Federation president, a school principal – who are knee-deep in respond

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"overwhelmed" by the feeling at KI on Friday night and Saturday morning. Many of congregants who are not usually at synagogue on Saturday morning came and were joined by several non-Jewish neighbors who wanted to express their support for the Jewish community."

On Saturday, Jesse Waters, a local self-defense instructor told the congregation on how to react should an active shooter enter their building. Wolk described the Pittsburgh shootings as a symptom of the worst failings of American society, which include hatred and fear of "the other" and the "inability to regulate the use of weapons of war in any way."

But he also spoke about how this was a distinctly Jewish tragedy and as the most recent example of the "world's oldest hatred."

He spoke briefly about each of the 11 victims and we recited the El Moleh Rachamim and the Kaddish in their memory.

"I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to these 11 souls than to honor their memory on Shabbat in shuls across the country," Wolk said. "They each valued being part of their shul and inspired countless Jews to participate in their traditions this Shabbos."

Temple Shalom

Turnout for #ShowUpForShabbat more than doubled normal attendance at the Friday and Saturday services.

On Friday, Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner set out on a table at the front of the sanctuary, 11 shiva candles for the victims of the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha shootings in Pittsburgh and two votive candles for the victims of Jeffersonstown Kroger shootings. One by one, worshippers stepped up, read a name of a victim, and lit a candle.

She also had congregants read 13

sayings -- one for each victims -- by 13 historical figures and books: Martin Luther King, Jr. (twice), Albert Einstein, Rabbis Joachim Prinz and Abraham Joshua Heschel, Mother Theresa, Publius Syrus, Elie Wiesel, Emanuel Cleaver, Mahatma Gandhi, Amelia Earhart, and Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

The two guest speakers were Pastor Roy Coleman of the Victory Christian Center church, which meets Sundays at Temple Shalom, and Ron Skillern, the 2017 Kentucky Teacher of the Year and curator of the Holocaust Mural Collection from Western Kentucky University. He displayed two of the murals at the Friday service.

Coleman, who grew up in Mississippi said he witnessed "much of the evil against people of color," and he decried attacks on blacks and Jews.

"For the families, friends of those killed at Kroger, and in Pittsburgh, and all of us, we know from Psalms: 'Weeping may endure for a night, but joy

comes in the morning,'" he said.

The Temple

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport called #ShowUpForShabbat at The Temple "a powerful reminder of the strength of our community as we mourn together, pray together, and confront together the challenges of bigotry and hate."

The sanctuary was filled to overflowing with more than 500 people in attendance, he said.

Members of the congregation gathered with friends and neighbors, university students, and leaders from the interfaith community to remember the lives lost at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue and here in Louisville at the Kroger shooting.

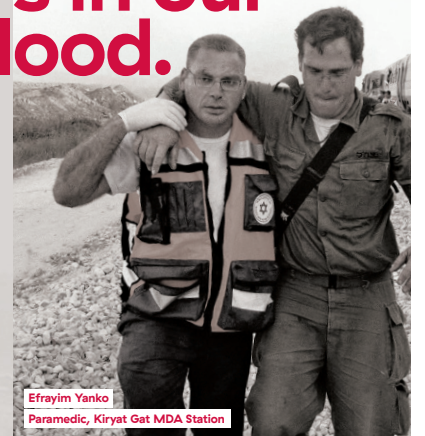
The service featured a candle lighting and moment of remembrance for each of the lives lost as well as a sermon on the future of Jewish life in this land in the aftermath of these tragedies.

"It was an emotional night," Rapport

said, "and people remained afterward, sharing their thoughts and feelings with one another long into the night."

(Cantor David Lipp, Rabbis Joe Rooks Rapport, Michael Wolk and Beth Jacowitz Chottiner, and lay leader Ayala Golding contributed to this story.)

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PICTURE THIS: GENTLEMEN AT THE DOWNS

The men of Jewish Louisville turned out for Gentlemen at the Downs, a day at the races at Churchill Downs on November 18 to support the Jewish Federation of Louisville. In addition to watching the races from a private balcony, the men also heard from Mike Ziegler, the track's executive director of racing. JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner also attended the event. (Community photos by Jessica Budnick)



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SUPPORT GROUPS

Dec. 3, 4pm and Dec. 4, 3pm **Caregiver Support Group**

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Contact Elizabeth Tully: 502-452-6341, ext. 220.

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

December 13, 1pm **Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group**

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

December 14, 2pm **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

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

December 17, 12:30pm **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

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

December 19, 10am **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

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

December 20, 7pm **Adult Children of Aging Parents**

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

EVENTS

Judy Freundlich Tiell Retirement Party December 6

Judy Freundlich Tiell will be retiring as executive director of JFCS at the end of December 2018. To honor Judy, the Board of Directors will host a community celebration of her achievements on Thursday, December 6,

at 5:30 p.m. at JFCS. Please contact Anita at 502-452-6341 if you plan to join us.



The Board also wishes to announce the establishment of the JUDY FREUNDLICH TIELL FAMILY STRENGTHENING FUND to honor her commitment to ensuring that families have the parenting skills, economic means and social connection that build strong families. If you would like to donate to this fund, please go to: jfcslouisville.org.

New Support Group! January 7, 7pm at JFCS **Parents of Young Adults in Interfaith Relationships**

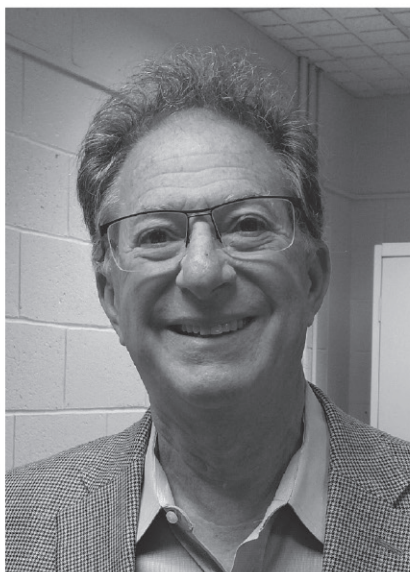


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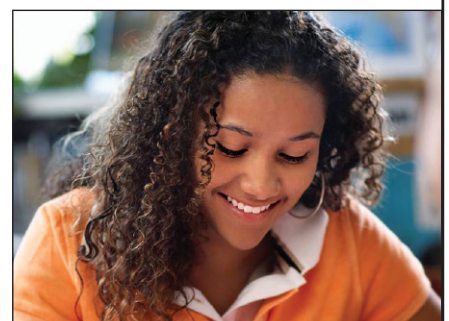
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PICTURE THIS: ANTI-BDS ORDER

Gov. Matt Bevin signed an anti-BDS executive order on November 15, making Kentucky the 26th state to prohibit state agencies from doing business, to some degree, with vendors who engage in a boycott of Israel. Ron Dermer, Israel's ambassador to the United States, spoke at the signing ceremony, which took place in the rotunda of the Capitol in Frankfort. More than 60 people – Jews and Christians – attended the event. (photos by Samuel Martin)



PICTURE THIS: KRISTALLNACHT PROGRAM

Survivors of Kristallnacht, including their children and students from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, shared their stories during a commemoration on November 8 at Adath Jeshurun. (Community photos by Tara Cocco)



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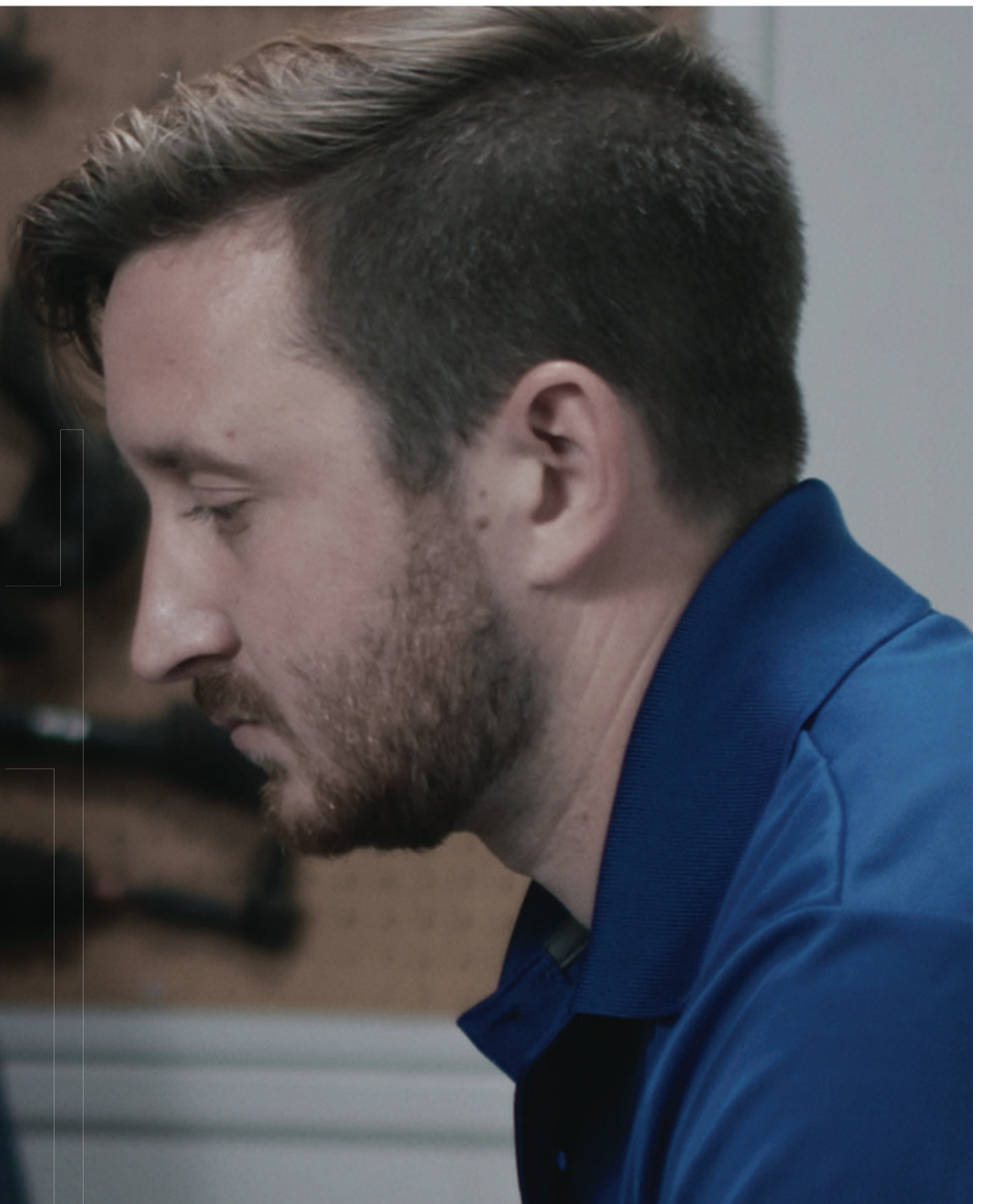
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FORUM

Jewish Hospital story compared to Chanukah miracle



Jewish Hospital

Rabbi Nadia
Siritsky

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In recent months, we have seen some poorly informed naysayers question Jewish Hospital's path forward. But giving up is not the Jewish way. We are the people whose national anthem is *Ha-tikvah* (The Hope). Once again, we are being asked to prove how a little leap of hope and faith can lead to outcomes that exceed our expectations.

This story of Jewish Hospital reminds me of how a little bit of oil, barely enough to light the Temple in Jerusalem for one day, lasted for eight days, just long enough for more oil to be made. It is this miracle that will be on display in December, in the center of the Abraham Flexner Way Circle, with a large chanukiah, built to honor the family of Janet Lynch, granddaughter of the first female president of Jewish Hospital, who also refused to take "no" for an

answer, leading the way for Jewish Hospital to be the first racially integrated hospital in Louisville, while expanding our ICUs and our ability to ensure the most advanced cardiac care available.

This coming month, as the light of the chanukiah shines throughout our campus, it is my prayer that our patients, their families, our staff – the whole community – will see its light and remember how the impossible is possible, if we just have faith.

This reminds me of Reb Shlomo Carlebach, with whom I was blessed to study in Jerusalem, and one of his deeper spiritual lessons:

"When the lowest person in the world was a child, he was dreaming about being the holiest, most glorious person in the world. But something happened. Someone destroyed his dreams, and he gave up on the world.

"It is so easy to lose our dreams. Why? Because nobody really encourages them. If someone can bring me back to the dreams I once had, he is my best friend in the world.

"This is what Chanukah does. This is

why Chanukah is the greatest, deepest holiday in the world. On Chanukah, God gives us back our dreams."

The story of this season, not only for us as Jews, but for our Christian brothers and sisters, is the story of how the impossible is possible, if we can just hold on to faith.

For each of us, in our own lives, let us take this time to reflect upon our own dreams and hopes. Have some of them been trampled upon by the harsh realities of life? What dreams have we given up on? What dreams have we lost courage to fight for?

This Chanukah, let us kindle light and reignite our commitment to make our dreams come true. Let us kindle light and reignite the dreams of those around us. This Chanukah, let us face whatever darkness we encounter with a pledge to be light.

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

SENIOR EVENTS

Chavurat Shalom for December

Thursday, November 29 – Jennifer Diamond will perform in the Chapel. Lunch in the Heideman will include beef stew, green beans, green salad, fresh fruit and chocolate trifle.

Thursday, December 6 – Celebrate Chanukah and November and December birthdays and anniversaries with Two of Diamonds presenting, "A Little Jewish Culture (When We Need It Most)." There will be sing-alongs and parodies. Lunch will include baked salmon, potato latkes, broccoli with roasted red peppers, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and celebratory cake.

Thursday, December 13 – Janice Van Zandt, community outreach director

with Senior Home Transitions, and her colleagues will share their wealth of knowledge and expertise about senior living communities in town, as well as veteran benefits, long-term care insurance and other topics. Lunch will include beef brisket, roasted root vegetables, green beans, pasta salad, fresh fruit and assorted desserts.

Chavurat Shalom will be on winter break from December 20 through January 3.

Chavurat Shalom brings seniors to socialize 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, 5101 U.S. Hwy. 42, unless otherwise noted. Lunch starts at noon, followed by the program at 1 pm. Transportation can be scheduled by calling JFCS at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom is \$5 round-trip. Chavurat Shalom is funded through the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, The Temple, The Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, NCJW, the Jewish Federation of Louisville, and other donors

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The J Senior Center for December

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26
11:00 A.M.**

We will discuss First Mothers by Bonnie Angelo.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Mauri Malka, Director of the Older Adults Program at JFCS will discuss Elder Abuse. Refreshments will be served after the program.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30
11:45 A.M.**

Shabbat Celebration with JCC Preschoolers

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
12:00 P.M.**

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MIDTERM ELECTIONS

How candidates fared against anti-Semitic ads in the midterms

By Ben Sales
JTA

In the final weeks of the midterm election campaign, Republicans in six states targeted their Democratic opponents with attacks many saw as echoing anti-Semitic tropes.

The attacks – mostly involving pictures of Jewish candidates clutching money – were denounced and debated. But were they effective?

Answer: Yes and no. It's hard to say how or whether the alleged anti-Semitic ads affected the races, but here's how the candidates who faced the messaging fared on Election Day:

Kim Schrier, Washington state, U.S. House of Representatives

The attack: The state Republican Party sent out fliers showing Schrier, running in the 8th District, holding a wad of cash.

The result: With 64 percent of precincts reporting, Schrier holds a nearly 6-point lead over Republican Dino Rossi.

Dan Feehan, Minnesota, U.S. House of Representatives



Kim Schrier, Washington state, U.S. House of Representatives (Photo Provided)

The attack: The National Republican Congressional Committee ran ads claiming Feehan, who is hoping to flip the state's first district, is a tool of Jewish financier George Soros, a leading liberal donor. Soros, a frequent target of Republicans, is shown in the ads behind piles of cash.

The result: Feehan is behind Republican Jim Hagedorn by 0.5 percent with 100 percent of precincts reporting. The difference of 1,311 votes is not small

enough to trigger an automatic recount.

Matt Lesser, Connecticut, State Senate

The attack: Ed Charamut, Lesser's Republican opponent, sent a mailer showing Lesser grinning while clutching a handful of \$100 bills. The mailer went out on Oct. 30, three days after the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting that left 11 worshippers dead. Charamut at first claimed the mailer was not anti-Semitic, but his campaign later apologized.

The result: Lesser won, according to the *Hartford Courant*.

Jesse Kiehl, Alaska, State Senate

The attack: An ad targeting Kiehl run by the Republican Women of Juneau showed a man stuffing a wad of cash into his pocket.

The result: Kiehl comfortably beat his independent opponent, Don Etheridge, according to Alaska radio station KTOO.

Josh Lowenthal, California, State Assembly

The attack: Tyler Diep, Lowenthal's Republican opponent, sent out a mailer

showing Lowenthal grinning while clutching dollar bills. The ad accuses Lowenthal of putting people at risk "[j]ust so he could make a quick buck."

The result: Lowenthal is set to lose to Diep in the Southern California district, according to the Orange County Register.

Sara Johnson Rothman, Pennsylvania, state House of Representatives

The attack: Incumbent State Rep. Todd Stephens, a Republican, ran a TV ad showing Johnson Rothman holding a wad of cash. Rothman's husband is Jewish, and the ad dropped her maiden name, even though she routinely uses it.

The result: Rothman narrowly lost to Stephens, according to *The Intelligencer*, a local paper.

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NEWS

Berg loses bid for state Senate

Dr. Karen Berg's bid to join the Kentucky Senate, which would have restored a Jewish voice to the legislature, fell short on November 6.

Berg, a lifelong Louisville resident and semi-retired physician, lost to in-



Dr. Karen Berg (photo provided)

cumbent Sen. Ernie Harris (R) in State Senate District 26. Harris outpolled Berg 29,625 votes to 26,524 or 51.8 percent to 46.3 in a district that includes part of Jefferson and all of Oldham counties.

A third candidate, independent Jody Hurt received 1,078 votes (1.9 percent).

No Jewish members currently serve in the Kentucky Legislature.

"My only regret is we didn't win," Berg said, "but given that we knew it was going to be an uphill climb from the very beginning, I feel good. I really do."

She said the latest figures showed there are 11,000 more Republicans than Democrats in the district, "and we only lost by 3,000 votes."

Berg credited the people who worked on her campaign, for making the race as close as it was.

She isn't sure what she will do next. First, she's planning a trip to New York to see her daughter and take in a Bruce Springsteen concert.

"When I get home, I'm going to figure it out," she said. "I don't know, I just don't know. [But] would I reconsider running again? The answer is definitely yes. It was an amazing experience."

When she conceded to Harris, he told her that she ran "for all the right reasons."

The election turn ugly toward the end when the Harris campaign sent out literature accusing Berg of favoring the abolition of ICE and allowing immigrants to overrun the country.

That was too much for Berg who told Harris how she felt following a candidate forum.

"I told him point blank this is the type of fear mongering that led to the massacre [in Pittsburgh] and I do not appreciate it," Berg said. "He heard me."

Late LGBTQ champion inducted to Seneca HOF

Five Jewish alumni were among this year's class of inductees to the Seneca High School Hall of Fame.

Among those inductees was Marcia J. Lipetz, class of '65, a major leader in the Chicago LGBTQ community and a vocal advocate for women's rights and social justice, who died this past September. She was 71.

According to the Windy City Times, a publication covering the Chicago LGBTQ community, Lipetz was born into a Jewish family committed to interfaith work. While at Seneca, she became active in the civil rights movement.

After college, she returned to Louisville, where she taught at community college, served on the boards of Planned



Marcia J. Lipetz (photo by Hal Baim, Windy City Times)

Parenthood and the ACLU and joined a group of 40 that got the proposed Equal Rights Amendment ratified by the state legislature in 1972.

After moving to Chicago, she became the first full-time executive director of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago in the 1980s. She also served on the board of

Center on Halstead – an LGBTQ community center and later became CEO of the Executive Service Corps of Chicago, an entity that supported the city's non-profit community.

Maxine Ann Cohen, class of '65, who also was inducted at the October 20 Seneca ceremony, said Lipetz was the alumna she most looked forward to seeing again prior to her death.

"I hadn't seen Marica since she left Louisville, and you lose contact with people you were close to," she said. "I really wanted to connect with her again. She was one of my favorite people."

In addition to Lipetz and Cohen, the other Jewish inductees were Elaine Munsey Tobin ('62), Jerry Steinberg ('62) and Anna Smulowitz Shutz ('65).

Louisvillian wins ORT award

ORT Chicago honored Cayla and Brad Weisberg with its 2018 Visionary Leadership Award, describing them as one of Chicago's most dynamic and innovative power couples, "having made a big splash in the city's business and tech community in recent years."

The couple are the son and daughter-in-law of Frank and Barbara Weisberg, who are currently co-chairing the Jewish Community of Louisville's Capital Campaign to build a new J.

Cayla Weisberg is a partner at InvestHER, a Chicago-based fund that invests exclusively in female entrepreneurs with emerging technology companies.



Cayla and Brad Weisberg

Brad Weisberg is CEO and co-founder of Screenshot, a pioneering provider of virtual claims technology to personal and commercial insurance carriers.

ORT is the world's largest Jewish education and vocational training non-governmental organization. Founded in 1880, it is recognized today as a world leader in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, with schools and programs in over 35 countries across the globe.

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(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.)

New UofL Jewish studies course

The Jewish Studies program at the University of Louisville will offer a new course next semester that delves into the history of medieval Jewish through the arts and literature.



HUM 361:
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Professor P. Beattie

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This course will draw on a wide range of European visual and literary sources to show that the representation of Jews and Judaism in western European culture during the Middle Ages was neither uniform nor static but shaped by local, geographical, cultural, political, and religious circumstances. Studying these representations in context will allow us a more nuanced understanding of the development of ideas about race, identity, and "otherness" as they emerged between about 500-1500 CE. Because literary genres were fluid in the Middle Ages, we will explore different kinds of texts ranging from saint's lives, ballads, romance (including Arthurian literature and the Grail Quest tales), drama, songs, historical narratives, and even polemical treatises, will be studied.

A UofL course will look at Medieval Jewry through the lens of the arts.

"Representations of Jews in Medieval Art and Literature" (Hum 361), taught by Professor Pamela Beattie, will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 to 11:50 a.m.

The course will be based upon substantial European visual and literary resources to show that the representation of Jews and Judaism in western European culture during the Middle Ages was shaped by local, geographical, cultural, political, and religious circumstances.

The course will give students a "more nuanced understanding" of the ideas about race, identity, and "otherness" in the period from 500-1500. Texts ranging from saints' lives, ballads, romance (including Arthurian literature and the Grail Quest tales), drama, songs, historical narratives, and even polemical treatises, will be studied.

For more information, Contact Beattie at pamela.beattie@louisville.edu.

Knit & Qvell Circle

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

Fill the Freezer

The Temple will begin its Fill the Freezer event after religious school at 12:15 pm, Sunday December 9. Please pack soups and desserts to fill the freezer for congregates who may need help during the year. All ages may participate. Pizza and drinks will be provided for volunteers.

Sandwich Making Mitzvah

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will host a sandwich-making event for St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelter at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 25. Call Becky King at

502-212-2028 to RSVP.

Congregational Pizza and Movie

Keiley Caster will host a pizza-movie night at The Temple on Tuesday, December 11. Pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the movie, *Woman in Gold*, will start at 7 p.m. Helen Mirren plays Maria Altmann, an elderly Jewish woman who attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele. A discussion will follow the screening.



Playbill for *Woman in Gold*

AJ Trivia Night

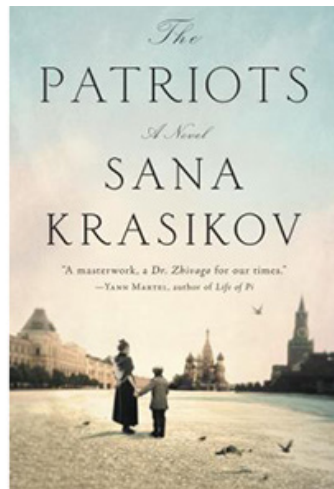
Adath Jeshurun will host Trivia Night at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, December 16. Louisville Trivia will be the moderators. The cost is \$10 (plus tax). Participants are requested to bring canned food items for the Sonny & Janet Meyer Food Pantry. RSVP prior to December 7 by calling 502-458-5359 or visiting adathjeshurun.com/trivia.

Chinese Dinner and a Movie

The Temple will host its Chinese Dinner and Movie on Monday, December 24. Dinner will start at 6 p.m.; the movie, at 7 p.m. This year, The Temple will screen *Through the Wall*. After her fiancé calls off their wedding a month before the ceremony, Michal (Noa Kooler), decides to keep the reservation and trusts God will provide a husband.

Music Without Borders

Adath Jeshurun and the Louisville Orchestra will present Music Without Borders at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 17, at AJ. Teddy Abrams will conduct three works of Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky, including the 1812 Overture. Tickets may be purchased at louisvilleorchestra.org, or by calling 502-587-8681.



Cover of *The Patriots*

AJ Book Club

The AJ Book Club is currently reading

The Patriots by Sana Krasikov. The book will be discussed at the next meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 27. Email Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or call 502-458-5359.

Adult Education

Melton classes at AJ

New Melton Classes begin in December: "Beyond Beyond Borders, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:40 p.m.; "Jewish Music in America," Tuesdays, from 7:50 to 9 p.m.; "Jewish Music in America," Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m.; "Daniel," Thursdays from 10:50 a.m. to noon. To register, contact Louisville Melton Director Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

The Temple classes

The Temple holds a series of adult education classes during the year.

On Mondays, "Advanced Hebrew: The Temple Torah Study Circle" with Rapoport meets from 6 to 7 p.m., and "Text Study: Beliefs and Lessons From Our Bible." With Ariel-Joel, "Beginning Hebrew Part 2" with Mark Goldstein and "Basic Judaism-Holy Days and Festivals with Rapoport all run from 7 to 8 p.m.

On Wednesdays "Building Character: Jewish Principles of How to be a Good Person" with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel meets from 9:30 to 10:35 a.m. and "The Torah of our Lives" with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapoport meets 10:45 a.m. to noon.

Contact The Temple for details.

Weekly/Monthly Happenings

Pragmatic spirituality discussion

Dr. Courtney Snyder and Marty Snyder lead a discussion based on universal themes expressed by spiritual thinkers on Sundays at 10 a.m. at Adath Jeshurun. The December 2 topic is "Aspiring to be a Shamas Candle this Chanukah: Illuminating Others." On December 9, the topic is "To Honestly and Compassionately Try to Understand Another's Perspective."

Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead his next Lunch and Learn at noon, Thursday, December 6, at The Bristol on Main Street. The class, not including food, is free. RSVP to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com.

Kabalah Month by Month

Keneseth Israel Cantor Sharon Hordes will guide a group through kabalistic teachings and meditations related to each Hebrew month's holidays, Torah portions, healing areas and astrological connections. It meets every second Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The next session is December 13.

No Shush Shabbat

Temple Shalom's next No Shush Shabbat will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, December 14. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner will lead the family-friendly PowerPoint service and Benji Berlow will be the song leader. A pot luck dinner will follow.

Senior Lunch Bunch

Temple Shalom will hold its next Senior Lunch Bunch at 1 p.m., Wednesday, December 19, at Mitchell's Fish Market, 4031 Summit Plaza Drive.

Torah study

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery will lead the next Torah Yoga class at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 20, at Keneseth Israel. Temple Shalom and Hadassah co-sponsor the class.

Saturday Torah study

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel leads Torah study at The Temple on Saturdays at 9 a.m. Services follow. There will be coffee, bagels and cream cheese.

Jews and Brews

Rabbi Michael Wolk leads a Torah study session over coffee Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in The J library.

Bridge Club

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

Coats, clothes for the homeless

Temple Shalom is collecting gently used coats and clothes for girls, boys, men and women of all ages. Please bring donations to Temple Shalom. A bin is located in the hallway near the water fountain.

Worship

Celebration Shabbat

All who celebrate a birthday or anniversary in December may participate in a group aliyah during Shabbat morning worship services at Adath Jeshurun, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, December 1.

Volunteer Shabbat

The Temple will hold a special Shabbat service to honor its volunteers at 7 p.m., Friday, December 7.

End of Genesis Celebration

The Temple's Infamous No-Rehearsal Brotherhood Choir will perform at the Torah celebration during Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m., December 8. at 10:30 am. The Temple Brotherhood will sponsor the oneg, featuring Gravlax, matzo and bourbon.

Shabbat Around the World

Keneseth Israel will host Shabbat Around the World at 6 p.m., Friday, December 14. KI member Michael Diedenhofen will lead a discussion about growing up in Germany, and a Shabbat meal featuring a German-themed menu catered by Naked Hummus will be served. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, free for kids under 6. Prices include a 6 percent sales tax. RSVP by December 3. Send checks to Keneseth Israel or pay online at kenesethisrael.com/payment.

AJ Shabbat Scholars

Dr. Elliott Rosengarten will be Adath Jeshurun's Shabbat Scholar at 12:15 pm

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Saturday, January 5. His topic will be "Happy New You," an introduction to his new adult education course, Kabbalah 1, which will start on Sunday, January 6.

Chanukah

Unite for Light

Chabad will host Unite for Light at 4 p.m., Sunday, December 2 – the first night of Chanukah – at Fourth Street Live. City leaders, including Jews, Muslims, and Christians, will come together. The eleven victims of the Pittsburgh shootings and the two of the Kroger attack will be remembered. Mayor Greg Fischer will light a giant chanukiah. There is no charge to attend. Contact chabad@chabadky.com for details.

AJ Family Chanukah Bash

Adath Jeshurun's Family Chanukah Bash is slated for 6:15 p.m., Sunday, December 2. The Chanukah dinner will include traditional potato latkes, lasagna, salad and sufganiyot. Bring your own chanukiah for a community candle-lighting and make your own Chanukah candles with Rabbi Diane Tracht. Cost is \$5 (plus tax) for adults, free for children

12 and under. RSVP by November 26 at adathjeshurun.com/chanukahdinner or by calling 502-458-5359.

Chanukah at Paddock Shops

A giant outdoor chanukiah will be lit at 6 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, at the Paddock Shops in Louisville. Warm drinks, latkes, holiday will be served. There is no charge. Contact chabad@chabadky.com for details.

Chanukah Tikkun Olam

Keneseth Israel will make sandwiches and care packages from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 6, then deliver them to the homeless downtown. Bring your own supplies (bread, peanut butter and jelly, blankets, underwear, socks, flashlights, etc.) Chanukah candles together before leaving.

Chanukah sing-along

Adath Jeshurun Cantor David Lipp will be at The Glenview at 7 p.m., Thursday, December 6, in the Seinfeld Room, for an evening of chanukiah-lighting, singing, coffee and dessert. Bring a chanukiah for a community candle-lighting. Candles will be provided.

Latke bar at distillery

Young Jewish Professionals 21 and

over will tour The Peerless Distilling Company on 10th and Main Street at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 6. A tasting will follow. There will be chanukiah lighting. Space is limited. Contact rab-bishmully@jewishlearning.center.

Women's latke contest

The Neshi/Women of Valor Club will hold a Chanukah party at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 8. A latke-making contest will be held, along with crafts. The event is for women ages 12 and up. Contact chabad@chabadky.com.

Family skate event

A family Skate at the Alpine Ice Arena will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, December 9. Bring a warm item of clothing to be donated to JFCS. Latkes and refreshments will be served and a chanukiah will be lit on the ice. There is no charge. Contact chabad@chabadky.com for details.

Hanukkah Palooza

Temple Shalom will hold its annual Hanukkah Palooza at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 8. In addition to the dinner of brisket and latkes, havdalah will be held followed by carnival games for kids; bingo, poker and mah jong for adults, and a raffle to benefit the Sonny & Janet Meyer Food Pantry. Cost is \$10, free for kids 12 and under. RSVP by December 5 to Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 or information@templeshalomky.org.

Young Adult Pottery Painting

The Temple Young Adult Group will celebrate Chanukah by painting pottery at 6 p.m., Saturday, December 8, at Stoneware & Co., 731 Brent St. Candles will be lit and a nosh will be served. The event is for ages 22-36.

Vodka-Latke Chanukah party

Keneseth Israel will hold its Vodka-Latke Chanukah party at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 8, at Vines on Bardstown Road. Havdalah will be held followed by cocktails, a latke bar, appetizers and music. Cost is \$5. You must be at least 21. Send checks to KI or pay at kenesethisrael.com/payment.

Anshei Sfard chanukah party, contest

Anshei Sfard will celebrate Chanukah at 6 p.m., Sunday, December 9, at the synagogue. A concert featuring Simply Tsfat will follow dinner. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$7 for children 5-12), free for kids under 4. There is a \$60 maximum per immediate family. RSVP by Wednesday, December 5 by calling 502-451-3122 or reserve on Facebook.

KI/KIP Chanukah festival

Keneseth Israel and KIP will celebrate Chanukah on Sunday, December 9 following 6 p.m. minyan. There will be doughnuts, songs, dreidels, games, a bounce house, arts and crafts.

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Jared Marc Tuvlin

Jared Marc Tuvlin, son of Jennifer and Jeffrey Tuvlin and brother of Andrew and Ethan, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 5, at The Temple.

Jared is the grandson of Ruth and Ron Greenberg and Rita and Bernie Tuvlin.

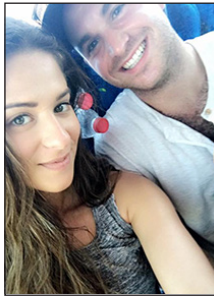
A seventh grader at Meyzeek Middle School, Jared is a member of the basketball team, Beta Club and Kentucky United Nations Assembly. He attends URJ 6 Points Sports Academy in North Carolina and loves spending time with his friends, playing basketball, football and video games.

For his bar mitzvah project, Jared, who has had food allergies his whole life, purchased teal pumpkins (in support of FARE—Food Allergy Research & Education) and filled them with non-food Halloween treats. These pumpkins were dropped off at local schools for Halloween parties when children with allergies often cannot consume what is provided to the class.

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

Engagements

Goldenberg-Bachmann



Vycki Goldenberg-Minstein and Anthony Minstein, Glen and Terri Goldenberg joyfully announce the engagement of their son, Marc Goldenberg to Hailey Bachmann.

Hailey is the daughter of Drs.

Brad and Michelle Bachmann of Houston, Texas. Marc is the grandson of Ann and Nat Zimmerman, Herb and Bonnie Levine, and the late Jack and Frankie Goldenberg.

The couple met on their Birthright trip in 2017 and are residing in Denver, Colorado.

Obituaries

Gita Shneydman

Gita Shneydman died Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at her home in Louisville. She was 81.

She was preceded in death by her son, Eduard.

Gita is survived by her husband of 62 years, Leyzer; her son, Fema; grandson, Joshua and her brothers, Arkady Soloveychick, Mikhail Soloveychick and Gennady Palitsky.

She was an embroiderer and previously owned a shop with her husband.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 26, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Avenue. Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery.

Inez H. Segell

Inez H. Segell died Friday, November

9, 2018. She was 91.



Born in New Haven, Connecticut, she was one of five daughters of the late Irving and Anna Herlands.

Inez was preceded in death by her son, Dr. Jeffrey Lewis Cohen, in 1990, and three sisters, Selma Levin, and Gertrude Strogatz.

Barbara Routman

Her husband, Jack Segell, who died in 2004, was Kentucky Commissioner of Commerce during the administration of Governor John Y. Brown.

Inez gave her time to many different organizations: 20th Anniversary Committee, Kentucky Center for the Arts, 2003; Inaugural for Metro-Mayor, Jerry Abramson, 2003; Honorary Chair Center for Women and Families "Women of Distinction" Dinner, 2002; Chair, Gallery of "Women of Distinction" Center for Women and Families, 1999; Committee for Celebration, 10th Anniversary of Women of Distinction, 1997; Chair, "Fanfara," Louisville Orchestra Opening Night, 1995; Inaugural Committee, Governor Paul Patton, 1995; Women of Distinction Award from Women and Families Center, 1995; Chair, Mayor Jerry Abramson's Swearing-in Ceremony, the Dinner, the Inaugural Ball 1994, 1990; Chairman, Breeders' Cup Gala, featuring Barbara Mandrell and Bernadette Peters, 1988-1991.

She was a board member of the Kentucky Center for the Arts, 1988-1992; Kentucky Arts Council, 1985-1993; Kentucky Civil Rights Advisory Board, 1989-

1993 and the Kentucky Show, Water Tower Art Association 1980-1984; Louisville Ballet.

She was chairman of Glade House II, in memory of her son; Chairman of "Candlelight Walk", 1983; the Governor's Awards in the Arts, 1986-1992; Opening Night Committee of Kentucky Center for the Arts; co-chairman, "Save the Mansions," opening the mansion tours, 1983; President of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Louisville Chapter, 1980; secretary of Prevention of Child Abuse of State of Kentucky.

During the 1980s, she was a board member for eight years of The Guild of the Jewish Hospital and started the Barbara Fund. She chaired the Junior Achievement Dinner, United Jewish Appeal Committee and Frederick Law Olmsted Parks Committee; and other organizations and events throughout the Commonwealth.

During the 1960's, while living in Cincinnati, she was Chair, Decorations of "The Angel Ball" for National Council of Jewish Women, Gift Cart Committee; Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Cincinnati Chapter; and Isaac M. Wise Temple Sisterhood.

Inez is survived by her son, Dr. Richard Harrison Cohen, loving daughter-in-law, Dr. Sanda Cohen; grandsons, Ross (Sarah) Cohen, Dr. Eric (Allison) Cohen and Reed Cohen; and sister, Vere Strogatz of Baltimore. She was laid to rest at the Temple Cemetery during a private service. Expressions of sympathy may be made to River Fields Inc., 1201 Story Ave, Suite 215, Louisville, KY 40206 or The Speed Art Museum, 2035 South Third Street, Louisville.

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Mildred "Milly" Radin



Mildred "Milly" Radin, 90, passed away Friday, November 9, 2018, at Sunrise Senior Living. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Seymour Radin.

A life member of Hadassah and the Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Milly enjoyed playing cards, mahjong, and singing in the choir at AJ.

She is survived by her children, Debby Greenberg (Wayne) and Cliff Radin (Sharon); her grandchildren, Jennifer Dye, Mindy Greenberg, Nikki Radin, Jared Radin, and her great-granddaughter Sophia Dye.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 12, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Interment followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Milly's family would like to thank the staff at Hosparus of Louisville and Sunrise Senior Living for the wonderful and compassionate care provided to her during her stay.

Donations may be made to Hosparus of Louisville, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Drive, Louisville, KY 40205 or the charity of your choice.

Rachel Pack



Rachel Pack passed away peacefully from natural causes on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at her home in Massapequa, New York. She was 88.

Born and raised in New York City, Rachel went on to

marry business entrepreneur Seymour Pack, who passed away in 1974.

A graduate of the New York Restaurant School, she became well known for her mouth-watering cuisine, unique humor, positive thinking and unforgettably warm personality.

Rachel worked at Misonix in Farmingdale, New York until 2015.

For years, she was an active member of Temple Sinai in Massapequa, leading the sisterhood and spear-heading ground breaking events.

Rachel is survived by her children Carey Pack (Linda), Susan Pack Kommor (Steve), Eugene Pack (Dayle); her grandchildren Stephen Pack (Lauren), Daniel Pack (Leah), Siona Horowitz (Jordan), and Deena Horowitz; and her brother Manny Sion.

A private memorial service was held at the Star of David Memorial Chapel on October 14. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Sinai of Massapequa, 270 Clocks Blvd., Massapequa, NY 11758. Condolences may be sent to the Pack family, P.O. Box 4264, Louisville, KY 40204.

Dorothy K. Schulman



Dorothy K. Schulman passed away peacefully on the morning of November 2, 2018.

A larger than life personality whose mahjong friends nick named her "The General," Dorothy loved ani-

mals, doing needlepoint and ceramics, and collecting wildlife art.

She was a Louisville native and a graduate of Atherton High School. She married her beloved husband, Howard K. Schulman in 1959. He preceded her in death in December of 2017. She was also predeceased by her parents, Ben and Bessie Kroopkin.

One of her passions was breeding, showing, and judging purebred dogs. She was a licensed judge with the American Kennel Club for many years and bred and owned numerous top-winning collies, doberman pinschers, and Lhasa Apsos.

Dorothy's greatest pride was her three sons and her four grandchildren. She was always happy to tell everyone about their many talents and accomplishments.

She is survived by her sons Harry "Butch" Schulman (Robin), Thomas Schulman (Madison), Brian Schulman (Noël); and her grandchildren Benjamin Schulman, Halle Schulman, Matthew Schulman, and Emily Schulman.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either the Collie Health Foundation, or the Doberman Pinscher Health Foundation.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 5, 2018, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave., Interment followed at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery.

Eileen Marcia Hacker



Eileen Marcia Hacker passed away Sunday, November 4, 2018, in Louisville following a long illness.

She was born in Chicago on October 27, 1942, a daughter of the late Edith and Max Raffin. While growing

up there, Eileen was part of a gang of 10 girls who became close friends. They did everything together.

Sixty-five years later, those women are still friends and communicate frequently. This was a trait of Eileen's. She could make friends and retained them over time even though they were separated by distance.

Eileen arrived in Louisville in August 1979 and became a member of The Temple, the National Council of Jewish Women and a supporter of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

She volunteered for 12 years with Meals on Wheels and partnered in the start-up of the woman's boutique Rodeo Drive, where she worked until her retirement.

She also worked in banking and credit unions, the clothing industry and for the American Hospital Association.

In addition to her parents, Hacker was preceded in death by her sister, Rivian Greenberg.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Hacker, to whom she was married for 39 years; her surviving son, Gregory Mirkin and his wife Gretchen, of Baltimore; Richard's son, Brad W. Hacker, of Nashville, Tennessee; two grandsons, Jack W. Hacker and Ryan R. Hacker, both of Nashville; their mother, Beki Kazanofski and their step-father, Paulie.

Eileen dedicated her time and effort to her loving relationship with the two boys. She engaged them by holding "Nana's Camp," which consisted of multiple days with Nana Eileen and Papa Ritchie and included trips to New York, Washington (including a special tour of the Pentagon), Baltimore, Cincinnati and many other activities.

A special memorial service honoring her life was held at The Temple on Thursday, November 8. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple.

Rosalie Eskind



Rosalie Eskind ("Rosie"), a founding member of Temple Shalom, died Sunday, November 11, 2018, at her residence in Treyton Oak Towers in Louisville.

She was born Rosalie Helen Harris on September 28, 1924, at the old Jewish Hospital, the second daughter of the late Sara Taporski Harris and Benjamin Oscar Harris.

Rosalie grew up in Old Louisville, where her father had a pharmacy. She always told the story of how she and her cousin, Marjorie Cohen, would share one pair of skates, skating one-footed together down the sidewalks of First Street. They were ranked numbers 2 and 1 at Louisville Girls High School, where she graduated in 1942.

She pursued a degree in journalism at the University of Louisville. As editor of the Cardinal student newspaper, she took up many of the issues that would engage her for the rest of her life, including civil rights, expanding educational opportunities, and social justice.

"I cannot remain silent in the face of the deepening contradictions of our economic system," she wrote during World War II. "I cannot remain silent at the denial of full democratic rights to 13,000,000 American citizens, simply

because their skins are black instead of white."

In April 1945, Rosalie married the late Dr. Harold G. Eskin and they established a family, an iconic home, and a medical practice in the Highlands for 57 years.

Rosalie enjoyed theatre, music – especially opera – travel and art. A founder of Temple Shalom, Rosalie was active with the League of Women Voters, the Louisville Area Association for Mental Health, Inc., and she chaired Planned Parenthood of Louisville and Planned Parenthood of Kentucky. As an educator, Rosie taught English as a second language to displaced persons following World War II. She also visited public schools to lead frank discussions about sex education, saying it was one class where the kids paid attention.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her lifetime friend and cousin, Marjorie Cohen Caplan.

Rosie is survived by three loving children, Andrew of Rochester, New York (Mary Panzer), Robert of Philadelphia (Debora Kodish), and Jean Kral of Louisville (Dr. Kenneth Kral); her grandchildren, Benjamin Eskind of Rochester, Sarah Kodish-Eskind of Philadelphia, Ruth Kodish-Eskind of Olympia, Washington, Meredith Kral, Adrienne Kral Gibson, and Michelle Kral Magrum, all of Louisville; and one great-grandson, Sawyer Harold Gibson.

Memorial donations may be made to Temple Shalom of Louisville and to Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



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ing to the shootings to find time to take care of themselves.

Much of the hard work of therapy and counseling, will now be about restoring a sense of normal and safety, she added.

"A huge part of our work is exactly that, normalization," Ballen said. "The focus should be on the general safety

and the emphasized safety. This is generally a safe neighborhood and generally a safe synagogue, and what happened is really an exception to the rule. It's especially important that children be reminded of that."

But even professional caregivers like herself can struggle with the reality of what happened.

"We stood outside of Tree of Life last night, she said, "and I tell you, it just hit me in the kishkes."

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"Every time someone takes a gun and creates a tragedy, what is the response from our leaders, those who have the power to make our country safer, our cities safer, our schools, our synagogues, our churches and our grocery stores safer?" he asked. "They act as if nothing can be done."

Rabbi Simcha Snaid of Anshei Sfard, in what may be the first time an Orthodox rabbi has spoken from the bima of Temple Shalom, a Reform synagogue, read aloud the names of the dead from the Tree of Life shootings.

Rabbi Laura Metzger, who said "we need prayer," called upon the assembly to pray aloud in their own words. For a few minutes, the sanctuary was alive with a low, married murmur of chants, words and music.

Sara Klein Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville, which organized the vigil, called on everyone to "commit" to a "loving, caring and safe community for children

and for our future."

She acknowledged the task is "exhausting" and "overwhelming" but it can still be done.

"It's our collective responsibility to speak up, to speak out and to educate others," Wagner said.

Rabbi Robert Slosberg read Psalm 118, Cantor David David Lipp sang Psalm 23, Cantor Sharon Hordes sang Gesher Tzar Me'od, and Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks read a poem she had written "five minutes after Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated in 1995," which resonated in the wake of the Pittsburgh and Kroger shootings, too.

Rabbi Stanley Miles, who opened the program, invited the multiethnic crowd of Jews, Christians and Muslims to the synagogue of their choice the following weekend as part of the Nationwide #ShowUpFor Shabbat campaign sponsored by the AJC.

Attending a synagogue that weekend, Miles said, will "prove to the haters they'll never win."

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NEWS

ANTI-BDS

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Benjamin Netanyahu on his recent trip to Israel. Seconds before or after the photo was taken, Bevin said, the prime minister encouraged him to take up the anti-BDS issue.

"This is a powerful statement that's being made," he said.

Israel Ambassador Ron Dermer labeled the BDS movement as "anti-Sem-

itism" and a "moral assault against Israel."

He said companies invest in the Jewish state, not because they are Zionists, but because Israel is a "global technological power."

In cyber technology alone, he said, Israel accounts for 20 percent of global investment.

"Israel is punching 200 times above its weight."

Also speaking at the ceremony were Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish

Community Relations Council; David Wicker, congressional liaison for Christians United For Israel; and Judith Var-nai Shorer, Israel's consul general in Atlanta, spoke at the ceremony.

Kentucky is the 26th state to enact some form of an anti-BDS law or executive order.

Those states are South Carolina, Illinois, Florida, Colorado, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Alabama, Rhode Island, New Jersey, California, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Ar-

kansas, Texas, Nevada,

Minnesota, Kansas, North Carolina, Maryland, Wisconsin and Louisiana.

The vast majority of those states have ant-BDS laws as opposed to executive orders, said Stephanie Hausner, deputy director of the Israel Action Network.

No state has passed a pro-BDS measure, Hausner said. There have been efforts to get American universities to divest funds, she added, but none have succeeded.

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nickname "Mayor for Life." His three consecutive terms as mayor of the City of Louisville (1986-1999) were followed

by two terms as mayor of the merged Louisville Metro government (2003-2010). During his tenure, Louisville experienced unprecedented growth.

Abramson also was president of the National Conference of Mayors from

1993-94.

He served as Kentucky's lieutenant governor under Steve Beshear from 2011-14. He then joined the Obama administration in 2014 as director of Inter-governmental Affairs, a position he held

until January 2017.

Abramson currently is executive in residence at Spalding University in Louisville.

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people where they are. Don't have one size fits all; don't have one doorway that everyone has to walk through."

A congregational rabbi longer than all his predecessors combined, Jacobs said he knows there are many ways to keep b'nai mitzvah students engaged.

And he knows that services, the very

heart of religious life, have always evolved. The Reform movement had very little Hebrew in its 19th century liturgy and the organ was the primary sanctuary instrument of the day.

"That's not at all the Reform movement of today," he said. "Change is fundamental to the living, breathing organism that is the Jewish community."

Synagogues approach education differently today. "Hebrew, as we knew it, is really no longer the way young people

learn. Families learn, we learn in informal settings. Camp works because it is an immersive experience." Jacobs suggested that if synagogues threw away their formal curricula and took families away for five weekends a year, more "impactful learning" would take place then coming to synagogue Tuesdays and Thursdays for two hours.

He rejects the notion that unaffiliated Jews should be ignored.

"There are more Jews outside our

walls today than inside," he said. "There are people who have said let's just work with the people within our walls, give them all our resources, all our attention, but I see people who come from outside our walls who don't just get involved, they become the rabbis and the presidents and the cantors, the educators and the heads of the ritual committee. There are people beyond the walls who we should be engaging."

CAMPAIGN

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with this message are activities we have done or are already doing.

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Hunger Walk are all a part of what this campaign is about.

Anti-Semitism and acts of hate are a growing phenomenon, statistics bear that out. Our hope is that #LoveTheStranger will inspire people to care more, do more, and work to make Louisville live up to its ideals of compassion and tolerance.

Our world was diminished and collectively we share the impact of these recent acts of hate. The most meaningful tribute and respect we can give to the thirteen victims and their families is to combat hate groups and to make diversity and equality the core ideal of our community and our country.

Sara Klein Wagner is president and CEO of the (Jewish Community of Louisville. Matt Goldberg is director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.) Story originally appeared in the Courier Journal

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www.jewishlouisville.org/PJ-Chanukah

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