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JFCS names Louisville native as new CEO; starts work in February

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor



Deborah Frockt

Louisville native Deborah Frockt has been named the next chief executive officer of the Jewish Family & Career Services. She succeeds Judy Freundlich Tiell, who will retire on Dec. 31.

Frockt will officially start on Feb. 1.

"She is a thoughtful, experienced, poised and professional executive with an excellent track record of setting and communicating strategy," Search Committee Chair Stephanie Mutchnick said of Frockt in a prepared statement. "She has demonstrated a strong degree of emotional intelligence, a crucial skill for relationship building. She speaks of Jewish values and the mission with authenticity and deep understanding."

The sister of Daniel Frockt, chief financial officer for Louisville Metro, Frockt has lived in Seattle since 1993/ She told *Community* she had been thinking about coming home for some time.

"It's something that's been in the back of my mind," she said, "but I must say, there's the idea of coming home and the idea of coming home for a job that's really special."

(Her other brother, David Frockt, is a Washington state senator.)

Frockt is no stranger to Jewish social work. She currently serves as director of marketing and communications and as a member of the executive team at Jewish Family Service of Seattle.

But she began her career in Louisville, working as a dramaturg at Actors Theater before moving to Seattle to take a similar position with the Seattle Children's Theatre.

She also has been director of admissions and marketing and director of advancement at Seattle Jewish Community School.

At Seattle's JFS, Frockt has been integrally involved with strategy and operations support. She previously served as its annual giving director.

She said there are many similarities in the services offered by the Louisville and Seattle agencies, "and some things that are different, new and exciting."

Case in point, she said the career and workforce development services offered by JFCS are stronger than the Seattle model.

She attributed the success of those services, and others, to Tiell, whom she came to know during the application process.

"When so many people in the community come together around one person and around one institution," Frockt said, "that's the dream."

JFCS Board President Peter Resnik said several qualified candidates applied for the position.

"Our search committee conducted a thorough and thoughtful process to



Judy Tiell was honored for her service at a Dec 6 retirement party. See photos, pg. 20.

source, evaluate, and recommend candidates that best matched with the position's qualifications and the organization's priorities," Resnik said in a prepared statement.

The search committee included Madeline Abramson, Bill Altman, Jordan Green, Jay Klempner, Beth Kuhn, Stephanie Mutchnick, Resnik (non-voting), and Karen Sherman.

Frockt attended Ballard High School and went on to graduate from Stanford University with degrees in English and creating writing, and English and dra-

matic literature.

She and her husband, Steve Alter, have two sons, Aaron and Isaac Alter.

Frockt said she and Tiell are working together as part of the executive transition in December, "so there's a smooth, strong transition for the agency."

"I'm just so passionate," she said, "about the mission of the Jewish Family & Career Services."

Babar went to Israel conflicted, came back armed with new understanding

By Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor Emeritus



Muhammad Babar

When Dr. Muhammad Babar was asked to join a delegation of 12 American-Muslim leaders on an AJC-sponsored trip to Israel this past November, he felt conflicted.

"It was not easy for me to agree to take this trip," the Louisville physician said. "There are people within my own community who may not agree with my thought process and this engagement with Israel."

Yet Babar, founder and president of Muslim Americans for Compassion and

Doctors for Healthy Communities, did go. He interacted with Israelis and Palestinians, and he came home with his own understanding of the Middle East situation.

The AJC Project Interchange, which sponsored Babar's trip, advances understanding of Israel for decision-makers and opinion leaders across key fields. Participants experience Israeli society, connect with their Israeli counterparts, and learn about challenges facing the country.

Babar's group met with "policy makers, academics and common people," he said. They went to Akko and Haifa, spent a day in Ramallah in the West Bank, and met a Druze leader.

They also visited the Dome of the

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Paul blocks aid to Israel saying it should be 'limited in time and scope'

By Ron Kampeas
JTA



Rand Paul

WASHINGTON — Sen. Rand Paul has acknowledged that he placed a hold on major funding legislation for Israel, saying he wanted time limits on assistance to the Jewish state.

The Kentucky Republican also said he wanted cuts in aid to countries he says are hostile to the United States.

"While I'm not for foreign aid in general, if we are going to send aid to Israel it should be limited in time and scope so we aren't doing it forever, and it should be paid for by cutting the aid

to people who hate Israel and America," Paul's office said in an Nov. 27 statement emailed to the media.

Paul said he planned to introduce an amendment to the legislation, the United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2018, in coming days. The bill codifies into law the \$38 billion defense aid package for Israel over 10 years that was negotiated in the final days of the Obama administration.

Since blocking the legislation, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., the minority leader, has spoken of shmoozing Paul to relent.

"I lobbied him today," Schumer said in a recent interview, adding that he sensed that he made headway. (Schumer said he likes to work out early in the

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Rabbi
Beth Jacowitz
Chottiner

"G-d said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

— Genesis 1:3

The creation of light figures prominently in our tradition. Just think of these examples:

The burning bush, the directive found in Exodus to create the seven-branched menorah, the daily recitation of Yotzer Or, the morning blessing reminding us that G-d renews creation daily, the presence of the *nir tamid* – the eternal light – in every synagogue, and the *mitzvah* to light the *chanukiah* during the Festival of Lights.

All these examples speak to the significance of light in our faith.

Since light is so prominent in Judaism, each of us, in our own way, has the obligation to shed light.

We do this through acts of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. Each of us can and must bring more light into the world. *Tikkun olam* can be accomplished through our words and our deeds, making a positive difference in our lives.

Our tradition provides myriad commandments, teachings and sayings that instruct and inspire us to make the world a better place. And for this, we should be grateful.

After the darkness of the Tree of Life shootings in Pittsburgh and at the Kroger in Jeffersonton, we need to remind ourselves that light can banish darkness, that goodness can prevail over evil.

We can find this reassurance in words spoken by people who have made a difference throughout history – some Jew-

ish, some not – and in the holy books of our faith. If we hold on to their words, write them upon our souls and inscribe them in our minds, we will be part of the solution; we will banish the darkness that is in our midst.

Here are some of those words:

Elie Wiesel: "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference."

Mother Theresa: "If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

Publius Syrus: "Where there is unity there is always victory."

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: "True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice."

Albert Einstein: "The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."

Mahatma Gandhi: "When you make peace with yourself, you make peace with the world."

Rabbi Joachim Prinz: "America must not become a nation of onlookers. America must not remain silent."

The book of Deuteronomy: "Justice, justice, you shall pursue."

As the secular New Year approaches, let us remember the words spoken by those who sought to bring more light into the world, combating the evil, hate and discrimination that rears its ugly head.

Let us commit ourselves anew to consciously speaking words and taking actions that will not only bring more light into our world but will also affirm the words found in Genesis 1:4: "G-d saw that the light was good, and G-d separated the light from the darkness."

In 2019, may the spark of the Divine that is within each of us shine brightly, as we strive to bring more light, and less darkness, into the lives of all of G-d's children.

(Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner is the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom.)

Jewish Heritage Day



Jewish Heritage Day at the 29th Annual Festival of Trees and Lights was held Sunday, Nov. 11. The day showcased chanukiahs, dreidels and Chanukah items from four of the city's synagogues. Lost Tribe, a klezmer band, performed while dreidels and gelt were handed out to more than 7,000 visitors. (photos provided)

Candles

Here are the candle lighting times for Shabbat in December:

- January 4 @ 5:18
- January 18 @ 5:32
- January 11 @ 5:25
- January 25 @ 5:40

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NEWS

One session free to public Society of Jewish Ethics holds meeting here; sessions spotlight today's issues

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

The Society of Jewish Ethics (SJE), which will convene its 2019 Annual Meeting in Louisville from Jan. 3 to 6, will touch on a host of topics, including environmental ethics, and death and violence.

There will be eight sessions this year, an increase of two from the previous meeting.

And this year, the public may attend one session for free.

That session, "Environmental Ethics and Jewish Thought: Theory and Practice," is slated for 7 p.m., Thursday, January 3.

It's not the first time the SJE has opened its annual meeting to the public, and Executive Committee President Aaron Gross hopes this particular session will appeal to Louisvillians who take a serious interest in the planet.

"It will make enough sense that interested folks would join," Gross said. "My guess is, it will look to most people like going to a lecture at a local university or when a professor is invited to speak at the JCC."

Actually, the entire three-day meeting is open to the public, Gross said, "but the cost is usually restrictive."

In addition to Thursday's program, the other sessions offered at this year's meeting are:

- Jewish Ethics and Modern Philosophy;
- Reading #MeToo in Classical Texts and Contemporary Discourses;



Aaron Gross says Christian, Jewish and Muslim scholars are all welcome at the SJE Annual Meeting this January in Louisville. (photo provided)

- What is the Opposite of Law? Perspectives on the Relationship between Halakhah, Personal Narrative, and Spirituality;

- Rabbinic Texts and Marginal Bodies Imperfection and Responsibility;
- Death and Violence;
- Maternal Experience as Resource and Challenge to Religious Ethics.

The sessions will be held at the Marriott Louisville Downtown.

Gross, who is an associate professor of theology and religious studies at the University of San Diego, said the

selection process for session topics is ultimately driven by what the professors and graduate students are working on and what the papers they submit for consideration.

Still, he noted, the topics addressed at the annual meetings do reflect issues of the day.

"Current events figure very prominently," Gross said. "We have sessions on the #MeToo movement and a session on environmentalism."

As an organization, SJE has no political or theological slant, Gross said.

"We're not concerned that we come from a Reform, Conservative, Orthodox or Reconstructionist point of view [and] there are no concerns about taking a particular political point of view."

SJE is affiliated with the Society of Christian Ethics and the Society of Muslim Ethics, both of which will holding their meetings simultaneously in Louisville. That will enable members of all three groups to participate in each other's sessions.

"One of the customs of the conference is to have residents from other societies join us," Gross said. "You sign up for any of the three conferences, you're eligible for all of them."

SJE is one of two national Jewish organizations meeting in Louisville in 2019. The Cantors Assembly, the umbrella group for the Conservative cantorate, will hold its 72nd annual convention here from May 19 to 23, also at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Adath Jeshurun Cantor David Lipp will be installed as its next president.

Want to go?

To register for the Society of Jewish Ethics Annual Meeting, visit societyofjewishethics.org/event-2865403. The registration rates for nonmembers are \$350, \$100 for spouses and \$175 for students.

There also are discounted "day rates" – \$100 for Friday, \$70 for Saturday, \$25 for Sunday.



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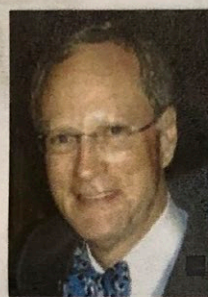
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Joseph H. Cohen

Joseph H. Cohen, a partner at Seiller Waterman LLC, served as Bar Counsel to the LBA for more than two decades before relinquishing the position earlier this year. His experience in commercial real estate transactions – including acquisition, development, financing and operations – was instrumental in formation of the Louisville Bar Center, an educational and charitable organization that owns the space where the LBA is headquartered and provides law-related benefits to both the legal community and the general public.

He also helped establish Doctors & Lawyers for Kids, a medical-legal partnership that helps low-income children and families overcome barriers to healthy living, as a 501(c)(3) public charity. "On matters big and small, Joe has been a solid source of advice and counsel over the years," said LBA Executive Director Scott Furkin. "His behind-the-scenes work has contributed immeasurably to our success."

NEWS

A space with a view

Jewish Studies reading room proposed for Ekstrom Library on UofL campus

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Three years ago, Professor Natalie Polzer was on the third floor of the University of Louisville's Ekstrom Library when, out of curiosity, she decided to peek at the vacant room that used to be the campus writing center.

"The door was open; I wanted to see what the space was like," she recalled. "The physical space is so beautiful. It overlooks the quad. You can see the greenery, the trees. It's all window on one side – such natural light!"

She thought it would be a great space for a Jewish Studies reading room – understandably since Polzer, an associate professor of comparative humanities, teaches in the Jewish Studies program.

She floated the idea to an administrator who liked it. Unfortunately, the scandals surrounding UofL's past president and the foundation were still swirling – a bad time for a new project.

That was then. Today, UofL and its foundation have new leadership. Now the idea for a Jewish Studies reading room is not only back on track, it's being fast-tracked.

Artist renderings have been created for the future reading room, which is part of an estimated \$2.5+ million third floor remodeling project. Construction begins in May.

Fundraising for The reading room, which has a more modest \$500,000 price tag, is just getting started. Currently, the Jewish Studies program has no dedicated space at UofL.

"This will greatly increase the visibility of Jewish Studies on campus as well as the surrounding community," said Professor Ranen Omer-Sherman, chair of the program.

The reading room will not be a classroom, though Polzer and Omer-Sherman say it will enhance Jewish instruction.

For instance, at a time when books are being transferred from the main floors of Ekstrom to a robotic retrieval area, Polzer envisions housing a "teaching library" – Talmud, Encyclopedia Judaica, etc. – in the reading room, giving students and instructors quick access to these texts.

"If they're in robotic retrieval, you can't [easily] show them," she said.

A maze of one large room and several small anterooms, the space for the proposed reading room is currently being used for storage. It was left vacant when the writing center, a resource for students in need of help with papers, moved



An artist rendering of the proposed Jewish Studies reading room at the Ekstrom Library (photo provided by the University of Louisville)

to the first floor.

Plans call for the space to be gutted, replaced by wood floor and ceiling (raised) as well as a retractable screen for films and presentations.

The reading room will be available for – excuse the pun – bookings for exhibits, seminars and, something near and dear to Omer-Sherman's heart, the program's annual colloquium series, when the faculty get to discuss their latest research projects.

And, like the rest of the revamped third floor, it will simply be a space where students can simply sit and study.

"Visually, it's going to be a very, very stunning room on campus," said Matthew Wyatt, UofL director of development, libraries. "The overlook – the floor-to-ceiling window out to the quad – is going to be amazing. I think it's going to be a very popular destination."

UofL plans to ask the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence for a \$250,000 matching grant. The university will raise the rest. Wyatt hopes the balance can come from corporate contributions – a source the library hasn't tapped in the past – and private donations from the Jewish community.

There are even naming opportunities: \$500,000 will buy the naming rights to the entire room; \$20,000, a bookcase; 2,500, a table; \$1,500, chairs.

"You don't want to do it like NASCAR," Wyatt said, "but you want to do it tastefully, and we will."

Omer-Sherman said the room will afford Jewish Studies the chance to accept donations of books and art from people who are moving or who recently passed away.

"This will be a good home," he said.

It also will be a portal for non-Jews to learn about the community and its faith, he added.

"Non-Jews, including non-Jewish students who may have never met a Jew or taken a class in Jewish Studies, will become aware of our part of the multicultural fabric on campus and the multicultural fabric of Louisville, too."

Wyatt said the reading room is consistent with the library's mission to serve all ethnic groups and communities represented on campus.

For Polzer, though, it will simply be the realization of a three-year-old dream.

"I was just enchanted by the light and the space," she recalled. "Had this been a basement room, I doubt the idea would have come to me."

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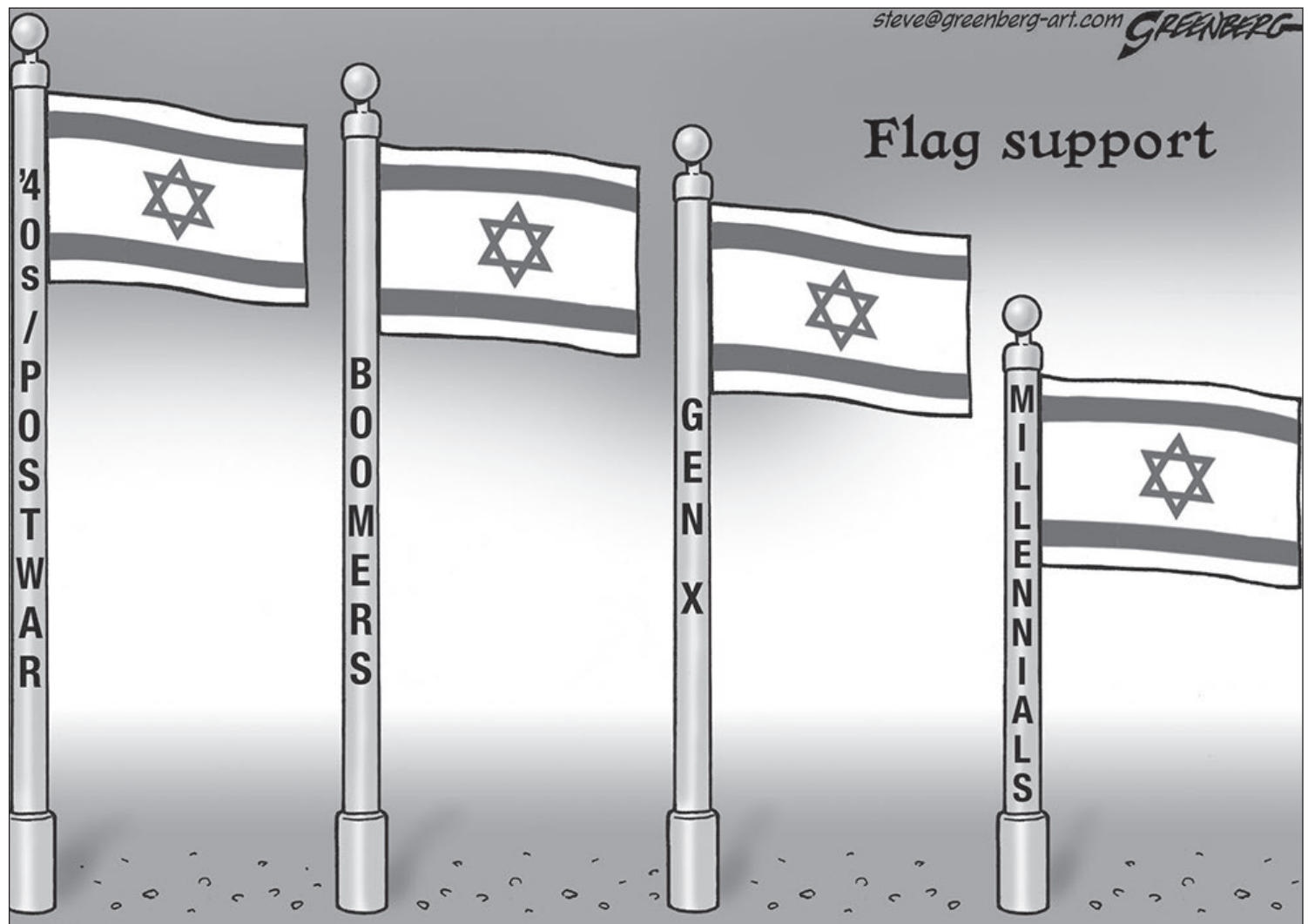
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FORUM



Israeli law on indicting leaders has lessons for U.S.

If you're a news junkie – and who isn't these days – then you know that one of the biggest questions surrounding the probes into President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign is whether a sitting president can be indicted.

Apparently, the Constitution is silent on the subject, leading many pundits to conclude that he can be.

Others, however, cite the Justice Department's policy that a sitting president is simply too busy with matters of state to face criminal prosecution. That leaves one wondering whether a president can run out the clock on the statutes of limitations or if time stands still until his term is up?

Indicting a head of state, in this country at least, is a legal quagmire through which judges and lawyers are still finding their way.

But in Israel, the law is clear, though somewhat schizophrenic. Basic Law, as it is called, clearly permits the indictment of a prime minister – the head of the government – but just as clearly prohibits an indictment of the president – the ceremonial head of state.

According to *Lawfare*, a blog about national security issues published by the Lawfare Institute and the Brookings Institution, article 17 of the Basic Law of Israel says that an investigation into a PM must be approved by the attorney general. If the probe produces grounds for indictment, then the AG may do so.

"Like any other Knesset member, the prime minister may then request the Knesset to grant him immunity from criminal indictment under Article 4 of the Immunities, Rights and Obligations of Knesset Members Law, 1951," Elena



Human Resources

Lee Chottiner

Chachko, a Doctor of Laws candidate at Harvard Law School, wrote in a March 2 article for *Lawfare*. "If the prime minister is indicted and is not granted immunity, he or she will face trial in the Jerusalem District Court."

In recent years, authorities have stopped short of prosecuting a sitting prime minister. Ehud Olmert, PM from 2006 to 2009, who was convicted of breach of trust in 2012 and of bribery in 2015, left office before the attorney general indicted him.

Similarly, in the case of Moshe Katsav, the eighth president of Israel, who faced rape charges, the president resigned from office in 2007, two weeks before his term was up, as part of a plea bargain. (Katsav later rescinded the deal, fought the charges, was convicted and went to prison).

It is not clear what authorities might do about the current prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, who, together with his wife Sara, face corruption charges. So far, Netanyahu has not been charged, though police have recommended that he be indicted for bribery and other offenses.

Police recommendations do not necessarily lead to indictments, legal experts

note. And the case against Netanyahu is made murkier by the dangerous situation along the northern border with Lebanon where the Israel Defense Forces have discovered at least four tunnels dug by Hezbollah under the frontier into the Galilee – a clear violation of Israeli territorial sovereignty.

Should a sitting prime minister be indicted when the country is facing a grave situation?

Regardless of the answer, the Israeli system of justice has two lessons for the U.S. system:

1) A head of state – current or past – can be indicted, even convicted and jailed, and the nation will not implode. Just the opposite, Israel's experiences with Katsav and Olmert reflect the strength of her democracy.

2) Unlike Israel's Basic Law, U.S. federal law is deficient in that in that it does not adequately state what to do with a president suspected of criminal offenses. Impeachment, which contains no penalties beyond removal from office, simply isn't enough. A president could avoid prison time for an offense that would otherwise warrant it.

These are difficult days for American justice with vocal critics on all sides. We'll get through it, but when we do, we should revisit our statutes to make sure this never happens again.

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

FORUM

Jewish Louisville can create the future in 2019



Sara's View

Sara Klein
Wagner

Let's take through our crystal ball, or perhaps virtual reality glasses, which ideally provide a glimpse into 2019. What might we see?

How will our plans and goals unfold in the year to come? How will we impact individual lives? What trends and events will influence the work we do and the people we engage?

We cannot predict the future, but we can create it.

Although we really don't have those virtual reality glasses, we know the current themes that will carry us into next year. So, how can we influence those themes to make a difference?

Here are four outcomes we hope to see:

• **Broaden and expand our community relations work.**

Given the rise in activism and the strong legacy of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) in Louisville,

the breadth and strength of our work is enhanced. Our responsibility to build coalitions – to be the voice of the organized Jewish community and advocate for public policy – is more important than ever. The escalation in anti-Semitic acts and hate crimes demands proactive education and action led by our JCRC. This year will include greater community effort to enhance the safety and security of Jewish Louisville.

• **A deeper understanding of our demographics, attitudes and needs.**

We have a collective responsibility to care for and serve those who need our services. Isolation and the high cost of services must not be a barrier to those in need of help. In 2019, the Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL) will make a greater effort to understand who makes up our community and what their needs are. As stewards of our donors' dollars and trust, we secure and allocate precious funds for maximum impact.

• **We strengthen community by securing, stewarding and sharing philanthropic resources.**

Philanthropy and the shared vision for the community were front and center this year as we continued to build on the success of the Life & Legacy effort, women's philanthropy and young leadership. We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who enthusiastically

engage donors and potential donors in what it means to be Jewish and giving people the opportunity to participate in the mitzvah of supporting the community. We celebrate the unsung champions who work tirelessly to get the job done.

• **Plans for the new J and campus will be introduced.**

The 10th anniversary of the new JCL agency will be marked on April 13. The creation of our hybrid agency, bringing together the Jewish Federation and the JCC, generated a synergy with one board of directors, collaborative staffing and opportunities for innovation (and a little risk taking). Ten years later, with

immense pride, we will share plans for the new campus for The J – the hub and destination for Jewish experiences.

I believe 2019 will bring important and exciting opportunities for Jewish Louisville. The needs are serious and important, but we are ready for the challenges ahead. As I said, we cannot predict the future, but each of us can help create it, making for a vibrant, caring, welcoming community and going from strength to strength.

Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

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Pittsburgh recalled at conference

I recently had the honor to join in unity with fellow Chabad rabbis at the International Conference of Chabad emissaries.

The annual conference was especially meaningful for us, as many of the family of shlichim have deep ties to Pittsburgh. My mother is from Pittsburgh, and I attended school there, living at my grandparents' home just three blocks away from the Tree of Life*Or'Limcha synagogue.

Many of my classmates are now rabbis in Pittsburgh, and we spent some time together, listening to their firsthand accounts in horror and wonder. One of my friends who is an eighth grade teacher told me that, unlike many synagogues around the country, they did not have any police come to the synagogues in Squirrel Hill, as they were engaged at

the shooting. They were on lockdown in their synagogue until almost noon.

Among the most meaningful moments of the conference weekend was the group photo. Four thousand rabbis all standing together, were led by the shlichim from Pittsburgh in the recital of chapter 20 of Psalms. They then joined together to sing Ani Ma'amin, a solemn song of faith. The incredible feeling of pain and hope, sorrow and prayer felt overwhelming. As the weekend concluded, we embraced one another and resolved to remain committed to spreading light, one good deed at a time, until the time when the world will be completely lit, with the coming of the *Moshiach*.

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Political dog whistle against Soros finds way to Kentucky



JCRC Scene

Matt Goldberg

There has been a lot of talk recently about dog whistles in politics, and it is something we have seen for many years.

So, what is a political dog whistle? It's a tool used by politicians who want to say something that they know they shouldn't, so they cloak it in such a way that everyone will know what they are talking about.

Unfortunately, these dog whistles are used most often in a racist context.

For example, the term "Welfare Queen" in the 1980s described recipients of government assistance. It was meant to conjure up a certain racist image, but with just enough ambiguity for plausible deniability.

Which brings us to the latest example: George Soros.

Soros is to be admired as a Hungarian-born Holocaust survivor and a self-made billionaire. He is a major philanthropist

around the world and gives most of his charitable resources to what one would describe as progressive causes. As such, he has created a lot of animosity with his support.

In Soros' nation of birth, Hungary, a country where he has given millions of dollars to various causes, he made many political enemies when he advocated for Hungary to treat asylum seekers humanely.

This prompted Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán to infuse strong criticism of Soros into his re-election campaign. Posters all over the country called on voters to support Orbán in his quest to eliminate Soros' influence in the country. This plays into classic anti-Jewish stereotypes, the kind in which Jews seek to control people and countries through financial means.

This campaign against Soros consciously stoked the anti-Jewish sentiment still endemic to parts of Europe. A parliament member of the Polish government's ruling party said that Soros is a "supra-national leftist troublemaker" who is "openly and brazenly financing the anti-democratic and anti-Polish element with a view to fight Polish sovereignty and indigenous Christian culture."

The attacks against Soros happen in America, too. His financial support of certain organizations has generated ex-



George Soros

treme animosity in some quarters. President Donald Trump has accused Soros of funding the migrant caravan. In a far worse example, Rep. Louie Gohmert, a Texas Republican, accused Soros of being a Nazi collaborator during World War II. (He was 14 years old when Germany surrendered in 1945.)

Even Kentucky is now subject to the Soros dog whistle. Last week, Gov. Matt Bevin mentioned Soros in a statement criticizing his support for ProPublica, a nonprofit news organization that recently gave the *Courier Journal* a grant to report on state government.

According to the Associated Press, Bevin questioned who holds the paper accountable, and said ProPublica is supported by "George, I hate America, Soros," a billionaire who supports the Democratic Party.

According to ProPublica, Soros has provided less than 2 percent of the news organization's funding.

Bevin's criticism is not, in and of itself, anti-Semitic. Politically, criticizing (or praising) funders of causes is a common thing and we have seen names of other wealthy donors, Tom Steyer and the Koch Brothers to name a few, used for many different reasons.

What makes Soros' references problematic is the ancient Jewish stereotype of the all-powerful Jew and its most recent use in Europe in a clearly anti-Semitic context. Most of the politicians who use Soros' name are unaware of this context, and it is our job to inform them.

We informed Gov. Bevin's office of this issue, and they were receptive when we pointed out the problem of using Soros's name this way. We are optimistic that, as the anti-Semitic nature of this particular criticism becomes better known, its use will become less and less.

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

What right of return means to a Gazan father and his son

By Dr. Ian Mutchnick
Guest Columnist

For 2,000, years, Jews dreamed of a return to our home. This dream invested our imaginations, oriented our prayers and guided our political actions. In May 1948, we lived this dream and returned home.

This same dream is still very much alive, but in a place that few of us care to consider – with Palestinians. Even though we consider Palestinian right of return a lie based on illegitimate claims and understand it as a direct threat to Israel, I suggest that Palestinian right of return is an issue that needs more room in our imagination – for our sake, not theirs.

I would like to broach this sensitive topic by introducing my friend, Yamaan Saadeh, a fifth-year neurosurgery resident at the University of Michigan. Yamaan joined me on the Palestine Children's Relief Fund's (PCRF's) most recent pediatric neurosurgical mission to Gaza. Prior to this mission, Yamaan last saw his father, step-mother and sisters in 2003. His father, Salman Saadeh, is a professor of chemistry at Islamic University in Gaza City (IUGC). The elder Saadeh earned his Ph.D. in chemistry at Michigan, where Yamaan was born in 1988. His parents divorced soon thereafter, and Salman eventually returned to Gaza and a position at IUGC.

Engineering Yamaan's family reunion would not have been possible without the PCRF staff and mission; he would simply not have been allowed in. The process of getting Yamaan into Gaza took months.

First, he had to register with the Israeli Coordinator of Government Activities in the territories; although he is an American citizen and has lived here his entire life, his fingerprints and photograph were required. Because Yamaan

has an *hawiyya* – a Palestinian identity certificate – this identity is what matters in Israel.

Obtaining a permit to enter Gaza took two months and a great deal of effort by the PCRF Mission Coordinator, Suhail Flaifl. When Yamaan left Gaza, he was not allowed to take his laptop and other electronic items with him – something he had to plan for ahead of time.

I was fortunate to experience Yamaan's reunion with his father's family. His sisters – two in medical school and one a high school junior – were tremendously excited to see him, spending days decorating their home with flowers, signs and balloons. His father, grateful to see his son, just kept saying, "May Allah praise you for this" to Suhail and me.

Sharing Yamaan's reunion with his family, I could not help thinking of our own dream of home. Naphtali Herz Imber put this yearning to words so moving they became our national anthem: "So long as still within our breasts | The Jewish heart beats true, | So long as still towards the East | To Zion looks the Jew." (Tikvatenu, 1878)

Our beating desire – after 2,000 years – gave birth to the Zionist movement that brought us home.

Is it strategically wise to believe their longing for home is less potent than ours?

This is a very different question from whether we believe their longing to be legitimate. How Palestinians behave arises from how they understand their desires and dreams, not what we believe them to be.

In his book, *Good Strategy, Bad Strategy*, Richard Rummelt argues that a "good strategy honestly acknowledges the challenges being faced and provides an approach to overcoming them." People of good will – Jews and non-Jews – are recognizing this dream of home in our enemy; is it an honest acknowledg-

ment to try to convince the world that a Palestinian dream of return is illegitimate? Or to equate Palestinian right of return with the end of the Jewish state?

I have met and worked with many Palestinians; they all say the same: we dream of our home. The nurse practitioner living in Oregon whose family left Jaffa and dreams of returning there to swim in the sea. The orthopedic surgery resident in Gaza who yearns to be reunited with family dispersed by the events of 1948. The professor, who dreams of returning to Jerusalem where both his father and mother were born and where summers were spent with his grandmother until 1967. These are just four stories; there are countless others. On what basis do we conclude that the Palestinians will not cling to the dream of return as long as we?

In 1956, Moshe Dayan said "we are a generation that settles the land and without the steel helmet and the cannon's maw, we will not be able to plant a tree and build a home"

But we are not that generation; we are the victorious generation.

We have built a Third Temple in Jerusalem, the Supreme Court; a fourth, the Knesset; a fifth, the Hebrew Museum; a sixth, Hebrew University; a seventh: Yad Vashem.

We have built the Israel Defense Forces to protect these valuable institutions.

I don't argue that we need to put down our steel helmets and canons – that would be clueless.

I don't argue that we are to blame for Palestinian suffering – that would be simplistic.

I don't argue that we are racist monsters – that would be wicked.

I argue it is to our benefit to acknowledge this Palestinian dream of home as we search for a way to bring peace and security to our children. Let it re-humanize those who have fought for

their homes, even as they attacked us. Let it remind us that the heart of Judaism is not Judea and Samaria; it is Exodus 23:9: "And you shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, since you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

I don't appeal for any specific policy – withdrawal, some number of states, boycotts – not any specific policy.

I suggest only that honest acknowledgment of the Palestinians' dream of home might allow for better approaches to overcoming the challenges we face. It may allow us avenues of action to a future as peaceful and secure as HaShem might allow.

(Dr. Ian Mutchnick, a Louisville pediatric neurosurgeon, is a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council. The views expressed here are his own and not necessarily those of the JCRC.)

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FEDERATION

Why does your Federation gift matter? Here's why

By Julie Hollander
For Community

Why should you donate to the Federation Annual Campaign?

The answer can be found locally and around the world. It even transcends age groups.

Individuals from all backgrounds depend on the Federation and the people who give to it.

But statistics don't tell the Federation story the way that those affected by it can. Here are just a few stories:

The Federation supports BBYO in Louisville, the leading pluralistic Jew-

ish teen movement aspiring to involve more Jewish teens in meaningful Jewish experiences worldwide.

"Ever since I have joined BBYO I have really felt like I've been more able to let my Judaism shine and I've been so much prouder of it," said Ava Schumacher, an active BBYO teen. "[Without BBYO] I probably wouldn't be the same person as I am today."

On the other end of the age spectrum, senior programs at The J and Chavurat Shalom are also supported by the Federation. These programs give seniors a purpose and an opportunity to socialize, volunteer and exercise.

As one participant said, "To stay home alone is not healthy. If I sat home, I would not be around very long."

If you are around people, you forget about your problems."

Transportation is provided to ensure seniors who cannot drive can participate in the programs.

Federation's reach is worldwide, supporting the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to help Jews in need overseas. The JDC works in 70 countries to alleviate hunger and hardship, rescue Jews in danger and create lasting connections to Jewish life.

Tatyana Skorohod lives alone in a

studio apartment in Moldova, where she's been unable to afford repairs for over 10 years. Living on a monthly pension of \$35 with a monthly utility bill of \$53, she relies on winter relief support from the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to avoid eviction and to help in paying for food and medicine.

"In these difficult times, especially in winter, I am so grateful to JDC ... for the assistance they provide," Skorohod said. "Without it, I wouldn't be able to survive."

In addition to receiving help, Skorohod also volunteers at the JDC Hesed's See **FEDERATION** on page 21

Louisville women take philanthropy to next level

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

The Jewish Federation of Louisville has always been a community of philanthropists. Now, it is engaging women in that mission, and it's working.

Here in Louisville, the Women's Philanthropy Division has been taking a novel approach to getting women to be more active, building community.

When she started working at the Federation three years ago, Stacy Gordon-Funk, senior vice president of development, connected with two volunteers:

Debbie Friedman and Ann Zimmerman. Together, they created new opportunities for women to connect within the Federation sphere.

"We had a 17-percent increase in women coming through to our events and, in conjunction with that, an 11-percent increase in women's giving the first year," Gordon-Funk said. "And the trajectory continues."

Women are now giving more of themselves to Federation initiatives; they're spending time together, connecting, learning and giving.

While established societies such as the Lions of Judah and the Pomegran-

ates, which celebrate women who give their money to causes, are critical, Federation leaders stress the importance of developing other ways to relate and volunteer.

"The goal really is to connect women together," said Julie Hollander, director of women's philanthropy and outreach. "We also want to create a sense of community to support all these important things that we fund in the community."

To name a few, there have been fitness events, wellness education, nature walks and trips to the ballet all through the connection series, the brain child of Friedmann and Zimmerman.

The women's Tikkun Olam initiative this year is about food insecurity in the Jewish community and beyond. Women have been making sandwiches with Keneseth Israel to distribute to the homeless and will do the same at The Temple on Dec. 25 for the St. Vincent dePaul homeless shelter.

For Purim, they will have Wine and Wrap, an event when they will taste wine while putting together *michloach*

See **WOMEN** on page 21



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Green Book premiere is tragically timely, directors say

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

David Chack knew attacks such as the Kroger and Tree of Life shootings were bound to happen.

He just didn't know the two latest tragedies would happen within days of each other – one being so close to home – and while he was preparing to stage *The Green Book*, a play about the systemic racism in the Jim Crow South.

"In the same way that I'm upset when Jews are massacred, I'm upset when black people are massacred," said Chack, who co-directs the play with Karen Edwards-Hunter. "[But] black people killed at a Krogers, in Louisville now, who knew?"

Written in 2014 by playwright Calvin Ramsey, *The Green Book*, not to be confused with the movie starring Viggo Mortenson, is about an African-American family that opens its home to two travelers – a young black professional and a Jewish Holocaust survivor – spotlighting the parallels in their lives and the scars left by racism and anti-Semitism in this country.

"I planned to do *The Green Book* here, like, over a year ago."

The title of the play is based on *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, a guide for black travelers in the Jim Crow South that helped them find safe places to get a meal or a stay for the night. Published from 1936 to 1967, its author, Victor Hugo Green, got the idea from travel guides for Jews to avoid places that were restricted.

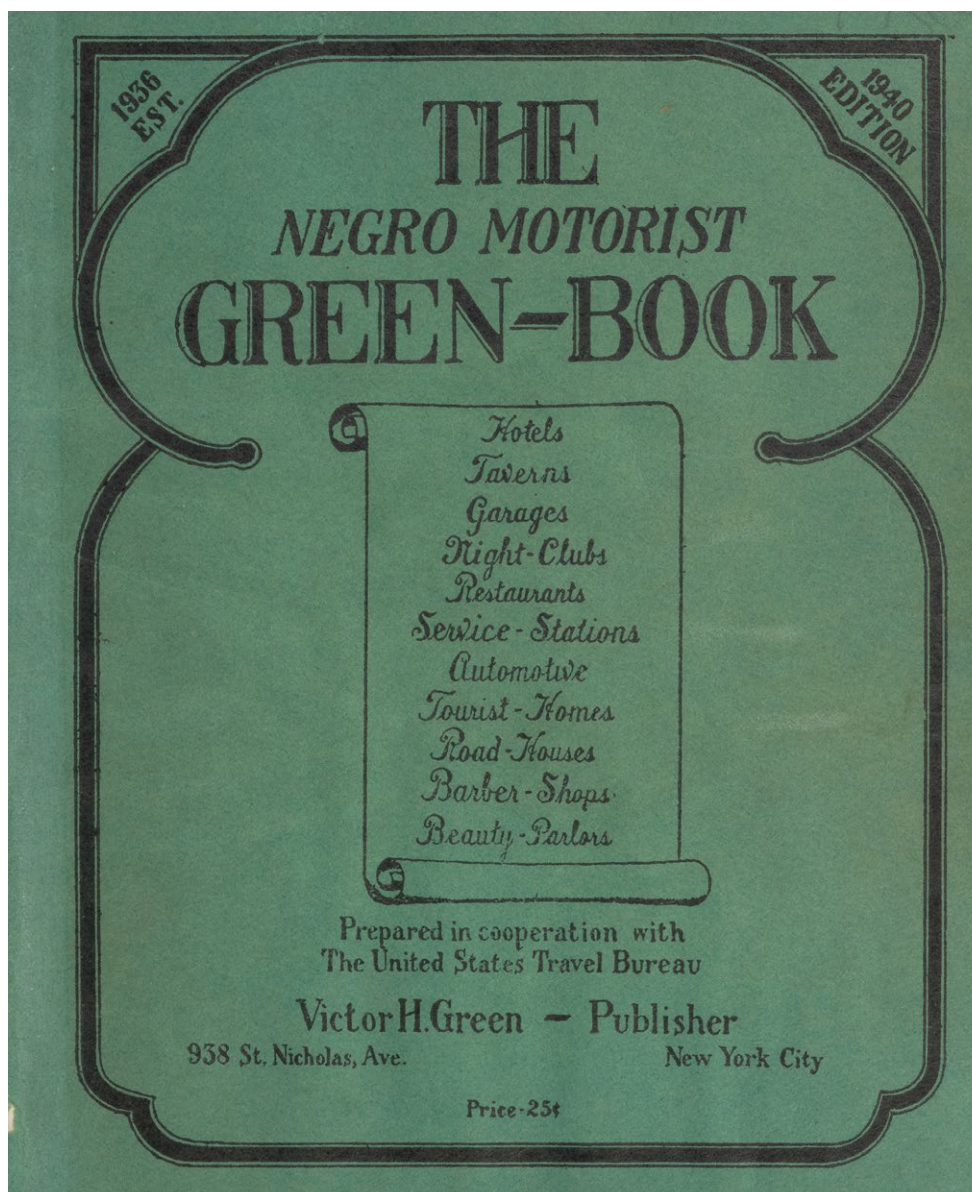
Publisher after publisher refused Green's manuscript until one – a Jew – took a chance on it.

Green's guide was indispensable for black travelers at a time when driving through the South, especially after dark, was a dangerous experience.

Ads promoting the upcoming play show just how dangerous. They show signs that travelers of the time would come across at Southern diners and hotels, including this one: "No Coloreds, No Jews, No Dogs."

The play, which is being produced by Bunbury-ShPIel Identity Theatre Project, a collaborative effort by two performing arts troupes – one local one from Chicago – is its third production with Jewish elements. The first two were *Red* and *A Jewish Joke*.

Set in 1956 at the home of the Davises, a black family living in Missouri that is listed in the book, *The Green*



The cover of the 1940 edition of *The Green Book*, an indispensable guide for black travelers in the Jim Crow South. A play of the same title, telling the stories people, including one Holocaust survivor, who the book brought together, will be staged here in February by the Bunbury-ShPIel Identity Theatre Project.

Book's main characters – Keith, a young black entrepreneur, and Jake, a Holocaust survivor – share their stories, striking remarkable parallels between the black and Jewish experiences of day.

"Keith teaches Jake and Jake teaches Keith," Chack said. "They learn from each other."

While he didn't give away the ending, Chack said the play showcases the common ground blacks and Jews have shared, even in the worst of times.

"We have a cultural and social con-

nection as well," he said. "We have a political connection; we have worked together for social justice causes, we have worked together for civil rights; we have worked together on issues of discrimination."

Not everyone, though, is aware of this common ground.

Following a recent performance of the play in Chicago Chack took questions from the audience. One person asked why the experiences of the two characters were being shown side by side in the same production.

The question touched off a free-ranging discussion, he said.

"This is the intersection of Jews and blacks," he said. "Their stories, their narratives [are] not competing with each other but [are] being seen in parallel to each other."

"This is our story; this is America's story, and America has to own it."

The Green Book is making headlines beyond the stage. In March, it will have a staged reading at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie, marking the opening of a new exhibit, "Purchased Lives: The American Slave Trade from 1808 to 1865."

In a way, the people behind the scenes of the play mirror the story itself. Chack, who is Jewish, co-directs it with Edwards-Hunter, who is black.

"David is there because he wanted to be the person who is the expert in Jewish culture and he wanted me there in as an expert in African-American culture," Edwards-Hunter said, "so we wouldn't be too heavy ended in either direction, which means a lot."

Edwards-Hunter is best known to Jewish Louisville for her work as artistic director of the JACKY (Jewish African American Christian Kentucky Youth) Royale Teen Theatre Company, which ran from 1994 to 2005. Teens from varied backgrounds produced original plays dealing with interracial and interfaith dating, children of divorced parents and sexual identity.

"Anything they felt comfortable to explore, that's what they wrote about," she said.

This latest project, Edwards-Hunter said, is timely in light of the shootings and the national climate, but for her, it also is deeply personal.

She knew the man shot at the Stonybrook Kroger, Maurice E. Stallard, and she went to high school with his wife. She even knows people who were related to victims of the Pittsburgh shootings.

"So it hit me from both directions," she said. "It made it crystal clear to me that racism is not dead, it is raising its ugly head and it's getting worse."

Want to go?

The Green Book will run in Louisville at Bunbury Theatre at The Henry Clay, 604 S. 3rd St., from February 8 to 24. For tickets, visit bunburytheatre.org or call 502-585-5306.

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PICTURE THIS: PLAY YOUR PART

Jewish Louisvillians flocked to The J on Saturday, December 1, to try their luck and enjoy themselves at Play Your Part for CenterStage, the annual casino night that supports the J-based theater company. The J was transformed into a Vegas-esque casino where guests crowded the table games, met friends and took in a CenterStage revue show. Each year, CenterStage brings a lineup of popular shows to Louisville while running theatrical programs for kids. (Community photos by Jessica Budnick)



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THE J CENTERPIECE

CenterStage hides nothing this January in 'The Full Monty'

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

CenterStage actors often bare their souls on stage, but not so much their ... um ... bodies. The men in *The Full Monty* will bare it all for comedy and a great story.

Don't worry, you won't really see anything. They will be completely naked in one scene, but clever lighting will prevent you from seeing things you may not want to.

"They are very brave guys," said Frank Goodloe, CenterStage artistic director. "It's a number that gets rehearsed many, many, many, many times."

The play, one of CenterStage's most-requested shows, is based on the 1997 movie of the same title, a low-budget British film that became a sleeper hit. Six guys in Sheffield, England, are down on their luck. They have lost their jobs and are struggling with their personal lives. One of the guys decides to start a strip show when he learns that his wife went to a Chippendales-type performance, but they choose to differentiate themselves from the beefcakes by going "the full-Monty."

The movie and subsequent play were written by Simon Beaufoy; the book and lyrics by Terrence McNally, with music and lyrics by David Yazbek. The CenterStage version places the men in Buffalo, New York.

This is the third time that CenterStage has staged the show, and the second time Goodloe has played the part of Horse, the oldest member of the group.



"He's the senior citizen, and he's dealing with what a lot of seniors face," Goodloe said. "You know, not being hired anywhere and living up to a stereotype."

Jerry, played by Brian Bowles, is dealing with the loss of his job, his ex-wife dating someone new, and a challenging relationship with his son. Bowles recently played Cinderella's Prince in *Into the Woods*.

Dave, played by Daniel Smith, lost his job at the same time. He is overweight, and his marriage isn't what it should be. Smith played the Steward in *Into the Woods*.

Harold, played by Alex Craig, was a foreman at the warehouse and is afraid his wife won't love him because he can't provide the lifestyle to which she's become accustomed. Craig is returning to CenterStage after about a nine-year hiatus.

A CenterStage newcomer, Brandon Fouch is playing Ethan. Jake Minton plays Malcolm. Drew Ashley plays 10-year-old Nathan in the show, and Kate Walsh is back as costumer.

"These six guys come together and actually have a true bond with each other," Goodloe said. "It's through that bond that they realize that relying

on each other, and with courage and strength, they're able to mend personal relationships with their loved ones and they have the ability to go, you know, all the way. It's funny, but it's very heart-warming, and it's charming."

"It's something that we all deal with," he added. "We all have insecurities. We all have things that we're dealing with, and how do we get over them? We get over them by, you know, other people, other friends and making a bond with someone and finding things we all have in common."

While the final scene, when the dancers bare all, is difficult for the actors, it's not the hardest scene, Goodloe said. There is another in which the men are sitting around in their underwear discussing their insecurities, and the women come in and start reinforcing their fears.

"And that's like, well painful," Goodloe said. "The scene seems like it goes on forever, and like I said, you are talking about your insecurities because they start saying, 'He's fat, he's old, he's too skinny, he's got pimples on his ass,' and you're like, 'Oh my God, they're talking about all our insecurities and this is the worst thing! I'm standing here in nothing but my underwear!'"

Want to go?

The Full Monty plays from January 10 through 27 at CenterStage. Showtimes and tickets are available at jewishlouisville.org/the-j-centerstage/2018-19-season/the-full-monty/.

'In the Moment' opens at the Patio Gallery Jan. 12

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

Two artists are coming together to show their work in January at the Patio Gallery, just in time to tackle winter's doldrums.

Shawna Dellecave, an art therapist, musician, yoga teacher and advocate for people with developmental disabilities, is teaming up with Ada Asenjo, a translator and artist from the Dominican Republic. The two met and became friends while working at First Steps, an early intervention program for children with developmental disabilities. They talked and discovered that they were both artists and hit it off from there.

Dellecave, who was the juror for the Mazin show last month, creates weavings made of handmade paper that become brightly colored art. Asenjo uses pressed flowers and foliage to create colorful collages. The two together will brighten up the room just when January's darkness is in full effect.

"We know that the room will be full of color with the colorful weavings and the pressed flowers," Dellecave said. "We know that that color will draw people in, and when you step closer, you'll be wondering how it was created and it'll be more introspective. We do think it'll be refreshing and colorful in the starkness of January."

The new year is a perfect time to be



Ada Asenjo uses pressed flowers to make art collages (left). Shawna Dellecave uses handmade paper to create colorful weavings. Asenjo and Dellecave are the artists featured in "In the Moment," opening Jan. 12 at the Patio Gallery.

introspective, she added.

"It's also a great time for reflection in January. We're starting a new year, and that's a great time to be in the moment. Thinking about making intentions for the coming year and making a plan of discipline and conviction."

The show, called *In the Moment*, is about being here now, being meditative and thoughtful.



Making her art, Dellecave said, forces her to focus intently on what she's doing. While most think of meditation as a stress reliever, her type of art isn't necessarily relaxing.

"Weaving with paper requires a lot of exact measurements and focus," she said. "Cutting paper like that can really put a lot of tension in my body. What it does is it helps me focus on the

discipline. The repetitive action over and over again, and this idea of sticking with things and not giving up."

The weaving is a metaphor for life, she added: "There's the constant line that goes up and down, there's high times and low times, but there's the constant weave of the thread of the piece of paper that runs through my life and everyone's life that helps us persevere and keep going and never give up. That's the metaphor of these weavings that I'm really drawn to right now."

Asenjo grew up pressing flowers as a child in the Dominican Republic. "In the course of human development, flowers have fascinated and inspired," she said on her web page, adaasenjo.wix-site.com. "They are both ephemeral and guaranteed to fade, as all life does. The key is to appreciate, enjoy, and relax into the arms of the universe."

The temporary nature of flowers is part of the attraction, she said. "Imagine this gorgeousness spent on something so temporary! To me, this confirms the potential we all possess for limitless possibilities. It is consoling that this beauty that the soul longs for is provided in such outrageous bounty."

Want to go?

In the Moment will be showing at the Patio Gallery from Jan. 12 through Feb. 19. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13.

PICTURE THIS: LION OF JUDAH

The annual Lion of Judah event took place on Tuesday, November 13 at the home of Mandy Vine. Jennifer Tuvlin was pinned as a new Lion, Ann Zimmerman received the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award and Madeline Abramson presented on the new philanthropic initiatives in the community. Julie Ensign and Denise Schiller chaired this year's event and Robin Miller chaired the Women's Philanthropy Division. (Community photos by Tara Cocco)



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The spiritual lessons of a secular new year



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The transition from one secular year to another is an interesting experience for Jews. Our new year is Rosh Hashanah, but for those of us living in North America, we also spend much of our time following the Gregorian calendar.

All around us, New Year's resolutions are being made, and for those of us who participated in the High Holy Days, living in two different time zones can be an opportunity to reflect upon the commitments that we made during the Neilah service at the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

Psychologists say it is a natural human reaction to seek control in the face of the unknown. We all make plans and promises, hoping to be worthy of a year of blessing. Every ending causes us anxiety, as we are forced to confront our insecurity and mortality. Trusting the unknown is a spiritual skill that

requires practice.

This is one of the reasons why so many of our religious rituals center around transitions, life cycle events, seasonal changes or even the transition from Shabbat to the start of a new week.

During moments of transition, it is helpful to harken back to those things that are positive and unchanging, and to affirm them publicly, so that we can remain centered in the endless source of blessing that is the true reality.

As we come to the end of 2018, the Jewish Hospital family looks to the future with great hope, while also recognizing that this past year has been a time of learning and transformation. We have improved our ability to care for patients, employing metrics that have improved in countless areas such as quality, safety, cleanliness and patient experience.

This year has been an interesting one for us. It has been a time of transition that has lasted longer than we're used to. Selling the Louisville market of KentuckyOne Health is far more complex a transaction than selling a house, as it involves several hospitals, doctors' offices, ambulatory medical centers and a relationship with the University of Louisville, which is going through its own transition, welcoming its new president.

This year has been an opportunity to practice our faith in the unknown while staying focused on those things that endure: our compassionate care for our patients, for one thing.

One of the achievements I am most proud of is our staff's morale. It has increased dramatically, largely because of our ability to remain firmly anchored in hope.

One spiritual practice that I try to incorporate into every hospital meeting is a breathing exercise: Every breath we take can teach us how to trust. Oxygen is vital for living, but we can't hold our breath to preserve oxygen. We must exhale the old breath to make space within us for the new, trusting that for every exhalation, a new inhalation will come.

The same is true for our hospital – and life in general. We need to let go of what we know to make space within for the new.

May 2019 bring us all blessings and reasons to continue to hope and stay positive in the face of the unknown.

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

SENIOR EVENTS

Chavurat Shalom for January

Thursday, January 3 – No Chavurat Shalom.

Thursday, January 10 – Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will speak about the Israeli government and the current political turmoil surrounding the prime minister. Lunch will include fried chicken tenders, green peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and chocolate raspberry mousse.

Thursday, January 17 – Guitarist and song leader Benji Berlow will provide a program. Lunch will include grilled salmon, couscous with vegetables, spinach salad, fresh fruit and no-bake cheesecake with berries.

Thursday, January 24 – Rabbi Joe

Rooks Rapport will speak on the topic, "The Chosen Spirit: Jews on the Bourbon Trail." The program will reflect on the centennial of the 18th Amendment. Lunch will include vegetable lasagna, Caesar salad, fresh fruit and tiramisu.

Thursday, January 31 – Ben Kennedy from the Humana Senior Isolation Project will speak about remaining vital as we age. Lunch will include Chef Z's soon-to-be-famous chili, grilled cheese sandwiches, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and assorted cookies and brownies.

Chavurat Shalom lunch is \$5; reservations are due by the Tuesday before the program. RSVP to 502-423-1818 or sarahharlan86@gmail.com. A vegetar-

ian option is available if requested in advance. All programs will be held in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple unless otherwise noted. Lunch starts at noon, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Transportation can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Transportation is \$5 round-trip. Chavurat Shalom is funded by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, The Temple, The Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, NCJW, the Jewish Federation of Louisville and other donors.

The J Senior Center for January

TUESDAY, JAN. 8, 12:45 P.M.

Learn how this organization can help you find the best place to live in Louisville. After the presentation, we will play bingo.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15, 12:45 P.M.

Mike O'Bryan is back to lead us in a selection of our favorite musical melodies on his accordion. Refreshments will be served after program.

MONDAY, JAN. 21, 11 A.M.

We will be discussing "Cross Country Quilters" by Jennifer Chiaverini.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22, 12:45 P.M.

Please join Rabbi Nadia Siritsky & Cantor Sharon Hordes as we celebrate **The New Year of the Trees**. This is the season in which the

earliest blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. We will be eating fruits such as grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives & dates. This holiday reminds of our connection to the earth and role as caretakers of the environment.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29, 12:45 P.M.

Chaplain Dale McAbee from Baptist Health will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "Wholeness: A House with Five Rooms." Refreshments will be served after program.

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JFCS FOOD PANTRY

SUGGESTIONS FOR JANUARY

- Canned carrots
- Pancake mix
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- Canned ravioli
- Crackers

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JEWISH GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

with Avraham Groll

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019 • 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Free for Filson members • \$20 for non-members

Join the Filson Historical Society for a Jewish Genealogy Workshop led by Avraham Groll, Director of the New York based non-profit, JewishGen.org. This workshop will consist of two informational sessions and a viewing of the Filson's *Connecting the Dots: Exploring Your Family History* exhibit. Sessions include:

- **Intro to JewishGen & Jewish Genealogy:** Discuss common challenges that people encounter when researching their family history, and how JewishGen can help.
- **Jewish Migration Patterns – Part 1 (How Did Jews Get To Europe?):** This session will explore the main Jewish migration patterns from Antiquity through the 10th century. Also covered is the dividing line between Antiquity and the medieval era, its ramifications on subsequent Jewish settlement and living conditions, as well as the emergence of Ashkenazic and Sephardic population centers.

Register online today at filsonhistorical.org/events
or by phone at (502) 635-5083

The Filson Historical Society 1310 S. 3rd St., Louisville, KY 40208

SUPPORT GROUPS

Jan. 7, 3pm Caregiver Support Group

Meets first Monday of month at Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Rd.
Contact Elizabeth Tully: 502-452-6341, ext. 220.

Jan. 8, 4pm Caregiver Support Group

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

January 10, 1pm

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group

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

January 11, 2pm

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

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

January 21, 12:30pm

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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

January 23, 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.

January 24, 7pm

Adult Children of Aging Parents

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



EVENTS



A new year is often looked upon as an opportunity for making positive changes to improve upon or redirect our lives. Among the most popular resolutions that people make involve career-related goals, personal development and family relationships.

RESOLUTIONS

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Parents of Young Adults in Interfaith Relationships January 7, 7pm at JFCS



An open discussion about feelings and thoughts when your son or daughter enters a relationship with someone of a different faith.

Contact Diane Tracht:
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Saturday, January 26 7:30pm

Standard Country Club 8208 Brownsboro Road

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NEWS

Blue wins council race



Bruce E. Blue

Bruce E. Blue was elected to the Windy Hills City Council in the November election. He will take office in January 2019 and serve a two-year term.

Blue also has been appointed to the Jefferson County Solid Waste Authority by Louisville Metro Mayor Greg Fischer, and to the audit committee of the national board of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. The audit committee oversees the financial status of the association, including its investments.

Jeremy Slosberg lauded for work in pediatrics



Dr. Jeremy Slosberg

Dr. Jeremy Slosberg, the son of Rabbi Robert and Deborah Slosberg, was honored with the 2018 Distinguished Housestaff Award in pediatrics at the New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center at the Alumni Council Board's 2018 Awards Dinner.

A graduate of Eliahu Academy, Slosberg is a pediatric resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering. His ambition is to treat underserved children.

Rabbit Hole wins LBF's first bourbon contest

Rabbit Hole Bourbon, produced by Kaveh Zamanian, has beat out several well-known area distilleries to win Louisville Business First's Battle of the Bourbons contest. The brand was chosen in a poll of the publication's readers.

Rabbit Hole is named – in a way – for Zamanian's wife, Heather, whom he met in Chicago. According to his website, he fell in love with her and bourbon, to which she introduced him.

"She pulled me down a rabbit hole I might never have dared alone," he said.

The brand, which is only a couple years old, will be made at a Jefferson Street distillery that opened this year, according to LBF.

Snapsheet earns Deloitte ranking

Snapsheet, owned by Louisville native Brad Weisberg, has been named to Deloitte's Technology Fast 500, a ranking of the 500 fastest growing technology, media, telecommunications, life sciences and energy tech companies in North America.

Chicago-based Snapsheet, which ranked 147th on the list, grew 755 percent during this period.

In a release, Weisberg credited the revenue growth to the software's innovation and optimization of workflow, real-time metrics and superior customer engagement.

"Our team's efficiency and customer-first attitude are why we've grown so immensely, and we're honored to be named to the Deloitte 2018 Technology Fast 500 in recognition of this," he said.

Technology Fast 500 award winners

are selected based on percentage of fiscal year revenue growth from 2014 to 2017.

MA touts Gladstein's work



Heather Gladstein

Musical America Worldwide, a national news source for the performing arts industry, has named Heather Gladstein of Louisville one of its Top 30 Professionals of the Year.

A former director of artist services in the vocal division of New York-based IMG Artists, Gladstein started her own company in 2000, when she moved to Louisville with her husband, Seth. They have two children.

A "professional problem solver," Gladstein manages all aspects of her clients' personal and professional lives, including travel arrangements, finances and logistical aspects of concert tours.

"I haven't come across anyone who works with multiple clients like I do," she told MA. "By having a number of artists employ me part-time I've been able to create a full-time job for myself. It's really

empowering because it's mine. And I love what I do."

Rabbi speaks at #WeRespond



Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner

Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner of Temple Shalom was among the speakers invited to the #WeRespond service, Sunday, December 2, at the First Baptist Church of Jefferson-town.

The service was a community response to the October 24 shooting deaths of Vicky Lee Jones and Maurice E. Stoddard at the Stonybrook Kroger. Gregory Bush, 51, who is charged with the shootings, tried unsuccessfully to enter the church before moving on to the Kroger, opening fire on his victims.

During her talk, Jacowitz Chottiner read excerpts from the speech that Rabbi Joachim Prinz delivered at the 1964 Civil Rights Rally in Washington D.C. (He spoke immediately before Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his *I have a Dream* speech.)

Gurevich honored at gala



Eric Gurevich (right)

Eric Gurevich of Louisville, son of Helen and Bill Gurevich, has received the first Steven Bochco Award on October 10 at a gala in Beverly Hills, California.

The award, which honors the life of Bochko, the late television producer and writer who died from leukemia this past April, recognizes Gurevich, director of communications and engagement at Fund for the Arts, for his commitment as a stem cell donor.

When called to be a donor, Gurevich braved a blizzard to get his first Neupogen shot. He also flew to the donation center four days early so bad weather wouldn't delay him.

He has counseled many new donors

and is active with Gift of Life, an NPO dedicated to encouraging stem cell donations and financial support to combat blood cancer. Gift of Life held the gala where the Bochko award was presented.

"Steven Bochco pushed boundaries and redefined television while creating rich, compelling characters," Gurevich said at the gala. "His legacy and this award are a powerful reminder that we all have compelling stories worth sharing. Moreover, at any moment, each of us can rise to do the right thing."

Benovitz wins Wellspring award

Amy Benovitz, an assistant Jefferson County attorney responsible for the mental health docket, received the Wellspring 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award on Dec. 6.

For 15 years, Benovitz has organized a holiday party for the eight Wellspring clients living in a supported residence on Breckinridge Lane. She also gets Judges, court and hospital professionals to donate their time, gifts and food.

For the last two years, Benovitz has helped provide an extra \$1000 for Wellspring clients through the generosity of Jefferson District Court judges.

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AROUND TOWN

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

Chinese dinner and a movie

The Temple will host a Chinese dinner and a movie on Monday, Dec. 24. Dinner will start at 6 p.m.; the movie, at 7 p.m. 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.

Sandwich-making mitzvah

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will host a sandwich-making for the St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelter. At 2 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 25.** Call Becky King at 502-212-2028 to RSVP.

Knit & Qvell Circle

Anshei Sfard Knit & Qvell Circle will begin 2019 in a new meeting place. The group will meet at 3630 Dutchmans Lane, second floor (the new home of Anshei Sfard) at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 3. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. Call Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108 for details.

Chack speaks at service

David Y. Chack, artistic director of the Bunbury-ShPIeL Identity Theatre project, will talk about his next play, *The Green Book*, at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, at The Temple. Together with Karen Edwards-Hunter, Chack is co-directing the play, which will open on Feb. 7 at the Henry Clay theatre.

Shabbat Scholars

Dr. Elliott Rosengarten will be Adath Jeshurun's Shabbat Scholar at 12:15 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5. His topic will be "Happy New You," an introduction to Dr. Rosengarten's new AJ Adult Education Course, "Kabbalah 1," which will begin on Jan. 6 at 10 a.m.

Pragmatic spirituality discussion

Dr. Courtney Snyder and Marty Snyder lead a pragmatic spirituality discussion group Sundays at 10 a.m. at Adath Jeshurun. The group discusses themes on inspiration from a spiritual thinker. The next session on Jan. 6 addresses the topic "We Plan; God Laughs – Non-grasping/Flexible Goal Setting for the New Year." The Jan. 20 topic is "Forgiveness – An Act of Self-Care."

Homeless Outreach

Keneseth Israel will make sandwiches for the homeless, and distribute them downtown, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 6. Bring bread, peanut butter and jelly, blankets, underwear, socks, flashlights, etc.

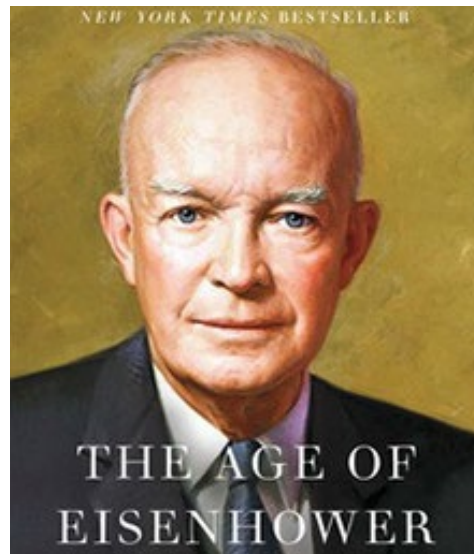
AIPAC-sponsored speaker

Ilan Berman, senior vice-president of the American Foreign Policy Council, will speak at Adath Jeshurun on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Berman has been called one

of America's "leading experts on the Middle East and Iran" by CNN. His talk is titled "Navigating the Turbulence: The Middle East in 2019." A reception begins at 6:30 p.m.; the program, 7 p.m. There is no charge. Reservations are required. Visit waipac.org/Louisville.

The Age of Eisenhower by William I. Hitchcock

William I. Hitchcock, author of *The Age of Eisenhower*, will talk about his book at the The Filson Club Gertrude Polk Brown Lecture Series, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10. Temple Members can call the front desk at 502-423-1818 for free tickets.



Cover of the book "The Age of Eisenhower"

JWRP tour guide to speak to Men's Club

Patrick Amar, a successful tourist company executive in Israel, will speak via Skype to the next Temple Shalom Men's Club at 10 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 13. Amar heads the Israel Executive Touring Center. Among his clients have been the two Jewish Women Renaissance Project groups from Louisville that have traveled to the Jewish state. The program will follow breakfast. A \$5 donation is requested. Call 502-458-4739 to RSVP.

Brown Bag Blessings packing party

Brown Bag Blessings, Adath Jeshurun's program for feeding the homeless, gathers from 12:30 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13, to prepare brown bag lunches. Pizza and refreshments will be served for participants. Email Cybil Flora at flora1cl@gmail.com to RSVP.

Sunday Night at the Movies

The Temple and Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will hold Sunday Night at the Movies, Sunday at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27. A pizza dinner will be followed by the next in the film series *GI Jews*. RSVP at thetemplelouky.org or 502-423-1818.

Preschool Tu B'Shevat

Training Wheels at The Temple preschoolers will learn about Tu B'Shevat, at 9:45 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 20. There will be stories, crafts and food. RSVP by Jan. 17 to Lexie Beauchamp at religious-schoolassistant@thetemplelouky.org or to Sarah Harlan at education@thetemplelouky.org.

'Music without Borders; 1812 Overture'

The Louisville Orchestra concert, conducted by Teddy Abrams, will perform three works of Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, at Adath Jeshurun. Tickets may be purchased online at louisvilleorchestra.org or by calling the LO box office at 502-587-8681.

LBSY hosts Improv team

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY) will host The Bible Players, a Jewish improv comedy team that teaches Jewish values, on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019. During religious school, the troupe will share its "Improv-ing Jewish Lives" program with students in grades 3-8 and The Temple students in grades 6-8. The players teach Jewish values through improv games, showing how people should treat each other, making for meaningful memories. At 1 p.m., the troupe will put on "The Chesed Comedy Show" (funny stories that teach values) at Adath Jeshurun, to which the community is invited. The program is free. Contact Bev Weinberg at lbsy.bev@gmail.com or 502-802-3855 for tickets.



The Bible Players during a performance

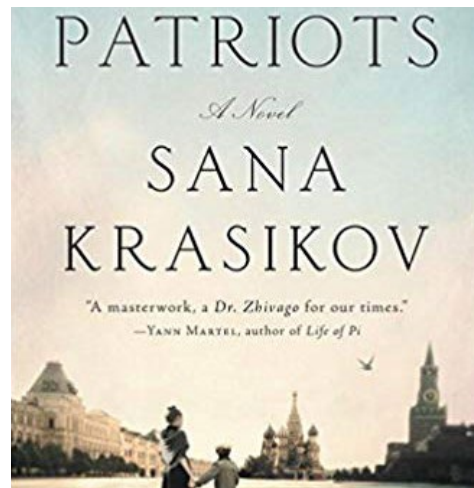
MLK Day mitzvah

The Temple and Love the Hungry, Inc. will package shelf stable food for hungry children, both locally and overseas, from 6 to 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21, marking Martin Luth King Jr.'s birthday.

RSVP to Becky King at 502-212-2028 by Jan. 18. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided.

AJ Book Club

The AJ Book Club is currently reading *The Patriots* by Sana Krasikov and will discuss the book at its next meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 at Adath Jeshurun. Contact Deborah Slosberg at



Cover of *The Patriots*

dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

Interfaith Coffee

The Temple WRJ/Sisterhood will hold its Annual Interfaith Coffee from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4 in the Heide-man Auditorium and main sanctuary. This year the theme is "Jews Around the World." Pastries will be served, followed by the programs presented by the rabbis. Call 502-423-1818 to RSVP.

AJ Music Festival

Adath Jeshurun's annual Music Festival will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 17. This year's theme is "In the Key of Play: Rock & Reparte." The concert will feature pianist, singer, and songwriter Cantor Randy Herman and Cantors David Lipp and Sharon Hordes, soloist Jennifer Diamond, student Cantor Mike Jarvis, The Jewish Community Choir, and Teddy Abrams, music director of the Louisville Orchestra. Visit adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival for reservations.

Adult Education

The Temple classes

The Temple is offering the following adult education classes of Wednesdays:

"Building Character: Jewish Principles of How to be a Good Person," 9:30-10:35 a.m. with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

"The Torah of our Lives," 10:45-noon, with Rabbi Joe Rapport.

The following classes are offered Monday nights: "Advanced Hebrew; The Temple Torah Study Circle," 6-7 p.m. with Rabbi Rapport.

Text Study, 7-8 p.m. with Rabbi Ariel-Joel, "David," the Bible.

Beginning Hebrew Part 2, 7-8 p.m., with Mark Goldstein. Email mdgoldstein01@gmail.com for registration.

Basic Judaism, 7-8 p.m., with Rabbi Rapport, looks at the High Holy Days and festivals.

New Melton courses

Louisville Melton begins the second trimester of 2018-2019 with new courses on Tuesday, Jan. 8:

"Beyond Borders" (20 sessions), taught by Professor Edwin Segal, runs from 6:30 to 7:40 p.m., Jan. 8 to May 28; "Daniel," a comprehensive look at the biblical book (nine sessions), taught by Rabbi Laura Metzger, 7:50 to 9 p.m., Jan. 8 to March 5, also offered Thursdays from 10:50 a.m.-12 p.m., Jan. 10-March 7. Register online at jewishlouisville.org/melton or adathjeshurun.com/melton_courses. Email Deborah Slosberg, dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com about scholarships.

Kabbalah Month by Month

Cantor Sharon Hordes teaches a kabbalah class at Keneseth Israel that examines each Hebrew month's holidays, Torah portions, healing areas, astrological connections, and more. The class next meets at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10, and is free.

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Genealogy workshop

The Filson Historical Society will host a half-day workshop on Jewish genealogy with Avraham Groll, director of JewishGen, at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 29. The program will introduce Jewish genealogy and migration patterns. An overview of the extensive free resources offered online through JewishGen.org will follow. After the workshop, participants may visit the Filson's "Connecting the Dots" exhibit, which explores family



Avraham Groll

history through heirlooms and items of material culture. Cost for the program is \$15 for Filson members, \$30 for non-members. Light morning refreshments are included.

Weekly/Monthly Happenings

Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead his next Lunch and Learn at noon, Thursday, Jan. 10, at The Bristol on Main Street. The class is free (food sold separately). RSVP to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com.

Senior Lunch Bunch

Temple Shalom will hold its next Senior Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at a place to be determined. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner will be the speaker. Contact Temple Shalom at information@templeshalomky.org or 502-458-4739 for details.

Torah Yoga

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery teach a Torah Yoga class at Keneseth Israel. The class is co-sponsored by Temple Shalom and Hadassah. The next session is 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17.

Saturday Torah study

Rabbi David-Ariel Joel leads Torah study from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Fishman Library prior to morning services. Coffee, bagels and cream cheese, and other treats will be available.

Jews and Brews

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

Bridge Club

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

Worship

Celebration Shabbat

Anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of Jan. may participate in a group aliyah during Adath Jeshurun's Shabbat morning worship service, starting at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 5.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat

A Shabbat dinner at Keneseth Israel is held the second Friday of each month. It immediately follows services, which begin

at 6 p.m. The next date is Jan. 11. RSVP at 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (\$20 maximum per family). Pay by going to kenesethisrael.com/payment.

No Shush Shabbat

Temple Shalom's next No Shush Shabbat will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11. A pot luck dinner will follow. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and song leader Benji Berlow will lead the interactive service using PowerPoint. Dinner will follow. There is no charge, but RSVPs are required. Contact Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 or at information@templeshalomky.org.

Founder's Day Shabbat

The Temple will hold its annual Founder's Day Shabbat Service, marking its 1843 charter, at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11. The service will feature a professional choir singing music from the classical age of Reform Judaism and will be led from the Sinai Edition of the Union Prayer Book.

Short and Sweet Family Service

Adath Jeshurun's next Short and Sweet Family Shabbat service will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 12. Students in grades K through 7, and their families, may attend. The informal service includes a story. Students will join the main service to help lead closing prayers.

Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat

The Temple will observe Martin Luther King Day at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18. The service will feature a guest speaker and music provided by a special guest.

Simcha Shabbat

Keneseth Israel's birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated at the Jan. 18 Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by desserts and appetizers. This event will be celebrated every third Friday of the

month at 6 p.m. RSVP to 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com.

Rabbis' Shabbat Dinner

The Temple will hold its next Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner at 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25. Bubbe's Brisket is the theme. Cost is \$5 for adults, free for children 12 and under. RSVP by Jan. 21 at thetemplelouky.org or 502-423-1818.

Family Shabbat Dinner, Tot Shabbat

The Temple will hold its Family Shabbat Dinner at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1. Tot Shabbat will follow at 6:45 and services at 7. RSVP for dinner by Jan. 28. Cost is \$5 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

Torah Yoga service for kids

Rabbi Diane Tracht will lead a 45-minute meditation and yoga service for kids at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23. The session will be connected to the practice of musar, the Jewish practice of developing ethical qualities in body and spirit. Students will then join the main service following Torah Yoga for closing prayers. Children are invited to wear comfortable clothing. Contact Tracht at dianetracht@gmail.com.

Connect to G-d

Chabad will hold a series of "Connect to G-d" programs in Jan. at its center, 1654 Almara Circle: Saturday, Jan. 5, Shabbat and kiddush luncheon starting at 10 a.m.; Friday, Jan. 11, Kabbalat Shabbat and traditional three-course dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 19, Havdalah service and guided meditation starting at 6:15 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 27; Sunday, "Power Bruch for Body and Soul" starting at 9:15 a.m. All events, which are sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, are free. Call 502-459-1770 for more information.

KIDS' ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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Enjoy a night out while your kids have fun here at The J! We will eat a packed dinner, kids in K-6th will go swimming and then watch a movie! Preschool kids will also get to watch an age-appropriate movie.

Register: www.jewishlouisville.org/kno

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Traditional camps will open by December. Specialty camps will open in January. Early bird specials will be offered – stay tuned for more information!

www.jewishlouisville.org/camp

Contact campj@jewishlouisville.org for more information.

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Birth



Efraim Yitzchak Komaiko

Marcie Cooperman and Richard Komaiko of Los Angeles announce the birth of their son, Efraim Yitzchak Komaiko, born on November 12, 2018. He is the grandson of Harryette Switow Cooperman and Ron Cooperman of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Sandra Lee and Bill Komaiko of Chicago, and the great-grandson of the late Joan and Edward Switow.

B'nai Mitzvah



Violeta Mahecha Higuera

Violeta Higuera Mahecha, daughter of Natalia Mahecha and Cristian Higuera, was called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, December 1, at at The Temple.

Violeta is in the seventh grade at Kentucky Country Day School. There, she is part of the Volleyball team, the Tech Crew, and TLC. She also plays tennis at Louisville Indoor Racquet Tennis Club and she plays the violin

in her school orchestra. Violeta attended Goldman Union Camp Institute for the first time this year and had an amazing time. She loves spending time with her friends, reading, watching movies or TV shows, and the color purple.

Obituaries

Joyce Cohen Shalette

Joyce Cohen Shalette died peacefully on Monday, December 10, 2018.

Born March 10, 1935, in Louisville, the second child of Sam and Fannye Cohen, Joyce was a graduate of Atherton High School and the University of Louisville.

She taught elementary school for over 25 years in Chicago, lived a busy life in San Francisco and retired to Albuquerque, New Mexico. While there, she became vice president of the volunteers at the University of New Mexico Hospital.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Alan Shalette. She is survived by her brother, Stuart Cohen (Bonnie), one niece, four nephews and 20 great-nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jane Cornett and the staff of the Episcopal Home for their kind and compassionate care.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, December 12, at Anshei Sfard Cemetery.

Irving B. Schuster

Irving B. Schuster, 96, of Louisville, passed away peacefully at his home on December 11, 2018.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsa; a daughter, Deborah Poole; a brother, Lloyd; and his parents, Joseph and Edna.

He attended Western Kentucky University, proudly served in the Army during World War II and was CEO of Interstate Auto Supply. He was a Master Mason of 75 years, Scottish Rite and Kosair Shine.

Irving enjoyed playing bridge, golfing, was a University of Louisville fan and loved horse racing. He was a member of Adath Jeshurun and a member of its board.

Irving is survived by his son, J. Lon (Cathy); a son in-law, Wade Poole III; a sister in-law, Marcia Schuster; grandchildren, Dr. Bryce (Dr. Julie) Schuster, Corey (Alison) Schuster; and great-grandchildren, Halle, Burke, Logan and Colton.

The family wishes to thank Gwen Tudor and Redd Johnson for their compassionate and wonderful care for Irving.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 14, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc, 1338 Ellison Ave. Interment followed at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus Health, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Louisville, or charity of your choice are appreciated.

Merle Ellis Kaplin

Merle Ellis Kaplin, 90, of Louisville, passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, December 14, 2018.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy in 1950, Merle was a practicing pharmacist until his retirement at the age of 80.



He was a Mason and Shriner, a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation. He also supported several charitable causes in the community.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Eva Kaplin; his sister, Reva Lee Strauss; and his brother, Phil "Pinky" Kaplin.

Merle is survived by his soulmate Dorothy, to whom he was married for 69 loving years; and by his daughters, Sheryl (Mel) Gross of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Marsha (John) Skuller of Frederick, Maryland, and Myra (Nathan) Goldman of Louisville; his brother, Larry Kaplin of Louisville; 10 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Merle was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a friend to everyone.

The family thanks the hospice staff at Baptist Health for their loving care and support during Merle's final days. He will be missed by all.

Graveside services were held on Monday, December 17, at Keneseth Israel Cemetery, 2800 Preston Highway. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be sent to Palliative Care Unit at Baptist Health Louisville (supportbaptisthealth.org), the Susan G. Komen For the Cure (komenkentucky.org), the Parkinson's Association (Parkinson.org) and the Alzheimer's Foundation (alz.org).

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PICTURE THIS: JUDY TIELL'S RETIREMENT PARTY

The Jewish Family & Career Services honored its longtime executive director, Judy Freundlich Tiell, who is retiring at the end of the month, with a farewell party on Dec. 6 at the JFCS office on Klemmer Way. Leaders from around Jewish Louisville, and of course JFCS staff and officials, were on hand to pay tribute to Tiell, who is wrapping up 40 years of service to the JFCS and its antecedent agency, the Jewish Family & Vocational Service. (Photos provided by JFCS)



Drew Corson Youth Athletic SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in the memory of Drew Corson, this endowment fund focuses on youth athletics. In 2018, the [Drew Corson Youth Athletic Scholarship Fund](#) assisted Louisville in hosting more than 100 Jewish teens from the KIO BBYO region to participate in the Drew Corson Basketball Tournament.



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Day Center program in Balti, Moldova, where she celebrates Shabbat with the city's Jews. She also participates in a program called "Peer to Peer," where she visits and provides companionship for another Hesed client, a bedridden woman in intense pain.

Those are only a few examples of the people who benefit from local donations to the Federation; there are many more – all who are being helped daily. The Federation's mission is to raise

money to impact Jewish lives and sustain Jewish values in Louisville and around the world. When asked to give to the Federation, consider the lives you are changing with a generous gift.

(Julie Hollander is director of women's philanthropy and outreach at the Jewish Federation of Louisville.)

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One Happy Camper

WOMEN

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manot – bags of treats – to be distributed through Jewish Family & Career Services' Shabbos Friends.

"We want to it to be all about one-on-one relationships," Gordon-Funk said. "Philanthropy is really the love of human-kind. When you're in development, it's about developing relationships. That's what enriches our work."

Zimmerman, who helped start the Connecting Series with Gordon-Funk, believes women have a special place in philanthropy.

"I think women are very aware of the needs of the community, the Jew-

ish community and the community at large," she said. "I think we're very resourceful, we get along well, and we have the energy to commit to these ideals."

Philanthropy is important to the community for many reasons, Hollander.

"I think that it's important for women to be leaders in the community – philanthropic leaders and other leaders," she said. "Women connect differently than men do sometimes. Finding a way that women really feel empowered and important in the work that we do is so important for them to give back."

Women's Philanthropy hosts an annual Challah Bake, in which members

come together to make challah, which they share with their families. More than 150 women showed up for the event this year.

Robin Miller is the current chair of Women's Philanthropy.

"My own personal mantra this year is to pay it forward," Miller said. "Many of us are lucky to have benefited from the great services and programs that exist in the Jewish community, and you never know when you might need one of these services."

"By donating and contributing to the campaign, we can ensure that these services are there for the next generation and for others. Some people maybe can't afford to pay for the services.

Fortunately, my family can, but without the support of the annual campaign then some of the services might not exist."

Zimmerman, who has been involved with philanthropy her entire life, said it is not only a Jew's "responsibility" but her "privilege" to take care of the community.

And women are especially suited to the job, she added.

"I just kind of believe in women, and I think it's time we start running the world," Zimmerman said. "I think we have really good ideas. I think we're very compassionate, inventive and creative."



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NEWS

BABAR

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Rock, the Al Aqsa Mosque, the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

"Israel is an amazing place," he said. "The people are wonderful. It's amazing to see how from 1948 to now, in 70 years, people from different ethnicities and languages with only one common thing – their faith – got together and they put a life together."

At the same time, Babar was disturbed by how extremists in Israel and the Palestinian territories exploit the situation, making it difficult for people to connect with one another.

While he believes change is needed on the Arab side, "it seems like to me that this issue has been leveraged by politi-

cians of the religious establishment on both sides," Babar said. "It's an issue that maybe they don't want to solve. They're using the suffering of the people as leverage. Behind the scenes, the Arab states are collaborating with Israel."

In public, though, an anti-Israel image is projected.

"I honestly believe they need to be honest with their people, and they need to change this narrative," Babar said. "Israel has as much right of existence as the Palestinian people have."

Babar also found disturbing the suffering of the Palestinian people. In the Gaza Strip alone, he said, roughly 2.5 million people live on a small plot of land.

"Right now, it seems like a concentration camp," Babar said. "The borders are closed by the Israelis and the Egyptians. Those people have no way to go anywhere and Hamas is abusing their

authority."

Neither side understands or empathizes with the other, Babar believes. In Israel, for instance, Arab and Jewish children attend different schools and rarely get to interact until they reach college.

"I believe there needs to be more interaction at the earlier grades," he said. "That's when these kids need to know each other. And many of those kids will be peacemakers in the future."

There are some bright spots that hold hope for the future. In Haifa, Babar visited the Convent of Nazareth School, where children of different faiths attend classes together. He was so impressed by the program that he plans to support it through his organization, Muslim Americans for Compassion. He hopes the Jewish community will join him in that effort.

At the Western Wall, a spot he de-

scribed as central to all three Abrahamic religions, Babar said he felt close to heaven and "the prophet" Solomon. He said he rested his head on the stonework and prayed to "our creator" for peace on earth.

"There should be no famine or wars," Babar said. "We should respect each other as God intended for us to live, as one species that respects the dignity and integrity of their fellow beings. ... I hope that that my prayers at the Western Wall come true."

PAUL

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morning, in part because that's when Republicans show up and he can make deals; Democrats, he said, tend to work out in the afternoon.)

Schumer said there was fault on both sides in weaponizing Israel.

"Friends of Israel do not look for outliers on either party and make this a wedge issue," he said.

The *Washington Free Beacon* first reported Paul's hold, a parliamentary procedure that allows senators to prevent a motion from reaching a floor vote, and which usually is anonymous. The hold has been countered vigorously by major pro-Israel groups, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and Christians United for Israel, through online ads and action alerts to membership. CUFI has specifically targeted Paul through actions in Kentucky, including ads in newspapers there.

In his statement, Paul blamed AIPAC and other unnamed pro-Israel groups for not meeting his demands.

"Each time I've tried to stop giving aid to enemies of the U.S. and Israel, I have been thwarted. Often by groups that claim they are pro-Israel," he said. "Why would supposedly pro-Israel groups oppose my legislation to end aid

to the Palestinian Liberation Organization? Maybe it's because they fear any debate on anyone's foreign aid threatens a broader debate on whether we should be borrowing from foreign countries simply to send the money to other foreign countries."

AIPAC has in the past opposed radical cuts to the Palestinians, heeding in part Israeli security officials who say the assistance helps stabilize the region. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has endorsed President Donald Trump's wide-reaching cuts in assistance to the Palestinians. It is not clear yet whether AIPAC is on board with the cuts as well.

AIPAC also vigorously advocates for foreign assistance in general, which Paul opposes. The lobby believes broader foreign assistance is critical because it advances U.S. influence generally and builds support for Israel overseas, and because making Israel a special case while other countries are neglected does Israel no favors.

Asked about Paul's claims, AIPAC's spokesman, Marshall Wittman, would only say, "We believe it is critical for Congress to adopt this legislation before adjourning given the growing threats to Israel's security from Iran, Hezbollah and Hamas."

CUFI noted in its statement that it has supported cuts to assistance to the Palestinians, and said the argument

over those cuts were not germane to aid to Israel bill.

"Sen. Paul's decision to hold this bill does not make America safer and does not ensure taxpayer dollars are used most efficiently – quite the opposite," said CUFI Action Fund Chairwoman Sandra Parker. "Aid to Israel provides the U.S. with an extraordinary return on investment."

The Senate passed the act in early August and the House of Representatives followed suit the following month. Now the Senate must pass a final version in line with the bill passed by the House.

The \$38 billion deal negotiated in 2016 is the most generous ever to Israel. The act also expands a stockpile of weapons that the United States keeps in Israel, which may access the stockpile in wartime. It also enhances Israel's qualitative military edge and urges space research cooperation between Israel and the United States.

Paul, a presidential candidate in 2016, alienated pro-Israel Republicans almost as soon as he became a senator in 2011, when he embraced his congressman father's longtime call to cut defense assistance to Israel. The younger Paul later backtracked, saying he regarded Israel as a close ally, and would cut assistance only once it was clear the country was self-sufficient in its defense needs.

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