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A productive year

Wendell Berry touts unity through poem at the JCL Annual Meeting

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

*The dark around us, come,
Let us meet here together,
Members one of another,
Here in our holy room,*

- From X, by Wendell Berry

What else would the greatest Kentucky poet extant do when accepting an award from the largest Kentucky Jewish body? Of course, he read a poem.

Wendell Berry, this year's Blanche G. Ottenheimer Award recipient, offered the poem, X, which he wrote 37 years ago as a gesture of "thanks" to the Jewish Community of Louisville for presenting him with its highest honor.

"When I wrote it, I was thinking, as I am still thinking, that in our pressing need for a common denominator to unite us, we will have to go beyond nationality and beyond humanity," he said. "We will have to go all the way to life itself, to the great community of living creatures for which power and religious inheritance in fact beckon us again and again."

Berry said he wrote the poem in the woods, where the limited visibility "describes a sort of room," recalling Dante as he ascended to heaven, looking down to earth, which looked like "a threshing room floor."

The poem concludes:

*Here on our little floor,
Here in the daylit sky,
Rejoicing mind and eye,
Rejoicing known and knower,*

*Light, leaf, foot, hand, and wing,
Such order as we know,
One household, high and low,
And all the earth shall sing.*



Jacob Ioffe spoke for all teen award recipients as he thanked the community for making him "the Jewish adult that I am today."



Writer, poet and activist Wendell Berry, pictured here with his daughter, Mary Berry, urged everyone "go beyond nationality ... beyond humanity" to achieve unity, in his acceptance speech for the Blanche G. Ottenheimer Award. (Community photos by Jessica Budnick)



This year's teen leadership winners pose with their awards following their presentations at the Annual Meeting. This year's recipients were Jacob Ioffe (left), Adam Rudy, Gabrielle Aberson, Eli Resnik, Emily Renco, Jillian Lustig, Drew Goldstein, Elana Berger, Elizabeth Hemmer and Hannah Geller.

The Ottenheimer Award recognizes outstanding work for political reform, youth education and the elimination of prejudice. Berry, a "writer and farmer," according to his daughter, Mary, who introduced him, has spent a lifetime fighting for land conservation.

His poem was a highlight of the JCL's 10th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 5. A yearly event, it is the time when awards are given to teens, young adults and seniors for their achievements and contributions to the community, while updating Jewish Louisville on news from the past year and electing board members.

JCL Chair Jon Fleischaker acknowledged four outgoing leaders: Rabbi Stanley R. Miles, who is stepping down as chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC); Amy Ryan, Program Cabinet chair; and Ariel and Faina Kronenberg as co-chairs of the Annual

Campaign.

Fleischaker said the Kronenbergs stepped up to run the campaign at a difficult time.

"They had real challenges that weren't there every year," he said. "In view of that, what they have accomplished this year is very admirable."

In a nod to the future, Fleischaker and JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner addressed the crowd as an artist's rendering of the future J appeared on the screen behind them. JCL officials hope to break ground on the facility by the end of the year.

Wagner also reflected on a year of tragedies in the Jewish world, which brought all of Jewish Louisville together: the vigil at Temple Shalom for the victims of the Tree of Life shootings in Pittsburgh, and

The Temple, Temple Shalom to vote on space-sharing proposal

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

In a proposal that could create a Reform Judaism "campus" in the East End, Temple Shalom and The Temple are considering a space-sharing arrangement that would keep both congregations independent.

Both boards have voted to recommend the proposal, which must still be approved by the memberships of each congregation. It's not yet clear when those votes will be held.

It is not a merger, leaders from both congregations say.

If the members vote yes, and details are worked out, then Temple Shalom would move into The Temple's Klein Center on Lime Kiln Lane. The Temple's sanctuary would be available to Temple Shalom members for large events, such as weddings and b'nai mitzvah.

"We would never want to do something like this without the support of both congregations," said Matt Schwartz, outgoing president of The Temple. "We want both of our congregations to be very supportive [of the plan]."

The proposal comes as synagogues in Louisville and nationwide wrestle with declining affiliation rates and the costs that come with maintaining their buildings.

"Over the years, we grew to a congregation of about 220 families," said Temple Shalom President Dr. Richard Goldwin. "Unfortunately, people have passed away. We lost 13 family members in the past year alone. Out of the 44 people who were founders, we have only five that remain with us. It became apparent that we were having a problem."

About 15 months ago, Keiron O'Connell, then-outgoing president of Temple Shalom, asked Amos Benjamin, another TS member, to chair what they called the Fifth Decade Committee, addressing the congregation's sustainability. The committee studied several possible options. Based on an offer from The Temple, the panel recommended the Klein Center proposal.

Temple Shalom and The Temple are part of the Louisville Council of Jewish Congregations, which hired a consulting firm last year to study synagogue sustainability (see story, page 4). One reality they learned is that millennials are less interested in building ownership than they are in the Jewish mission.

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SUMMER CAMP HAS STARTED!

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THE DASHBOARD

D'var Torah

We can all be Torah readers



Rabbi
Michael Wolk

Moses has had enough.

Leading hundreds of thousands of grumbling Jews through the desert is just too much for one man. So, in this week's parashah, *Behaalotecha*, God instructs Moses to gather 70 elders of the people in the Tent of Meeting. There, God will rest His spirit on them so that they may assist Moses.

Then we read about two men named Eldad and Medad, who were not part of the group of 70. God's spirit rests on them as well, and they begin to speak on behalf of God to the people.

Moses' disciple, Joshua, is furious. He implores Moses to stop them. To Joshua, these two men represent a threat to Moses' leadership that must be quashed.

However, Moses has a very different response. "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord put His spirit upon them! (Numbers 11:29)."

Even in the face of a strange and unexpected event, Moses is able to show the humility that made him such a strong leader. He knew that having more people speaking on behalf of God was good for the Jewish people.

Today, we do not have prophets who speak God's word in the same way as Moses or Eldad and Medad, but each synagogue does have people who communicate God's words to the congregation. These are the Torah readers, or "leyeners" in Yiddish. They have learned the musical system known as taamei hamikra (cantillation or tropes) and have studied enough to apply the music to the text of the Torah. All this prepa-

ration gives them the skills to "perform" God's words as recorded in the Torah for Jewish people millennia after Moses first spoke them.

A traditional, but unprovable belief is that God taught Moses how to chant the Torah while Moses was on Mount Sinai. The biblical book of Nechemia describes a public reading of the Torah, and rabbinic commentary assumes that the reader chanted with some amount of regular melody.

The Torah tropes as we have them were codified by the Masoretes of Tiberias in the 10th century. By the 13th century, they were universally accepted in the Jewish world.

While Ashkenazim, Sepharadim, and other groups of Jews, may assign different melodies to the different trope symbols, the tropes still serve the same purpose of showing the reader how to accent words.

As a child, no class or book helped me learn the stories of the Torah as much as being able to chant them in the original. As a rabbi, one of my most satisfying experiences is teaching adults how to chant from the Torah because they are transformed from spectators to active participants in telling the Jewish master-story.

Each community chants the Torah in a slightly different way. At Keneseth Israel, we follow what is known as the triennial system, reading one-third of the traditional parashah each Shabbat, allowing more people to participate.

Most rabbis and cantors would love to see more congregants involved with leading services. Like Moses, I often say to myself, "Would that all the Lord's people be Torah readers."

I encourage you to consider learning this distinct and special skill that can change your own religious life and benefit your community at the same time.

(Rabbi Michael Wolk is the spiritual leader of Keneseth Israel Congregation.)

Pool party



The J partnered with 103.1 FM to hold a community pool party on Sunday, June 2, at the outdoor pool. Dingo, a 103.1 DJ, emceed the event, which included a splash contest for kids, a watermelon pool game and a race between Dingo and Aquatics Director Johnny Kimberlin. (Community photos by Jessica Budnick)

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- July 12 @ 8:49
- July 19 @ 8:45
- July 26 @ 8:40

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NEWS

‘Paths forward’

Rosov concludes yearlong synagogue study; report issued

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Jewish Louisville finally has an action plan for moving the worship community – and perhaps the community as a whole – forward.

Rosov Consulting, the California-based firm that was retained about a year ago to do a synagogue sustainability study, held its final meeting here on Monday, June 3, at the Klein Center of The Temple.

Initially, all parties thought Rosov would need a few weeks to complete its final report, but the study was sent to the Louisville Council of Jewish Congregations last week. LCJC officials are reviewing its findings.

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE) covered the cost of the project.

Though the process began as a synagogue sustainability study, LCJC Facilitator Matt Schwartz – the outgoing president of The Temple – said the parties always knew it would involve “stakeholders” from other institutions.

“We knew from the beginning that for there to be a Jewish Louisville, there had to be sustainable synagogues,” Schwartz said.

However, “as we got through process, we got to thinking about what that includes. We had eight potential tasks we prioritized, and clearly they’re not all synagogue exclusive.”

Of those tasks, which Schwartz described as “potential paths forward,” three were given priority:

- Space sharing among organizations;
- Re-envisioning Jewish education for K-8 students;
- Community-wide engagement and education.

Rosov was given a list of stakeholders beyond the synagogue network to contact. Among them were representatives from JHFE, the Jewish Community of Louisville, Hillel, Jewish Family & Career Services and LBSY.

Community was included on the original stakeholders list, but the paper did not participate in the process.

Even some non-Jewish stakeholders were included. For instance, Schwartz said Rosov reached out to the Mayor’s Office to learn more about economic development’s possible effect on Jewish



The synagogue sustainability study, compiled by Rosov Consulting, identifies areas or “paths forward” where Jewish Louisville should work to build a healthy synagogue community for the future.

Louisville.

The final meeting at the Klein Center included not just representatives from the synagogues, but also a cross section of the stakeholder organizations.

“It was the first time one of these meetings was opened to them,” Schwartz said.

Pearl Mattenson, director of Rosov, who has been shepherding the project, declined comment until the LCJC has seen it.

Though the findings of the report have not yet been released, Schwartz said a collaborative plan is necessary if Jewish Louisville is to grow.

“The whole community is larger than those who are within our organizations today,” he said. “We actually have a chance to grow the engaged community; it’s collaboration rather than competition.”

Parts of the report have been made available to *Community*, which will publish a story on those findings in its July issue.

Schwartz left open the possibility that Rosov could stay engaged in the process once the report is released.

“That’s still to be determined,” he said. “There may be a future role for Rosov to help the community get some guardrails

on a path forward. We know we want to go in a certain direction; it always helps to have expert guidance to stay the course.”

But he added, “The hard work now is up to the community.”

For now, Schwartz said the biggest takeaway from the Rosov process has

been the relationship- building between leaders of institutions, which will be essential as the findings are implemented.

“Is this a years-long process? Maybe, but we now have relationships that allow us to take actual steps forward instead of talking at each other, to take actual steps that are positive for Jewish Louisville.”

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NEWS

Student cantor joins TS

Jordan Lynn Goldstein infuses personal journey with work on the pulpit

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

When Jordan Lynn Goldstein flew to Israel last year to begin cantorial school, they already had a wealth of experience.

A graduate of Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, Goldstein, now 23, had spent four years leading services at the local Hillel. In fact, they spent their first week on campus on the pulpit.

Their congregation swelled to 50 people at times, including students, faculty, Lexington residents and cadets from the nearby Virginia Military Institute.

Sometimes, they had to give worshippers the kind of comfort a trained rabbi or cantor provides, like following the mass shooting at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

"I had to figure out how to respond [to a tragedy], how do I help heal my community," they said. "One of the biggest challenges of the clergy is how do you respond to such things. Now, at 23, I already have that experience."

They also have written their own music for the service liturgy and studied at the annual Hava Nashira song-leading and music workshop in Wisconsin.

It is a wealth of experience, and this fall, Goldstein will offer it to Temple Shalom as its new student cantor. They will be on the bima for the High Holy Days, then one weekend a month throughout the year.



Jordan Goldstein will serve as student cantor at Temple Shalom this year. (photo provided)

"I am very excited that Jordan will be joining Temple Shalom," said Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner. "She will enhance our worship experiences with her voice and enthusiasm."

Far from the classical operatic cantor (the guitar-playing Goldstein said their style was more conducive to a coffee

house than a concert hall), they also bristle at the being called a performer.

They see themselves more as a "conduit" for prayer, bringing the congregation together in music, and a "catalyst" for learning.

A native of Las Vegas, Goldstein said they decided at a young age (even younger than they are now) to be a cantor, fused by their mother's love for James Taylor and Fleetwood Mac, and their father's passion for music theater. They recall sitting by the pool, listening to tunes and cranking the radio on long car rides.

But it was Goldstein's experience at URJ-Kutz Camp in New York, a summer incubator program for young Reform Jewish leaders, that set their sights on the cantorate.

"After my first taste of this (Kutz), I said this is what I'm going to do with the rest of my life – I figured it out," Goldstein recalled.

For a budding cantor, Goldstein chose an odd double major at Washington & Lee: music composition and political science.

But Goldstein said their political studies influenced their music, especially in Israel while working at a synagogue in Tel Aviv. They used their political studies to learn about the worshippers, craft services and select melodies that spoke to the congregation.

"Politics and its nature is how we interact with each other and what those relationships mean, whether it's globally

or just one on one," they said. "It doesn't have to be this scary concept."

Their political and musical experience are only parts of what Goldstein brings to their developing cantorate. Another big part is their identity.

Goldstein is nonbinary, not identifying as male or female, and preferring neutral pronouns such as they, their and them, to identify themselves.

Goldstein's journey to this place was a long one. "For me, I didn't even have the language to figure these things out until I was in college."

There, Goldstein met others who were on the same journey and plied them with questions.

"That was a huge experience for me, to talk to [other nonbinary people] and ask why. Every time I heard an explanation it sounded like, 'oh, that's how I feel.'"

Goldstein is part of Hebrew Union College's first cantorial class to accept openly nonbinary students, "which is a very cool place to be."

Being an openly nonbinary cleric is a bit of balancing act. While they don't want their cantorate to be all about their gender identity, Goldstein said they can help people understand and accept it.

"It's a line," they said. "I'm not trying to make everything I do about gender, which can be alienating."

But being a successful cantor, they added, means "being your genuine self."

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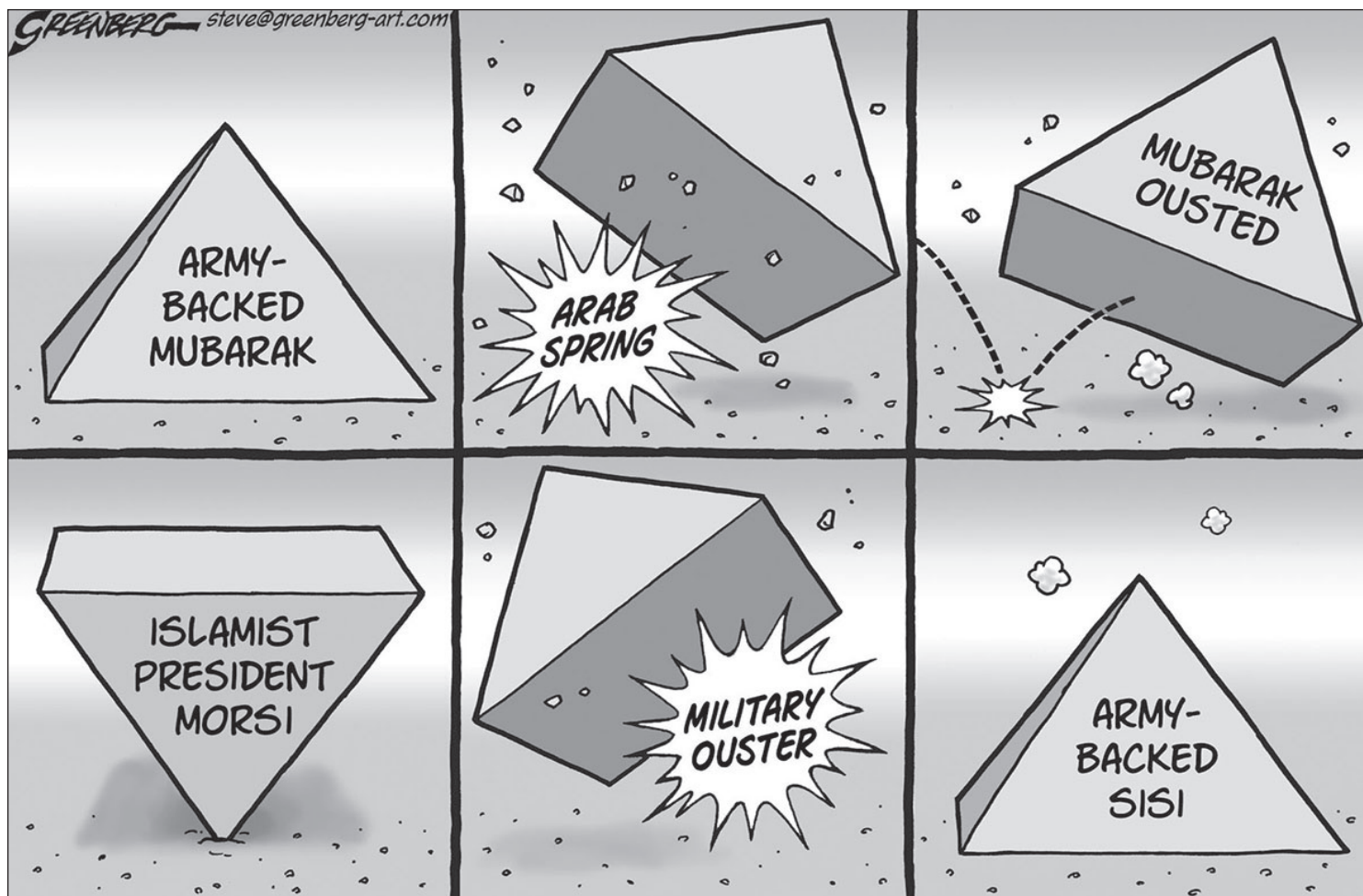
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FORUM



Israel a hotspot for plastics pollution

There's too much plastic in the world. It's choking marine life, sucking the air out of oceans, carpeting beaches – even entire islands – and generally turning the world into a galactic landfill.

It's an Israeli problem, too. Hold that thought.

In the past year, the media has become awash in stories about megatons of plastic waste that are being thrown away. Yes, much of it can be recycled, but the sheer volume of the plastic we toss overwhelms our capacity to do so.

Until recently, the United States sold millions of tons of its plastic waste to China, which banned almost all plastic imports in 2018. Now that tonnage either ends up in landfills, getting incinerated, which causes more pollution, or sent to another Pacific Rim country that can't handle the volume.

And it winds up in the oceans.

The United Nations Environment Program estimated in 2014 that plastics in the seas causes at least \$13 billion in damage annually to marine ecosystems – a major source of our food supply.

Plastic waste is literally everywhere, from big pieces floating on the ocean currents to tiny particles, called microplastics, traveling in the air and sea to places as far-flung as Antarctica.

Plastics have even been found in the bottom of the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean, the deepest spot on Earth.

Last November, according to the online magazine *LiveScience*, a dead sperm whale washed ashore on a beach in Indonesia. Its belly contained 100 plastic cups, four plastic bottles, 25 plastic bags and two flip-flops.

By the way, you probably have plastics in your body – a direct result of those microplastics traveling through the air and



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Resources

Lee Chottiner

the fish and seafood you likely eat.

Plastics pollution is a Louisville problem. A couple years ago, I took a canoe trip up Beargrass Creek, from the mouth of the Ohio to as far as the waterway is navigable. Everywhere, garbage floated in the water, much of it plastics.

Also, as I mentioned above, the crisis – and that's what it is – threatens the State of Israel.

Earlier this month, the BBC reported that the World Wide Fund for Nature, an NGO dedicated to wilderness preservation and the reduction of human impact on the environment, had identified nine Mediterranean coastlines most polluted by plastics. Sadly, one of the worst is in Tel Aviv, which, according to the WWF, has 21 kg of debris per kilometer – the third highest level of the coastlines named.

The other hot spots were Cilicia, Turkey, which had the highest level at 31.3 kg; Barcelona, Spain (26.1 kg); The Po Delta, Italy (18.2 kg); Valencia, Spain (12.9 kg); Alexandria, Egypt (12.7 kg); Algiers, Algeria (12.2 kg); Bay of Marseille, France (9.4 kg); and Izmir, Turkey (7.2 kg).

Israel's plastics problem isn't surprising. *The Times of Israel* reported that the country has the second-highest use of disposable plastic plates and utensils in

the world, in absolute terms. It uses approximately 4.5 billion disposable plates and utensils every year, quoting a figure from the Zalul environmental organization. That volume puts Israel second only to the United States.

World leaders are aware of the crisis. This past weekend, the environmental ministers to the G20 Summit in Karuizawa, Japan, adopted a new implementation framework for actions to tackle the issue of marine plastic waste on a global scale.

But that's only a beginning. The nations of the world must devote more effort and resources, sharing best practices and using fewer plastics whenever possible.

For instance, several countries, including Israel, have already banned plastic bags in some form. The Israel law, enacted in 2017, which requires grocers to charge 10 agorot (about 3 cents) per bag, resulted in an 80 percent drop in their use in 2018, according to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Plastic waste is not the only environmental crisis facing Israel. Other issues are water shortages, smog, loss of open space, species extinction and death of the Dead Sea. In other words, many of the same problems facing the rest of the world.

We in the diaspora tend to focus on Israel's security – and we should. But Israel also faces environmental crises that threaten Jew and Arab alike. Those issues deserve equal attention. We ignore them at the country's peril.

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



FORUM

Voters' rights under fire since since Shelby



JCRC Scene

Matt Goldberg

It is beginning to feel like the next 18 months will be dominated by discussions of elections.

We have had a taste of that here in Kentucky, with primary season over for the governor's race, and we now move to the general election. It is difficult to predict who will win, but I am already hearing that this will be one of the most important elections in the history of the state (something we seem to hear every election).

Nationally, even though we have such a long time until November 2020, we are already in full election mode.

There are currently 23 Democrats seeking the right to take on President Donald Trump in the national election. Even the president has one primary challenger (so far).

The national candidates are already talking about the issues we care about in the Jewish community – the environment, Israel, poverty, crim-

inal justice reform and reproductive choice.

While the Jewish Community of Louisville will not endorse anybody – ever, we are hopeful that candidates in both parties, for every race, take these important issues seriously and plan to address them.

Elections are the most basic exercise in a democracy, and we should all be thrilled that we have the chance to participate and to live in this great country, where leaders are chosen by the people they govern, not by birthright or the military. But as much as we all love America and cherish its democratic norms, we must still fight to see that elections are fair, that they really do represent the will of all the people.

June 25 will mark the sixth anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, a landmark decision that gutted the Voting Rights Act, subjecting millions of voters to disenfranchisement. The Voting Rights Act essentially required states with a verifiable history of racially motivated voter discrimination to seek pre-clearance should they decide to change their election laws or policies. It had been renewed almost unanimously for years since it was enacted in 1965 – until six years ago.

Since *Shelby*, over 1,000 polling places have been closed, early voting eliminated in many places and African American voters packed into gerrymandered districts in order to minimize their impact

on races. In 2016 alone, 14 states imposed new restrictive voting laws for the first time in advance of the presidential election. By 2018, six states had new restrictive laws in place.

Federal Courts have determined intentional discrimination in at least 10 voting rights decisions since *Shelby*. This is something that should disturb all Americans, regardless of party affiliation.

While Congress has hemmed and hawed about drafting a new Voting Rights Act, nothing has been done and the disenfranchisement continues. Our democracy works best when everyone can fully participate, no matter who they are, or their race or color.

Congress must fix these injustices by passing a new Voting Rights Act that prevents racial discrimination in voting while restoring credibility to our elections. Our democracy *does* work, and we should be proud to be part of a democratic process, especially when so many around the world don't have this right.

But it is a problem when any voter is disenfranchised, and particularly bad when this disenfranchisement disproportionately affects people of color.

As we think about whom to vote for in the coming months, let's also consider the fairness of our system. As Americans, we should demand nothing less than full equality and opportunity.

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



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This past year, *Community* brought you news affecting our agencies, synagogues and people that you likely didn't find anywhere else. We have profiled our leaders and trumpeted new programs and activities that make Jewish Louisville a special community.

We also led the coverage of the Kentucky Legislature's historic vote to mandate Holocaust education in the public schools, the complicated facial surgery performed by a Jewish Louisville physician on a Palestinian child and the future of the state's only Orthodox congregation.

Community reports what you must know and want to know. We brief you on national and international happenings, offer analyses of Jewish news from around the world that you just can't find in the secular press. We are always happy to hear feedback regarding what we report.

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NEWS

Jewish archive project, years in the making, yields lasting results

By Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor Emeritus

Several years ago, while looking at the many photos that were taken for *Community*, I began to wonder what will happen to them. Many people in the shots were not identified, although most are preserved by event.

And what about the stories of those events? Copies of *Community* are bound every year and have been available at the J, but newsprint doesn't last forever.

In addition, there were many Federation and J files in storage, some containing details about the community that future generations ought to know.

I knew I needed help to find the best way to preserve those documents and photos. I turned to Frank Weisberg and asked him to chair a committee to explore how to create a Jewish Louisville archive. Stuart Goldberg became the vice chair. Frank and Stuart's passion and vision made the project a reality.

Together, we recruited an enthusiastic group of volunteers to explore the possibilities.

Our first thoughts were to carve out some space at the J and arrange for a volunteer archivist. Quickly, we realized creating a viable archive that adequately preserves all kinds of documents and allows controlled access (so nothing walks out the door) was not feasible.

So, we needed a partner with the resources to undertake a project of this scale. After doing due diligence we decided on The Filson Historical Society, which was ready to work with us to establish a Jewish archive.



The Community archiving project will enable readers to access past stories from the paper, such as this Oct. 27, 1978, article about Louisville Mayor Dave Armstrong, then a district attorney, and his covert meeting with Soviet refuseniks on a visit to Moscow.

The Filson, then led by Executive Director Craig Buthod, made it clear that the organization is a true historical society for Louisville, ready to serve all parts of the community. It actively recruited the Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL) as a partner, meeting with us several times and answering all our questions.

The Filson even modified their Deed of Gift, the document a donor signs when a gift is made to an archive, clarifying that the JCL materials will be collected in a timely manner, stored and maintained like other collections, and provided equitable access.

In addition, The Filson was building a large, multi-story expansion to its archive and was eager to establish the Jewish Community Archive there. The committee was convinced and chose to work with The Filson, which has proven itself an excellent partner.

While our committee was doing its work, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence pursued a similar path, seeking an archive to care for its historical documents. The Filson had asked JHFE for a grant to help establish a Jewish archive. Knowing we were working on establishing a Jewish archive, the JHFE wanted all the documents to be housed in the

same place.

After receiving the grant, Abby Glogower was hired as the curator of Jewish collections and the Jewish Community Archive. Possessing a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester, and experience with other museums, including as an exhibition facilitator at the Spertus Museum's Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, Glogower dedicated herself to getting the archive established as a jewel for our community.

She immersed herself in the community, visiting and speaking at many of our Louisville Jewish institutions and congregations, meeting as many people as she could and seeking to ground herself in the community. She exudes energy and enthusiasm.

Glogower's first assignment for the archive was processing Jewish Hospital's papers. She worked closely with JHFE to accomplish that task and has already organized programs and exhibits of special interest to Jewish Louisville.

Her next big undertaking is to process the JCL's archives, including the Federation and the J.

This work is proceeding apace in a space at the Standard Club provided by JHFE for that purpose.

Meanwhile, The Filson has committed to scanning all back issues of *Community*. Most of the issues are available only as bound copies, though papers dating back to 2013 are accessible as pdfs at the *Community* webpage, bit.ly/2VK4ctp. Once the scanning is complete, these

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FEDERATION

JFL repurposes endowed funds to benefit Jewish community

By Jennifer Tuvlin
For Community

Donors contribute to make a difference.

The Jewish Foundation of Louisville (JFL) manages over \$22 million in endowed funds for the purpose of impacting our community. Stacy Gordon-Funk, Jewish Community of Louisville senior vice president of philanthropy, spearheaded an internal review to examine every endowed fund deposited with the JFL, to ensure transparency and that the contributed funds are being effectively utilized.

The JCL is committed to ensuring that the use of these endowed funds stays relevant.

JFL Chair Chris Brice and the Foundation Committee crafted a solution.

Going forward, new endowments under \$50,000 will be pooled into one of five categories, called "Areas of Interest," to maximize donor impact and provide flexibility should the needs of

Jewish Louisville change. These Areas of Interest are consistent with giving trends across the country.

Those five Areas of Interest, which the JCL board has approved, are Youth, Seniors, Arts & Ideas, Health & Wellness, Jewish Learning and Community Relations & Outreach.

These broad categories seek to cover many of the needs and programs affecting Jewish Louisville.

Many existing donors have decided to repurpose their endowments to meet current needs.

As an example, Gil Levitch and his family had established the Phil B. Levitch Fund, named for his father, who was B'nai B'rith's Man of the Year in 1961, Jewish Federation of Louisville's campaign chair in 1960 and 1961 and President of the Conference of Jewish Organizations. The fund was established to subsidize clergy's fees at the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly. The fund had been underutilized, so Levitch repurposed

the endowment. Now, its income funds the Youth area of interest.

Another repurposed fund is the Sidney Winchell Youth Lounge Fund. Winchell was an anesthesiologist who participated in heart transplant surgeries. A longtime member of Keneseth Israel who was active in Jewish life in Louisville, Winchell had a JCC Second Century Fund established in his memory.

The Winchell Fund supported the JCC's youth lounge, which is now not exclusive to children, so Fran Winchell repurposed it. Proceeds from the newly named Sidney Winchell Family Fund will now subsidize youth trips to Israel as part of the Youth Area of Interest.

Fran Winchell, who has 17 grandchildren, all of whom have been to Israel, said she wants Louisville's youth to have the same experience "not only for their own personal growth but to strengthen their ties to Judaism."

So far, 16 funds have been repurposed and pooled into one of the five Areas of Interest. The JCL staff will be reaching

out to legacy families to discuss other underutilized funds.

The JFL thanks Gil Levitch, Fran Winchell, and others who have agreed that the annual income from their endowments could be repurposed to maintain relevancy in Jewish Louisville today and in the future. The JCL is grateful to these families for their flexibility and continued support.

Want to help?

The JFL is advised by the JCL's Endowment Committee: Brice, Ross Cohen, Jane Goldstein, Glenn Levine, Bob Kohn, Bruce Roth, Michael Shaikun and Scott Weinberg. They are supported by JCL staff Gordon-Funk and LIFE & LEGACY Coordinator Jennifer Tuvlin. For more information on creating an endowment or repurpose an existing fund, contact Tuvlin at jtuvin@jewishlouisville.org.

Infeld's words struck a high note for a successful year



Sara's View

Sara Klein
Wagner

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Jewish Community of Louisville, bringing together two legacy organizations -- the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center. I can't think of a better time to reflect on this past decade, who we serve and why.

This past year, we hosted Avraham Infeld, a respected thought leader in the Jewish world. He challenged our leaders to focus on the "continued renaissance of the Jewish people by serving their communal needs."

Infeld reminded us that the great challenge in setting a Jewish table is to be "unified without being uniform."

Your JCL aspires to follow Infeld's charge every day, specifically by providing Jewish Louisville a place and opportunities to explore, question and feel like family.

During Infeld's visit, he focused on our transformational project: building the next J on a full campus. This monumental project has been a significant part of our focus this past year. Countless hours have been spent planning the space and architecture of our next home, the leadership phase of the capital campaign fundraising and time with generous donors who are committed to helping to bring our shared dream to reality.

"The J must be a center for lifelong education that encourages asking questions," Infeld said, "an intergenerational place where young and old model the pursuit of education for children; and an interdenominational setting where Jews can see what unites us more than what divides us."

The JCL, through the work of the Federation, The J, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville, Hillel and the Jewish Community Relations Council, has continu-

ously provided the core and traditional opportunities, as well as innovative engagement experiences connecting people to Jewish life. We welcome all Jews, their friends and partners of other faiths, anyone who wishes to connect with the Jewish community.

We are grateful to the JCL Board of Directors for the leadership they demonstrated this past year. The following new Vision, Mission and Values was recently adopted by the board:

OUR VISION

Inspiring meaningful lives while transforming our Jewish future.

OUR MISSION

To be a community rooted in Jewish culture and values providing a pathway to a changing world as we bring people together to discover, connect and flourish.

OUR VALUES

Tikkun Olam – repairing the world;
Torah – always learning, teaching and growing;

Areyvut -- caring unconditionally for one another;

Klal Yisrael – unity of the Jewish people.

Since last year, we proudly reached several milestones, including the leadership phase of the "Our Community, Our Future" capital campaign, the incredible support from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the recent purchase of the Anshei Sfard property – all while strengthening our role as the convener for Jewish Louisville. We remain committed to providing excellent experiences and supporting the needs of the entire Jewish community.

Our annual campaign engaged nearly 1,000 donors; LIFE & LEGACY celebrated commitments of over \$7.6 million; and J events earned stellar satisfaction survey results.

The J partnered with Kindred for another successful year of the Kindred Active Adult Series and Arts & Ideas launched new programs, including the innovative event "The Letter I Never Sent" featuring 18 unique authors.

From our beloved seniors to our youngest participants, we never stop

meeting their needs as they discover, grow and connect at The J.

Over 110,000 experiences took place this past year, and the *kavod*, (honor and respect) goes to the JCL volunteers and staff. Our volunteers give selflessly of their time and talent.

Our staff, which numbers 300 including full- and part-time employees and summer staff, are committed professionals. We are fortunate that so many have found a place within the JCL fam-

ily, providing joy and passion through their work.

We invite you to join us as we begin what will undoubtedly be an exciting year for the JCL.

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

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THE J CENTERPIECE

Are We There Yet?

Camp J to take its campers on memorable adventures this summer

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

Where are you going on your summer vacation? Camp J is taking kids on trips around the world.

Well, sort of.

This year's camp theme is "Summer Vacation: Are We There Yet?" Each week features a different virtual destination, as well as a coordinating camp value, according to camp Director Mindy Mannel.

Some places campers will "travel" are the beach (friendship), Maccabiah (sportsmanship), mountains (courage) and the rainforest (tikkun olam). Beach week will feature waterslides and Maccabiah week will end with a field day.

One physical place where campers will be going this summer is the old Anshe Sfard synagogue. The building, which the Jewish Community of Louisville recently purchased, is being used as indoor event space instead of the upstairs classrooms in The J. Camp circle will be held on its grounds, and pickup and drop-off will be on the synagogue driveway, alleviating traffic congestion in the J's parking lot.

Camp J's field trips this year differ from many places campers have visited in the past.

"We just try to be a little more creative so that if we do go to a place where parents take their kids, the kids are experiencing the things at those places that most parents won't do," Mannel said.



Guni Saar (let) and Zohar Zipori are this year's Camp J shlichim from Israel. (Community photo by Jessica Budnick)

Trek campers will do some actual trekking this year with overnights at Camp Livingston in Indiana, the Gordon JCC in Nashville and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus (Ohio). Young Leaders campers also go on two field trips a week: one to somewhere just for fun and one where they will work on a service project.

Some of the field trips this summer include visits to Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest to see the Forest Giants, Schimpff's Confectionery and Marengo Cave.

Special visitors to camp this year include Tikiz Shaved Ice and the Kasey Program, an organization that teaches fire and life safety skills using Kasey, a Labrador retriever.

During Israel week (compassion), the Tzofim Friendship Caravan will perform.

Specialty camps

Among Camp J's variety of specialty camps this summer is a Camp Livingston Sleep Away from Aug. 5 to 9. Camp-

ers will leave on Monday and return on Friday, spending the week at Camp Livingston Indiana.

"They spend the entire week at Camp Livingston fully supervised," Mannel said. "I was so excited when Livingston agreed to do that with us."

There also are two weeks of basketball camp with Doug Davenport, Bellarmine assistant men's basketball coach, and two weeks of chess camp. There will be Medieval Mania, a specialty offering in which campers learn to make catapults and battle each other's fortresses, Science Olympiad and the Sound of Science, where campers will learn about sound, making their own musical instruments (and a lot of noise).

The last week of camp will feature a drone camp, in which kids will learn history and safety, then progress to racing.

Camp started June 10 and continues through Aug. 14.

Shlichim

This year's shlichim (Israeli counselors) are Zohar Zipori, who is from a small town between Hadera and Netanya, and Guni Saar, of Ra'anana, outside Tel Aviv. Both were finishing their time in the Israeli army when they learned about Camp J.

Guni was a tank commander in the

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Be Our Guest

'Disney's Beauty & the Beast' to open CenterStage's 2019-20 season

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

Dancing and singing dinnerware, a beautiful and smart girl, and a troubled and scary beast come together to tell a delightful French fable that teaches as well as entertains.

CenterStage kicks off its 2019 season on July 18 with *Disney's Beauty & the Beast*, a main stage event for all ages.

Written by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, with music by Alan Menken, and based on the book by Linda Woolverton, *Beauty & the Beast* is the stage version of the 1991 Disney animated film, which retold the French fairytale *La Belle et la Bête*, written by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont around 1756. Leprince de Beaumont's version is closest to the modern story, but she adapted it from the original written by Gabrielle-Suzanne de Villeneuve in 1740.

"It's that classic tale of Belle wanting more, wanting adventure and meeting the Beast, of course, but looking past his exterior and finding the true man on the inside, a man of heart," said CenterStage Artistic Director Frank Goodloe III. "One of the things that I told the cast was that, yes, this is the classic Disney tale, but I want to really, really get the



message across to never judge someone just by the way they look or what you hear that they are. Get to know the person. It's what in this world today we really need."

This show was one of the most difficult to cast, Goodloe said, because of the sheer volume of talent available. So many people wanted to be in the play,

and to portray Belle in particular.

"I think for a lot of people, Belle was the first princess they fell in love with," Goodloe said. "Because Belle is spunky. She's not afraid, she wants more than what she has. I think that a lot of kids and a lot of people relate to that."

Because it's Disney, it's a big production, Goodloe said. The set will be big

and beautiful, and the costumes, including dancing dinnerware and furniture, will be showy.

"Set-wise, it's going to be very elaborate," he said. "It's Disney, so it's going to be elaborate, and cartoonish, and great."

The actress playing Belle is more than prepared for her role. Kristie Buckley has portrayed Belle at Walt Disney World and on Disney Cruises. Her last role at CenterStage was in "Seussical: The Musical" in 2010, but she moved to London for a while. Now that she's back, she's ready to step into the provincial French countryside.

CenterStage regular Alonzo Richmond will play Beast, who is actually a prince who has had a spell cast on him that can only be removed when he finds true love.

David Galloway, who was Sir Lancelot in "Spamalot," will play Gaston, the self-centered, sexist bore who pursues Belle. Mrs. Potts, the talking teapot, is played by Kristy Calman, a CenterStage regular, who celebrates her 20th straight season with CenterStage.

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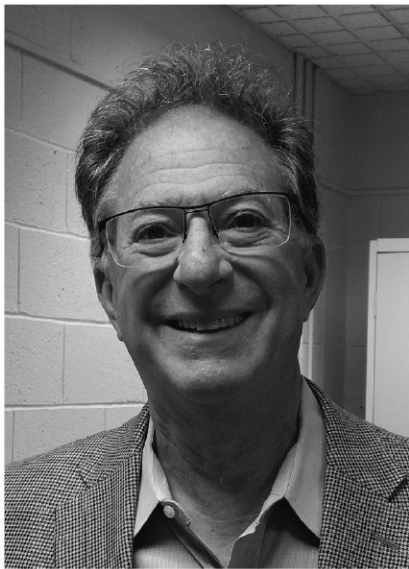
PICTURE THIS: FRESH STOP OPENS

The Gendler Grapevine Fresh Stop Market at the J, a service of New Roots, opened for the summer on June 12. One hundred shares were sold (the usual number is 70 to 80) and 10 SNAP recipients benefited from the reduced cost of fresh, organic produce grown locally. “Gleaners” from Seneca High School took leftovers to students who, in addition to being hungry, are often homeless or staying with someone. Thirty-three volunteers pitched in. It is Jewish Federation Month at the Fresh Stop Market at the J, so volunteers wore matching T shirts as they set up, ran and broke down the gigantic market under the pavilion. The market will operate until October. (photos by Amanda Beavin and Kim Toebe)



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PICTURE THIS: ELC GRADUATION

Eighteen prekindergarten students graduated from The J's Early Learning Center during a May 29 ceremony. Early Childhood Director Norma Cahen spoke at the ceremony and the children sang songs, including one about tzedakah. (They collected coins all year and voted to give \$25 to the Senior Center and \$300 to J maintenance man Billy Chandler, a frequent visitor to the class). Each graduate also was asked beforehand 10 questions about the J, their class, their friend and themselves. Cahen read each child's answers as they stood before their parents. (Community photos by Ed Ramsey)








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NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

Glazer to compete in Euro Maccabi Games

Andrea Glazer, a Louisville native, expert show rider and medal winner at the 2017 Maccabiah Games in Israel, will join the Maccabi USA Show Jumping Team for the European Maccabi Games from July 28 to Aug. 7, in Budapest, Hungary.

Team USA is sending both a dressage and show jumping team to the Budapest Games.

"I'm in a similar position that I was in when going to the Maccabiah Games," Glazer said in a statement to Community. "I'm a competitive three-day eventer and now that I'm representing USA on the Show Jumping team with very competitive show jumpers who have been riding in the discipline their whole lives, I definitely have my work cut out for

me."

The other jumpers are Carly Dvorkin of Parkland and Florida Arly Golombek of Detroit. The dressage team includes Kelly Artz of Corona, California; Rebecca Cord of West Grove, Pennsylvania; Connor Giesselman of Ocala, Florida; and Leah Marks of Atlanta.

Dressage is an equestrian sport demonstrating highly skilled riding and artistry.

Glazer was one of the team riders who won the silver medal at the Maccabiah Games. Afterwards, she moved to Melbourne, Australia, to take a marketing/events job at the Victoria Racing Club (VRC), which puts on the Melbourne Cup –

Australia's version of the Kentucky Derby. She later took a zookeeper position at a crocodile park in Broome,

Western Australia, where she took care of birds, bats, dingoes, perenties and other creatures

"I learned how to wrangle crocodiles," Glazer said. "Six of them escaped while I was there."

She kept up riding while at Broome and even helped teach local riders.

Glazer is now in Robbinsville, New Jersey, training under Olympic show jumpers Neal and Licha Shapiro. She said she works 12 hours a day, riding anywhere six to nine horses during that time.

Bagels and businesses coming to Logan Street

The new Logan Street Market will have some Jewish attractions when it opens in July.

The newest bagel shop in Louisville, Cold Smoke Bagels, will open in the converted tobacco warehouse, while the Jew-

ish Family & Career Services and the Kentucky Refugee Ministries will have space on the mezzanine level for its Navigate Enterprise clients to sell their products.

According to Sasha Chack, who owns Cold Smoke, he will operate and counter with stools in the market. Another seating area will be located nearby.

The menu will include bagels, sandwiches, latkes and other Jewish-style fare.

Chack said he's talking to the Louisville Vaad and Kentucky Kosher about kashrut supervision.

"The biggest hurdle is that my business has to be open all the hours of the market and that includes Shabbat," he said. "Hence, there's no possibility of anyone (including myself) walking there to supervise. If the entire shop can't be under hashgacha (supervision) then some of my pre-prepared grab- and-go items may be able to be hechshered. It's a work in progress."

CAMP

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Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Due to injuries, though, he spent his last year mostly off duty. He plays guitar and piano and will focus on teaching music to the kids.

Zohar was an IDF search and rescue

combat soldier who will be working in the theater camps.

This summer, Israeli culture will be incorporated throughout the camp instead of campers coming to the shlichim as in the past. All camp counselors are well-versed in Israeli culture.

Guni looks forward to teaching the kids about Israeli music.

"I hope to get better at communica-

tion with kids, improving my teaching skills, especially in music," he said. "I have played for a lot of years, but I've never really taught music, so I think it's a great opportunity."

Zohar wants to open new worlds to campers.

"I hope to make the kids have fun," she said, "maybe not to become actresses or anything, just to have fun through

the drama. Maybe it will expose them to worlds they never knew."

Want to go?

For more information on camps and schedules, visit **Jewishlouisville-camp.org**.

DISNEY

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There will also be Belle's Enchanted Party, at which kids can meet Belle and her friends before the Sunday matinees. Kids younger than 14 will get a light lunch, make a craft and get their photos taken with the actors in costume.

Participants will get first seating at the matinee show.

Want to go?

Disney's Beauty & the Beast runs from July 18 to Aug. 4 in the Linker Auditorium at The J. Tickets are on sale now at the front desk or online, including tickets for Belle's Enchanted Party.

ARCHIVE

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papers will be searchable and available online.

To be a true Jewish community archive, The Filson will need artifacts – particularly documents – from agencies, organizations and individuals connected with Louisville's Jewish community. However, space in the archive is limited and the investment that must be made to preserve each item is significant. Glogower works with prospective donors to determine which items are the best fit for the collections.

The Filson has established specific guidelines prospective donors can use to determine if the items they have will fit in with The Filson's collection. Those guidelines will be presented in a future issue of *Community*.

The Archive Governance Committee has worked hard, and devoted considerable time to this project. Weisberg has chaired the committee from its inception and continues to do so today.

Stuart Goldberg served as vice chair of

the committee for several years.

Fred Joseph recently stepped up to serve as co-chair, spearheading the effort to review the JCL documents.

Other members of the Archive Governance Committee are Alan Engel, Jane Goldstein, Jamie Horowitz, David Leibson, Maxine Rouben, Michael Shaikun, Steve Shapiro, Allan Steinberg, David Weinberg, Ed Weinberg, Allan Weiss, Chuck O'Koon and me, Shiela Steinman Wallace.

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Siritsky

In a famous rabbinic story from the Talmud, Hillel and Shammai argue whether a certain item is kosher.

Each quotes facts and logic to prove their point. Both appeal to the common good and higher moral values inherent in the debate.

Finally, one of them cries out in frustration: Let the Heavens decide who is right! Suddenly, a great heavenly voice pronounces: "These and these are both words of the living G-d."

This story shows that we can never fully understand G-d's will, nor what the right outcome should be. Traditionally, Jews don't write out "God" but rather use "G-d" as a way of expressing that the Eternal One defies language or logic. We are finite, while G-d is infinite. Therefore, all our understanding of truth is limited.

This is where faith fills the gaps that logic can't fill. Leon Modena, a medieval rabbi, once taught about a man in a boat rowing to shore. If one did not know better, it could appear that he is pulling the shore to him. But it is the one in the boat that is moving; the shore is fixed.

So it is with prayer, Modena taught. When we pray, we think we are moving G-d closer to our will. But true prayer does quite the opposite; it moves us closer to G-d's will.

The Reform prayer book teaches that if we rise from our prayers as better people than when we sat down, our prayers have been answered.

And yet, too often, we think of prayer as trying to get the great big gumball machine in the sky to give us the best piece in the glass ball.

Working in health care, the power of faith and trust can help one deal with the unknown. We can never fully understand why things happen as they do. The outcome of prayer is frequently acceptance and peace, rather than miracles. Again, life reminds us that what we think we want is rarely what is best for us, so prayer helps us align our will with G-d's.

Learning to see beyond what we think is right is the best way to grow and learn. Whether it is prayer or Torah study, or the power of relationships, such as the traditional rabbinic "chavruta" or study

partnership, the goal is to transcend our own understanding of the world, to see more clearly.

The great talmudic rabbi, Yochanan Ben Zakkai, praised his study partner, Resh Lakish, because for everything that he asserted, Resh Lakish had a list of challenges. This, Ben Zakkai claimed, helped him see beyond the confines of his finite understanding of G-d.

In contemporary circles, we often gravitate toward those with whom we agree. Increasingly, through social media, we find ourselves isolated from those who have different views than our own. As a result, we are more likely to only understand our own perspective. From a Jewish perspective, this can be very sad; we are enriched when we partner with, and learn from, those who are different from us. KentuckyOne Health was formed to bring together the wisdom, faith and collective mission and values of our Catholic and Jewish hospital systems, to pool our resources and bring wellness, healing and hope to all, including the underserved. While many might see religion as divisive, we have remained committed to this deeper principle of coming together for the common good. In so doing, we affirm our faith that we share a devotion to the sacred work of healing.

I give thanks for this ability to see beyond the external labels that might ap-

pear to divide us, focusing instead on our shared core values and common commitment to loving G-d with all our hearts, minds and strength, as Deuteronomy commands. Even during a time of transition, our dedicated hospital staff has remained focused upon our core values: reverence, integrity, compassion and excellence. We just received the top recognition that is possible for our stroke care, proving that miracles are possible when we can focus on that which is unchanging.

I am especially honored to have been invited by Mayor Greg Fischer to join a new community task force – Project Synergy – which will seek to bring this same wisdom to improving our city. The goal is to move beyond the polarized thinking that has historically divided us, bringing together diverse and seemingly polarized stakeholders to learn from each other and find ways to develop ... well, synergy.

This community approach is an expression of our organizational core values. I pray that, together, we will find ways beyond the limits of what we think we know to co-create a world where G-d's loving presence is visible to all.

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

Chavurat Shalom for July

THURSDAY, JULY 4

No Chavurat Shalom due to Independence Day.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Lisa Klein will lead a chair yoga practice. Lunch will include fried chicken, green beans, mac and cheese, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and blackberry cobbler.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Cantor David Lipp will speak about his recent mission to Uganda with the Cantors Assembly. Lunch will include spinach, sun-dried tomato,

and onion quiche, grilled vegetables, Caesar salad, fresh fruit and caramel spoon cake.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Ben Kennedy from the Humana Senior Isolation Project will share the latest information about remaining vital as we age. July and August birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated. Lunch will include grilled hamburgers with all the fixings, vegetarian baked beans, macaroni salad, fresh fruit and celebratory cake!

THURSDAY, AUG. 1

Jazz vocalist and Shir Chadash member Avery Curtis will perform. Lunch in the Heideman will include cheese quesadillas, Mexican-style rice, black bean and corn salad, fresh fruit and Mexican chocolate mousse. The concert will be in the chapel.

Chavurat Shalom is an opportunity for Jewish senior adults to meet socially and share ideas. Lunch is \$5 and reservations are due by the Tuesday before the program. RSVP to sarahharlan86@gmail.com or 502-423-1818. A vegetarian option

is available if requested in advance. All programs will be held in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Hwy. 42, unless otherwise noted. Lunch starts at noon, followed by the program at 1 pm. Transportation can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Cost 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 many other donors.

The J Senior Center for July

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 12:45 P.M.

Sing-along with Sara Robinson featuring some patriotic songs. July 4 trivia will be played; prizes will be given to the winners. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 12:45 P.M.

Senior retirees meeting – Cantor David Lipp will be the guest speaker, discussing his recent trip to Uganda. Refreshments will be served.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 5:30 P.M.

The Gourmet Dining Club will have dinner at Cattleman's on Hurstbourne Parkway. Call 502-238-2749 for reservations. Cost of transportation is \$4.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 12:45 P.M.

Mike O'Bryan will return to perform favorite songs on the accordion. July birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated. Refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1:45 P.M.

Tzofim Friendship Caravan will perform in the Linker Auditorium. The tzofim – Israeli scouts who travel the country performing at large and

small Jewish communities – will sing, dance and celebrate Israel.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 12:45 P.M.

Denine LeBlanc will return, performing classical selections on the piano. Refreshments served after program.

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AROUND TOWN

(Unless otherwise noted, all events are free and open to the community.)

Pragmatic spirituality discussion

Marty and Dr. Courtney Snyder lead a discussion group at Adath Jeshurun that addresses universal themes from spiritual thinkers. The next session, on Sunday, July 7, will address the topic, "Beyond the Half Moon: Exploring Our Shadow Side." The Sunday, July 14, session will look at "The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant." All sessions start at 10 a.m.

Homeless Outreach

Keneseth Israel will prepare care packages for the homeless from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., Sunday, July 7. Bring your own supplies (bread, peanut butter and jelly, blankets, underwear, socks, flashlights, etc.) Afterwards, participants will caravan downtown to give out food and supplies to the homeless. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

BBQ picnic

The Louisville Vaad will hold a BBQ picnic from 3 to 6 p.m., Sunday, July 14, at The J Pavillion. The event will be in memory of Jack Czerkiewicz, the Vaad's 2017 Volunteer of the Year, who died on Feb. 21. There will be a bouncy house, obstacle course and face painting for kids. Donations of \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, with a \$30 maximum per family, are recommended. RSVP to Jake Wishnia at 502-452-6134 or Sheila Lynch at 502-896-9736 by July 10.

IBD support group

Temple Shalom will hold the next meeting of its IBD Support Group at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 16 at a private home. The group is for persons afflicted with Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis, and their families. Contact Dr. Rich Goldwin at president@templeshalomky.org for details.

'Jest A Second!'

Adath Jeshurun's new Shema Theatre Group will present Jest A Second for three shows: Sunday, Aug. 4, at 3 and 7 p.m., and Monday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. This opening production is a comedy about a Jewish family gathering to celebrate the birthday of its matriarch while other members of the family have additional news and expectations to share. Admission is \$3 per person. Visit adathjeshurun.com/play for reservations.

Bridge Club

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

Worship

Shabbat in the Park

Keneseth Israel will hold Shabbat in the Park on three Fridays this summer: June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16. Each event will begin at 6 p.m. at Hogan's Fountain Pavillion in Cherokee Park. Bring dairy/veggie food for a picnic dinner. Complementary desserts will be provided by

Arctic Scoop. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Independence Day Cookout

The Temple's next Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner – the Independence Day Cookout – will be held at 5:30 p.m., Friday, July 5. A Tot Shabbat will follow at 6:15 p.m. After services, the Annual Red, White, and Blue Oneg sponsored by WRJ/Sisterhood will be held. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person (free for children 12 and under) and \$5 per person if the reservation is made before July 2. Call 502-423-1818 or register online at bit.ly/2WuQnus.

Celebration Shabbat

All who celebrate a birthday or anniversary in July may participate in a group aliyah at Adath Jeshurun during Shabbat morning worship services, which begin at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 6.

Lubavitcher Rebbe remembered

Chabad will commemorate the 25th yahrzeit of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 6, with an interactive Shabbat prayer service followed by a deli luncheon. The program is sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770.

Celebration Shabbat

Temple Shalom will hold its Celebration Shabbat, honoring all its members, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 12. Jennifer Diamond will be the vocalist. An oneg will follow.

Sing-along service, dinner

Chabad will celebrate Shabbat on Friday, July 12 at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle with a sing-along Kabbalat Shabbat service at 8 p.m. A three-course traditional Shabbat dinner will follow the service. The program is sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770.

Candlelight service, meditation

Chabad will celebrate the conclusion of Shabbat with a havdalah service and audio visual program at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, July 20. The event is sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770.

BLT (bagels, lox, tefillen)

Chabad is combining a 45-minute morning service and a 45-minute brunch at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, July 28. The program is sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770.

Tisha B'av

Adath Jeshurun and Keneseth Israel will hold a shared -synagogue observance of Tisha B'av at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, at KI, and on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 8:45 a.m. at AJ, and at 5:45 p.m. at KI.

Torah Yoga

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel leads Torah study at The Temple on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Fishman Library before the

morning service. Coffee, bagels, cream cheese, and other treats will be served.

Adult Education

Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Michael Wolk's next lunch and learn will be at noon, Thursday, July 11 at The Bristol on Main Street. Food is sold separately. RSVP to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com.

Kabbalah Month by Month

Cantor Sharon Hordes' Kabbalah class, which explores the traditions through the Hebrew months, will next meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11. RSVP to 502-459-2780 or gkahn@kenesethisrael.com.

Torah Yoga

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery will lead their next Torah Yoga class at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 18. Temple Shalom and Hadassah co-sponsor the class RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

New Melton Course

A new Louisville Melton course will begin in September at Adath Jeshurun. "Modern Living: Maintaining Balance" will be a four-part course on classic and modern Jewish texts. The class will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 3, or Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 5. The fee is \$50. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com to enroll.

Jews and Brews

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





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ISRAEL

Predictions on next election? Not from me, except buckle up

By Aaron David Miller
JTA

WASHINGTON — After 50-plus years of advising on Arab-Israeli negotiations and analyzing Israeli politics, I thought I had seen everything. But Wednesday's dissolution of the Knesset by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was elected a mere seven weeks ago to lead the parliament, represents a stunning new low in political dysfunction and electoral chaos, even by Israeli standards.

Whether these developments lead us back roughly to where we were on April 9 or advance us to a genuinely new place in Israeli politics is impossible to say. But in an effort to get above the Byzantine details and arcana of Israeli coalition politics, here are some key questions worth asking.

How did we get here?

In an Israeli political system rife with intrigue, vendettas, ambition and dark conspiracy, the answer to this question is not entirely clear.

I agree with the Israeli pundits who argue that only Netanyahu and Avigdor Liberman know for sure.

Yes, the draft conscription bill, which would require haredi Orthodox men to participate in Israel's mandatory military draft and which angers Netanyahu's haredi Orthodox coalition partners, created an impasse. And yes Liberman, who heads the Yisrael Beiteinu party, was generally dissatisfied with Netanyahu's approach to security, advocating for a tougher approach to Gaza.

But divides over these issues aren't new. And what happened Wednesday was.

Netanyahu is only the third Israeli prime minister who, tasked by the nation's president to form a government, was unable to do so. The 21st Knesset, whose members will serve just 161 days before the Sept. 17 elections, will be the shortest parliament term in Israeli history.

Explaining this unique set of developments lies not in traditional policy divides but in a perfect storm of factors unique to the current situation:

To have any chance of protecting himself and secure his political future, Netanyahu needed to form not just any government, but a certain kind of government: a coalition filled with politicians who would help him avoid indictment while in office with three corruption scandals hanging over his head.

That ruled out partnering with Benny Gantz and Yair Lapid's Blue and White party, which campaigned on a promise to remove that very corruption.

So, we're left with a wild situation in which Liberman, with five key mandates, a longstanding vendetta against Netanyahu and his eyes on the prize of prime minister post-Netanyahu, is seeking to become a kingmaker, to the amazement of anyone watching this drama play out.

Netanyahu will indeed surpass David Ben-Gurion in July as the longest-governing prime minister in Israel's history. But his fall has been breathtaking, and his future is stunningly uncertain. He now joins the undistinguished club of Shimon Peres and Tzipi Livni as previous prime ministers who failed to form a government. Indeed, Netanyahu is now in his own club of one: a prime minister who almost singlehandedly



Benny Gantz

dissolved the Knesset.

This was Shakespeare or the Marx Brothers at their very best. The takeaway here is clear: If you thought the aftermath of the April 9 elections looked like "Game of Thrones," just wait until the afterglow of Sept. 17.

Netanyahu has been weakened ... but can he hang on?

I've asked this question several times over the past year and a half, in the wake of Netanyahu's indictment and, briefly, on election night in April.

Most of Israel's chattering classes seem to think the answer is absolutely yes. Haaretz correspondent Chemi Shalev even penned a piece suggesting that it's even possible now to fantasize – however briefly – what Israel would look like post Netanyahu.

There's no doubt that Netanyahu has been severely weakened. Even if he manages to win in September, the argument goes, he'll be undermined by indictments from which he won't be immunized.

Whether this is wishful thinking on the part of Netanyahu's enemies or solid analysis is impossible to say for now. But as history has taught us, it would be unwise to underestimate Netanyahu, who still retains significant political assets.

Despite not being able to form a coalition on the first try, Netanyahu likely still has the best chance of forming a government next time around, assuming the election results mirror those of April.

And Netanyahu continues to have considerable support from a public – including the youngest voters – that admires what he's done for Israel and cannot imagine what Israel would be like without him. The central question is whether sufficient numbers of swing voters are tired of Netanyahu's long tenure and disillusioned, if not angry, over his self-absorbed politics and machinations.

What about the Kushner plan?

The first time I met Jared Kushner, I quipped that I wish my father-in-law had as much confidence in me as his has in him because President Donald Trump has given his son-in-law and senior adviser mission impossible.

New Israeli elections have introduced even more uncertainty into an already fraught U.S. initiative.

There is no "Deal of the Century" now that will produce a conflict-ending solution to the Israeli-Palestinian struggle. But that doesn't mean the Kushner team won't try.

An investor workshop planned for Bahrain designed to entice Palestinians and lay out (what I'm told are) highly detailed infrastructure plans for the region, was touted as proof of life for the Kushner plan. The hype and hoopla of Israelis and Arabs meeting – maybe even with a few Palestinians in tow – was touted to give Netanyahu a pre-election lift.

But it's hard to see any advantage of releasing the political part of the Kushner plan before Israeli elections, particularly if it contains elements that would be tough for Netanyahu to accept. And why waste your one shot at a deal (whose odds are pretty bad to begin with) on a government that might change – either with or without Netanyahu?

One thing is certain: If you thought Trump was campaigning hard for Netanyahu in the run-up to the April elections, you haven't seen anything yet.

It's hot in Israel in August. But I can see a Trump "let's re-elect Bibi" visit to Israel in Netanyahu's future.

Predictions, anyone?

Not from me – there simply are too many variables right now.

Who will the Israeli voters punish for going to elections so soon and wasting at least \$190 million in taxpayer dollars? Will Gantz and Lapid run a better campaign this time? Will the Netanyahu-Liberman feud push the latter out of a possible Netanyahu government? Will some security challenge in Gaza, Syria or between the U.S. and Iran play to Ne-

tanyahu's advantage?

In Middle East time, 110 days is an eternity.

So, buckle up: I guarantee you it's going to be one hot combustible summer.



Benjamin Netanyahu

Aaron David Miller, a Distinguished Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., has served in the Department of State as an analyst, negotiator and adviser on Middle Eastern issues to Republican and Democratic secretaries of state. He also is a CNN global affairs analyst and a frequent commentator on NPR, BBC and Sirius XM radio.



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MEETING

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the program at The J following the attack on the Poway Chabad synagogue in California.

"A new reality became a new truth," Wagner said.

But she pointed with pride to the Bikes and Bourbon event last October, which bought Jews from Louisville and Israel together.

And she noted that this year's Louisville's Got Talent, the last one hosted by Jake Latts before leaving for college, capped six years during which the show has raised \$52,000 for CenterStage's Acting Out school program.

An array of teen leaders were honored at this year's awards meeting: Hannah Geller and Elizabeth Hemmer (Ellen Faye Garmon Award); Drew Goldstein and Elana Berger (Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award); Jillian Lustig, Emily Renco and Eli Resnik (Stuart Pressma Student Leadership Development Awards); Gabrielle Aberson and Adam Rudy (Tony Levitan Awards); and Jacob Ioffe (Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship).

Speaking for all the teen recipients, Ioffe said, "This is a community I con-

stantly fell back on in high school. Without it, I wouldn't be the Jewish adult that I am today."

The other honorees were Jordan Green (Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award); Cari Hatch (Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award); Beth Salamon (Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award); Bruce Roth (Ronald & Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award); Johnny Kimberlin (Arthur S. Kling Award); and Victoria Carpenter (Elsie P. Judah Memorial Award), who accepted the honor while cradling her granddaughter, Jenny.

Also at the meeting, the JCL elected a new slate of members to its governing board. Amy Ryan, David Kaplan and Linda Spielberg were approved for a three-year term; Dr. Mark Behr, Robin Miller and Ben Vaughan were re-elected for a second three-year term; Beth Salamon will serve as the JCRC chair; and Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner was elected as the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors president.

The officers for the coming year will be Fleischaker (chair), Dr. Ralph Green (chair-elect), Dr. Jeff Tuvlin (vice chair), Dr. Jeff Goldberg (treasurer), Becky Ruby Swansburg (secretary) and Jay Klompner (immediate past chair).

PROPOSAL

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"They want to be more active in social justice," Goldwin said. "[But] Temple Shalom is not a building, it's a family."

Goldwin said Temple Shalom members have mixed feelings about moving. Many are supportive, while others have questions and concerns.

Schwartz said his congregants are optimistic about the idea.

"We feel like we want to welcome them," Schwartz said. "We want to make this a very positive transition. We know this is not an easy thing from their perspective; if the tables were turned and we were thinking about being at a different place, it would be hard. I think on our side, we really are trying to do everything we can to move toward the positive."

Schwartz said he hopes that sharing space will help the two congregations

become closer and offer more options for younger people to be involved in synagogue life.

The Temple and Temple Shalom have already collaborated on several events and programs.

Working together, "There's just more opportunity with education and interfaith relations and tikkun olam and just social activity," Schwartz said. "We've got a lot of opportunities there."

"It's a strategic move," he added, "but we'll be stronger together."

If the arrangement happens, Temple Shalom would take its ritual objects and furnishings to the new building. That includes its ark doors, bima and foyer furnishings, all of which were designed and made by its own members.

Many details must still be worked out, Goldwin said. "It's a work in progress, but we are going to be here. Somehow, somewhere, in some form, there will be a Temple Shalom."

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