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## Fred Gross passes

### Journalist, activist leading proponent for Holocaust education

By staff and obituary release

Fred Gross, 85, of Louisville, a journalist, author and leading advocate for Holocaust and genocide education throughout Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, with his family by his side.

Fred was one of the last Holocaust survivors in Louisville to speak publicly – particularly to young people – about his experiences.

"Fred Gross was a gifted educator, leader in the community, and a good friend," said Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council. "His life experience as a Holocaust survivor was the primary source for his commitment to fighting injustice wherever he saw it."

During the Holocaust, when Fred was 3, his family fled Antwerp, Belgium, upon the Nazi invasion there. For the next several years they lived on the run, hiding and evading capture from Hitler's forces.

Surviving the Holocaust, Fred and his family came to America when he was 9 and settled in New York City. Like many families who survived, Fred's never really talked about his experiences. In 1985, however, at the urging of his wife, Caro-



**Fred Gross shakes hands with Kentucky Sen. Morgan McGarvey on the Senate floor the day the Ann Klein and Fred Gross Holocaust Education Act was passed (Community photo by Lee Chottiner)**

lyn, he began interviewing his mother, Nacha, his two older brothers, Sam and Leo, and other family members, using the same methods that he used throughout

his career as a professional journalist.

From there, also using his own personal memories and in-depth historical

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## A new home Anshei Sfard moving to site on Bardstown Road

By Lee Chottiner  
*Community Editor*

Saying it has outgrown its current space at Shalom Towers, Congregation Anshei Sfard is moving from Dutchmans Lane, its home since 1958, to a new building on Bardstown Road.

The congregation signed a lease in December for a 3,400-square-foot storefront at 2904 Bardstown Road – the old Six Mile Creek Distillery office. Rabbi Simcha Snaid said the congregation expects to move in at the end of the month and hold its first minyan there on Feb. 1.

Interior construction on the building, making it ready for synagogue use, is underway.

The new synagogue will be a five-minute walk from Snaid's home in Strathmoor and within 10 minutes for many other families.

"We're smack in the middle of the eruv," Snaid said.

Located in the Upper Highlands, Strathmoor is becoming the new neighborhood of choice for many of Louisville's Orthodox families, necessitating a

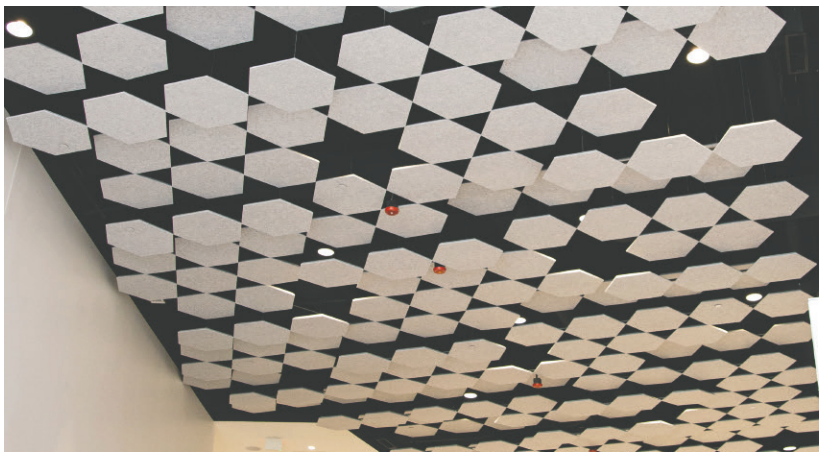
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## Trager Family JCC: The Spirit of Tikkun Olam is Ever-present

By Jewish Federation of Louisville

As we collectively embark on a new chapter in Jewish Louisville's history with the opening of the Trager Family JCC this spring, we have a chance to reflect and remember the spirit and intentionality in which the building was conceived, designed and now, brought to life. So many thoughtful and committed individuals in our community gathered together four years ago, in round table charettes and in numerous planning meetings, to envision a new and welcoming home for our Jewish community.

Early in the planning and design discussions, it was clear that our community was envisioning more than a building.. It was a place of gathering, a place of spirit, a place of joy, a place of meaning, and a place with purposeful and innovative spaces reflective of our Jewish



**Hexagon-patterned tiles suspended from the ceiling in the main lobby of the new Trager Family JCC. Photo by Robyn Kaufman**

culture and identity. We wanted our JCC to be a place where we welcomed the stranger, where everyone from all walks

of life and all stages of life has a home.

We were fortunate to partner with an

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## Rabbi reflects on Cytron-Walker and the day that changed everything

By Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner  
*For Community*

"Please pray for the safety of my colleague and friend Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, and his family, as well as all members of Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville Texas," wrote my former professor and now colleague, Jonathan, in Cleveland.

As I read this post, I had no idea about what he was talking. I had not yet heard what was unfolding in Colleyville.

Then the phone rang. It was Michelle, another friend and colleague, calling

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# THE DASHBOARD

## Word of the Month We Are All Role Models



D'var Torah  
Rabbi  
Simcha Snaid

What does it mean to be a Jewish person? I am sure we have many different answers and views to this question. (I would love to hear yours; please send them to [rabbisnaid@ansheisfard.com](mailto:rabbisnaid@ansheisfard.com).)

For now, though, I would like to share my answer:

We have a creator – Hashem – who controls everything. Hashem orchestrates all events that happen in the world.

He has preserved the Jewish people for our entire existence when many nations tried to destroy us. We *remain* and they *do not*. This testifies to Hashem, the creator of the universe.

We walk humbly before Hashem. We act in a way that embodies the very essence of the Torah's values. These values make up who we are, define our very essence and what we should strive to be.

What are these values?

A Jew means the compassion of Avraham, who reached out to every person, performing kindness to anyone who crossed his path.

A Jew means the self-sacrifice of Yitzchak, subordinating individual impulses, including the will to live, to the larger cause: the service of Hashem.

A Jew means the honesty of Yaakov, who served Lavan, a conniving thief and cheat, with the utmost honesty for decades.

A Jew means never giving up. Sarah and Rivkah, for instance, were barren for many years, yet they continued to beseech Hashem and devote their lives to Him.

A Jew means acting with the utmost sensitivity, like Rachel, who was ready to give up her entire future to avoid embarrassing her sister.

A Jew means constantly expressing gratitude. Leah named her son Yehuda, which means “thanks,” and our name, *Yehudim* – Jews – comes from his name. Gratitude is built into the very fiber of our being.

A Jew means being driven to save peo-

ple, like Moshe, who readily risked his life on many occasions for the sake of the Jewish people.

A Jew means surviving a tragedy. Aharon, who lost his two sons, remained silent, accepting Hashem's judgement without any questions, going on to build the *Kohan* dynasty that exists to this day.

A Jew means exhibiting the strength of Yosef, who overcame life's most difficult challenges.

A Jew means facing cynicism and resisting peer pressure as King David did throughout his life.

These values – the Torah's values – are how we should live our lives. We should lift ourselves and those around us by being the role models for the world to see and testify.

To quote a colleague, Rabbi Eli Davidowitz, “We all have many friends, neighbors, coworkers, vendors, retailers, servers, cashiers, etc., that we interact with all the time. We can choose to consistently model behaviors that shatter whatever evil stereotypes antisemites label us with. When my next-door neighbor hears Louis Farrakhan referring to Jews as termites or blood suckers, her reaction could be, ‘My neighbor is a proud Jew and is a kind, decent fellow.’ When my barber reads Joan Terrell Paige's hateful rhetoric, he will remember the Jew he knows to be positive, courteous and one who leaves a generous tip. When I always have a kind word for my postal worker, she will have a hard time believing Florida pastor Rick Wiles, when he claims there is a Jew coup to overthrow our president. When Jews are accused of cheating in business, my vendor will remember that I always pay on time and go out of my way to be fair.”

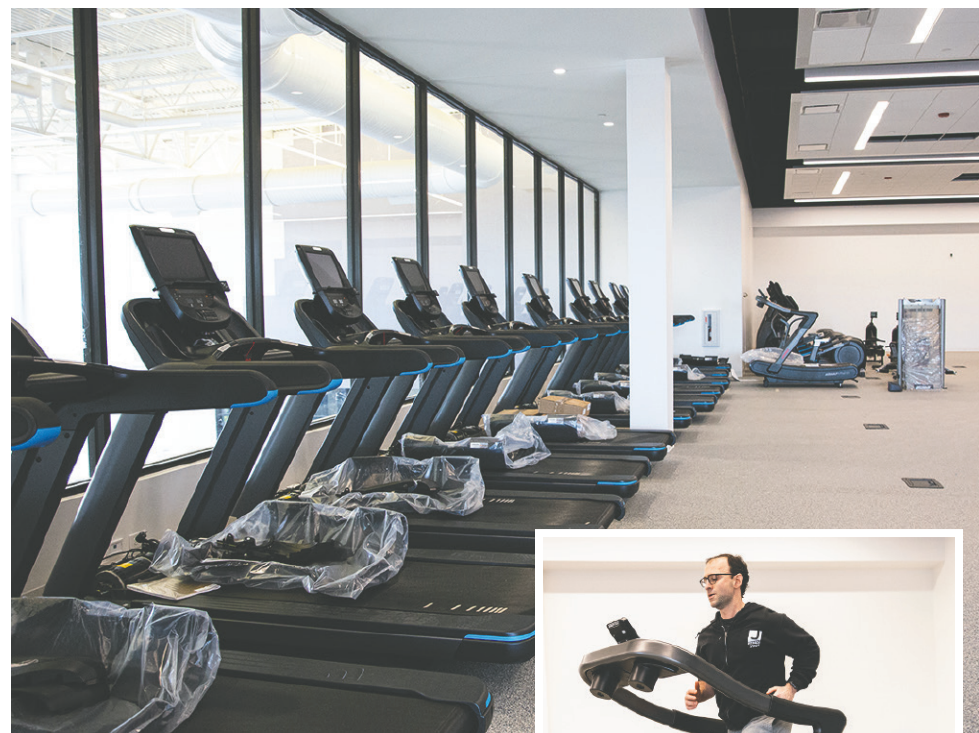
This is what it means to be Jewish, serve Hashem and follow the Torah and its values.

If we walk away from recent events with an enhanced awareness, a new appreciation of what it means to be a Jew and the responsibility that comes with that, we could feel proud that we serve and answer to Hashem.

I live my life according to the Torah and its values. I am a role model that everyone can look up to.

(Rabbi Simcha Snaid is the spiritual leader of Congregation Anshei Sfard.)

## Snapshots



The fitness center at the soon-to-open Trager Family Jewish Community Center is starting to look like ... well, a fitness center. Fitness Director Mat Shalenko said a bank of new exercise machines – treadmills, ellipticals, rowers and an assault runner – arrived last week and are installed. Shalenko is pictured here demonstrating some of the equipment. (Community photos by Robyn Kaufman)



## Candles

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

- Feb 4 @ 5:51 p.m.
- Feb 11 @ 5:59 p.m.
- Feb 18 @ 6:07 p.m.
- Feb 25 @ 6:14 p.m.

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## NEWS

# Jewish family saved Afghani friends as country fell

By Michael Ginsberg  
For Community

The evacuation of Afghans from Afghanistan last August evokes dramatic images of thousands rescued and thousands left behind, as the country fell to the Taliban.

Army Capt. Jules Szanton, who served in Afghanistan, watched those scenes of chaos back in the states, but he also contributed to the harrowing escape of one of those families: his friend and interpreter Aziz Hussaini and his wife and son.

Both families now live in Louisville.

"When I left [Afghanistan], I told him to stay in touch," said Szanton, a Maine native, lawyer and officer in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps, stationed at Fort Knox and a member of the small orthodox synagogue Anshei Sfarid.

Hussaini did what he was told. When the Afghan capital, Kabul, fell, he called Szanton, who made a promise that he would find more complicated to keep than he imagined.

"When I told Hussaini I would help him, I assumed this would be a controlled, orderly process," Szanton said. "I didn't think it would be such absolute chaos. There were heartbreaking scenes of people passing children over the fence. These are people who believe in the values our country stands for. They have sacrificed and risked their lives for those values. They've lost their country. They've lost their homes and possessions."

That description fits Hussaini, a 31-year-old interpreter, who, with his



The Szanton and Hussaini children have become fast friends since the Hussainis' arrival in America. Pictured here, Arsalan (center, age 2) shares his truck collection with Micah (left, 2) while Jacob (right, 7 months) enjoys tummy time.

wife, Mariam (seven months pregnant) and their 2-year-old son, Arsalan, made the journey to Louisville – 7,000 miles from Kabul.

Their saga really began in the aftermath of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. When NATO forces invaded his home country in a war against the Taliban, patrons of 9-11 perpetrators al-Qaeda, he decided to join the struggle as an interpreter.

He graduated from a Kabul university in 2016 with an international relations degree, got a job with an American company as a senior interpreter and went to work at the Kabul headquarters of NATO.

"I was motivated financially, but I also thought I needed to be useful to serve my country," Hussaini said. "The Taliban are the most brutal people, and I was helping my people and my country."

Hussaini said he was fighting for de-

mocracy, freedom of speech, women's rights and minority rights – including the rights of the Hazara, his own ethnic group and a favorite target of the Taliban.

One of Hussaini's cousins, also a Hazara, remains trapped in Afghanistan, moving from place to place, to avoid capture, ever since locals turned in his name to the Taliban. If he's caught, he will be interrogated and killed.

Hussaini remembers the precise day when he and his wife decided to leave Afghanistan. He contacted Szanton and the family plotted their escape.

They made several efforts. On their seventh try, they stood at the airport gate and watched in terror as three others, among a throng of would-be escapees, were shot to death by the Taliban.

Hussaini was terrified.

"I was holding my son's hand in my right hand and my wife's hand in my left," he said. His backpack held all that his family was taking with them.

"We left everything behind," he said.

"Everything" included his two brothers, 19 and 17; his mother and father; other family members and friends. His brothers had gone to the airport with Hussaini, but they became separated, and Hussaini was holding the documents they would have needed to enter the airport.

Finally, 24 hours after arriving outside the airport, Hussaini and his family were sitting on an airplane, about to start a journey that would take them to Qatar, then Washington, D.C., and finally to Louisville, where they were reunited with

Szanton and his family.

They soon moved into their own apartment and have been receiving essentials for their new home, gifts from their new neighbors and friends.

"I'm very grateful to Jules, his family, his friends, and the people of Louisville," Hussaini said.

Szanton's answer: "We are just trying to be good friends."

Asked to explain how – if at all – he can explain his actions to help rescue Hussaini to his belief as a Jew, Szanton said Jews have found themselves in the same predicament.

"I thought about the many times in Jewish history when we've been forced to leave our homes or have struggled to find a place where we can find safety," Szanton said.

He also cited the Jewish value of *hakarat hatov*, or gratitude. "Hussaini looked out for me when I was in Afghanistan, so this is my chance to help him feel at home here in America."

Every two weeks, Hussaini talks to family members in Afghanistan. He desperately wants his brothers to get out, "so I'm asking everyone I know: Can they help?"

Hussaini had hoped the United States would maintain its military presence in Afghanistan, but he said he has left behind that part of his life. He wants to work in Louisville as a locksmith or HVAC technician, and eventually own his own business.

He has another dream:

"I hope I can go back (to Afghanistan)," he said, pausing, "as a U.S. citizen."

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# TRAGER FAMILY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

architectural firm, GBBN, who shared our vision and helped us design and create just this place. Jason Groneck, Principal with GBBN, describes the new Trager Family JCC as a space that “brings new energy to the JCC’s vital programs by maximizing connectivity between them and uniting them around common spaces that reinforce a shared sense of purpose and community.”

As you enter through the front doors of the Trager Family JCC, you will see and feel the embodiment of our Jewish community’s values. The entire building takes on three distinct forms – to affect the heart, the mind and the soul. In the heart, contained within the soul, the main lobby, the openness is instantly apparent. As you look up, you will see a stunning display of hexagons hanging from the ceiling that continue throughout the heart of the building. Looking closely at the hexagons, you start to see the open space between them that create the Star of David. Interior Designer with GBBN, Megan Mershman, explains that this is just one way in which the space is transformed architecturally - to illustrate the holistic connection to mind, body and soul while incorporating elements of Jewish culture.

The heart opens into the body, which is encompassing of a 37,000 sq. ft. fitness and aquatics center. Intentionally, open spaces and glass are incorporated

throughout the building to allow for connections between space and people. The body is quite literally the space where one ensures the health and wellness of ourselves and each other. Taking care of ourselves and others is a key and distinct value and mission-based element incorporated in this space.

The third distinct part of the building is the mind. This is the place where our children will spend time as part of the Early Learning Center and will grow, learn and play. The JCC has historically named our children’s age groups and classes after the traditional seven biblical fruits, i.e., the Pomegranates, the Olives, etc. The custom-designed wall coverings and design in this new space at the Trager Family JCC reflect these fruits as they come together to form a tangram. “Tangrams were something as kids, we probably all played with and created different shapes and pictures from our tangram puzzle pieces,” explains Mershman. “It was this concept that we incorporated into the space, the fruits together and in separate expressions to share meaning and life.”

Inspiring and meaningful are two words, among many, to describe the Trager Family JCC. The entire Jewish community and everyone who has been involved in the planning for the new building kept the Jewish value, Tikkun Olam, close to the heart at every stage



The seven species of biblical fruits - wheat, barley, grape, fig, pomegranate, olive, and date - that ELC classes are named for in the new Trager Family JCC, as illustrated in custom wall coverings. Rendering provided by GBBN.

in the process. We would not be opening the doors of the Trager Family JCC without the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Trager Family and the more than 500 donors who consistently motivated the JCC and Federation teams as we completed the work. As we draw near to opening day of the Trag-

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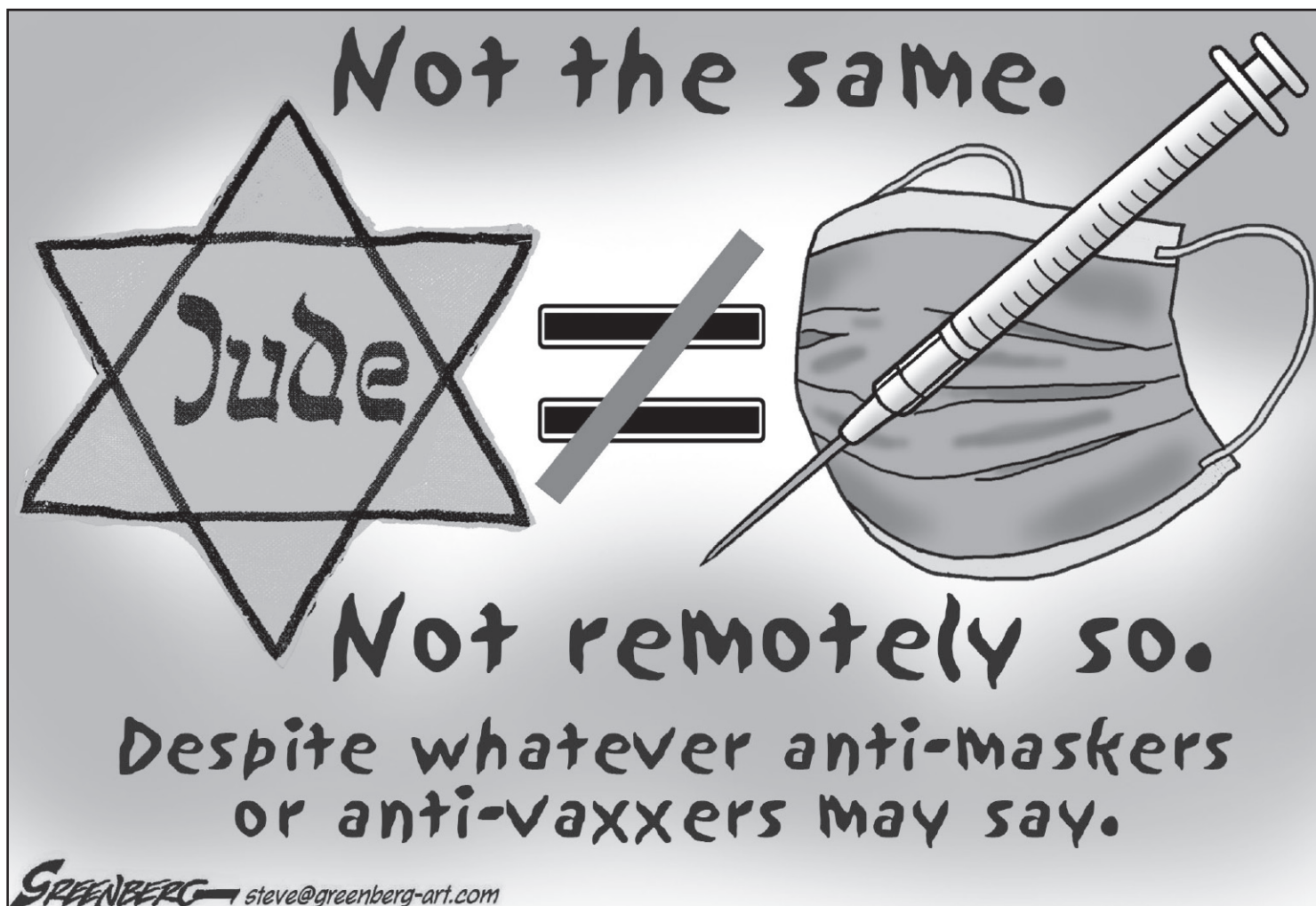
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## FORUM



## Going to synagogue is an act of defiance



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Lee Chottiner

It's time for Jews to be defiant. Again.

Jews are no strangers to defiance; we have resorted to it many times in our history, defying enemies who were intent on depriving us of our homes, our families, our very existence.

Once again, it's time. Only this time, it's not about the guerrilla warfare practiced by the Maccabees in Judea or the Bielski Brothers in Belarus.

This time, defiance takes the form of a simple act: praying in a synagogue.

Synagogues are becoming ground zero for antisemitic war – and it is a war – against American Jews. The Jan. 15 escape of the three hostages from Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, is only the latest example; the shootings at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh and the Chabad of Poway, California, remain seared in our collective memories.

As Rabbi Angela Buchdahl of Central Synagogue in New York said in her first Shabbat sermon since Colleyville, “I cannot assure you that this will not happen again. I do not have a neat pronouncement for how we fight back the alarming, ugly growth of an-

tisemitism.”

I don't have one either, but I know we must be in our synagogues. Absent a knockout weapon that will KO antisemitism, we must show our enemies that we are unbowed. We must show them defiance.

That's what being in our synagogues can do.

I'm talking to all you Jews who are secular, unaffiliated, once-a-year synagogue goers. I'm talking to all you young Jews who have eschewed synagogue membership, some having said to my face that you want value for your money (as if Judaism were a commodity). I believe all of you are proud of your Jewish heritage, which is good. Unfortunately, it's no longer good enough.

It's time to return to the synagogues if, for no other reason, to show that we won't be scared away from them.

That's what defiance means: No matter the threat, no matter the cost, we will not turn our backs on who we are.

Judaism is under fire in the United States. We can no longer just sit back and say how fortunate we are to live here instead of Europe, where synagogues were long ago turned into fortresses due dangerous waves of antisemitism. Those waves are now crashing upon our shores.

For now, because of COVID, many synagogues are empty, its worshippers streaming services from their homes. That's why only four Jews were inside Congregation Beth Israel when the gunman took them hostage.

But the Omicron variant will retreat,

and when it does, our synagogues should not stay empty.

I'm not telling anyone how to be Jewish, and religion is a personal matter. Still, my wife and I recall our days in Wheeling, West Virginia, when among our synagogue's members were professed agnostics who still came to services, joined classes and just generally found a way to belong.

The Jews who died at Tree of Life in Pittsburgh and Chabad of Poway would be alive today if they had done what so many Jews now do and count synagogue attendance out of their lives. Instead, they bucked that trend, stayed true to themselves and defiantly entered their synagogues to worship, even though it meant paying the ultimate price for their convictions. Maybe they didn't think they were being defiant, but recent history – and Merriam-Webster's definition of defiance – teaches that they were.

Today's synagogue goers may not look so defiant. Many are grandparents, even great-grandparents; they have a host of health problems and don't get around as spryly as they used to.

Make no mistake, though, they are the badasses of Judaism today, determined to come to synagogue despite the danger. They are heroes.

It's time for us all to join those heroes in the pews.

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



# FORUM/NEWS

## SCN, SAFE Louisville are examples of commitment to Jewish security



### Sara's View

Sara Klein  
Wagner

*...Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy....*

We cannot serve without hope and a willingness to prepare for challenges. Following the hostage situation in Colleyville, Texas, last Shabbat, those involved spoke passionately about the Secure Community Network (SCN) of the Jewish Federations of North America, which serves all North American Jewry. The SCN was noted in over 1,100 articles and broadcasts last week.

Our own Louisville community began partnering with SCN a few years ago. It has guided us through the creation of SAFE Louisville, providing security assessments and essential training. This security effort is being taken

very seriously by Jewish agencies and institutions throughout North America.

Security is considered such an important issue that last year, JFNA launched the LiveSecure initiative to raise \$54 million to support SCN and put funds into each of our communities.

I am proud of our SAFE Louisville committee, which is co-chaired by Bill Altman and Ben Vaughan. This is critical work and focuses on every member of our community. Most recently, our JCL board approved a recommendation from SAFE Louisville to partner with SCN to recruit and hire a regional security director for Jewish Louisville. We are so fortunate to do this work that is being supported by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and Jewish Federation of Louisville, moving

forward we will have the opportunity to receive LiveSecure funds.

Optimism is fine, but hope followed by plans and movement is what we as a Jewish community must embrace together. As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks (z'l) said:

*"One of the most important distinctions I have learned in the course of reflection on Jewish history is the difference between optimism and hope. Optimism is the belief that things will get better. Hope is the belief that, together, we can make things better."*

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

## Planning under way for JCC grand opening; farewell ceremony slated for old building

It's not every day that a new Jewish Community Center opens, so why not celebrate when it happens?

That's precisely what will happen when the Trager Family Jewish Community Center opens in March, and Tricia Kling Siegwald is coordinating the arrangements.

Siegwald, the JCC's senior director of festivals & special projects (a new position), is talking with department heads at the JCC about how best each of them can mark this rare occasion. She discussed the planning process with *Community*.

Most details are tentative and still subject to revision. Watch the paper and social media for updates.

But this much she knows: The pro-

gramming will be festive, meant to celebrate a new chapter in the history of Jewish Louisville.

For instance, "We'll have entertainment going on in the beautiful atrium, with music to celebrate the opening," Siegwald said. "It's a gorgeous space, and the sounds should be really neat in there."

Something especially important is showing off the building to longtime members and to prospective ones.

"We hope to attract new members through the tours and let current members see it up close," she said.

Shalom Baby, PJ Library, BBYO, Teen Connect, Young Adults and the Senior Center are among the groups Siegwald is talking to about special events plan-

ning.

"We're trying to offer something for every demographic with this opening," she said.

Seniors for instance. Following the opening, a series of lunches are planned, to attract new members and entertain current members, Siegwald said.

The lunches will take on a new theme each week: music (a different artist each day), arts & crafts, health, and a speaker series.

Siegwald said the themed weeks are designed to generate enthusiasm about the new JCC.

"It's exciting, a new space, come on in. And there's new energy with these themed weeks."

PJ Library is planning a "PJ party" (of

course) where kids come to the JCC in their PJs in the small gym. And Shalom Baby will have a related activity for its people, possibly babysitting while parents tour the building.

The Early Learning Center will hold an open house for ELC parents, most likely before the opening though no date has been set.

As the JCL celebrates the opening of the Trager Family JCC, Siegwald said a ceremony for the old JCC, in which generations of Jews have grown up, will be held.

"We're probably going to be doing some kind of closing ceremony with this J," she said. She expects it will be a "more intimate event."

## Jewish teen starts charity to get unused game tickets to children

By Lee Chottiner  
Community Editor

When Gabe Stein sees empty seats at a sporting event, he sees waste ... and missed opportunities.

Those tickets could go to kids eager to fill the seats, building community in the process, he said.

So Stein, an 18-year-old senior at duPont Manual High School, is partnering with the Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS) on a charitable project he started, called Ticket Donor. The project puts donated game tickets in the hands of children who otherwise couldn't afford them.

Through a Wix-based website that Stein built, tickets to UofL games and

other events can now be made available to the kids of JFCS clients.

"JFCS said there is no limit to how many they can take in," Stein said. "So, if someone is willing to donate even 20 for only one game, all 20 would be put to use."

Stein got the idea for the project from his own game-going experiences.

"I used to go to games with my dad... I would go to basketball games all the time," he said. "There were always empty seats, and I knew people who were able to go. I was like, it wouldn't hurt UofL (or other schools and professional teams) to take these seats and use them; it would probably help them ... It just makes more of a community."

He started Ticket Donor over a year

ago, but the COVID pandemic hampered efforts to promote the project.

"COVID was a huge obstacle," he said. "There was actually a full year period where people didn't want to use it; people didn't want to go to games."

Partnering with JFCS has helped. The website is slowly attracting ticket donations.

"We have a plan for how to get the word out to clients," said Avery Markel, JFCS volunteer & events manager. "We're really excited about it, so anyone who is a client of the agency will have an opportunity to access tickets on the first-come, first-serve basis."

For now, Ticket Donors is specifically asking for digitally donated tickets to UofL football and basketball games, and

for the Louisville Bats, but Stein said tickets to any sporting or non-sporting event that appeals to kids could eventually be accepted.

A son of Pam and Robert Stein and a member of The Temple, Stein comes by his interest in free enterprise honestly.

"I used to resell shoes and a bunch of different things," he said. "In a way, it (Ticket Donor) connects. The way I think of it is, I've transitioned from business for my own sake to this, which is hopefully becoming business for society's sake."

### Want to help?

To donate unused tickets, go to [ticketdonor.org](https://ticketdonor.org) and follow the three-step process for digitally donating tickets.



## FORUM

## Christian cleric laments plight of Jewish friends in wake of Texas standoff



Guest  
Columnist

Rev. Martin  
Brooks

Think about it: *This rising tide of anti-semitism has many of our Jewish neighbors asking if the time has come to flee the United States!*

Contingency plans are being made, not only about what to do if a shooter enters a place of worship but about which country would be a haven if things continue to degenerate here.

I lament that some of my Jewish friends are wondering if they must make contingency plans to go somewhere safer, to leave the land of their births, but it's not the only thing I lament these days. Here are some others:

I lament the terror endured by the hostages and the lasting effect it will likely have at Congregation Beth Israel.

I lament the trauma endured in synagogues around the world as people think, "That could have been us."

I lament that all people of faith can't fling their doors wide open and invite all who seek God to enter and find comfort.

I lament that good-hearted people of faith may be less likely to open their locked doors to help the homeless.

I lament that this fear of the other and turning away from those in need will cause more suffering and further divide us.

I lament that conspiratorial tropes about Jewish people controlling banks, media and politics influenced this hostage-taker to attack a synagogue.

I lament that so much money must be spent for active-shooter training and the presence of police officers so people can safely pray.

I lament that some choose to use coercive, life-threatening force to get their way.

I lament that the hostage-taker's lack of understanding and compassion for others eventually cost him his life.

I lament with my rabbi friends that congregants may be too afraid to gather to pray.

I lament that many Christians resist building genuine and loving relationships across lines of difference.

I lament that "freedom of religion" is not applied equally by all to all.

Does this list of lamentations break your heart the way it does mine? Who would have thought fleeing the United States would ever be our conversation over coffee in the land of the free, the country that promised freedom of religion for all?

This has gone too far. We must push back to resist the fear of the other and the hatred that has consumed too many. We must intentionally cross the boundaries to meet "the other" and to look for the spark of Divinity in their eyes. We must love, even when we disagree.

Pastor Bob Roberts, Jr. a friend of mine who leads Multi-faith Neighbors Network, an organization that brings

pastors, imams and rabbis together, happens to live minutes from the synagogue in Colleyville. When he heard what was happening, he started calling friends – Muslims, Christians, Jews. Then he

went to the synagogue to see if they could work together to help. He could do so because he had already invested in building multi-faith friendships long before this event unfolded.

I believe in religious freedom for all. I believe that no one should be fearful because of the way they pray. I believe that God's Shalom is for all, the way to live an abundant life brings blessing to us and those around us. As we intentionally build relationships with others, not only are we following the teachings of our respective faiths, but we are also making our world a safer place.

When you hear of tragedies like what happened in Colleyville, what do you lament?

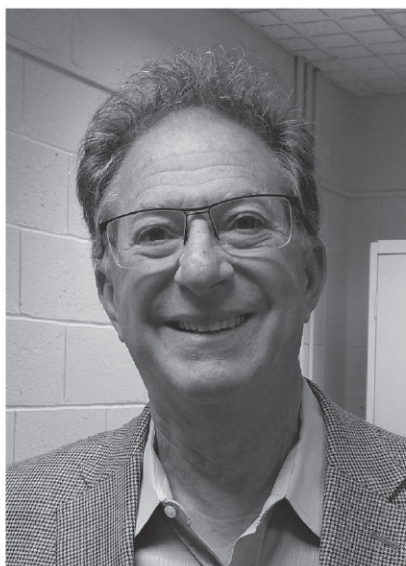
How can we tap into the best practices of our faith traditions to make things better?

How does your faith inform the way you treat others?

(Rev. Martin Brooks, of Louisville, is the president of Peace Catalyst International, a nonprofit organization that resolves conflict and promotes peace by helping majority and minority populations understand each other.)

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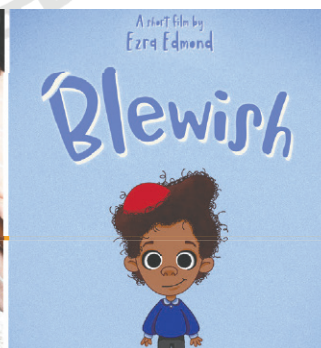
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# PICTURE THIS: TU B'SHEVAT PLANTINGS



Jewish Louisville marked TuB'Shevat and MLK Day, both of which fell this year on Jan. 17, by participating in two tree-planting programs in the city. Temple Shalom, along with Trees Louisville, planted and mulched trees at Lyman T. Johnson Middle School and along Dumesnil Street in West Louisville, while members of Keneseth Israel and the JCC's Young Adult Division, led by Abigail Goldberg, Teen Director and Philanthropy Outreach (top right), and JOFEE program planted downtown with the Louisville of Parks and Recreation.





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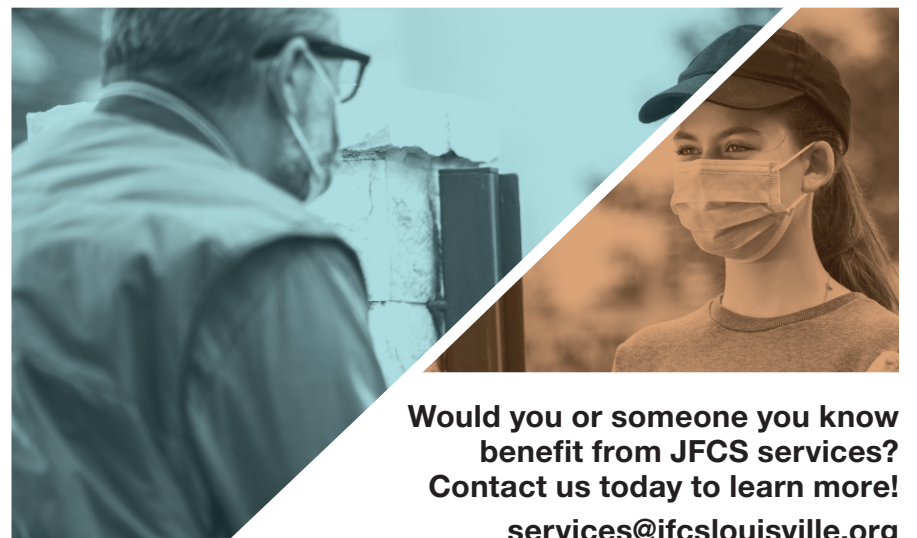
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## ARTS

# Production of 'Indecent' postponed to June due to pandemic

By Lee Chottiner  
Community Editor

The Bunbury-ShPIeL Theatre Project in Louisville is postponing its in-person production of *Indecent*, the story of the making of a classic play of the Yiddish theatre.

Originally slated for a February opening, the production will now take place this summer.

"This is not a cancellation of this wondrous play, David Chack, artistic director of Bunbury-ShPIeL, said in a statement. "We are definitely planning on doing it in the summer of 2022, so that we can pres-

ent it under the best circumstances possible for our cast and audiences."

Chack said the decision was driven by the Omicron surge of the COVID pandemic. Omicron is a highly transmissible variant of COVID, which causes a rapid spread of the disease. Louisville is at red alert, according to the Department of Public Health and Wellness, with over 16,000 confirmed cases per week.

The surge had been expected to continue through mid-January at least, during what would be the bulk of the theatrical company's rehearsal period.

"Our concern is for the safety of our actors and production team," Chack said,

"as well as for our audiences coming in person to this amazing piece of theatre."

A play by Tony Award-nominated playwright Paula Vogel, *Indecent* recounts the making of the famous and controversial play *God of Vengeance*, by Sholem Asch, in 1923. That play explored the love affair between a prostitute (Manke) and the daughter of a brothel owner (Rifkele).

The play was shut down on obscenity charges in 1923.

Several subplots are woven through *Indecent*, which portrays actual characters from *God of Vengeance*, including Asch himself.

"The play is about the play, what's hap-

pening to the cast and the relationships that change the cast," Chack said late last year after announcing the play was coming to Louisville. "It's basically about a play within a play."

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has awarded a \$60,000 grant to put on the show at the Henry Clay Theatre, downtown. The same grant also supports the Teatron Jewish theatre festival and other Bunbury-ShPIeL activities.

Rehearsals are now expected to resume in late June, with the show opening at the end of July, with a Preview on July 27 and the Opening July 28.

# A 'prescient' read Book about lives, relationships of Jewish, Arab women here reissued

By Lee Chottiner  
Community Editor

A book exploring the common history – and some differences – of Arab and Jewish women of Kentucky, first published in 2012, has been reissued as a paperback and eBook.

*Arab and Jewish Women in Kentucky: Stories of Accommodation and Audacity* was written by Professor Nora Rose Moosnick, who grew up in Kentucky. The book, first published by the University Press Kentucky (UPK), came out for the second time last November. It has sold more than 700 copies since its first edition was released in 2012.

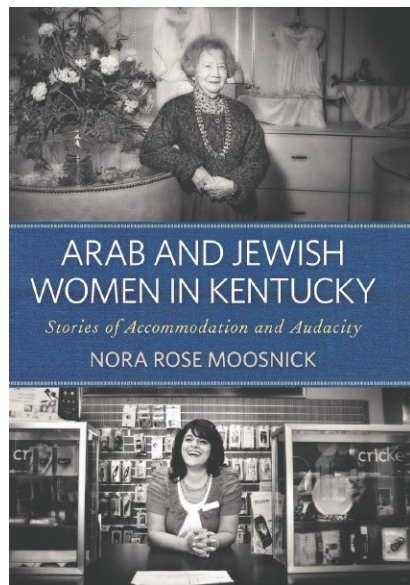
Moosnick, an adjunct professor of sociology at the UK, hadn't expected the 10-year-old title to come out again.

"I was surprised when they emailed me and said, 'Oh, we're going to issue your book in paperback,'" she said.

But Meredith Daugherty, marketing manager at UKP, called the book "prescient" and said it continues to resonate in today's social climate.

"We felt it was time," Daugherty said. "It's been out a while, but we wanted to put it back out there. There wasn't necessarily a rising demand, but there's always an audience for something like this."

Jews and Arabs in Kentucky both trace their roots to the Middle East. Their first settlers came primarily as peddlers and graduated to store owners.



Some even dabbled in politics: Jerry Abramson, a Jew, became mayor of Louisville; Teresa Isaac, a Lebanese Christian, mayor of Lexington.

The book tells the stories of individual Jewish and Arab women, many of whom have passed away since the book first came out. Their impressions are interesting because they were made in a state not known for its ethnic diversity.

The project started as a chronicling of Arab and Jewish families in Kentucky, said Moosnick, but that soon changed.

"Midstream in this work," she wrote in

her preface, "I decided that women's stories in particular offered an appreciation of Arabs' and Jews' diverse lives in Kentucky and the overlap between them."

That commonality, or "overlap" as Moosnick described it, continues today as conditions for minorities have worsened: the rise in antisemitic incidents, the hostility to Muslims in the 2016 presidential campaign and afterwards.

"There's been more overlap between Muslims and Jews because both communities are under attack," she said in an interview with *Community*, "and so there's some alliance between the communities that may not have existed before Trump was elected president."

The women interviewed came from across Kentucky, including parts of western Kentucky that were recently ravaged by the tornadoes.

Elsie Nasief, daughter of Lebanese immigrants, comes from Louisville. Moosnick included her in a chapter on women reflecting on their mothers. The author described her as the "history keeper" of her family.

"Elsie said that her mother would be pleased about her visits to Lebanon to meet family members there. 'My mother would probably be tickled to death,' she said, 'real happy that I went there and met them.'"

Though the book looks at women, men still figure prominently in its stories, two were Monroe Moosnick, the author's

father and a Jew, and Mousa Ackall, a Palestinian American whom Moosnick called her a "adopted grandfather." Both men inspired the work.

Moosnick said her father taught for 40 years at Transylvania University, forming friendships with students from all backgrounds, which is how he got to know the Ackalls ... and Mousa.

"Multiple generations of Ackalls passed through Transylvania, and our families melded, forming a long and lasting friendship," Moosnick wrote. "The eldest member of the family, Mousa – or as everyone affectionately called him, Sido ('grandfather' in Arabic) – became a grandfather of sorts to me, since mine had died long before I was born."

Asked what readers today should take away from the book, Moosnick, who is currently doing research on the rural-urban divide on college campuses, stressed overcoming what divides people requires hard work.

"Even among unlikely populations," she said, "there are always moments of intersections and chances to see our likenesses."

## Want to read it?

*Arab and Jewish Women in Kentucky: Stories of Accommodation and Audacity* can be purchased online at [kentucky-press.com/9780813136219/arab-and-jewish-women-in-kentucky/](http://kentucky-press.com/9780813136219/arab-and-jewish-women-in-kentucky/). Links to other retailers can be found there.



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# GLOBE

## PCUSA official slammed for equating Israeli occupation with 'slavery' days after Texas attack

By JTA and staff reports

U.S. Jewish groups slammed a top Presbyterian Church official for Martin Luther King Day remarks that equated Israel's West Bank occupation with slavery and implied that American Jews have the influence to get the U.S. government to end it.

"The continued occupation in Palestine/Israel is 21st-century slavery and should be abolished immediately," Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, II, the stated clerk of the Louisville-based Presbyterian Church USA said in his remarks.

"Given the history of Jewish humble beginnings and persecution, there should be no ambiguity as to the ethical, moral, and dehumanizing marginalization and enslavement of other human beings. The United States of America must be a major influencer of calling this injustice both immoral and intolerable," said Nelson. "I would also hope that the Jewish community in the United States would influence the call to join the U.S. government in ending the immoral enslavement."

An array of Jewish groups, including those in Louisville, condemned the remarks, noting that they appeared to invoke tropes about disproportionate Jewish influence just days after a gunman who had internalized similar antisemitic theories held a rabbi and three congregants hostage at a Texas synagogue.

"This outrageous slander is blatantly antisemitic and is offensive to Jews everywhere" the Jewish Federation of Louisville said. "We call on PCUSA to immediately disavow these remarks and for Rev. Nelson to retract this statement and apologize to those offended."

Nelson did neither. In a Jan. 22 statement posted to the PCUSA website, he called the timing of his original remarks in relation to the Texas standoff "strictly coincidental," offered no apology and said church policy abhors antisemitism.

Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish Community Relations, didn't buy it, reiterating that the remarks were antisemitic.

"It is equally disturbing that the approbations of almost all Jewish organizations have not produced an apology or any sort of self-reflection," Goldberg said. "While PCUSA and Dr. Nelson can no longer en-

gage with the Jewish community, we will continue to pursue meaningful relationships with local Presbyterian churches, many of whom are either unaware and/or opposed to these recent remarks."

Jonathan Greenblatt, the Anti-Defamation League CEO, said on Twitter, "This antisemitism endangers the Jewish people at a time when they're feeling vulnerable after #Colleyville attack."

Also condemning the remarks were the American Jewish Committee, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Jewish Federations of North America, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) and Americans for Peace Now.

The JCPA, the Jewish community's public policy umbrella, which routinely engages with the Presbyterian and other churches, noted in its statement the church's pro-Palestinian activism in recent years.


"We understand that the Presbyterian Church USA has been an advocate for the Palestinian cause," the JCPA said. "We urge them to engage in a constructive manner that does not spread misinformation and put already marginalized people further in harm's way."

The JCPA statement also called Nelson's remarks "antisemitic," noting Nelson's failure to mention any other serious human rights abuses, such as the ongoing genocides against the Uyghurs and Rohingya."

Americans for Peace Now, a harsh critic of Israel's actions in the West Bank, said it was "disappointed at the gross mischaracterization of the occupation, and concerned about the potential repercussions of Rev. Nelson's hyperbolic speech."

"Having opposed it for more than four decades, we at APN would be the first to acknowledge that the occupation is wrong, unjust and corrupt," its statement said. "But it is not slavery. It's occupation, and this occupation is not taking place 'in Palestine/Israel' [as Nelson called it] but rather in territories that are not sovereign Israel, territories that the US government and the international community believe should become the future state of Palestine."


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# NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

## Gladstein to head Louisville LBA

Seth Gladstein has been installed as president of the Louisville Bar Association (LBA) for 2022.

The LBA president sets the agenda for the organization, helping its board promote professional excellence in the legal profession, justice, respect for the law and public access to the judicial system.

The popularity of voluntary professional organizations such as the LBA has "waned" since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gladstein said, but he believes the new year will reverse that trend.

"In 2022, the LBA will have the rare yet exciting opportunity to change tack by addressing the challenges facing it and starting to establish the LBA's role for the next generation of lawyers," he said.

Looking ahead to next election, which include 43 judicial races in Jefferson County alone, Gladstein said the LBA hopes to put on several candidates forums, educating the voters and introducing the candidates.

"Likewise," he added, "the LBA is a voluntary bar association. I'm always



Seth Gladstein

looking for ideas to grow our membership and keep our members engaged."

The owner of the Gladstein Law Firm, PLLC, in Louisville, Gladstein also serves on the board of Governors of the Kentucky Justice Association.

He previously served on the Jewish Community of Louisville Board of Directors and is currently on the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Gladstein and his wife, Heather, received the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award in 2012. They are members of The Temple.

Founded in 1900, the LBA is a voluntary bar organization operating under the Kentucky Supreme Court's supervision. It offers education and development programs in the Louisville Metro area. Its membership includes attorneys in both public and private sectors who specialize in criminal law, civil and commercial litigation, administrative law, family law, immigration, medical malpractice, real estate, probate, maritime, international law, personal injury and zoning law.

## Lipp to receive honorary doctorate from JTS

Adath Jeshurun Cantor David Lipp will receive an honorary Doctor of Music degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary during a Feb. 2 virtual convocation ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

Lipp, who has served his entire career at AJ, is receiving the degree for serving 25 years in the Conservative



Cantor David Lipp

cantorate.

Born in Madison, Wisconsin, and raised in Israel and Minneapolis Lipp, who came to AJ in 1994, leads worship services, prepares youth for bar and bat mitzvah, teaches synagogue skills to children and adults, co-officiates at all life-cycle events, does pastoral work and directs the Adath Jeshurun Adult Choir.

He also teaches Melton and other adult education classes, sings in concerts and frequently represents the Jewish community at interfaith events.

He was the featured soloist for one of Louisville's finest volunteer choruses, Voces Novae, on their first CD, Soul of the Synagogue.

Lipp is also immediate past president of the Cantors Assembly.

He is married to Rabbi Laura Metzger; they are the parents of a daughter, Natania.

To pre-register, which is required,

go to [inspired.jtsa.edu/event/livestream-of-jts-cantorial-convocation-2022/e376544](https://inspired.jtsa.edu/event/livestream-of-jts-cantorial-convocation-2022/e376544) to pre-register.

## Ugandan Jews to join Melton class

Louisville Melton was chosen to teach four Jewish Ugandans through the Melton International program. The students, who are studying virtually from their home country, are taking the Love, Loss, and Wisdom class with Rabbi Robert Slosberg on Sunday mornings

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## Adath Jeshurun

Adath Jeshurun will sponsor a virtual interview with Ezra Edmond, director of the award-winning short film, *Blewish*, at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 13. *Blewish*, which will be screened at the Louisville Jewish Film Festival, tells the story of growing up with Black and Jewish identities. A link to join this program is provided in AJ's weekly emailed newsletter. Subscribe at [adathjeshurun.com](http://adathjeshurun.com).

Adath Jeshurun will offer a virtual trifecta of celebrity chefs on three upcoming Wednesdays at 8 p.m. All chefs will provide the recipes in advance for those who want to bake along: Feb. 16, Chef Paula Shoyer will prepare a dry rub salmon with mango coleslaw and chocolate babka; Feb. 23, "The Challah Prince" will bake a multi-braid royal challah, pita with zaatar and bagel Yerushalmi, all from the same dough; March 2, Chef Dini Klein will cook lentil and squash tomato soup, and sesame noodles with vegetables and chicken (or tofu), all prepared in one pan. Pre-registration is required, and a link to pre-register is provided in AJ's weekly emailed newsletter. Subscribe at [adathjeshurun.com](http://adathjeshurun.com).

A virtual interview with Israeli actor Dov Glickman will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27. Glickman, who co-starred in the Netflix series *Shtisel*, is currently nominated for 12 Israeli Academy Awards. Pre-registration is required, and a link to pre-register is provided in AJ's weekly emailed newsletter. Subscribe at [adathjeshurun.com](http://adathjeshurun.com).

The Adath Jeshurun Annual Music Festival has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, March 20. Cantor Azi Schwartz of Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City will be featured. Go to [adathjeshurun.wufoo.com/forms/2022-aj-music-festival-a-admissions-sponsorship](http://adathjeshurun.wufoo.com/forms/2022-aj-music-festival-a-admissions-sponsorship) for admissions or to become a sponsor.

## Anshe Sfard

Classes held weekly: Talmud Trek II, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; Spice of Life, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat services are held Saturdays at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.

The raffle for tickets sales for a trip to Israel (four tickets to Israel or \$5,000 cash) has been extended to Sunday, Jan. 30. Ticket prices are 1 for \$50, 3 for \$120, 5 for \$180, 12 for \$360, 20 for \$500, 45 for \$1000. Tickets may be purchased online, [anshe-ifsard.com](http://anshe-ifsard.com) or by phone, 502-451-3122.

## Chabad of Kentucky

In-person Shabbat services are held Fridays 20 minutes before sunset, and Saturday at 10:30 a.m., a class on prayer preceding at 10 a.m. Following services, a hot cholent kiddush is served. Unvaccinated worshippers are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Weekly in-person services are held Sundays at 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee, cookies and chumash (study of the weekly portion); Mondays and Thursdays at 7:20 a.m.

"Meditation from Sinai," a new class on Jewish meditation, begins Wednesday, Feb. 2. Six lessons will be offered. Eighty-dollar scholarships are available. Sign up at [chabadky.com/meditation](http://chabadky.com/meditation).

## Chavurat Shalom

Lunch is held Thursdays at noon in The Temple's Heideman Auditorium; the program follows at 1 p.m. In-person participants must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask while inside, except while eating or drinking. RSVP by 5 p.m. Tuesday to attend in person; contact Sarah at 502-212-2038 or [sarahharlan86@gmail.com](mailto:sarahharlan86@gmail.com). All programs also are viewable via [ChavuratShalomZoom](http://ChavuratShalomZoom).

Feb. 3 – Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will present, "A Biography of Bagels, Lox, and Cream Cheese" (lunch: grilled cheese, tomato soup, couscous salad, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and cupcakes).

Feb. 10 – Abby Glogower will discuss the newest exhibit at the Filson Historical Society, "Forgotten Foundations: Louisville's Lost Architecture," including history of the YMHA and JCC (lunch: baked chicken with an orange-apricot glaze, barley pilaf, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and cherry cobbler).

Feb. 17 – Alan Zukof and Steve Bradley will perform a blend of guitar and piano music (lunch: hoisin salmon, couscous, roasted cauliflower, Asian-style slaw, fresh fruit and assorted desserts).

Feb. 24 – Beth Olliges will lead a mid-winter sing along (lunch: vegetable lasagna, ratatouille, Caesar salad, fresh fruit and triple chocolate brownies).

## Filson Historical Society

"A Better Life for Their Children," lecture by Andrew Feiler, will be held at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 8. Born to Jewish immigrants, Julius Rosenwald rose to lead Sears, Roebuck & Company and turn it into the world's largest retailer. Born into slavery, Booker T. Washington became the founding principal of Tuskegee Institute. In 1912 the two men launched an ambitious program to partner with black communities across the segregated South in building public schools for African American children.

"The Assault on Elisha Green: Race and Religion in a Kentucky Community," a lecture by Rudolph Paul Runyon, will be held at noon, Tuesday Feb. 24. On an 1883 Train ride through Kentucky, African American Rev. Elisha Green was assaulted by the president of Millersburg Female College for refusing to give up his seat. Friends encouraged him to do something unprecedented for the time and take legal action. What followed was one man of faith's pursuit of justice over violence and racism in a nineteenth century border state.

Tickets to these virtual events can be obtained through the Filson Historical Society at [filsonhistorical.org/events/upcoming-events/](http://filsonhistorical.org/events/upcoming-events/).

## Jewish Community Center

The Senior Center holds Mah Jongg at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Call Dara Cohen, 502-238-2749, for more details.

## Jewish Federation of Louisville

The Louisville-based Jewish Association of Spirituality and Dreams (JASD) will hold its first community-wide women's "dream circles" in Louisville Sundays at 10 a.m. on March 13 and 20 at the new Trager Family Jewish Community Center.

Dream awareness is a fundamental pillar and practice of Jewish spirituality, said Joyce Lynn, JASD co-founder and director. Lynn and Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks, the other co-founder, will facilitate the program – one of the inaugural events at the Trager. The National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, and the Jewish Federation of Louisville-Women's Philanthropy are co-sponsoring, the event, which is open to women 13-25 years old. A virtual Zoom option is available. Email [Dreaming@JASD28.org](mailto:Dreaming@JASD28.org) for more details.

## Keneseth Israel

Shabbat services, minyan and holiday services are indoors in our main sanctuary. The services also are on Zoom. Go to [kenesethisrael.com](http://kenesethisrael.com) for details about service times and our most up to date COVID policies.

The intermediate-level Hebrew-reading class is held Sundays at 5 p.m. on Zoom and in person. The focus is on liturgy. Each class is followed by a learner's minyan at 6 p.m.

Jews and Brews with Rabbi Ben Freed is held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on Zoom and in person.

## Kentucky Institute for Torah Education

The Shabbos Program is held at 11 a.m. on Saturdays. The program is for children ages 5 to 9 with accompanying adults. Kiddush will be served afterwards. Contact Rabbi Zack Blaustein at [rabbizb@KentuckyTorah.org](mailto:rabbizb@KentuckyTorah.org) with questions or go to [bit.ly/3nL80qi](http://bit.ly/3nL80qi) to RSVP.

Light of Torah class is held at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays. The class will meet in person at KITE Place, 2310 Dorothy Ave.; there also will be a Zoom option. Contact Rabbi Zack Blaustein at [rabbizb@KentuckyTorah.org](mailto:rabbizb@KentuckyTorah.org) to RSVP and for the link. Light refreshments will be served.

## Kol Israel Congregation of Kentucky

Shabbat Morning Services with the Bloomington, Indiana, Renewal Congregation will be held via Zoom at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 12. Reb Leon and Jackie Olenick will lead. Pre-register at [Kolls.org](http://Kolls.org).

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**raelKy@Gmail.Com** or 502-341-1595. "Treasuring our Values: Mining for Gold," a program celebrating the legacy of values that one's life experience gives the world, is held Mondays at 2 p.m. from Jan. 24 to Feb. 28. Rabbi Eliana Nadyne Lee, Sage-ing mentor and spiritual director, will lead. Pre-register at **Kolisraelky@gmail.com** or 502-341-1595. Visit **yerusha.org/sage-ing/valuing-our-values/** for details.

"Inner Peace for Challenging Times," a community wide Jewish Meditation, is held at 9 p.m., the second Monday of each month. Reb Brian Yoseph-Schachter Brooks leads.

## Temple Shalom

Shabbat services are held at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays via Zoom and Facebook Live, unless otherwise noted; Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and a song leader will lead. An announcement will be made regarding a return to in-person services as soon as the information is available. Email **information@templeshalomky.org** for the link.

Torah Study with Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner is offered Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

A special Kadima event honoring Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner is planned for 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30. A light lunch is included. Reservations are required. Email **information@templeshalomky.org**.

Temple Shalom's Book Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. Email Carol Savkovich at **savkofam@bellsouth.net**.

The next Jewish Poetry Night, an open mic night, is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Vines Wine Bar & Spirit Shop, 1985 Douglass Boulevard. Email **chai-**

**lands@templeshalomky.org** for details.

A special HIAS Refugee Shabbat service, organized by Temple Shalom's Tikkun Olam group, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 4.

An Open Mic night for Purim will be held Thursday, March 17. Participants are encouraged to showcase their talents in poetry, music and dance.

## The Temple

The Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood Gift Shop is open by appointment. Visit its Facebook page at **facebook.com/wrjgiftshop**. Also, an online shop is coming. Contact Sheila Lynch, 502-896-9736, Marlene Ornstein, 502-329-2276 or Karen Waldman, 502-425-4360, for appointments.

Monday adult education classes are "Advanced Hebrew," 6 p.m., with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport; "Basic Judaism," 7 p.m., with Rabbi Rapport teaching the holy days and festivals' and "Text Study," at 7 p.m. with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, teaching "When God was Young." On Wednesdays, Temple Scholars meet at 9:30 a.m. with Rabbi Ariel-Joel teaching "Torah of Optimism for an Uncertain Future" and with Rabbi Rapport at 10:45 a.m. teaching "Jewish Art and Artists."

Saturday Torah Study starts at 9 a.m. on Zoom and in person. Go to **thetemplelouky.org/adult-education** for more information.

Indoor Shabbat services are held Friday nights and Saturday mornings. More information at **thetemplelouky.org**.

A Shabbat service led by the fifth-grade students will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

Mitzvah Makers will make sandwiches for the homeless at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 6. RSVP at **thetemplelouky.org/sandwich-making**.

An Interfaith Shabbat service will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11. Louie Bailey will be the guest speaker. Shir Chadash will sing. Bailey has been music director at The Temple since 2011 and served as organist/choirmaster at Congregation Brith Shalom from 1974-1976.

The next Movie Night with Rabbi Rapport will be Sunday, Feb. 20, on Zoom. *The Zig Zag Kid* will be screened. An almost 13-year-old boy, whose dad is the world's greatest detective, must quickly solve the mystery that is her mother. For details, go to **thetemplelouky.org/movie-night**.

Goodnight Tots, Goodnight Shabbat with Rabbi Rapport will be held at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, on Zoom. The tot havdalah includes arts and crafts, treats, stories and songs. RSVPs are required to reserve tots' treat bags. For more details, go to **thetemplelouky.org/goodnight-shabbat**.

Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood will hold an interfaith coffee – a virtual program – at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 28. This year's topic is "Learning Hebrew with Rabbi David; Learning Yiddish with Rabbi Rapport." To receive the link, RSVP at **thetemplelouky.org/interfaith-coffee-2022**.

## UofL Jewish Studies Program

The 2022 Naamani Memorial Jewish Culture Event will be held virtually at 11 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 20. This year's program is a screening of the award-winning film documentary *The Fourth Window*, a look behind the international success story of famed Israeli novelist Amos Oz.

When he was 12, his mother committed suicide, and before his death his daughter accused him of being physically and mentally violent, ending all communication him. A discussion with Nurith Gertz, professor emeritus of literature and film at the Open University of Israel, and a close friend of Oz, will follow the screening. RSVP for the Zoom link to **hayley.salo@louisville.edu**.

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## LIFECYCLE B'nai Mitzvah



**Lucille Annaliese Adams**, daughter of Matt and Amy Adams and sister of Vivienne, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at The Temple.

A seventh grader at Community Montessori in New Albany, Indiana, Lucy loves to paint, draw, garden, bake and hang out with her friends. She explores new places, camps and hikes at state parks. For her Pledge 13 mitzvah project, Lucy has volunteered at a local soup kitchen and her school's food pantry. She is looking forward to volunteering with Family Ark in Jeffersonville.

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## Obituaries



### Maurice Lionel Berelowitz

Maurice Lionel Berelowitz, 72, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at home, his family by his side.

A native of Johannesburg, South Africa, Maurice was born Sept. 9, 1949, to the late Alexander Hyman and Caroline Percik Berelowitz.

Maurice was a true entrepreneur, starting MP Springworks at the age of 24 in Johannesburg. He moved with his family to Canada in 1981, where he became president of Springco Industries in Toronto, Canada and Louisville (until 2001); COO of HS Spring in Toronto and Louisville (2002-2004), founder of Flexsigns (2001-2010), MicroliftUSA (2007-2022), Constant Force Displays (2015-2022) and cofounder of Constant ForceUSA (2009-2022).

He was a board member of the Louisville Nature Center from 2007 to 2011. and member of The Temple.

Maurice was a mentor, advisor, facilitator and advocate for many people over his lifetime, providing guidance and sharing his wisdom in a few words with profound impact. His final message to colleagues, friends, and family:

"In the end, think of me when you have a fabulous meal, see something beautiful in nature or are fishing or kayaking in the ocean. Most importantly, be good to someone who needs help, as these were the things that were important to me as a person throughout my life."

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Handl Berelowitz; his daughters, Michelle Berelowitz of Oakville, Ontario, Canada, and Andrea Berdusco of Sydney, Australia; his sister, Paule Sachs; his nephew, Carl Sachs; his niece, Natalie Fernandes (all of Melbourne, Australia); and three beautiful grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Jan. 7. In memory of Maurice, expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42, Louisville, KY 40241, or the J. Graham Brown Cancer Center [uoflbrowncancercenter.org/ways-support](http://uoflbrowncancercenter.org/ways-support).



### Dr. Stan Frager

Dr. Stan Frager, 82, passed away Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, after a long illness.

He is survived by his wife, Patty; his daughter, Sarah; his son, Alfred Joshua; his sister,

Maris Berg; his uncle, Harry Samuels (Flora); his sister-in-law, Leslie Wilson; his brother-in-law, Gary Wilson; his nephews, Danny Berg, Michael Berg, Chris Wilson and Andrew Wilson; his niece, Sarah Porter; hundreds of adopted scouts and a host of friends.

Dr. Frager was a professor emeritus at the Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville. A practicing clinical psychologist, specializing in sports psychology, he also hosted a radio talk show, and was an author, professional speaker and scoutmaster emeritus, Troop 30, The Temple.

Born in 1939 to Rose and Alfred in St. Louis, he earned the highest rank in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light. In 1954, he became an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts.

He attended Washington University in St. Louis on a music scholarship and earned to bachelor's degrees. He went on to receive his master's and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of California in Los Angeles.

While in Los Angeles he served as a probation officer for nine years, working at numerous camps for teenage boys. During this time, he filmed an award-winning documentary entitled How's School Enrique?

Dr. Frager won numerous film awards as a writer, producer, director, consultant and reviewer. Additionally, he worked at nightclubs across California as a jazz musician, playing the upright bass in a band called The Stan Frager Trio.

In 1973, at age 34, Dr. Frager was diagnosed with Stage 4 Duke C colon cancer, which at the time had a low survival rate. He defeated the cancer, but it required the removal of most of his colon and surgery for a permanent colostomy. Despite this daily reminder of his struggle, he went on to live an active, high-adventure lifestyle demonstrating to others how to avoid letting setbacks define them. This was the subject of his motivational book, *The Champion Within You*.

Dr. Frager moved to Louisville in the early 1970s and began teaching at UofL-Kent, where he would spend over 35 years as a professor. He received numerous teaching and service awards and established the Dr. Stan Frager Community Service Award at the Kent School.

He was an assistant baseball coach and the sports psychologist for numerous UofL athletic teams, including the basketball, tennis, football, soccer, volleyball, swimming, and golf teams.

One of his most cherished achievements was being involved with the Louisville Cardinal's NCAA Basketball Championship team in 1986 as the team's sports psychologist.

Dr. Frager worked with the Armed Forces, consulting with their command leadership at Forts Campbell and Knox, and later the Pentagon, concerning suicide prevention, domestic violence and post-traumatic stress syndrome.

He was president of Frager Associates, a successful clinical psychology practice for over 30 years, supervising a clinical staff involved in all aspects of mental health. Additionally, he was an executive coach and business consultant for CEOs, COOs, and leaders of hospitals, non-profit organizations, and other major industries.

An original influencer, Dr. Frager hosted a weekly three-hour radio show heard throughout the Midwest for over 12 years. He invited listeners to call in and discuss their personal issues. Also, he was a highly accomplished professional speaker providing presentations and speeches to Fortune 500 companies and national associations on topics such as motivation, problem solving, and overcoming adversity.

A prolific writer, Dr. Frager authored many books, booklets and other publications.

He became a member of the Louisville Magic Club and he practiced as an amateur magician. He also was the M.C. for a comedy quartet called Three Funny Guys.

Dr. Frager was involved in and volunteered for many civic organizations related to public speaking, training and cancer assistance. He was a strong supporter of the Colon Cancer Prevention Project in Louisville. He was President of the Kentuckiana Chapter of the Ostomy Association. He was on the board of directors for the Kentucky chapter of the

American Cancer Society and the Kentucky Speakers Association. Dr. Frager was also influential in the early days of Hospice in Louisville.

His true passion was with the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Frager volunteered as Troop 30 scoutmaster for over 20 years. Under his leadership, and with the help of dozens of men he recruited to pitch in, Troop 30 became one of the most successful troops in the nation by multiple measures such as number of youth impacted and number of Eagle Scouts obtained.

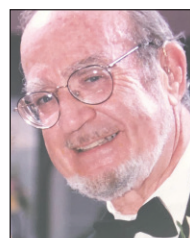
At one point, Troop 30 was the largest Jewish-sponsored troop in the country, with 125 scouts and 75 leaders of all backgrounds. His son Alfred was the 100th Eagle Scout under his leadership.

Dr. Frager would always give back to the community any chance he could get. He was a regular member of The Temple and, for many years, was the president of The Temple Brotherhood.

He was a valued volunteer, friend and mentor to thousands. He cared deeply about his friends and anyone he would meet on the street. He would always want people to push themselves to do more of whatever they wanted to do. Somehow, he always found a way to help people uncover what they truly wanted, and then would get them to accomplish things they never thought possible.

Finally, Dr. Frager was a beloved husband to Patty, his wife of 30 years, and a proud father to Sarah and Alfred.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 29, at The Temple. Burial following at The Temple Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to The Temple Brotherhood, 5101 US Hwy 42, Louisville, KY 40241 or to the Colon Cancer Prevention Project, 1640 Lyndon Farm Ct #108, Louisville, KY 40223.



### Dr. Robert L. Keisler

Dr. Robert L. Keisler, 89, died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, Dec. 24, 2021.

Known to friends as Bob, Robert was born in Louisville on May 21, 1932, to the late Esther Harrison Keisler and Adolph Keisler.

Robert graduated from Male High School and the University of Louisville, and he did his residency at Ohio State University. He practiced medicine as an orthopedic surgeon, primarily at Jewish Hospital and Clark Memorial Hospital, with the group Goldman, Keisler & Gladstein.

A clinical professor of orthopaedic surgery at UofL, Robert was a dedicated physician – respected by peers and loved by patients. He took pride in his career, which spanned more than 40 years.

He loved his patients, to whom he provided his calm demeanor, care and kindness, and he admired and appreciated the doctors and nurses with whom he worked.

A generous and caring husband, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather Robert *always* put family first; they were his passion. He worked tirelessly to provide for their security. He provided sage advice and was a strong, supportive voice with abundant kindness. Robert encouraged his family to reach for their goals, wishes and dreams without fear and he put others before himself. He was a model in his practice of gratitude, giving thanks daily for his family, his beloved pets, and the ability to practice medicine. Robert loved animals and was

never without a dog.

Robert was a scholar in every sense of the word and found pleasure in studying Judaism, art and design, the meaning of beauty and love and philosophy.

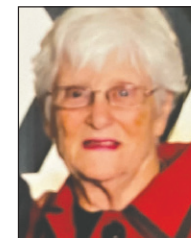
He was an accomplished watercolorist and craftsman, gardener, and bridge player. He also loved the performing arts, holding season tickets to Actors Theater of Louisville and Louisville Orchestra for decades.

He was a member of the Innominate Society, Louisville Bridge Club and The Temple.

An accomplished basketball player in his youth, Robert was proud to have won several MVP trophies. He was also a Boy Scout in Troop 30 and credited his medical-related merit badges and competitions to his interest in becoming a doctor.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Emily Weiss Keisler; his twin brother, Melvin; his sister, Doris Heller; his children, Robert "Bob" Keisler, Jr. (Amy), Missy Noon (Chuck) of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Milton Dortch (Janet) of Atlanta; his grandchildren, Ashley (Carrie Braley) Dortch, Alexandra (Ian) Roth, Evan (Liana) Noon, Keaton (Katherine) Noon, Elizabeth Noon, Jacob Keisler, Sarah Keisler; and his great-grandchildren, Braley Dortch and Murray Roth. He is also survived by his best friend, Wilma (his sweet beagle).

His family express its gratitude to the amazing caregivers who looked after Robert. Expressions of sympathy in his honor may be made to the animal care organization of your choice. A private burial will be held later.



### Frances "Fay" Joyce (Klein) Levin

Frances "Fay" Joyce (Klein) Levin, 93, of Louisville, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, surrounded by family.

Fay dedicated her life to her family, friends and community. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and cousin. She was a selfless person who always took care of everyone around her with a smile on her face.

Fay also was a founding member of Temple Shalom and dedicated herself to making it a wonderful faith community for everyone.

She was predeceased by her parents, Max and Margaret Klein; her brothers, George Klein and Howard Klein and sister-in-law, Molly Klein.

Surviving family members include Fay's devoted husband of 71 years, Fred Levin; her three children, Linda Snapp (Alan), Marshal Levin and Jackie Levin (Michael Rubin); her grandchildren, Phillip Goolsby (Joanna), Matthew and Reese Rubin; her great-grandchildren, Harper and Austin Goolsby; her sister-in-law, Sylvia Klein; many nieces and nephews; and other beloved relatives.

A service was held on Friday, Jan. 21, at the Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests expressions of sympathy be made in memory of Fay Levin to Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Road, Louisville KY, 40220; 502-458-4739, or [templeshalomky.org](http://templeshalomky.org).

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# LIFECYCLE

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## Louis J. Moseson

Louis J. Moseson passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, after several years of decline. He was 97.

Born in Louisville, the only child of Harry and Goldie Moseson, Louis began piano lessons as a child, and placed second in a city-wide open competition at age 12. So beginning of a lifelong love of classical music.

After graduating Male High School, he majored in piano performance at Indiana University, where he also was a proud member of the Sigma Alpha Mu Jewish fraternity.

Louis joined the Army before his senior year. Fighting in World War II, he landed in North Africa, where he contracted malaria, then went on to fight in Italy and France. He was an Expert Marksman and carried a 70-pound radio for his unit. Louis saw major combat action and received two Purple Hearts after sustaining shrapnel injuries, the second set ending his military service, sending him home in a body cast.

Louis' hand injury prevented completion of his piano performance degree, so he joined his father at Moseson and King, a quality men's clothing store in downtown Louisville. Following his father's death in 1959, Louis owned and managed the business until selling it in 1977. He was a savvy businessman and an astute buyer who served the tastes of a changing downtown clientele.

After the war, Louis met and married

Margaret Flarsheim. Together, they raised four children. A devoted father, Louis spent his free time with his family, even after working six days a week at the store.

A talented photographer, Louis had many freelance photo essays published in the *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*. His artistic hobbies included watercolor and oil painting, furniture making, wood sculpture and printmaking. Louis shared his deep love of the outdoors with his family in hiking, camping, sailing, rock climbing and travel.

At 40, Louis took up cello and played in chamber music ensembles for many years. Upon his retirement, Louis formed the Kling Chamber Orchestra, a string orchestra for senior musicians, which he conducted for 34 years. Under his direction, the orchestra performed for nursing homes and senior centers, enriching the lives of senior musicians as well as their audiences.

His love of music extended to composition. Over 30 years, Louis composed over 30 works for piano and various string ensembles. He composed in an accessible romantic style; some of his works can be heard on YouTube by searching for "Louis Moseson."

Louis had a passion for and commitment to community service. As president of Children's Theater, he dramatically increased its audience and financial base. Louis also served as board president for the Louisville Youth Orchestra and as a board member for the Jewish Community Center, The Temple and the American Jewish Committee.

As a Red Cross volunteer, Louis drove for Wheels, bringing seniors to medical

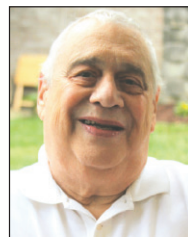
appointments. He also taught map-reading to Wheels drivers. For many years, he coordinated the Louisville Area Chapter's Disaster Action Team program, dispatching teams of two volunteers to aid families displaced by fires. The Red Cross honored him three times as Volunteer of the Year, and in 2005, with their Clara Barton Award for Volunteer Leadership. He also received the WLKY Bell Award for his exceptional volunteer activities in 2007 and the University of Louisville's Geriatrics Gold Standard Award for Optimal Aging in 2014.

Louis was a long-time member of The Temple, playing the cello for many High Holy Day services.

In addition to his parents, Louis was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Margaret; his son Stephen; his brother-in-law Philip Flarsheim; and his nephew David Flarsheim.

He is survived by his children Richard (Chris), Gary (Carol) and Carol Savkovich (Mick); his daughter-in-law, Becky Boldt; his grandchildren Stephen (Christina), Will (Amy), Hannah, Rachel, Kate Savkovich and Peter Savkovich (Alexa); his great-grandson, Wesley Savkovich; his nephew, Bill Flarsheim (Georgia); his niece Claire Levine; and close family members Lois Flarsheim, Betty Goodman and many cousins. He will be missed by devoted caregivers Suzanne Coke and Jetta Cunningham.

An outdoor memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 29, at a time and place to be determined. Donations in Louis' memory may be made to the Kling Chamber Orchestra (7207 Deer Ridge Rd, Prospect, KY 40059), Habitat for Humanity of Louisville, or a charity of the donor's choice.



## Dr. Kenneth R. Rosenberg

Dr. Kenneth R. Rosenberg, 82, passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Born Jan. 10, 1940, the only child of the late Jeanette and Jack Rosenberg, Kenneth graduated from Atherton High School, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville Medical School.

After medical school, and with two small children, he joined the Navy and served as a Marine medic during the Vietnam War.

He was remarried in 1975 to Sherry (Heilmann) and continued his career as an anesthesiologist, gaining the respect and love of his patients and the medical community through his passion, knowledge, and expertise in his field.

For over 50 years, Kenneth served at General Anesthesia Group, St. Joseph Infirmary, St. Anthony Hospital, Health South and Somerset Surgery Center, where many grew to know him as "Rosie."

Kenneth was an avid reader and enjoyed horse racing, watching sports of all kinds. He cross-stitched beautiful pieces of art and appreciated intellectual conversation and fine dining.

He was an Adath Jeshurun member and a president of Phi Delta Epsilon.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Sherry, whom he deeply admired and treasured.

Kenneth is survived by his children, Alan Burcope, Robert Rosenberg, Peggy Trader (Jacob), Abbe Sewell (Brian) and Pamela Bates (Beth); his grandchildren, Taylor, Shelby, Hunter (Holly), Ashleigh, Joey, Katie, Sammy, Manny and Sophie; and many cousins, whom he cherished.

A funeral service was held Friday, Jan. 21, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. Burial followed at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In Kenneth's memory, the family encourages support to his favorite charities: The American Red Cross, through blood donations (call 502-589-4450 to schedule an appointment.); or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



## Joseph Stephen Rothstein

Joseph Stephen Rothstein, 91, died peacefully on Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at Baptist Health Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Louisville, Rothstein served in the Air Force before graduating from the University of Louisville with a degree in business administration. His working career varied from retail sales and management to sales of specialty advertising promotional products.

Rothstein never let age slow him down, keeping an active lifestyle until a few weeks before his death. Over his family's objections, he insisted on driving himself from Louisville to his children's homes in Chicago and Dayton. He loved to dance, as innumerable wedding attendees and visitors to the Louisville Moose Lodge can attest.

On most weekdays, Rothstein could be found serving lunch at the Jewish Community Center's senior center, usually to seniors much younger than he.

He loved his morning walking group that traversed Seneca Park, his regular Monday night poker game, and the Jews & Brews Torah Study at Keneseth Israel Congregation.

While some seniors struggle with technology, Rothstein watched UofL games on his iPad, streamed YouTube movies to his smart TV, texted emojis on his iPhone, and answered calls on his Apple Watch. He famously used Siri to call 911 after a medical incident several years ago.

Rothstein loved UofL sports, politics, and current events, but nothing surpassed his love of family. He never missed a family gathering, forgot a birthday or failed to acknowledge an achievement. He kept in touch with close and distant relatives alike.

Rothstein was predeceased by his parents, Sara Fine Rothstein and Jack Rothstein; his brother, Stanley Rothstein; and his wife, Elinor Myers Rothstein.

He is survived by his daughter, Shelley Rothstein Barnes (Harry); his sons, Michael Rothstein (Doreen) and Jack Rothstein (Debbie); his grandchildren, Eric Barnes, Hilary Soroosh (Tim), Evan Rothstein, Connor Rothstein, Nicole Rothstein, and Alexandra Rothstein; and his great-granddaughter, Eliana Soroosh.

A graveside funeral service was held Thursday, Dec. 30, at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the JCC Senior Adult Club, 3600 Dutchman's Lane, Louisville, KY 40205.

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# NEWS

## GROSS

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research, Fred wrote *One Step Ahead of Hitler: A Jewish Child's Journey through France*, published in 2010 by Mercer University Press. The book has been recognized for its historical accuracy and outstanding personal story by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

For nearly 25 years, Fred told his family's story to thousands of middle and high school students, community groups, churches, synagogues, universities and military groups, across Kentucky and other states. Over time, he received thousands of handwritten letters from students, many describing how his story impacted their views on discrimination in their own lives. He developed close relationships with teachers and school districts who valued the impact that an actual Holocaust survivor brought to student learning.

Fred's impact on Holocaust education in Kentucky will continue to live on, due to his tireless work in the passing of the 2018 Ann Klein and Fred Gross Holocaust Education Act, officially mandating instruction of the Holocaust and oth-

er acts of genocide in Kentucky's public schools. He was on the floor of the state Senate the day the bill finally passed.

In fact, "Mr. Gross traveled to the state capital in Frankfurt numerous times to lobby a variety of representatives and senators," said Fred Whitaker, a Holocaust studies instructor at Saint Francis of Assisi School and for years a leading lobbyist for the bill. "His ability to speak truth with eloquence and sincerity never failed to capture the attention of those whom we visited."

Twice, Gross went to Frankfort with students from Saint Francis of Assisi to testify before the House and Senate education committees in support of the legislation.

"His precision of words, the poetry of his speaking, and the authenticity of the cause he supported allowed his words to carry a unique and profound weight," Whitaker said.

Gross' influence even extended into the arts.

David Chack, artistic director of the Bunbury-ShPIeL Identity Theatre Project, which stages Jewish-themed plays in Louisville, described Fred as "a continual touchstone" for the Black-Jewish intersectional theatre he produces.

"Fred's excitement was palpable when

I brought and directed *The Green Book* to Louisville," Chack said. "He was on the after-show panel and his excitement came from how much of his own life was reflected in the play and how theatre could so poignantly and viscerally portray the inner thoughts and feelings of the survivor."

Born in Antwerp, on Oct. 8, 1936, a son of Nacha and Markus Gross, Fred graduated from New York University, where he was the editor of the *Washington Square College Evening News*.

His proudest moments as a journalist were covering the Civil Rights movement, including the protests and riots in New Haven following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

With the mindset of a reporter, Fred witnessed the upheaval of the time, believing always that his writing should connect readers as much to knowledge and facts as it did to their own hearts. His future work and teaching would profoundly underscore that belief.

Fred was a member of the Jewish Community of Louisville's (JCL) Community Relations Council and served as its representative on the board of Interfaith Paths to Peace for over a decade. He was a committee member of the JCL's annual community Yom HaShoah com-

memoration program.

Many groups bestowed honors and awards on Fred for his contributions to the community, including the Jewish Family & Career Services, the Louisville Jewish Community Center and the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Fred loved watching the news, spending time with his family, listening to jazz and watching his beloved New York Jets.

He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Carolyn Humphrey; and four sons: Adam (Jennifer) of Scarsdale, New York; Marc of Los Angeles; Joshua of New Rochelle, New York; and Jonathan (Lakiesha) of Louisville.

His love for his five grandchildren – Haley, Dylan, Ashley, Gabriel and Miles – was beyond measure. He also had a special relationship with his brother, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Donations in Fred's memory can be made to the Jewish Federation of Louisville <[jewishlouisville.org/federation/donate](http://jewishlouisville.org/federation/donate)>, which will be used for Holocaust education. Please indicate in the comments section, "In memory of Fred Gross."

## ANSHEI SFARD

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new synagogue in that area.

"This is the next stage of our growth," Snaid said. "We've grown out of our space in Shalom Towers, so we need a bigger space, sanctuary wise, and we have a growing youth program."

Sitting between Frank Otte Nursery and Assumption High School, the new Anshei Sfard is located in a small business plaza with parking out front.

But the front entrance will not be the main entrance. Worshippers will enter through the alley entrance, stepping into a lobby that is still under construction. The rest of the floor will hold the sanctuary, an office and two restrooms. The parking lot entrance will be blocked by a moveable ark and the front windows will be curtained.

The basement will house a kitchen, the rabbi's study and a youth space, which currently has UofL and UK murals painted on the wall. The murals will be painted over.



Rabbi Simcha Snaid poses with the UofL and UK murals in the basement of the new Anshei Sfard building at 2904 Bardstown Road. The building, which is undergoing extensive interior renovations, should be ready for use by Feb. 1. The basement murals will be painted over as the space is prepared for youth activities. Community will publish photos of the new synagogue following its opening. (photo provided by Rabbi Snaid)

"I think it used to be a bar," Snaid said of the space.

Both the basement and the upstairs sanctuary will be available for services by Feb. 1.

Anshei Sfard currently has 45 families. More importantly, it now has 20-25 kids,

precipitating the need for a new synagogue with room for youth programming.

Most of the newcomers are from the New York/New Jersey area; they come looking for a more affordable city.

"People want to be able to buy homes,"

Snaid said. "They want to be able to live, and it's very expensive there."

To continue attracting new families, Anshei Sfard will participate in the Orthodox Union's Virtual Committee Relocation Fair on Feb. 13. Some 65 cities will have "virtual booths," gathering to entice young families to their communities.

Established in 1892, Anshei Sfard held services first at 7th and Market streets, then at 511 South First Street, before purchasing property on Dutchmans Lane adjoining the JCC campus. They would occupy the building for the next 60 years.

The congregation moved to Shalom Towers in 2018 after selling its building to the Jewish Community Center.

While Anshei Sfard is moving to Bardstown Road, it won't be entirely gone from Dutchmans Lane. Snaid said arrangements have been made to hold one service per month at the JCC to accommodate members living in Almara Circle who will find it difficult to get to the new building.

## REFLECT

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from Minnesota. "Do you have Adena's cell phone number?" she asked. (Adena is Charlie's wife.)

Now, the peace of Shabbat shattered, and so did the security of Charlie – friend, classmate, colleague – and that of his family, congregants ... all of us.

I met Charlie in Jerusalem in 2001, when we began rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. We also spent four years together on the Cincinnati campus, where we saw each other practically every day.

After Michelle's call, I turned on the TV. With fear and horror, I watch for the next eight hours as events unfolded. My

classmates – those of us who spent that Israel year together – were doing the same. We spent the day talking, texting, supporting each other, hoping and praying for a safe outcome.

Learning that Charlie's family was not inside the synagogue lent a measure of relief, but not much, honestly, for we knew they were terrified.

Learning that a colleague was with Charlie's mom was also welcomed news, but, again, not much relief. This was real – FBI real, cable news real. This was Charlie, whose pictures dot my photo albums, who sported a red nose during the Purim party, who traveled with me to Poland.

If anyone in my rabbinic class dedicated himself to equality, justice, seeing

the humanity in everyone, it was Charlie. He was, and still is, a social justice giant.

He works tirelessly to build interfaith bridges and bring about understanding between people; his compassion for those in need, his sincere desire to help others, is second to none. Charlie makes this world a better place for all G-d's children.

In fact, Charlie and Adena are so committed to equality, that they used to refer to each other as their "partner," not husband or wife. I asked them why when I first met them in Jerusalem. "Since same-sex couples can't get married and can't use the terms 'husband' or 'wife,'" they responded, "we won't use those terms either."

Despite my anxiety and fear during

that Shabbat, a Shabbat that was anything but a day of peace, I believed, with all my heart, that Charlie was doing his best to connect with the hostage-taker – talking about their children, finding things they had in common, seeking the humanity in the gunman's soul.

He did. Not only did the FBI commend Charlie for his calm demeanor during the stand-off, but even the perpetrator said he liked him. No surprise there; that's Charlie.

Ten days have passed, and life has not returned to normal. Not for Charlie, Adena, their children or their congregants. Not for me, and I suspect not for any of us. The emotional healing has just begun; we all have a long road ahead.



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