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Louisville teens compete at 2022 Maccabi Games

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Refugee families become JCC members through generous gift

By Community Staff

The membership of the Trager Family Jewish Community Center recently took on an international flavor. That's because the JCC, thanks to a generous donation from the Trager family, has offered memberships to a group of refugee families in Louisville – all recent arrivals with at least one year in the country. The memberships are part of a bridge-building program to the international community called Gesher, which literally means bridge in He-

brew. “I felt it would be very appropriate to build bridges in many ways – *tikkun olam*, reaching out to the greater community,” said Shannon Rothschild, senior manager of women’s philanthropy & outreach at the Jewish Federation of Louisville, who is overseeing Gesher. So far, 24 families – all selected by the Kentucky Refugee Ministries – have been given memberships under the program. The families, which come from Syria, Afghanistan, Con-

go, Cuba, Bosnia and Iraq, all speak English. They were given a chance to tour the facilities during a June 10 open house. “We want people who will utilize the facilities, so we held an open house,” Rothschild said. “There were lots of kids. They were very excited.” The memberships are basic plans, meaning they give the families access to the fitness and aquatics centers, the outdoor pools, the indoor commons

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Community Study is just the start of the conversation



Sara's View

Sara Klein Wagner

Our American Jewish story is filled with examples of people organizing themselves to serve the most pressing and relevant needs within a community. When the first Jews arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654, they immediately had to organize to build the infrastructure and organizations that they needed, starting with cemeteries. When waves of Jewish immigrants resettled in America, Jewish summer camps were created. When Jewish doctors needed a place to practice medicine, Jewish hospitals were built. For educational, social and advocacy, Jewish groups popped up as fraternal or women’s organizations. And when the new State of Israel was established, Zionist groups formed to provide support from around the world. Generations before us have addressed the constantly changing needs within Jewish life and worked together to meet those needs.

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UK, JHF lead effort to enhance K-12 Holocaust education here

By Community Staff

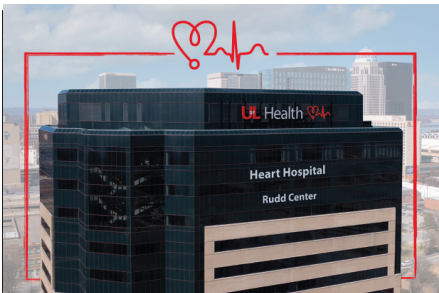
When she learned that the Kentucky State Police had used quotes from Adolf Hitler in its training materials, Janice Fernheimer felt “haunted.” “For me personally, that was like a big wake-up call,” said the professor of Jewish studies at the University of Kentucky. She wasn’t alone. Several of her UK colleagues, fearing a gaping misunderstanding by many Kentuckians (including police) of the Holocaust, not to mention Jews and Judaism in general, have decided to do something

about both. “We were in a [good] position as the flagship university,” Fernheimer said. “We’ve got a strong Jewish studies program; we have experts who teach this every semester. What positive ways can we intervene?” That was back in 2020. Since then, Fernheimer and her colleagues have found their positive way. They are rolling out a new initiative this year in which the state’s middle and high school instructors will teach each other how to teach the Holocaust in their classrooms. The UK-JHF Holocaust Education

Initiative begins in earnest next spring through a series of virtual teacher workshops, but critical preparation for the project is already underway. Funded by two grants from the Louisville-based Jewish Heritage Fund (JHF), worth about \$350,000, the initiative has selected 20 middle and high school teachers from across the state to be “teacher leaders.” In turn, they will facilitate 10-hour workshops next spring for teachers of various subjects about what happened in Europe between 1939 and 1945. Up to 250 teachers statewide are expected to participate. A pilot workshop

has already taken place in the Fayette County Public Schools. Jaime Jorrisch, program officer for the JHF, said the need to invest resources in Holocaust education has become increasingly acute. “Sixty-three percent of millennials and Generation Z do not know that 6 million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust,” Jorrisch said, referring to a 2020 report by NBC News. “One in 10 did not recall ever having heard the word ‘Holocaust’ before.” Kentucky alone saw its highest num-

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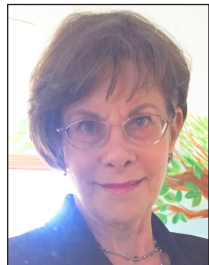
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# THE DASHBOARD

## Word of the Month Anxiety and anticipation: Elul marks start of race



D'var Torah

Rabbi Laura  
Metzger

Here it is, August already. Or August again. Or August, finally.

Depending on how we feel about the late summer and imminent autumn, whether with surprise at how fast time goes, puzzlement about how vague COVID-time has left us or relief that the house full of kids and guests might quiet down, in any case, it's August.

Then there's the anticipation of High Holy Days. Already? Again? At last? Yes, it's Elul, the month in our Jewish calendar that leads us to those holy days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Again, do we look to them with surprise, worry, gratitude? Or do we ignore the whole run-up and then crash smack into the High Holy Days, ready or not?

For me, Elul is a busy time. I have sermons to write, services to prepare. I will pore over the *mahzor*, the holy day prayerbook, thinking about the experience I want to create for congregants. I will work my way through the entire 10 Days of Awe ahead of time. The whole thing – every prayer, every emotion, every worry, fear, memory, hope. That's what Elul is for me, a full-dress rehearsal of the High Holy Day experience.

That's distinct to the role of rabbi or cantor.

Nonetheless, it's Elul for you, too. It's the month leading up to one of the most intense and holy times in your entire life – the Days of Awe this year, the one you're living, right now.

I would like to encourage you to

take Elul seriously, as the time to begin the process of reflection and inner assessment. This is the time to connect and reconnect with the people who matter in your life and to sort out what's not working well.

This is the time to make amends and begin to make change. Repentance and repair are not a race that starts with the sound of the shofar. Runners don't begin the race at the starting gun. They prepare for the race with weeks of dedicated exercise and nutrition.

The spiritual work of the High Holy Days doesn't begin with the sound of the shofar. No, it begins now, in Elul, the month of preparation, anticipation, and even anxiety.

There's the anticipation of the sweet taste of honey and the treasured presence of loved ones. There's anticipation, too, of the feeling of renewal that comes with the final shofar blast at the close of Yom Kippur. But there's also anxiety as we turn inward to look deeply into who we have been these past weeks, this past year. How have we failed to live up to last year's promises? How have we slipped?

It's not pretty. Neither is the grime and sweat of running laps every day. But if you're going to run the course, you must do the running, even welcome it for the strength and resilience you are building.

Elul begins. Welcome it. Tie on your metaphorical spiritual sneakers, rise and run, gently at first, then with more vigor, into your own self. See how ready you can be when the holy days arrive. May your spirit be strong because you have made it strong.

*(Rabbi Laura Metzger is an independent rabbi living in Louisville.)*

## Snapshots



Demolition of the JCC building started in early August. The demolition is projected be finished by the end of 2022 with the are becoming green space, with sidewalks and a full 4-way intersection, that will serve as the new entrance to the Trager Family JCC at Cannons Lane and Dutchmans Lane.

## Candles

Here are the candle-lighting times for Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah in September:

- Sep 2 @ 7:53 p.m.
- Sep 9 @ 7:42 p.m.
- Sep 16 @ 7:31 p.m.
- Sep 23 @ 7:20 p.m.
- Sep 25 @ 7:17 p.m. (RH, day 1)
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# NEWS

## Project Friendship provides needed items to eastern KY communities Following devastating flooding

By Community Staff

Inflatable beds and cleaning supplies were “a game changer” for those in eastern Kentucky following the recent devastating floods according to Rabbi Avrohom Litvin. Project Friendship, a program that Litvin has spearheaded along with Rabbi Chaim Litvin, a board of directors and many volunteers, was able to connect with its ‘big box’ retail partners to quickly get the exact type of inflatable beds, with built-in USB chargers, to shelters in Eastern Kentucky.

Avrohom Litvin shared that in one of the towns they were in, before the floods, there were five homeless people and following the floods, there were over fifty individuals who were suddenly homeless.

He explained that many people who just wanted to help were bringing water and food, which was of course much-needed, but that very specific items were critical in the first few days and weeks of the flooding. That’s where Project Friendship was able to step in and play a significant role.

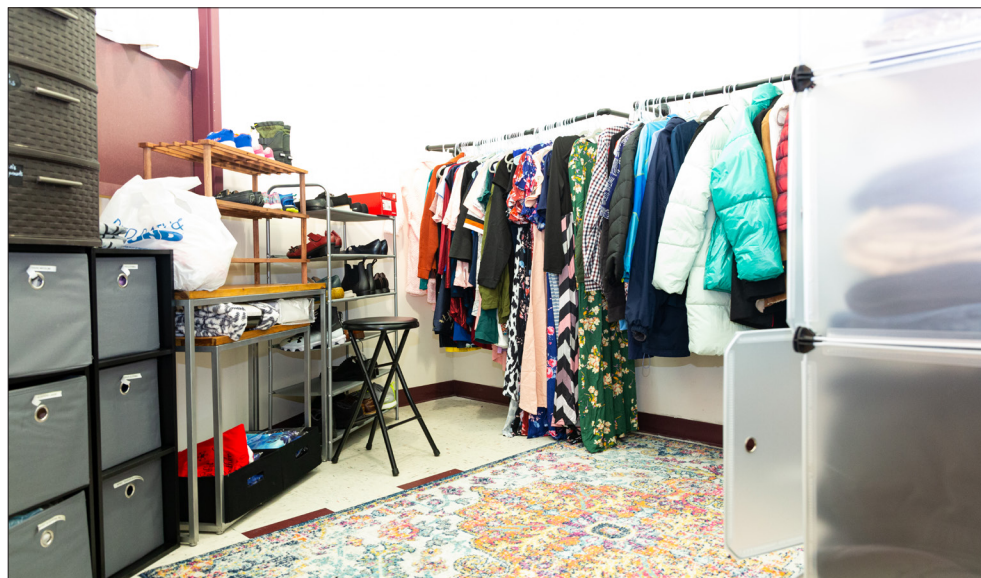
Barry Meyers, a board member of Project Friendship, calls the organization “small, but mighty.” The non-profit

recently received its independent 501 (c) (3) status and is tracking the millions of dollars of donated items that it provides to those in need.

“There are two requirements that we have for distributing the retail items,” explained Meyers. “One is that we agree to give the items to people in need and two, that we provide them free of charge.”

Project Friendship has grown its work and reach immensely throughout the state of Kentucky over the past few years. In February of 2020, Project Friendship was opening its twelfth location and as of mid-2022, the organization had over fifty “Friendship Corners” around the state.

Friendship Corners are typically closets or rooms that Project Friendship volunteers stock with items depending on the individual organization’s needs. Friendship Corners can include new clothing for children and adults, household items and appliances, rain and cold weather gear and more. Friendship Corners are located at a variety of different types of places who support those in need including Jewish Family & Career Services, Louisville Metro’s Neighborhood Places, First Steps and Headstart locations.



**Friendship Corner at Jewish Family & Career Services with brand new coats, clothing, shoes, blankets and other items ready to provide for children and families in need. Photo by Robyn Kaufman.**

“We are providing new ways for residents throughout our state to see what Judaism is all about,” explains Avrohom Litvin. “A young man said to me recently while we were in eastern Kentucky, ‘Jews are good people because they help others even when they don’t know them.’”

### How You Can Help?

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# NEWS

## Maccabi Games

### Louisville Athletes bring home bronze medals from San Diego

By Abigail Goldberg  
For Community

Congratulations to the five Louisville Jewish teen athletes who participated in the 40th year of the JCC Maccabi Games® that took place in San Diego from July 31 to August 5! After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, the return of JCC Maccabi welcomed back to our calendar one of the great programs of the JCC Movement.

Team Louisville from the Trager Family JCC was one of 57 delegations representing 67 JCCs totaling 1600+ Jewish teen athletes from across the U.S. and Canada. In addition, delegations from Israel, Mexico and Bulgaria participated. They were joined by more than 300 coaches and chaperones, 350 host families, and thousands of volunteers and spectators who gathered in San Diego for a week of Jewish sport, community, and peoplehood. This year's events were made all

the sweeter by the launch of JCC Maccabi Access for Jewish teens with cognitive and developmental disabilities. Congratulations to the seven pioneer Access athletes representing five communities who participated in a successful pilot year that lays the foundation for many more to experience Access in the future.

The athletes from Louisville included Benjamin Teitel (baseball), Oryan Admony (volleyball), Ryan Marks (basketball), Jonathan Bornstein (basketball), and Ethan Aarvig (basketball). The team was led to San Diego by Abigail Goldberg (delegation head) and Alison Roemer (chaperone/coach).

Marks, Bornstein and Aarvig won the bronze medal in 3v3 Basketball. Maccabi Fire was a 3-city mixed team with Louisville's 3 basketball athletes, and two others from Tucson and Milwaukee. The team went 4-2 in round robin game play. Going as the No. 3 seed into the semi-finals of

the tournament, Fire went up against No. 2 seed East Bay who they had previously beaten in round robin. After a tough battle, Fire fell to East Bay 11-21. This loss bought the team a ticket to the bronze medal game where they defeated Boston/Detroit with a final score of 17-12.

It is with immense gratitude that our movement recognizes our remarkable host community, San Diego, and in particular, the Lawrence Family JCC on the Jacobs Family Campus, and their outstanding lay and professional teams. Together, as the Jewish Community of Louisville, we enabled the gift of JCC Maccabi for local Jewish athletes who benefited from JCC Maccabi in summer 2022

and whose experiences have created Jewish connections and memories that will last a lifetime.

Now we look forward to 2023! Next year the JCC Maccabi Games® will be in Israel July 5 to 25, as well as in Fort Lauderdale, FL August 6 to 11, where the Maccabi Access Games will also take place. If you have a child who will be between the ages of 13-16 during the summer of 2023 and is interested in participating in the JCC Maccabi Games® in Israel or Fort Lauderdale, please contact Abigail Goldberg, [agoldberg@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:agoldberg@jewishlouisville.org), for more information. Registration for summer 2023 will be available this fall.



Team Louisville had a great time in San Diego last month for the JCC Maccabi Games. Our team consisted of Jonathan Bornstein, basketball, Ethan Aarvig, basketball, Ben Teitel, baseball, Ryan Marks, basketball and Oryan Admony, volleyball. Abigail Goldberg was the delegation head and Alison Roemer served as chaperone.



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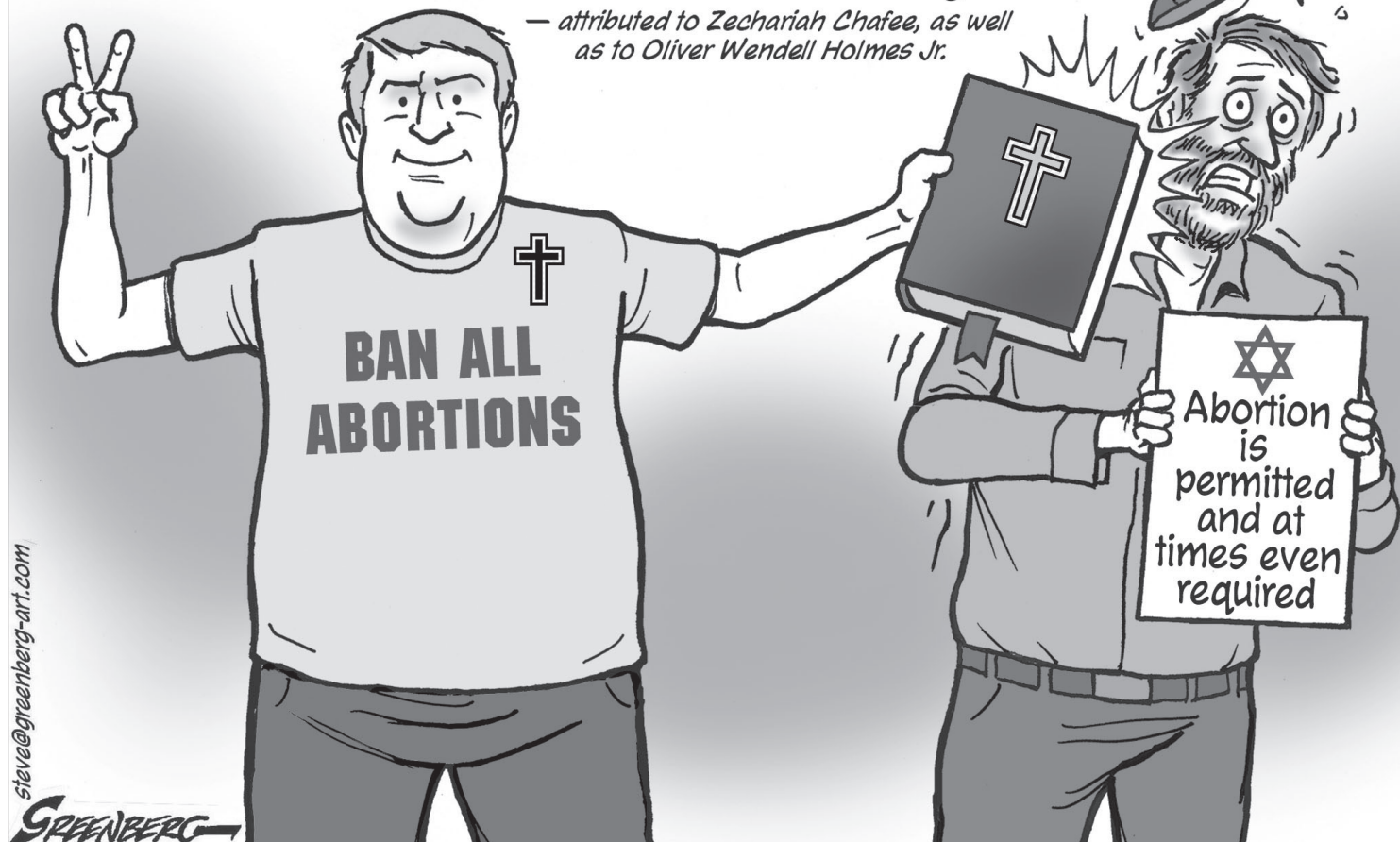
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## FORUM

“Your right to swing your arms ends just where the other man’s nose begins.”

— attributed to Zechariah Chafee, as well as to Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.



## Change is hard, but it still comes



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Lee Chottiner

Change – lots of it – is coming to Jewish Louisville.

Change can be hard. Whether it’s a personal journey (more on that later) or the many changes happening right now, or soon will happen, in this community.

Change is hard when it comes, but it comes, nevertheless. It can’t be stopped.

Fine, let’s talk about change.

For starters, let’s talk about change in plain sight: the opening of the Trager Family JCC and the demolition of the old J that is taking place right now. (You need only drive along Dutchmans Lane to see it come down.) Excitement over the new building is still palpable. How the new JCC will change the community will unfold with time.

Other change is beneath the surface: the community demographic survey that promises to change the way we think of Jewish Louisville and the education task force, which is working to reform how we teach Jewish youth, have yet to play out. Those results are coming soon.

Some changes are hard to accept,

but they are still inevitable: Louisville’s synagogues, for instance, must reinvent themselves for a world where affiliation is declining fast. What will they look like? Will they be smaller? Have fewer roles, albeit specialized ones? Will they even have walls and roofs?

Which brings me to virtual Judaism, something we’re all familiar with thanks to COVID. Spoiler alert: Jewing online won’t go away. Part of our community is in the ether for good. What will that mean?

Many changes – the human variety – are moving in and out of our lives. Within the past year, Jewish Louisville has seen a sea change in leadership. Two new rabbis and a cantor have taken up pulpits here; two long-serving rabbis have either retired or are preparing to. The Melton director will soon step down and one JCRC director has left town for a new position, making way for another. Don’t expect these leaders to do their jobs the same way as their predecessors. They are different people with different ideas.

By comparison to all that, my departure from *Community*, where I have been the editor for the past six years, seems minor. Even here, though, I suspect this one change will trigger many others in the paper. Stay tuned.

All these changes are already in the mix. Jewish Louisvillians must roll with them lest they get rolled over themselves. Time to prepare.

Synagogues will reinvent themselves (I believe); the JCRC will take

on new initiatives; the JCC will have innovative programs; Melton might venture into new curricula. Much is fluid. Jewish Louisville is not standing still.

On a personal note, I have written this column for the better part of six years, and I have relished the experience. For me, it was a chance to speak directly to you, away from the structured format of straight news reporting. I appreciated the opportunity to let my guard down a little, even to take a few chances.

I was always honest, even if what I wrote irked some of you. It was never personal, and I took seriously the feedback that you gave.

Doing this job brought me into contact with many newsmakers who I have come to respect. I have grown as a writer, as a person and as Jew.

That, in large part, is due to you, the readers. To fudge a line by the English poet John Donne, no journalist is an island, entire of himself (or herself). The man knew of what he wrote. All writers are influenced, or in some way changed, by the people they write about.

You have influenced me, Jewish Louisville. Many thanks.

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



# FORUM

## The particular Jewish meaning of my hamsa collection



Guest  
Columnist

Andrew  
Silow-Carroll

I tend to get to Israel every two or three years, and every time I come home with a hamsa. The latest, which I picked up in May (along with a case of COVID – another story) is a lovely teal ceramic design from a workshop in the Golan Heights. We have a wall of these hand-shaped amulets in our house – less for good luck or spiritual karma than to advertise our connection to Israel.

But to advertise what, exactly? The hamsa's Jewish roots are slightly tenuous, or at least secondhand. The "hand of Fatima" is a Muslim symbol, perhaps pagan before that, and possibly Christian. According to one interpretation, the five fingers are meant to represent the five pillars of Islam (faith, fasting, pilgrimage, prayer and tithing). Like a number of folk customs, it was absorbed into Sephardic Jewish culture in the lands where Jews and Muslims lived and worked side by side, and where it came to suggest the hand of God, or a talisman used to ward off the Evil Eye. I have hamsas with an eye motif worked into the palm of the hand, others with fish designs – Jewish symbols of both fertility and luck.

What they don't have are overtly "Jewish" symbols: I avoid the ones with stars of David or menorah decorations. To some degree that's my rebellion against Jewish kitsch – the gaudy, insistent aesthetic I associate with old-fashioned synagogue Judaica shops and well-meaning bar and bat mitzvah presents.

I think it is also virtue-signaling on my part: The hamsa says I support the multicultural Israel that includes Jews and Arabs, Ashkenazim and

Sephardim. "Cool" Jews like me don't display exclusionary chotchkes studded with Jewish stars or hang paintings of bearded dancing Hasids. (I mean, I have lots of Judaica with both – we just don't put them on the top shelf.)

It's the same sort of insidery, too-cool-for-shul aesthetic that I have long associated with the Wissotzky Magic Tea Chest. I am guessing you have seen this or even have one: It's a wooden box filled with tea sachets from Wissotzky, the Tel Aviv-based company that has roots in tsarist Russia. Before it was widely available on Amazon, the tea box was a popular souvenir for repeat travelers to Israel.

At one point I started calling it the "first post-modern Israeli souvenir." Instead of celebrating Zionism or Judaism, the box's decorations feature imagery from the Indian subcontinent. The writing is Hebrew, but the message is international. Maybe first-timers bring home olive-wood camels and gaudy mezuzahs shaped like the Jerusalem skyline. Old hands like me know that a box of supermarket tea, like that delicately filigreed hamsa, says the "real Israel."

I know that's putting a lot on a souvenir, and sometimes a hamsa is just a hamsa. But there is a whole field of scholarship that examines the deep meanings of everyday objects. Jenna Weissman Joselit, the doyenne of Jewish material culture, writes about how even Mordecai Kaplan, the influential 20th-century rabbi "not generally known for his interest in the material side of Jewish life," counseled Jews to fill their homes with Jewish signifiers.

"Jewish appointments were intended to convey a moral statement that went far beyond the physical: Manifestations of group identity, they served as constant reminders of ideals and practices," Joselit writes in her study of Jewish consumerism, *The Wonders of America*.

Besides, others are going to attach moral statements to your bric-a-brac that you may not even have

intended. Search "hamsa" and one of the first things Google delivers is the question, "Is it disrespectful to wear a hamsa?" The answer comes from a jewelry seller, who advises, "it can be culturally insensitive to wear it without knowing what the symbol means." Insensitive to whom is not clear, although presumably there are Jews and Muslims who object to seeing the symbol dangling from the wrists or necks of celebrities who are neither. At the very least, as one Mizrahi Jew has written, Ashkenazi Jews who embrace the hamsa as a symbol of Jewish or Zionist pride should be aware of and acknowledge its distinct meaning for Jews from the Middle East and North Africa.

I don't think there was anything culturally insensitive about the artists who recently carved an elaborate hamsa into the sands at California's Newport Beach. Or the Jewish environmental activist who places a clay hamsa along the shore of San Francisco Bay as an "offering to the water."

I prefer to think of the hamsa as a wonderfully ecumenical symbol. The hand is a blank canvas on which artists can project their own meanings, and the wearer their own

statements. My statement is a little smug ("You won't catch me with a dancing rabbi on the wall") but also extremely hopeful: The open hand celebrates Israel's unlikely blend of cultures and faiths, even as it wards off those who refuse to accommodate coexistence.

What's your most meaningful or interesting Jewish object? What does it say about your "ideals and practices"? Send pics and your thoughts to me at [asc@jewishweek.org](mailto:asc@jewishweek.org) and I'll try to feature them in a future column.

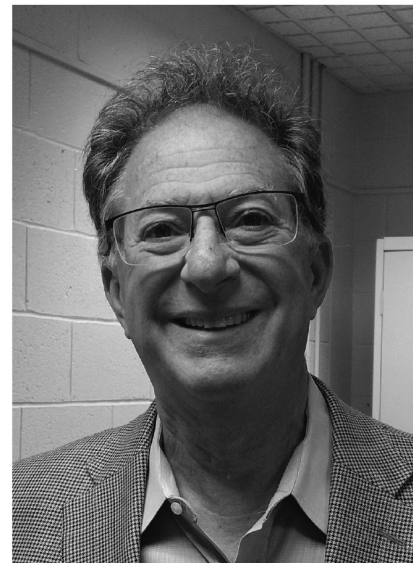
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## FORUM

# In an era of war, Ukrainian refugee kids get a summer break thanks to Jewish charity

By Stewart Ain  
JTA

Before Olga decided to flee Ukraine, she and her 16-year-old daughter sat in the basement of their home while Russian rockets fell around them.

"There was no water, no light," she recalled, crying. "We needed help in order to leave."

Olga — whose last name and city of origin are being withheld out of concern for the safety of relatives still in Ukraine — eventually found a way out amid Russian bombardment, first escaping to Moldova and then flying to Israel. While she and her daughter were in transit, she learned that her father's body had been discovered in his apartment; it was unclear how long he had been dead.

Meanwhile, Olga's husband and adult son had to remain behind due to Ukraine's wartime rule barring males age 18-60 from leaving the country in the event they're needed to defend the home front.

Four months on, Olga is living in Israel with her in-laws, who also escaped the war, and reports that her daughter is in high spirits and has fallen in love with the country.

"She's in touch with lots of other teens online — girls and boys," she said. "Her life is falling into place."

Olga and her family are among tens of thousands of Ukrainians who have found safe haven in Israel during the war, and are among the countless Ukrainian evacuees in the country who are on the receiving end of some \$2.5 million in support from the UJA-Federation of New York.

"Your organization is helping us a lot — thank you," Olga told a UJA-Federation representative during a recent visit to Beersheva, where Olga is staying, to better assess aid recipients' needs. "We were just lucky."

The funding that UJA-Federation allocated for Ukraine relief in Israel is part of \$16 million the charity has earmarked to date to provide support for Ukrainians worldwide.

The rest of the money is going toward humanitarian aid and critical services in Ukraine; support for Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries including Poland, Moldova, Romania and Hungary; aid to Ukrainian refugees who have made their way to New York; and, earlier in the war, a large Passover-related aid

effort. In addition, money is going to the Jewish Agency for Israel to help facilitate those wishing to immigrate to the country.

Since Russia attacked Ukraine on Feb. 24, tens of thousands of people have fled to Israel from both Ukraine and Russia.

Although many are in the process of obtaining citizenship under Israel's Law of Return, which grants individuals with one or more Jewish grandparent access to Israeli citizenship, many others arrived from Ukraine who are not eligible for the Law of Return. They are permitted as evacuees of war to stay in Israel temporarily as long as they have family in Israel, according to Itzik Shmuli, director-general of UJA-Federation's Israel office.

Olga, who is not Jewish but whose husband is, is classified as a war evacuee because her husband is unable to leave Ukraine and therefore cannot apply for Israeli citizenship.

"Those who have arrived from Ukraine are mostly women, children and the elderly," Shmuli said. "The men are not allowed to leave and those who have arrived suffer from

a lot of trauma and financial strain. They lack basic needs and don't know the language and culture. Their personal situation due to these circumstances is complicated."

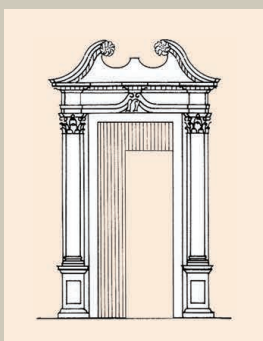
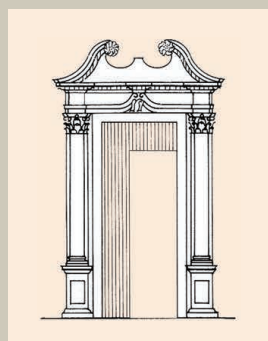
As a result of having to move into the homes of families in Israel, Shmuli said, there often are seven, eight or even nine people cramped together in small apartments.

Such is the case for a woman named Yulia, her husband and three young sons in Netanya, who are hosting Yulia's grandmother, sister and two young nieces from Ukraine in their crowded apartment. The guests sleep on mattresses that are unrolled each evening on the living room floor. When Yulia's 4-year-old niece heard planes flying overhead in celebration of Israel's Independence Day in May, she became terrified, thinking the planes were about to drop bombs.

To help these families, UJA-Federation assembled a team of psychologists, trauma experts and educators trained in psychotherapy and trauma support. Federation funding also has gone toward summer programs for

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Today, many Jewish communities are looking ahead and want to ensure that they know more about their communities. So much so, that Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies is conducting more studies now than ever.

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Thirty plus years ago, our community participated in a Brandeis study somewhat similar to this one, and we have had other local studies along the way. This 2022 Community Study will, however, undoubtedly be the most comprehensive and quite illuminating look into our lives as we know them now – as they are chang-

ing faster than ever.

What will we do with the data and findings? The presentations by Brandeis will provide a first look and highlights. The study will not provide a playbook, rather that is ours to write. The first steps will include taking a little time with the data to come together and determine the highest priorities and ideally identify where we might work collaboratively to make the biggest impact.

Earlier this year in Los Angeles, when its Community Study results were presented, everyone was invited to "come to the table with an open mind, generous heart and a collaborative spirit." I invite our community to do the same as we embark on what will likely be a truly transformational experience.

We are so fortunate to have the Jewish Heritage Fund (JHF) as our partner in our Community Study and know that this progress would not have happened without their team and board's leadership. Specifically, I want to thank Jaime Jorrich, JHF's Program Officer, for her leadership from day one.

*(Sara Klein Wagner is the president & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Louisville and the Trager Family JCC.)*

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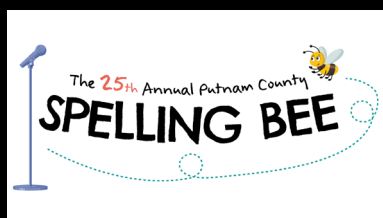
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### Sunday, Sept. 25, Ley'l Rosh Hashanah

5 p.m., New Year's Eve celebration  
5:45 p.m., Ley'l Rosh Hashanah Service

Monday, Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah, first Day

9 a.m., morning service

10 a.m., Junior Congregation with Rabbi Corber

1 p.m., Tashlich

### Tuesday, Sept. 27, Rosh Hashanah, second Day

9 a.m., morning service

10 a.m., family service with Rabbi Corber

### Tuesday, Oct. 4, Kol Nidre

6:30 p.m., service

### Wednesday, Oct. 5, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., morning service

10 a.m., Junior Congregation with Rabbi Corber

2 p.m., Rap & Reflect

5:30 p.m., Ask The Rabbis

6 p.m., Mincha, Neilah, Ma'ariv

### Sunday, Oct. 9, Erev Sukkot

5 p.m., Sukkot Family Taco Night (reservations required)

5:20 p.m., storytime with Rabbi Corber

5:40 p.m., Sukkot activities

6 p.m., Ma'ariv

### Monday, Oct. 10, Sukkot, first day

10 a.m., morning service

5:45 p.m., afternoon service

### Tuesday, Oct. 11, Sukkot, second day

10 a.m., morning service

5:45 p.m., afternoon service

### Friday, Oct. 14, Sukkot, Chol HaMoed

6:30 p.m., elegant dinner in the sukkah (reservations required)

### Monday, Oct. 17, Shmini Atzeret

10 a.m., Shmini Atzeret service & Yizkor

6 p.m., Simchat Torah dinner (reservations required)

6:30 p.m., Ma'ariv for adults/balloon artist for kids

6:45 p.m., dance with Torahs to klezmer music

### Tuesday, Oct. 18, Simchat Torah

10 a.m., morning service

5:45 p.m., afternoon service

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### Shabbat, Sept. 17

Midnight, Selichot services

### Sunday, Sept. 25, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:16 p.m., light candles

7:15 p.m., Shacharit

### Monday, Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m., Shacharit

11:15 a.m., (approximately), rabbi's speech, shofar follows

7 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

After 8:33 p.m., Light Candles

### Tuesday, Sept. 27, Rosh Hashanah, second day

9 a.m., Shacharit

11:15 a.m., (approximately), rabbi's speech, shofar follows

7 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

8:31 p.m., Yom Tov Ends

### Sunday, Oct. 2

11 a.m., Annual Cemetery Memorial Service

### Tuesday, Oct. 4 Kol Nidre

6:30 a.m., Shacharit

2:30 p.m., Mincha

7:02 p.m., Light Candles

7 p.m., Kol Nidrei followed by Rabbi's speech

### Wednesday, Oct. 5 Yom Kippur

9 a.m., Shacharit

11:30 a.m., (approximately), Rabbi's speech and Yizkor

8:19 p.m., fast ends

### Sunday, Oct. 9, Erev Sukkot

6:55 p.m., light candles

7 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

### Monday, Oct. 10, Sukkot, first day

9 a.m., Shacharit

6:45 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

After 8:11 p.m., light candles

### Tuesday, Oct. 11, Sukkot, second day

9 a.m., Shacharit

6:45 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

8:10 p.m., Yom Tov ends

### Sunday, Oct. 16, Hoshana Rabbah

8:30 a.m., Shacharit

6:45 p.m., light candles

6:45 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

### Monday, Oct. 17, Shemini Atzeret

9 a.m., Shacharit

11 a.m., (approximately), Yizkor

6:45 p.m., Mincha

7:50 p.m., Maariv followed by Sim-

chat Torah Dancing

After 8:01 p.m., light Yom Tov candles

### Tuesday, Oct. 18, Simchat Torah

9 a.m., Shacharit

10:30 a.m., (approximately), Simchat Torah dancing

6:30 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

8 p.m., Yom Tov ends

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7:15 p.m., greetings and candle lighting

7:25 p.m., Mincha

7:45 p.m., Maariv,

### Monday, Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah, day one

9:45 a.m., Shacharit

10:45 a.m., Torah reading

11:30 a.m., shofar

6:45 p.m., Mincha

7 p.m., Tashlich

8 p.m., Maariv

### Tuesday, Sept. 27, Rosh Hashanah day 2

9:45 a.m., Shacharit

10:45 a.m., Torah reading

11:30 a.m., shofar

7:15 p.m., Mincha

8:00 p.m., Maariv

### Tuesday, Oct. 4, erev Yom Kippur

3:15 p.m., Mincha

6:45 p.m., greetings and candle lighting

7 p.m., Kol Nidre service

### Wednesday, Oct. 5, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Shacharit

11 a.m., Torah reading

noon, Yizkor

6 p.m., Mincha

7 p.m., Neilah

8 p.m., Maariv and Havdalah

### Sunday, Oct. 9 erev Sukkot

7 p.m., Mincha

7:15 p.m., Maariv

### Monday, Oct. 10, Sukkot, first day

10 a.m., Shacharit

7 p.m., Mincha

7:30 p.m., Maariv

### Tuesday, Oct. 11, Sukkot, second day

10 a.m., Shacharit

7 p.m., Mincha

7:50 p.m., Maariv

### Sunday, Oct. 16, Hoshana Rabba

8:30 a.m., Shacharit

6:45 p.m., Mincha

7:30 p.m., Maariv

7:45 p.m., Dancing with Torahs

### Monday, Oct. 17, Shemini Atzeret

10 a.m., Shacharit

11 a.m., Torah Reading

11:45 a.m., Yizkor

6:45 p.m., Mincha

7:30 p.m., Maariv



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8:30 a.m., morning minyan  
 6 p.m., Rosh Hashanah seder  
 7:15 p.m., evening service

## Monday, Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m., morning service  
 5 p.m., Tashlich at Big Rock Park

## Tuesday, Sept. 27, Rosh Hashanah, second day

8 a.m., indoor Keshet service  
 9 a.m., indoor traditional morning service

## Tuesday, Oct. 4, Kol Nidre

6:30 p.m., Mincha/Kol Nidre

## Wednesday, Oct. 5, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., morning service  
 6 p.m., Mincha/Ne'ilah  
 8 p.m. (approximately), Havdalah and break the fast

## Sunday, Oct. 9, Erev Sukkot

8:30 a.m., morning minyan

6 p.m., erev Sukkot service

## Monday, Oct. 10, Sukkot, first day

9:30 a.m., morning service

6 p.m., afternoon service

## Tuesday, Oct. 11, Sukkot, second day

9:30 a.m., morning service

6 p.m., afternoon service

## Saturday, Oct. 15, Shabbat Chol HaMoed

9:30 a.m., morning service

## Sunday, Oct. 16, Hoshana Rabba

8:30 a.m., morning minyan

6 p.m., Erev Shemini Atzeret

## Monday, Oct. 17, Shemini Atzeret

9:30 a.m., morning service & Yizkor

6 p.m., Mincha/Simchat Torah

## Tuesday, Oct. 18, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., morning service

6 p.m., afternoon service

7:40 p.m., Havdalah

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5:30 p.m., dinner, mitzvah project

7:00 p.m., service

## Sunday, Sept. 25, Erev Rosh Hashanah

8 p.m., service

## Monday, Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah, day one

10 a.m., morning service

3:30 p.m., Tashlich

4:30 p.m., family service

## Tuesday, Sept. 27, Rosh Hashanah, day two

10 a.m., morning service

## Tuesday, Oct. 4, Kol Nidre

8 p.m., service

## Wednesday, Oct. 5, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., morning service

2 p.m., classical music with Shawn

2:45 p.m., meditation service with

Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner

3:30 p.m., family service

4:45 p.m., Yizkor, Neilah to follow

## Sunday, Oct. 9, Sukkot

6:30 p.m., Erev Sukkot service

## Saturday, Oct. 15

## Sukkot/Simchat Torah

5 p.m., Schmoozing in the Sukkah,

Simchat Torah to follow

## Monday, Oct. 17, Yizkor

10:30 a.m., service

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## Saturday, Sept. 17, Selichot

6 p.m., meet and greet pre-neg with Cantor Adesnik

7 p.m., service with Shir Chadash

## Sunday, Sept. 25, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m., children's service with Cantor

Adesnik

7 p.m., evening service

## Monday, Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah

10 a.m., morning service

10 a.m., chugim and babysitting for infants to grade 3

10 a.m., High Holy Day Your Way for grades 4-6

1 p.m., Tashlich at Captain's Quarters Dock

## Friday, Sept. 30, Shabbat Shuvah

7 p.m., Shabbat Shuvah

## Saturday, Oct. 1, Shabbat Shuvah

9 a.m., Torah study

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Shuvah service

## Tuesday, Oct. 4, Erev Yom Kippur

6 p.m., children's service with Cantor

Adesnikl

7 p.m., Kol Nidrei service

## Wednesday, Oct. 5, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., morning service

10 a.m., chugim and babysitting

(ECEC) for infants to grade 3

10 a.m., High Holy Day Your Way

(Fishman Library), grades 4-6

12 p.m., educational session with

Rabbi Ariel-Joel

2:30 p.m., afternoon service

3:45 p.m., Yizkor service

4:45 p.m., concluding service

## Sun., Oct. 9, Erev Sukkot

12 p.m., Sukkot picnic

## Mon., Oct. 10, Sukkot

10:30 a.m., Sukkot morning service

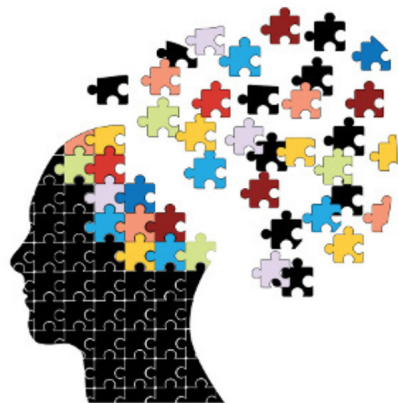
## Sun., Oct. 16, Simchat Torah

5 p.m., K/1 consecration and dinner

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## Mon., Oct. 17, Simchat Torah

10:30 a.m., Festival Yizkor service



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## GLOBE

# High-profile Jewish targets of online threats lead to unease

By Madeline Fixler  
JTA

When a Florida synagogue canceled its “Beach Shabbat” services amid threats against one of its board members, the judge who signed the warrant authorizing an FBI search of President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate, it felt to some like a pivotal moment in the history of American antisemitism.

“The combination of a synagogue in Florida having to cancel Shabbat due to antisemitic threats against the Jewish judge who signed the Trump warrant, combined with right-wing media figures pointing out that Merrick Garland is Jewish, is making me very uneasy as an American Jew,” Joel Swanson, a doctoral student in American Jewish history, wrote on Twitter.

Many of the attacks on Judge Bruce Reinhardt have referenced his Jewish identity, from a viral tweet by retired baseball player Lenny Dykstra to chatter on pro-Trump message boards. So, too, has criticism of Merrick Garland, the U.S. attorney general who authorized the search as part of an ongoing investigation into whether Trump may have violated the Espionage Act.

The torrent of antisemitic vitriol against them have raised concerns that Trump’s base, which has already shown potential for violence, could channel that rhetoric into action.

“We know that U.S. extremists are willing to act on their beliefs. And we know, for some of these extremists, antisemitism is adjacent to their other ideologies,” said Oren Segal, vice president of the Center on Extremism at the Anti-Defamation League.

Segal and others who pay attention to extremism say it’s fair for Jews to be concerned, given their history in the United States and elsewhere, but they also emphasize that the danger posed by Trump’s supporters threatens a far wider swath of Americans.

“I don’t think Mar-a-Lago means every Jewish person needs to keep their head on a swivel,” Segal said.

Posts on social platforms that have catered to people whose views and rhetoric violate the rules of more mainstream sites show that antise-

mitic rhetoric continues to flow freely. One of them is Gab, the site used by the man who killed 11 Jews during their synagogue services in Pittsburgh in 2018, the deadliest attack on Jews in American history.

Another is Patriots.win, where users have been debating how much to blame Jews for the woes facing Trump. “Even if the judge who raided Trump is a Jew, and DOJ Garland is a Jew, we don’t blame all the Jews here!!!” one person wrote this week. Another responded: “I think you should blame whoever you want. I think we’re fast approaching a point in time where you might be able to do something about it.”

A third social media site populated with antisemitic rhetoric is Truth Social, the social media platform that Trump founded last year. One person there wrote, “Merrick Garland is an evil Jew pos!”

Another, posting to the same site, said “Garland is a dime a dozen, two bit, obnoxious, America hating, radical leftist Jew. the same with the judge Bruce Reinhart who signed off on the Raid of Maralago. Another radical leftist Jew whose social media attacked president Trump. Their sickness is embedded in their DNA. And that explains why they have been kicked out of 109 countries over the centuries.”

While the threats against Reinhart and Garland specifically reference their Jewishness, other calls for violence invoke long-standing conspiracy theories of Jewish control over the government.

“Name the Jew. FBI takes orders from above, and Jews run the Deep State,” one poster declared in response to calls by Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene to defund the FBI.

“It used to be the case that the fringe was contained in a fringe,” said Heidi Beirich, co-founder of the Global Project Against Hate and Extremism. “These were ideas that were over there in white supremacist world, maybe in the militia world, but we can’t make that distinction anymore.”

In an essay published Tuesday, Dan Rather, the former national news an-

chor who has emerged as a prominent voice warning against Trumpism, urged Americans to take note of rising antisemitism and to push back against it.

“It is vital that we see how the fundamental rhetoric that has propelled antisemitism over many centuries around the globe helps fuel the larger Trump movement. This is about the ‘othering’ of Americans who don’t support Trump,” Rather wrote, with a Jewish collaborator, Elliott Kirschner.

They added, “Antisemitism is one virulent manifestation of this ‘us vs. them’ mindset. To survive and thrive, America must reject it in all of its forms.”

Rather’s statement, which he sent directly to his tens of thousands of newsletter subscribers and also shared with his millions of social media followers on Monday, comes as more Americans are soon to hear about the scourge of antisemitism in America.

An ad produced by the Jewish Democratic Council of America political action committee that makes the case that electing Democrats is the best way to rein in white supremacists and antisemites will soon go live in several states. The online ads will be shown to voters in Arizona, Georgia, Wisconsin,

New Hampshire, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Florida – all states with tight congressional and Senate races this year.

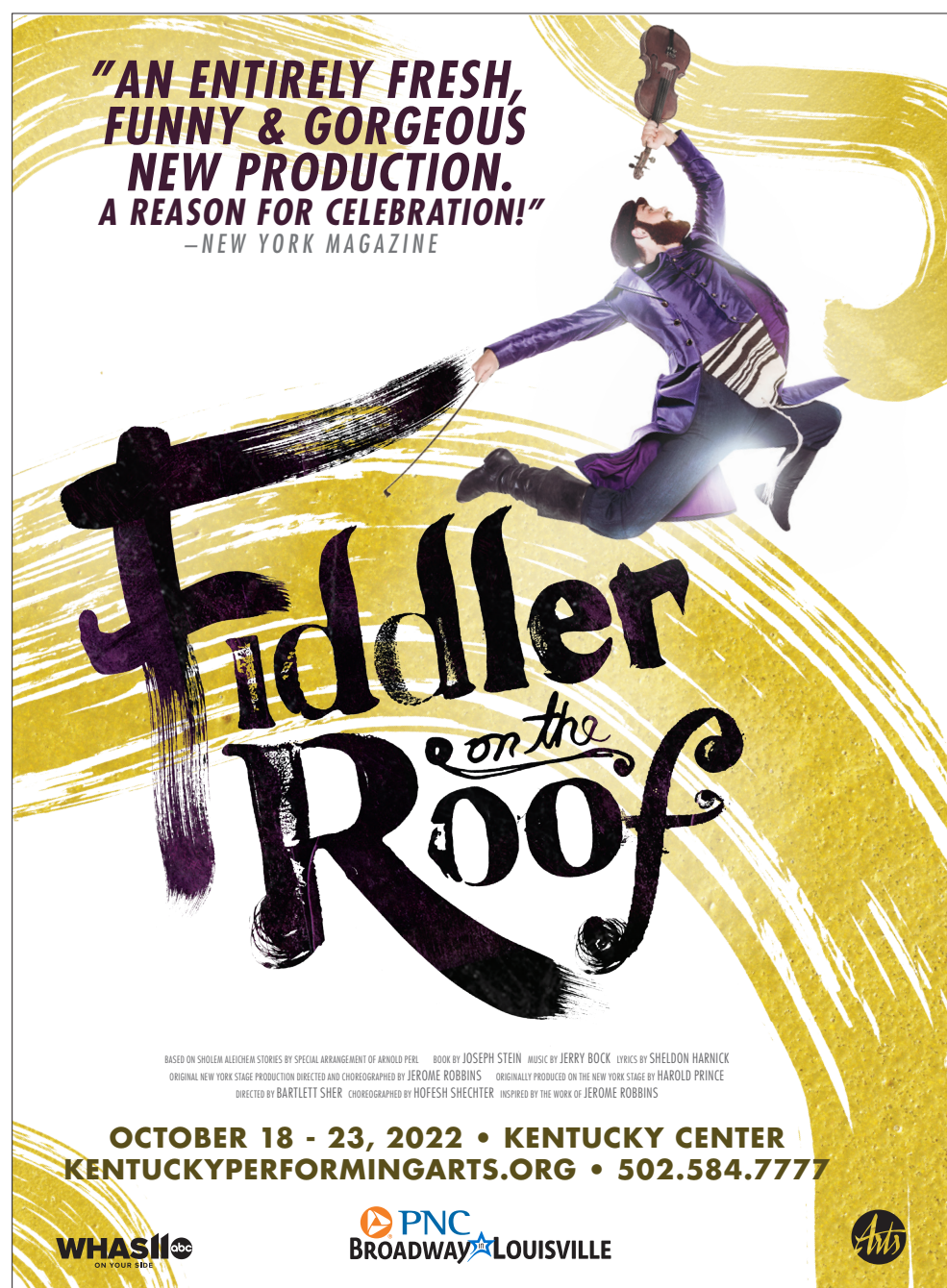
A nonpartisan take aired Sunday night as CNN premieres a new special, “Rising Hate: Antisemitism in America.” The episode includes segments filmed in Poway, California, where an avowed white supremacist murdered a worshipper during a synagogue shooting in 2019; Colleyville, Texas, where a British Muslim man took a rabbi and three congregants hostage during a service in January; and a “command center” dedicated to monitoring antisemitism online.

All together, this volatile moment has many Jews anxious as the investigation into Trump unfolds.

Reinhart recently ordered the Department of Justice to unseal parts of the warrant affidavit, renewing public interest in the investigation.

“Whenever there’s a normalization of threats or violence, the Jewish community is going to be a little bit more on edge,” said Segal. And for good reason, he added: “It has been targeted at times like this in the past.”

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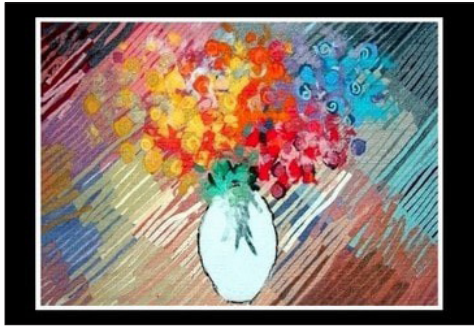
The Jewish Family & Career Services has used a \$228,000 grant to help more than 180 new entrepreneurs grow their businesses in a single year.

The Wells Fargo's Open Business Fund, which provides support for nonprofit organizations that serve diverse small businesses – especially those owned by Black, Latino, Asian and Native American entrepreneurs – awarded the grant last year to JFCS Navigate, the arm of the organization that helps underserved business owners.

Specifically, the grant has enabled Navigate to offer one-on-one business consulting and technical assistance, business workshops, networking and access to capital through JFCS Navigate loan products.

"As small businesses across the country face ongoing challenges due to systemic inequality and the COVID-19 pandemic, Wells Fargo remains committed to fostering an inclusive economic recovery and providing small business owners with greater access to capital, experts, and recovery," Justin Schappe, a senior manager for Wells Fargo Advisors in Louisville, said in a prepared statement.

Entrepreneurs interested in learning more about the Open for Business Fund and JFCS Navigate can contact Valecia Quinn at 502-883-3244 or [vquinn@jfcs-louisville.org](mailto:vquinn@jfcs-louisville.org).



Israeli artists Moshe and Goldie Monzon will exhibit and sell their art in the Weisberg Family Lobby Sept. 11-16.

## Israeli artists to show their works at Trager Family JCC

Israeli artists Moshe and Goldie Monzon will exhibit in the Weisberg Family Lobby of the Trager Family JCC from Sept. 11 to 16.

Monzon creates original handmade wall tapestries, micro-calligraphies, giclee lithographs, blessings, ketubahs, hand-painted Judaic wood items, mezuzot, tzedakah boxes, jewelry boxes, jewelry holders, Kiddush sets and more. The combination of artistic creativity, skilled craftsmanship and advanced technology results in colorful, signed artistic masterpieces.

Monzon's wife, Goldie, designs and makes jewelry and represents other Israeli designers of Judaica and fashion jewelry.

All items will be for sale. The hours for the show are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday.



## Mazel Tov to...

Brooke and Brent Rothchild of Austin, Texas, on the arrival of Hadley Mae Rothchild on July 31, 2022. Grandparents are Debbie and David Perellis of Louisville and Dawn and Barry Rothchild of Cincinnati. Great-grandparents Eleanor Shiffman of West Palm Beach, Florida, and the late Martin Shiffman along with the late Harriett and Maurice Perellis, Gail Kamen and Neil Blum of Cleveland, and the late Norman Kamen and Gloria Rothchild (late Eugene Rothchild).

Mallory and Christian Bowles on the arrival of their daughter, Harper Bowles.

Kate and Corey Stein on the arrival of their son, Arthur Finn Stein.

Caitlin and Jordan Waterman of Houston, Texas, on the arrival of their daughter, Lyla Rae Waterman, on Aug. 9, 2022. Grandparents are Susan and Robert Waterman.

Zachary Cohen, a Temple member and middle school director of Francis Parker School of Louisville (formerly St. Francis School) has been named an emerging leader and selected as a member of Leadership Louisville Center's Ignite Louisville Class of Fall 2022. Ignite Louisville Center "prepares next generation talent for expanded roles in their organizations and in the community," according to *Louisville Business First*.

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**Sept. 3**  
Chloe Chism  
Temple Shalom

**Oct. 22**  
Ben Gitchel  
The Temple

**Nov. 5**  
Jack Streckert  
Temple Shalom

**Nov. 19**  
Andrew Hyman  
Temple Shalom

**Dec. 10**  
Brianna Johnson  
Adath Jeshurun

**Jan. 7**  
Blake Ignatow  
The Temple

**Jan. 28**  
Oliver Wells  
Keneseth Israel

**Feb. 4**  
Nessa Kaplan  
The Temple

**March 4**  
Cooper Schneider  
The Temple

**March 18**  
Atticus Milenthal  
The Temple

**April 22**  
Asher Sigman  
Adath Jeshurun

**May 18**  
Amelia Prizant  
The Temple

**May 20**  
Carson Blumenthal  
Temple Shalom

Sofia Hughes  
The Temple

**May 27**  
Meredith Ingle  
The Temple

**June 3**  
Nicol Cohen  
Adath Jeshurun

Asher Cohen  
Adath Jeshurun

**June 10**  
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**Aug. 19**  
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# AROUND TOWN

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

## Adath Jeshurun

Rabbi Joshua Corber leads “Informal Meditation & Prayer” at 9 a.m. every Shabbat in the Yarmuth Family Chapel.

Rabbi Corber and Cantor David Lipp will lead Back to Shul in Elul, an hour of music and Torah, at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 29, preparing for the High Holy Days. Go to [adathjeshurun.com/reservations](https://www.adathjeshurun.com/reservations) to RSVP.

Shabbat Evening Meditation sessions will take place at 7:30 p.m., alternating Thursdays, on Zoom. The sessions consist of an opening “sit,” a brief Torah teaching, followed by a closing “sit.” The session dates are Sept. 1, 15 and 29, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 and 15. Contact Rabbi Corber at [rabbicorber@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:rabbicorber@adathjeshurun.com) for details. A link to the Zoom session may be found in AJ’s weekly newsletter. Go to [adathjeshurun.com](https://www.adathjeshurun.com) to subscribe.

A Selichot program and service will be held at 8:20 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17. The program will include a screening of *The Lost Supper*, a film by Cantor Steven Stoehr that explores an imagined Passover seder hosted by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and attended by Martin Luther King, Jr. A panel discussion and an opportunity to learn about Louisville’s Roots 101 Museum will follow. The Selichot service will begin after a dessert reception.

The Annual Cemetery Service will be at 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 18, in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 2926 Preston Highway.

Sukkot will be celebrated with a dinner in the Chester & Vivian Slosberg Memorial Sukkah at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9. Storytime with Rabbi Corber, Sukkot activities and a Ma’ariv service will begin at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. For details, go to [adathjeshurun.com/reservations](https://www.adathjeshurun.com/reservations).

Simchat Torah will be celebrated Monday, Oct. 17. Dinner will start at 6 p.m. followed by a balloon artist and Ma’ariv at 6:30 p.m. Dancing with the Torahs to Klezmer music will follow at 6:45 p.m. Reservations are required. For details, go to [adathjeshurun.com/reservations](https://www.adathjeshurun.com/reservations).

## Anshei Sfarad

Shabbat services start at 9 a.m. at 2904 Bardstown Road. Rabbi Simcha Snaid’s weekly classes are Talmud Trek III, 9:30 a.m. Sundays; and Spice of Life, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

The annual cemetery memorial service will be at 11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 2, at 721 Locust Lane.

## Chabad of Kentucky

Services are now being held in the Anshei Sfarad building on the JCC campus. Services, classes and programs during the upcoming High Holy Days will be held there.

## Chavurat Shalom

Lunch is held at noon Thursdays in The Temple’s Heideman Auditorium; the program starts at 1 p.m. All programs are also viewable via **ChavuratShalomZoom**. Masks are optional for fully vaccinated participants.

Sept 1: Singer, songwriter, guitarist Tyrone Cotton will perform (lunch: a deli platter, chicken and rice soup, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and cookies and brownies).

Sept. 8: Harpist Jessica Hyden will perform (lunch: beef pot pie, mashed potatoes, Caesar salad, fresh fruit and caramel spoon cake).

Sept. 15: Pianist Bernie Schweickart will perform (lunch: cheese tortellini with smoked salmon, broccoli with roasted red peppers, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and banana pudding).

Sept. 22: Mike O’Bryan will play the accordion (lunch: roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, kale salad, fresh fruit and apple cobbler).

Sept. 29: Pianist Nada will perform (lunch: chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and carrot cake).

## Keneseth Israel

Daily minyan services are offered in person and on Zoom at [tinyurl.com/kiczoom](https://www.tinyurl.com/kiczoom). Shabbat and holiday services are offered in person and on YouTubeLive at [tinyurl.com/KICyoutubelive](https://www.tinyurl.com/KICyoutubelive). Please visit [kenesethisrael.com](https://www.kenesethisrael.com) for times and covid policies.

Jews and Brews with Rabbi Ben Freed is held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays on Zoom and in person at the Trager Family JCC. The weekly Torah portion is studied.

The Intermediate level Hebrew class meets 5 p.m. Sundays in person and on Zoom. The class addresses reading and translating Hebrew texts with a focus on liturgy. A learner’s minyan – an abbreviated service – follows at 6 p.m.

The last Kabbalat Shabbat in the Park will be held Friday, Sept. 9, in person at the Stegner Pavilion next to Hogan’s Fountain, or online at [tinyurl.com/KICyoutubelive](https://www.tinyurl.com/KICyoutubelive). Bring dairy picnic food; dessert is on KI.

Jewish musician Josh Warshawsky will appear Sunday, Sept. 11, for an Elul-themed concert to kick off the High Holy Days.

Big Questions: Jewish Answers, a four-part monthly class taught by Rabbi Ben Freed covering the Jewish take on contemporary issues in America, will next meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12. The topic will be immigration.

Cantor Sharon Hordes will lead Torah Yoga at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15. Some yoga mats are available, but please bring your own if you have one.

Selichot will be held at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17. The service will begin with Havdalah and features the Israeli

movie *Maktub*.

Come hear the shofar blown by Rabbi Freed and Cantor Hordes around Louisville on Sunday, Sept. 18. Locations and times are: 2 p.m., Hordes, Big Rock Park; Freed, 4th Street Live; 3 p.m., Hordes, Shalom Towers and Rabbi at Central Park; 4 p.m., Hordes, Douglass Loop, at the new Ten20 brewing location, Freed at The Glenview; 5 p.m. at Standard Club.

## Kentucky Institute for Torah Education

The Light of Torah class meets in person at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Barbara Brick Reading Room of the Trager Family JCC. Light refreshments are served. There is also a Zoom option; contact Rabbi Zack Blaustein at [rabbibizb@kentuckytorah.org](mailto:rabbibizb@kentuckytorah.org) to RSVP.

## Kol Israel Congregation of Kentucky

Renewal Shabbat Morning service returns at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, via Zoom. The service is a partnership with Aleph Network, Bloomington, Indiana, Sue Swartz coordinating. Contact Kol Israel at [Kolisraelky@gmail.com](mailto:Kolisraelky@gmail.com) or 502-341-1595 for reservations.

“Inner Peace for Challenging Times,” a community-wide meditation led by Reb Brian Yosef Schachter-Brooks, will be held at 9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12, via Zoom. Contact Kol Israel at [Kolisraelky@gmail.com](mailto:Kolisraelky@gmail.com) or 502-341-1595 for reservations.

A Renewal Havdalah and Selichot service will be held at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at a private home in the Highlands. Refreshments will be served. Contact Kol Israel at [Kolisraelky@gmail.com](mailto:Kolisraelky@gmail.com) or 502-341-1595 for reservations.

## Temple Shalom

Shabbat services with Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner are held at 6:30 a.m. Fridays in person and on Zoom, and 10:30 a.m. Saturdays in person only.

The Family Selichot Program begins with cookout dinner at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17. The program will also include a mitzvah project. A bonfire starts around 6:30 p.m., followed by a service, when children and parents will change Torah covers to holiday white.

A meet-and-greet oneg for High Holy Days Cantor Betsy Peters-Epstein will be held following Shabbat services, which start at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23.

Decorating the sukkah starts at 1:15 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9. Men’s Club will provide lunch for LBSY students at 12:45 p.m. Schmoozing in the Sukkah, combined with a Simchat Torah celebration, starts at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15. The program includes dinner and s’mores by a bonfire followed by the reading of Deuteronomy and Genesis.

The upcoming dates for No-Shush Shabbat with Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner and Benji Berlow are Sept. 16, Oct. 14 and Dec. 9, all starting at 6:30 p.m.

Contact [information@templeshalomky.org](mailto:information@templeshalomky.org) for details.

Torah study with Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner is held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays on Zoom. Email [information@templeshalomky.org](mailto:information@templeshalomky.org) for details.

Lunch Bunch, a study session with a feature speaker, is held on the third Wednesday of each month. Email [information@templeshalomky.org](mailto:information@templeshalomky.org) for details.

## The Temple

The WRJ/Sisterhood Gift Shop is now open on Tuesdays from 2-5 p.m., Thursdays from 12:30-3 p.m. and Fridays from 1-4 p.m. Visit its Facebook page at [facebook.com/wrjtemplegiftshop](https://www.facebook.com/wrjtemplegiftshop). To make an appointment to shop, call Sheila Lynch, 502-896-9736; Marlene Ornstein, 502-329-3376; or Karen Waldman, 502-425-4360.

Saturday Torah Study with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel starts at 9 a.m. on Zoom and in person. The 2022-23 adult education classes begin after the High Holy Days. For a full schedule, go to [thetemplelouky.org/adult-education](https://www.thetemplelouky.org/adult-education).

Shabbat services are held Friday nights and Saturday mornings. More information is at [thetemplelouky.org](https://www.thetemplelouky.org).

The WRJ/Sisterhood will hold its opening meeting and program at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7. Jennifer Harlan, staff editor for special projects at *The New York Times* will discuss her book *Call and Response: The Story of Black Lives Matter*, co-authored with Veronica Chambers. RSVP to Sarah Harlan at [sarahharlan86@gmail.com](mailto:sarahharlan86@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

A night of activities for kids of all ages will be held at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 at Louisville Gymnastics, 2722 Chamberlain Lane. There will be a staff-monitored open gym and Ninja Warrior obstacle course and a food truck. For adults, there will be a no charge beer and wine bar. RSVP at [thetemplelouky.org/family-fun-night](https://www.thetemplelouky.org/family-fun-night).

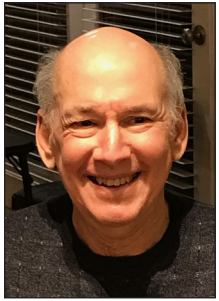
Mitzvah Makers will make sandwiches for the homeless at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 11. RSVP at [thetemplelouky.org/sandwich-making](https://www.thetemplelouky.org/sandwich-making). Please bring donations to The Temple to help us with this *tikkun olam* project including: bottles of water, individual bags of chips, loaves of bread, and sandwich bags, hotel/sample size toiletries (shampoo, bars of soap, lotion, mouthwash, toothbrushes, and toothpaste) for bags to be hand out.

Rabbi David and Cantor Lauren will lead a Clergy Shabbat Dinner on Friday, Sept 16. The family-friendly dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. The Shabbat service will follow at 7 p.m. Dinner: \$10 per person and free for children 12 and under, \$5 when you RSVP before Tuesday, Sept. 13. Please make your reservation by calling 502-423-1818 or registering online at [thetemplelouky.org/clergy-shabbat-dinner](https://www.thetemplelouky.org/clergy-shabbat-dinner).



# LIFECYCLE

## Obituaries



### Martin "Marty" Baker

Martin "Marty" Baker, 80, died peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, his family by his side.

Marty spent his whole career at Sears, beginning in Louisville and retiring in Chicago in 1995. He then returned to Louisville in 1997.

Marty enjoyed playing racquetball, backgammon and keeping up with sports (specifically University of Kentucky athletics). He also loved spending time with his grandchildren. Marty will be remembered for his intelligence, sense of humor, and kind heart.

As he often reminded those closest to him, we will "love you forever."

Marty was preceded in death by his parents, Katherine and Lewis Baker.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Shari Baker; his son, Buddy Baker; his daughter, Kim Frey (KC); his sister, Judy Borinstein (Ron); his grandchildren, Shawn Baker, Drew Frey and Kate Frey; and his great-granddaughter, Norah Baker.

If you would like, please send donations in his memory to The Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry, 2821 Klempner Way Louisville, KY 40205, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements were by Herman Meyer & Son, Inc.

### Leonore (Kalish) Borsuk

Leonore (Kalish) Borsuk, 96, died peacefully on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, (27th of Tammuz) in Sarasota, Florida. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 50 years, Howard. She is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Judith, Deborah and Esther; and by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Leonore had lived in Louisville for over 50 years before moving to Florida.

The family were members of Keneseth Israel Congregation. Special thanks to Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. and the Louisville Jewish community for help and support even though no family members currently live in Louisville. Graveside

services were held on July 29 at Keneseth Israel Cemetery.



### Norman Allen Cummings

Norman Allen Cummings, M.D., F.A.C.P., passed away on August 18, 2022, at the age of 87. He died in Louisville, KY, where he practiced his passion for medicine for over 40 years.

Norman was born on March 26, 1935, to loving parents Maurice and Bertha in New York City. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School, a school specializing in math and science; this is where Norman's passion for medicine was cultivated. After graduating a semester early in January of 1952, he went on to graduate from New York University with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Norman earned his medical degree from the State University of New York, Downstate, and served Internal Medicine Residencies at The Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn and the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. This was followed by extended fellowships in Rheumatology in Ann Arbor and Bellevue Medical Center in New York City. Norman then became Medical Officer and Head of the Connective Tissue Program at the National Institute of Health, where he stayed for eleven years until he accepted the position of the Director of the Arthritis Center at the University of Louisville.

In 1983, Norman opened his private practice in Rheumatology, where he had warm and respectful relationships with many patients who loved, trusted, and appreciated him. He was revered for being a kind and compassionate physician by both his patients and colleagues. He was known for his attentiveness to his patients' needs, never rushing their care, and often staying late in the office to ensure each patient was given the time they needed. Norman loved going to the hospital on weekends to visit patients and see colleagues. His children loved to accompany him on a Saturday morning, proudly seeing their dad interact with other doctors and waiting in the lounge while he saw patients.

Norman loved spending time with his family outdoors, sailing, biking, and fishing. Many great memories were formed

during summers at the lake. Norman also had a wonderful sense of humor and loved sharing a good joke, or two, with friends and family.

Norm encouraged education and shined in his role in the Adult Education Program at Temple Shalom. He looked forward to the Tuesday Torah Study with Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and his fellow students, satisfying his ongoing passion for knowledge and learning.

Norman was preceded in death by his devoted parents, Maurice and Bertha, and his older sister Nanette.

He is survived by his loving wife Elaine L. Cummings, his son Marshall (Tasha), daughter Lisa Penn (Allan) and adored grandchildren, Nick, Jax, Griffin, Charlotte, Myles, and Maya. Norman encouraged his children to reach for their dreams and goals and was immensely proud of their happiness, kindness, and achievements.

Donations in memory of Norman A. Cummings can be made to The JFCS Sonny and Janet Meyer Food Pantry, 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205 or The Arthritis Foundation, 2908 Brownsboro Road, #117, Louisville, KY 40206. <https://www.arthritis.org/donate>



### Randy Hugh Farb

Randy Hugh Farb, 61, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, died Sunday, July 24, 2022, in Grand Blanc.

The Louisville native was born on Aug. 27, 1960.

A retired librarian with Flint Public Library, he achieved a master's degree in library science from Indiana University-Southeast. He served as teacher/librarian at the Kentucky College of Business.

Randy led services at area synagogues in Flint, Michigan, and taught Sunday school in the congregations of Louisville, principally at The Temple. He also was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, assisting Rabbi Solomon Roodman with Jewish food inspections.

Randy wrote a self-published collection of short stories, *Shuffleboard* (2012) and *No Paprika in Heaven* (2014). He also co-authored with Mark Messler the print and digital Jewish comic strip *4 Corners*, edited the book *Zeyde* and the

*Hidden Mine* and was a longtime contributor to the virtual House of Seven Beggars Synagogue.

Thoughtful and generous to family and friends, Randy was a social person, remembering birthdays, sometimes belatedly. He was known for his vast knowledge of Judaism. His many collections included neckties, yarmulkes, music (albums, singles, CDs) and media (old-time radio programs, television series and movies, VHS tapes, and DVDs). He favored a variety of soft drinks, tuna fish, and puns.

Randy is survived by a brother, Brad Farb of Louisville; his cousin, Barry Wenst of Flint; numerous cousins in Kentucky, Michigan and southern California, and many friends.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, Hilda and Morris Farb; his grandparents, William and Rebecca Wenst and Israel and Clara Farb; his uncles, Bernie Wenst, Joe Jaffee, Irv Pahr, David Waterman, Dave Pass and Willie Feitelson; and his aunts, Mynn Jaffee, Vivian Wenst, Lillian Wenst, Esther Waterman, Esther Pass and Sarah Feitelson.

The family thanks Randy's longtime caregivers at MediLodge of Grand Blanc, Mich., and the medical personnel at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 28, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., Louisville. Burial will follow at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Juvenile Diabetes, 225 S. East Street, Suite 280, Indianapolis, IN 46202.



### Betty Miehler Loeser

Betty Miehler Loeser, 87, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 23, 2022.

Born and raised in Louisville, Betty spent much of her young life here raising her family. She worked side by side with her husband, Julius, in the family business, United Auto Parts, for many years.

Betty and Julius retired to Sarasota, Florida, in the late '80s.

Betty was a member of Temple Beth Shalom and Keneseth Israel congregations and was a life member of Hadasah.

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Betty was preceded in death by her daughter, Terry Mitzman; her parents, Pearl and Max Miehli; and her brother, Dr. Morris Miehli.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Julius; her daughter, Frances Balf (Steve), her son-in-law, Mark Mitzman; her grandchildren, Jennifer Roschichan (Brian), Melanie Morales (Scott), Becca Hartmeier (Matt); and her four great-grandchildren. The family thanks Chris Hall and her caregiving team for their care and compassion.

Services were held Wednesday, July 27, at Sarasota National Cemetery. Donations in Betty's memory may be made to the Sarasota Jewish Family and Children's Services or the donor's charity of choice.

Rose C. Sosowsky

Rose C. Sosowsky, 92, died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York.

A Louisville native, Rose was born April 25, 1930, to the late Maurice and Minnie Star Cornfield. Throughout her life, Rose was active in the Jewish community, having lived here in Louisville, and later in Miami and Brooklyn. Although a homemaker, she was supportive of her husband, Stanley, who also preceded her in death, and his work at H&S Hardware.

Rose is survived by her son, Jay Sosowsky of Brooklyn; her daughter, Wendy Snow of Louisville; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family and friends.

A graveside service was held on Monday, Aug. 15, at Agudath Achim Cemetery, 2737 Preston Highway. Memorial gifts may be made to Congregation Anshei Sfard, 2904 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40205.



Alan J. Zemon

Alan J. Zemon, 79, died, Thursday, Aug. 11, in Louisville.

After his 1961 graduation from Waggener High, Alan attended Indiana University and went on to become

the owner/CEO of Zemon Jewelers.

Like the gems he sold, Alan was a multi-faceted man with a strong sense of giving of himself to his community.

He was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and volunteered for more than 30 years with Hosparus, keeping the patients company when they had no family of their own. He also tutored with Every 1 Reads.

An entertainer, Alan was a bass singer in the Gilbert & Sullivan Society and a member of both the Kentucky Opera Guild and the Louisville Ballet Partners. His friends at Beehive of Goshen enjoyed his piano playing and singing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Gladys Zemon, and his sister, Helene Zemon.

Alan is survived and missed by his daughter, Betsey Geller (David); his granddaughters, Sydney, Abigail and Hannah; his niece, Nikki Russman; his nephew, Eric Welenken; and his wife, Rhonda.

He was buried at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery during a private service on Aug. 12.

In Memory of Alan J. Zemon, donations may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205, or Hosparus of Louisville, c/o Development Department, 6200 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205.

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## REFUGEES

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and all free activities and programs. "Right now they can access everything a general membership offers,"

Rothschild said.

She also said swim lessons and karate could be added to the packages.

Swim lessons are especially important, she added, since several of the new members do not know how to

swim.

The new memberships, which began on July 1, will last for two years, and perhaps longer, Rothschild said.

"We started at 24 families and we're going to keep adding and growing the

program," she said.

Gesher is being done in conjunction with the camp program, which sponsored 12 children of refugee families to attend Camp J this summer.

"This was like a spinoff," Rothschild said.

## EDUCATION

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ber of antisemitic incidents on record in 2020, according to an annual audit by the Anti-Defamation League. ADL recorded 19 antisemitic incidents in the state, up from two in 2019.

"These scary and staggering statistics shared with us by our colleagues at University of Kentucky made for an excellent case for investing in this project," Jorrich said.

Fernheimer, along with Karen Petrone, a UK professor of history, are serving as co-directors of the initiative, but the teacher-leaders will also play a role in its development.

"We are trying to work from the ground up with the teachers," Petrone said. "This is a grassroots movement where we try to help the teachers get the education that they need in order to educate other teachers."

The teacher-leaders, who were selected by a UK steering committee from an applicant pool of more than 40 candidates, will take biweekly

workshops this fall, learning from UK Jewish studies and education professors how to "deepen understanding" of the Holocaust, design school- and district-specific lessons, and plan and execute the workshops.

But the initiative isn't exclusively about the Holocaust.

According to Fernheimer, the workshops will also address to varying degrees what led up to the Holocaust, the roots of antisemitism, even some history of Kentucky's Jews.

Relatively few Jews live in Kentucky, and most reside in the larger cities, Fernheimer said, so many students across the state "are not exposed to Jewish people, ideas and culture."

In fact, for many students, their first exposure to anything Jewish is through learning about the Holocaust, Fernheimer added, "which is arguably the nadir of 20th century history, not just for Jews."

Additionally, most of the teachers addressing the subject in their lesson plans have no personal background to draw upon. While the steering committee is legally prohibited from ask-

ing the teachers and teacher-leaders about their religion, Petrone said only a handful are likely Jewish.

"If we want the Holocaust taught in Kentucky, we need to have non-Jewish teachers teaching it," she said.

The initiative is for teachers of all subjects, according to Fernheimer, who also is a professor of writing, rhetoric and digital studies at UK.

"This is not just social studies; this is language arts," she said. "The students learn about the Holocaust first in their eighth or ninth grade classes if they're reading The Diary of Anne Frank or Night or something along those lines. We want to be able to train the teachers, so that when this material comes up they teach it well in all of those places."

The initiative is intended to provide professional learning and teaching tools to meet the requirements of the 2018 Ann Klein and Fred Gross Holocaust Education Act, which mandated Holocaust education in public middle- and high schools but allocates no funding for that purpose.

Which is why Petrone and Fern-

heimer hope more donors, large and small, will step forward to support the initiative.

Mindy Haas, executive director, of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, which serves Lexington and the surrounding area, said the JFB is promoting the initiative.

"The work currently underway between Fayette County Public Schools and University of Kentucky," Haas said, "aims to train educators on how to teach about the Holocaust ethically and with a focus on advancing teaching skills."

### Want to help?

To donate to the Holocaust Initiative, go to UK Jewish Studies web page at [bit.ly/3QLUxdS](http://bit.ly/3QLUxdS). Please specify your gift as for the Holocaust Initiative in the comment/special instructions line. Inquiries can also be directed to Mindy Haas, executive director of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, at [mindy@jewishlexington.org](mailto:mindy@jewishlexington.org) or 859-268-0672.

## UKRAINE

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children, including at a newly created temporary educational support center near Yulia's home where she was invited to send her two young nieces. Yulia's 9-year-old son, Leon, who speaks both Russian and Hebrew, volunteers at the center.

Yulia's nieces were able to obtain medical insurance through UJA-Federation's Immediate Needs Fund in Netanya after one of them fell, requiring urgent medical care. The fund, which provides cash assistance in addition to medical and dental care, also recently helped a 103-year-old woman with refugee status obtain urgent dental care.

UJA-Federation is also providing the funding for educational support centers for Ukrainian evacuees in six Israeli cities with large Russian-speaking populations: Haifa, Netanya, Ashdod, Rishon LeZion, Beersheva and Bat Yam. Housed in community centers and kindergartens that are empty in the summer, the centers are staffed with therapists and educators and run by three nonprofits: Yalduta, Early Starters International and Variety Jerusalem.

"Every child has the right to quality early childhood education, especially in times of war and after experiencing trauma," said Ran Cohen Harounoff, cofounder of both Yalduta and Early Starters. "It's our responsibility to provide a response that is professional and treats the children with

dignity."

For older refugee children, UJA-Federation is supporting summer camps so they can have a semblance of return to normalcy. In all, some 4,500 refugee children are enrolled in the camps, according to Shmuli.

In New York, about 150 Ukrainian refugee children ages 8-16 are being supported by UJA-Federation and the J.E. and Z.B. Butler Foundation, with about \$250,000 in funding for camp scholarships. They're going to such places as Camp Zeke, Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts, Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, Kings Bay Y, Shorefront Y and Island Quest, according to Josh Satok, a senior planning executive at the federation. Those camps are all run by UJA grantees but do not exclusively serve Jewish children (not all of the Ukrainian children are Jewish, either).

"I like the lake, circus and gymnastics," Olha, who is attending Camp Zeke in Lake Como, Pennsylvania, told one of the camp's staff members. "And there's always fun music playing in the dining hall. My favorite food is what we had this morning — the breakfast pizza. My other favorite meal at camp is Shabbat dinner. All the counselors are always playing and hanging out with us. I like everything!"

The bulk of the Ukrainian children are in Bensonhurst, where there is a big Russian-speaking community.

Sixteen refugee children are attending the Usdan camp in Wheatley Heights, Long Island. Because

Usdan does not have Russian speakers, UJA connected its staff with the JCH of Bensonhurst, Kings Bay Y and Shorefront Y, and a staffer who speaks both Russian and Ukrainian was hired by Usdan for the summer.


It's all part of the global response of UJA to the crisis in Ukraine, Shmuli said.

"While the current allocations are targeted for summer activities," he said, "UJA's Israel office continues to be in close contact with the government, local authorities and NGOs,

contributing to the planning of longer-term solutions to a situation that will likely not subside anytime soon."

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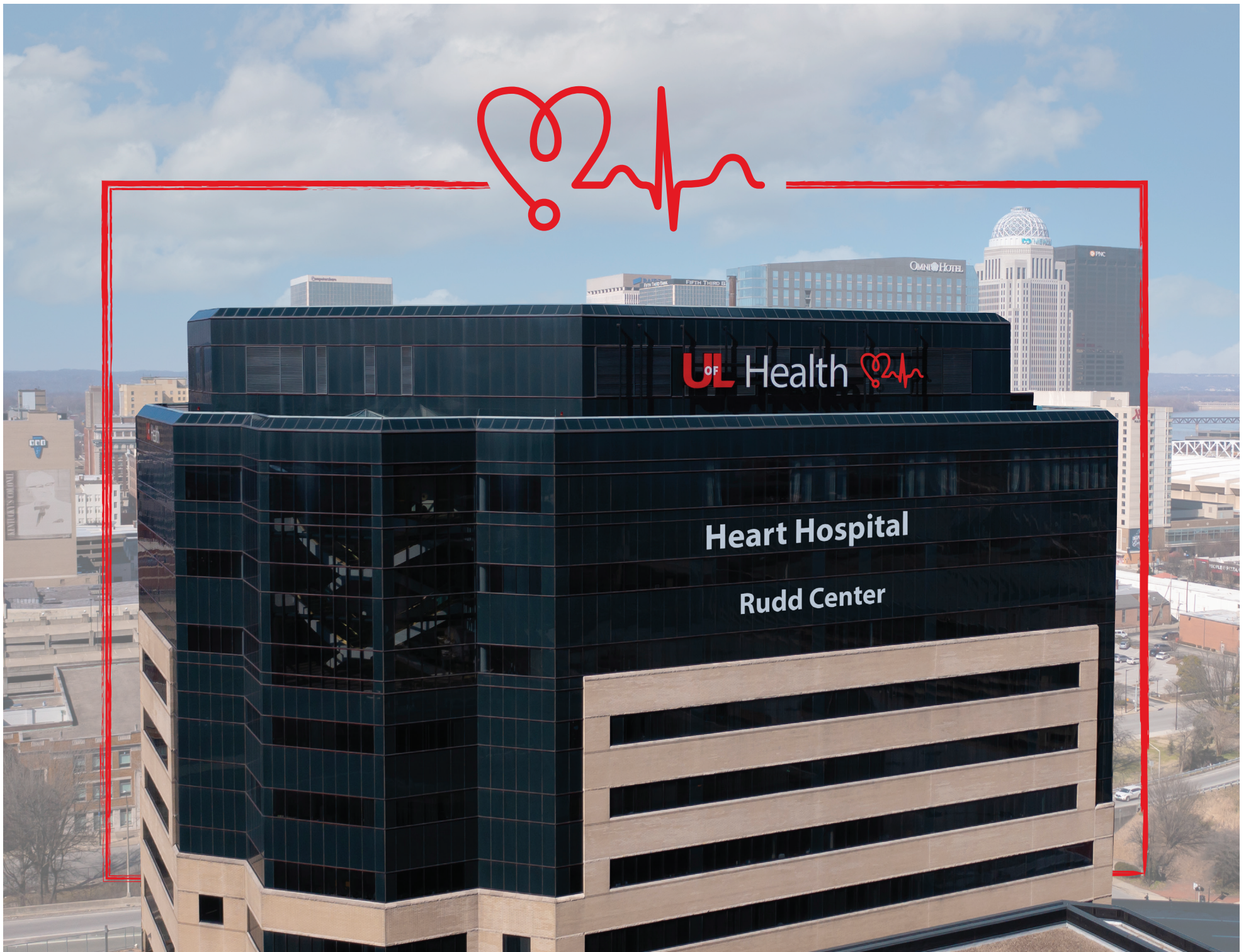
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