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3 Jewish women sue to block Kentucky's abortion restrictions on religious grounds

By Andrew Lapin
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Three Jewish women have sued to protest Kentucky's restrictive abortion laws on religious freedom grounds, arguing that they violate Jewish teachings as to when life begins and place undue burdens on their ability to use in vitro fertilization to achieve pregnancy.

The suit is at least the third religious freedom lawsuit to be filed by Jews against a state abortion restriction since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* this summer. It follows a synagogue's challenge to Florida's laws and a Jewish pro-choice group's lawsuit in Indiana.

The Kentucky suit challenges the state's

current law, which was written to go into effect following the Supreme Court's ruling that ended a constitutional right to abortion; the law bans all abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, with very few exceptions, and defines life as beginning at the moment of fertilization.

The law also forbids the disposal of unborn life "throughout the entire embryonic and fetal stage" — leaving women and their doctors concerned about the implications of IVF, which can result in surplus embryos.

The women behind the lawsuit — Lisa Sobel, Jessica Kalb and Sarah Baron — argue that Kentucky's definition of when life begins does not comport with Jewish law. They also argue that the law interferes with their religious freedom, they say, because the state would force them to continue to pay to keep embryos produced through IVF frozen indefinitely.

"As a mom, as a woman, this directly affects me, it affects my health care," Sobel told the *Louisville Courier-Journal*. "And then it's a personal affront to my personal religious views, on top of it. As somebody who is a person of faith, that's just wrong to me."

"Plaintiffs' religious beliefs demand that they have more children through IVF, yet the law forces Plaintiffs to spend exorbitant fees to keep their embryos frozen indefinitely or face potential felony charges," the lawsuit states. The three plaintiffs are all in their thirties and say they must rely on IVF for future



(left to right) Lisa Sobel, Attorney Ben Potash, Sarah Baron, Attorney Aaron Kemper, Jessica Kalb

From the Ballot Box to the Bimah: Get Out and Vote

By Matt Golden

In my short time working with him, I have come to the conclusion that JCRC member Frank Schwartz asks very good questions. At our last JCRC meeting, Frank asked a very simple one but wrapped in so many layers: who holds our local judges responsible for their actions? The simple answer is, of course, that we do as voters. Voters bear the ultimate power to place a judge in a position of authority and the ultimate responsibility to exercise that power wisely. This is seventh grade civics. Yet, from a Jewish perspective, Frank's question deserves more than just a simple answer and I think that's why Frank asked it. At the meeting, as the CRC members debated elections, the quality of candidates in general, and judicial candidates in particular, it became clear that Frank's question needed a *Jewish* answer and a *Jewish* call to action.

Jews have an intense religious connection to elections in general and on election of judges specifically. On the former, the Torah calls on us to make valid choices (Deut. 30:18) that impact the pursuit of justice; including justice for the widow, stranger and orphan among us so that we can live in a just world. From the Talmud, it is clear that *no* ruler should be selected without community involvement. From *Hillel*, to the *Rashbam*, to present day Rabbis like Moshe Feinstein of blessed memory, it is clear that we have a Jewish responsibility to vote. As Rabbi Feinstein said:

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Community Study demographic data offers boundless possibilities to boost engagement

By Sarah Provancher
For Community

Community will continue to publish additional stories providing a deeper look into the 2021-22 Community Study of Jewish Louisville. The study was commissioned by the Jewish Heritage Fund (JHF) and the Jewish Federation of Louisville and study results were presented by Brandeis University in a series of Town Halls in September 2022. The full report is available at

jewishlouisvillestudy.org.

"Our Jewish community has been given a gift," shared Sara Klein Wagner, President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Louisville and Trager Family JCC. "Having this data as we now do will help us better serve those currently engaged in Jewish communal life and those who we have not yet met."

One of the most talked-about findings in the comprehensive study is

that Louisville's Jewish community is composed of over 14,000 residents, with another 4,000 individuals living in Jewish households. Previous studies had indicated a community of approximately 8,000-8,500.

"The finding that Louisville's Jewish community, and those living in Jewish households is 60% larger than we previously knew, is incredibly exciting," shared Wagner.

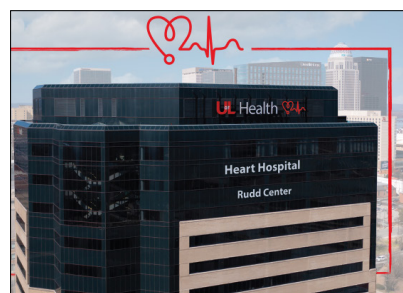
Wagner continued, "There are sig-

nificant opportunities to embrace and learn from this demographic data to shape the future of Jewish life, activities, cultural significance, faith and community in Louisville."

Diving into demographics

The study's demographic data revealed information on household locations, age categories of Jewish adults and household composition - including marriage and children.

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Ariel-Joel

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We are standing at the beginning of another Jewish year; and we are so lucky there are so many opportunities to study Torah in Louisville. At The Temple, we offer you the opportunity to study Torah whenever you wish. We offer classes during most of the weekdays, mornings or evenings. And same is with AJ Melton program and other learning opportunities in our community.

So why study Torah?

One reason for which I love the study of Torah is the kaleidoscopic aspect of these texts – the same materials and forms change continuously, in front of our eyes. The Biblical story is an ongoing revolution, which nonetheless ties directly to its own creation.

We can always weigh and review what we have recently learned, and ask – “Maybe this is not true? Maybe it is possible to understand the text, or the commandment and its context completely differently?” Indeed, maybe all that we learned last year is totally the opposite of what we will try to learn today, and the same will happen tomorrow.

On this said our Sage Ben Bag-Bag: ‘TURN The Torah OVER, AND [AGAIN] TURN IT OVER, FOR ALL IS in the Torah.... FOR you have no better STANDARD OF CONDUCT’. (Ethics of our Ancestors, chapter 5:22)

Studying Torah becomes meaningful when I am willing to hear the calling of the scriptures! When I let this calling enrich my life and my way of thinking, my study goes far and beyond learning how I am to live my life.

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Join us if you want to study Torah. We will not charge you nor freeze you outside; on the contrary the Torah will warm your mind and heart and will feed meaning and sustenance to your life. Hope to see you soon

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel is a spiritual leader at The Temple.

Snapshots



JFCS hosted the Feeding Families Food Drive in October and received 4,500 pounds of food – over 1,000 more than the previous year - donated from community members. All donations go to the JFCS Sonny & Janet Meyer Food Pantry.

(left to right, clockwise) Leo Hasselbacher and Lincoln Schwartz, who both completed their Pledge 13 projects in the pantry, were back to help this year; Pledge 13 project participant, Meredith Ingle with Cynthia and Kyle Ingle; Pledge 13 past and present participants (Photos by Avery Markel)

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NEWS

Rabbi Leder to present Ethical Wills session as part of Federation's Three Pillars Series

By Sarah Provancher
For Community

Rabbi Steve Leder's message is one that we all probably need to hear right now. In his new book, "For You When I Am Gone," Rabbi Leder shares the importance of aligning one's values with the way that one's life is being lived. He explained in a recent interview with Community that the people who do this are the happiest people he knows.

Rabbi Leder will bring his message to the Jewish Federation of Louisville on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in a Zoom presentation from Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles, Ca. Rabbi Leder is Senior Rabbi of one of the largest synagogues in the world and has twice been named by Newsweek as one of the 10 most influential Rabbis in the U.S. He is regularly interviewed by NBC's The Today Show and has appeared on countless talk shows as a guest.

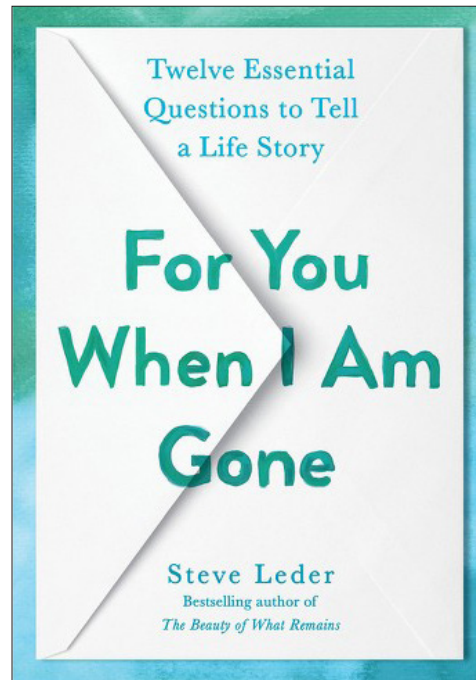
The topic of his presentation is "Ethical Wills," and while he will

discuss the series of 12 questions that a person should ask themselves, and put in writing, for their loved ones, he will also explain how this act leads to finding truth in one's own life.

Rabbi Leder shared that ethical wills are so important in today's world because words carry greater value than physical things. Personal values are, "the greatest treasure that you can bequeath to family members before you leave," said Rabbi Leder. "All material objects don't have their own existential meaning and we should never pretend that they do. We should bequeath to our loved ones the truth of our lives."

He often says to people that the material items are like handing your loved ones a picture of food.

"It won't nourish them, it won't sustain them, and it won't comfort them," he explained. "So, what do people want? They want your life story, they want your life lessons, they want your life legacy, they want your blessing, they want what



Rabbi Steve Leder's book For You When I Am Gone

you learned from failure and regret, they want to be guided by what you believe it means to be a good human being and a good person."

Want to Go?

Rabbi Steve Leder, part of Three Pillars Series, Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. at the Trager Family Jewish Community Center. Tickets: Entire Series \$36, JCC members; \$54, non-members. Individual sessions \$20. Register at [jewishlouisville.org/3-pillars](https://www.jewishlouisville.org/3-pillars)

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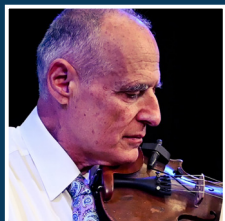
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NEWS

COMMUNITY STUDY

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Today's Louisville Jewish community is more diverse, particularly in age and race, than previously studied.

From a geographic standpoint, nearly half (46%) of Jewish households reside in the "Central" portion of Louisville, with another 27% in the "Northeast." The remaining 27% reside outside of these areas, including Southern Indiana.

Katie Miles falls into the 27% outside of the "core area" category. A 30-year-old mom of a 3-year-old daughter, Miles converted to Judaism 10 years ago during college. Now part of the 37% of Jewish adults who are married to a non-Jew, she lives in the Hillview neighborhood near the Jefferson-Bullitt County line. Miles cites a lack of opportunities to engage — there are no Jewish activities in her area, and she doesn't know of any other Jewish families living nearby.

Miles found the JCC on the recommendation of a friend a few years ago when she started a weight loss journey after having her daughter. She made, and continues to do so today, the 25-minute commute up I-65 and back several days a week to work out at the JCC and take classes, attend personal training sessions and use the fitness center. Miles' daughter is now also enrolled in the Trager Family JCC's ELC program.

Miles says that she would love for her husband to feel more connected to her faith and believes some basic education would offer the means. Her congregation, Adath Jeshurun, offers Melton classes on a variety of Jewish topics and Judaism, of which she is hoping to start soon.

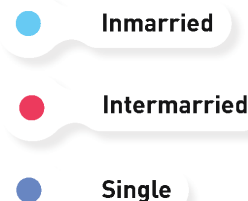
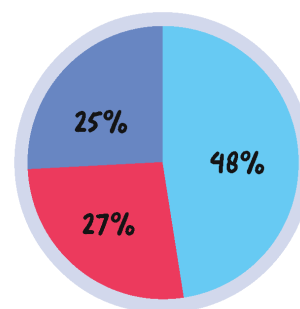
"I would really like for my husband to learn more about Judaism, to have access to more Jewish learning," said Miles. She cites affordability and flexibility of the educational programming as needs for her and her husband to become more engaged.

Kathryn Klein agrees there's an unmet need for community-based classes for both Jews and non-Jews.

As part of the 6% of Jewish adults who identify as LGBTQ, Klein, 34, will marry her fiancée, Laura, at the end of October. The daughter of former Jewish Federation President, David Klein z'l, Kathryn Klein was raised in Louisville's Jewish community and has always felt welcome and accepted. But she admits she stepped away as a teen and young adult.

"My dad had a big impact on the Jewish community," said Klein. "In the last year, my fiancé and I have joined the Trager Family JCC and started to get more involved to kind of reconnect with who he was. I want to raise our kids in the Jewish culture, but before that I need to educate myself again. There should be something you can jump on at any time, at any age, to learn about

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your religion."

In referencing her own experience as a child, she posed the question, "Is there a way to encourage kids to continue their Jewish studies after it's no longer required, not necessarily in a classroom setting? We have to make it fun for kids, for families."

Miles would also like to see more offerings for kid- and family-friendly activities, both religious and social. "I used to go to Shabbat services every week, but it's really hard when you have a toddler."

Miles and Klein fit a unique demographic finding in the study and one that is growing, which is the 29% of Jewish adults who are between the ages of 18-34.

"Providing a comfortable space for young adults and young families is absolutely critical for our Jewish community," said Wagner. "This is definitely an area that we will work together with our synagogues to expand opportunities."

Likewise, there are many new Jewish individuals and families who have moved to Louisville in recent years. Specifically, almost a quarter of those who identify as Jewish in Louisville are transplants within the past 10 years.

"There is a significant percentage of

the population who are new to the Louisville area, and the data also reflects that these folks struggle to break into the community," said Jaime Jorrich, Program Officer at Jewish Heritage Fund, JHF. "From an inside-looking-out perspective, most people would genuinely say we are a welcoming community. But based on the data, I think that statement demands some investigation. How can we be more accessible and more welcoming in a way that truly, genuinely meets the needs of someone who is not from here and doesn't know anyone?"

Next steps

The Jewish Federation will convene smaller task force groups to further review the data from the Community Study and begin planning.

"We have listened to our colleagues in other communities who took time to dig into understand the data," explained Wagner. "It is imperative that we get out of our bubble and listen to new and diverse voices. I believe the Brandeis study will truly help create our roadmap for the future. There is no one-size-fits-all, but the possibilities of creating new connections and meeting unmet needs is very exciting."

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HBO’s documentary on the Tree of Life synagogue shooting arrives as the nation’s eyes are back on antisemitism

By Andrew Lapin
JTA

Trish Adlesic was visiting her father in Pittsburgh on the day a gunman walked into the city’s Tree of Life synagogue building and murdered 11 people. Almost immediately, the director started filming her surroundings with the aim of producing a documentary about the tragedy, bringing on a Tree of Life congregant, Eric Schuman, as an editor and producer. Drawing on her own experiences conducting “trauma-informed” interviews, Adlesic reached out to survivors hoping to create “a platform for them to speak out, to speak about their loved ones, to honor them, to pay tribute, [and] to try to find a way to unite us.” The resulting documentary, “A Tree of Life,” premieres on HBO Wednesday, four years to the day after the attack — and during a week when attention in the United States has once again turned

to antisemitism, following comments by the rapper Kanye West that have been embraced by white supremacists. Adlesic told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency she hopes the timing of the film “only reinforces the urgency for the conversation that needs to be had, and the intervention that needs to be had.” She’s had support from several big names: performers Michael Keaton and Billy Porter and Jewish entrepreneur Mark Cuban, all of whom grew up in Pittsburgh, have all signed on as producers, while Jewish Broadway star Idina Menzel wrote and performed an original song for the film. The movie was in a large sense shaped by what the survivors themselves wanted. Adlesic, whose previous documentary “I Am Evidence” interviewed rape victims about rape kit backlogs, took her approach to her subjects’ trauma seriously, relocating to Pittsburgh to make herself more readily available to

them whenever they felt like talking. Working with survivor and Congregation Beth Shalom staffer Audrey Glickman (who blows a shofar in front of the building in the film’s opening sequence), Adlesic allowed subjects to shape the direction of their interviews. They wound up touching on a wide range of topics related to the shooting, from their own Jewish faith to gun legislation to a minute-by-minute recounting of the attack itself — all of these topics, and more, are touched on in the film. “A harrowing, horrific attack like this brings many different thoughts about what the full repercussions are,” Adlesic said. In an unusual move, the filmmakers also allowed their subjects to provide feedback on early cuts of the film. “My film team was like, ‘Trish?’” Adlesic recalled. “I said, ‘No, we can’t have it both ways.’ You can’t just take, you know? You also have to give. And part of that has to be within their comfort, and what they want the world to know.” One of the strangest sequences in the film unfolds about an hour outside of Pittsburgh, where a non-Jewish couple operate a gun shop out of a restored former synagogue — complete with stained-glass windows and a Star of David chandelier. Adlesic declined to share where the gun shop is located, saying only it was in “an old steel town” and that the shop had opened for business prior to the

Tree of Life shooting. She went to interview the owner after learning about the shop from a Pittsburgh Jew in the aftermath of the shooting, and found the existence of the shop itself to be an example of “atrocious insensitivity.” After interviewing one of the owners for the film, she attempted to convince them to let her pay to remove the Jewish signifiers (“Pittsburgh is known for its bridges and I wanted to make a scene where I thought we could create a bridge with him”), but they turned down her offer. She hopes to ultimately raise enough money to buy the property and turn it into a museum — one of many ways the filmmakers hope to turn their documentary into a tool to fight different kinds of hate. (An anti-hate initiative for schools is also in the works.) Adlesic declined to share information about her own Jewish background, saying she saw herself as a “conduit” and preferred the focus of the film’s coverage be on the survivors. (She has said elsewhere that her father was Jewish, and that her grandfather-in-law helped bring Jews to New York when the Nazis first came to power.) But she doesn’t see the Tree of Life shooting as solely a Jewish tragedy. “I think it started out as a Jewish story, became a Pittsburgh story, and now it’s a universal story,” she said. “A Tree of Life” airs on HBO Wednesday and streams on HBO Max.

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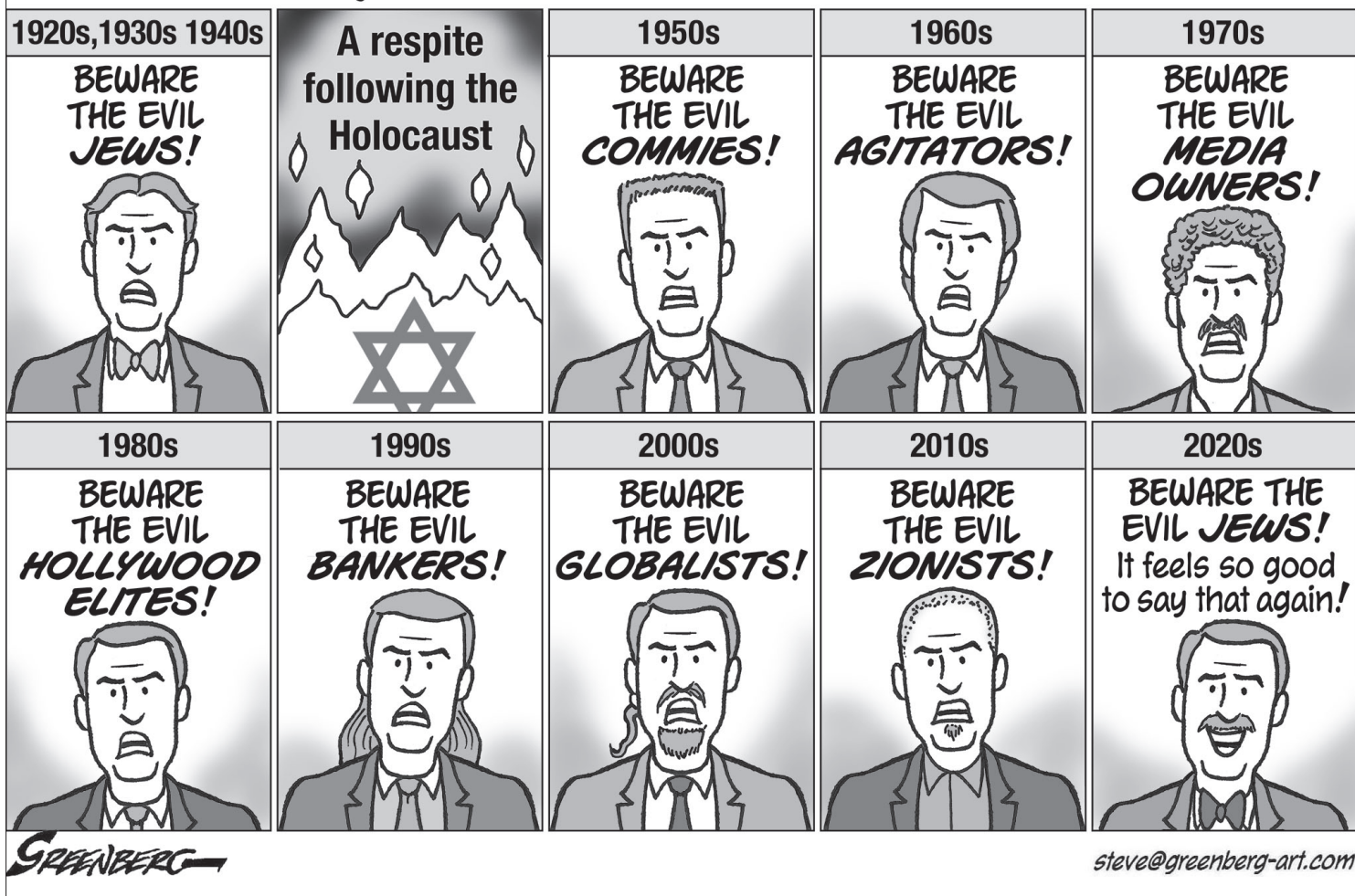
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FORUM

A Century of Antisemitism in U.S. Politics



Why Amendment 2 will threaten women's health and religious freedom

By Michelle Elisburg, MD, MPH, FAAP

As a pediatrician in the Louisville community, I have been living with constant anxiety and despair since the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade. Reproductive choice is currently completely banned in Kentucky. And, Amendment 2, if passed, will permanently alter the State Constitution and prohibit the right to an abortion in any circumstance. It could also potentially be used to ban certain types of birth control. These restrictions on reproductive freedom will lead to the exact consequences I and many other doctors fear most: preventing women from making informed choices about their own health and preventing physicians from being able to prioritize patients' wellbeing. At the same time, it will threaten religious freedom.

Reproductive choice is fundamentally a health issue. I spend much of my time educating adolescent patients about reproductive health and preventing pregnancies. But, even with responsible behavior, unplanned events happen. Many of my patients or families have had to make difficult decisions to terminate pregnancies. Some have been children as young as 14 who were victims of assault and could not financially and emotionally care for a child. Others have been carriers of deadly genetic diseases such as Tay-Sachs or experienced health complications and would not be able to survive childbirth.

With these bans on our freedom, women and girls in Kentucky will be forced to put off potentially life-saving treatments and needlessly suffer physical and mental harm. If Amendment 2

passes, will I even be allowed to teach young women about reproductive health care options? When providers cannot give clear and open medical advice out of fear of legal, civil or criminal ramifications and threats, the physician-patient relationship is jeopardized, and patients' health is placed at risk.

Most people are familiar with the Hippocratic Oath that doctors take, "First, do no harm." As a proud member of the Jewish faith, there is another significant oath that informs my moral responsibilities, the Oath of Maimonides – a medieval Jewish philosopher and influential Torah scholar. Maimonides wrote that one life should not be sacrificed for another; when a pregnant woman cannot give birth and remain physically or mentally healthy, it is not only permitted but morally imperative to end the pregnancy to save her life.

In the Jewish faith, the principle of Pikuah Nefesh, the belief in the sanctity of life, requires you to break any Jewish law to save a life - especially, as Maimonides tells us, the life of a pregnant woman. This is what makes Amendment 2 a violation of Jewish patients' and physicians' rights to religious freedom.

Jewish physicians are also being forced to silence our values and teachings. My professional ethics, my commitment to my patients' health and my faith could soon be posed in direct conflict with the law. The American Academy of Pediatrics recently reaffirmed their longstanding policy supporting adolescents' right to comprehensive, evidence-based reproductive health-care services, including abortion. Yet, in Kentucky, I could be arrested, put in jail, forced to stop practicing medi-

cine and more, for simply providing advice about options and treatments that are the medical standard of care.

A rabbi friend of mine shared these concerns recently, telling me that complete bans on reproductive choice are in violation of Jewish law and he feared for his congregants and their ability to access the health care they need to live safe, loving and fulfilling lives. That is why so many Jewish organizations, including Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. with Louisville and Lexington Chapters, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Religious Center of Reform Judaism, have come forward to oppose restrictions on reproductive choice.

The Kentucky constitution preserves our right to privacy, self-determination and bodily autonomy. Amendment 2 would restrict these freedoms, creating unquestionably dangerous health risks for women across the state. For Jewish patients, it could also prevent them from acting in accordance with their faith and values. It will put politicians, lawmakers and judges in the middle of every intimate health conversation between patients and providers. In order to protect personal health choices and ensure they remain between you and your medical provider, according to your individual values and evidence-based standards of care, vote NO on Amendment 2.

Michelle Elisburg, MD, MPH, FAAP is a community pediatrician in the South Louisville area. She is president of the Louisville Hadassah Chapter and a member of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

FORUM

VOTE

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A fundamental principle of Judaism is *hakaras hatov* — recognizing benefits afforded us and giving expression to our appreciation. Therefore, it is incumbent upon each Jewish citizen to participate in the democratic system which *safeguards the freedoms we enjoy*. The most fundamental responsibility incumbent on each individual is to register and to vote.

Perhaps this is why we can proudly say that the Jewish ethos on voting rights and responsibilities found its way into the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 60s, guaranteeing the right of the vote to all. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was literally drafted in the conference room of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Locally, that tradition is still very much alive, with our JCRC Chair, Beth Salamon, and the National Council of Jewish Women driving voting response on issues of women's reproductive freedoms in the upcoming Kentucky constitutional referendum. In general, Jews vote.

A Jewish person's responsibilities on *judicial* elections are even greater. We are specifically commanded to "seek out" the right candidates with important qualifications: truthful people who hate corruption. (Ex. 18:21). Judges who will not favor rich over poor, or poor over rich, in their disputes. (Lev. 19:15). Maimonides

expanded these requirements into several fundamental qualities, including: wisdom, humility, disdain for riches, a love of truth, a love of people and a good reputation; eschewing wrong and injustice.

From this, I believe there are two takeaways for judicial elections from the Jewish perspective: Yes, we *must* vote, but we must also vote from a "very informed place" when it comes to judges. When we "seek out" judicial candidates we must do so based upon their *qualifications*. The JCRC immediately jumped into action to help.

On the JCRC's webpage, the JCRC has provided links and resources on where to vote, how to vote, and a sample judicial ballot showing the contested and uncontested judicial races in Jefferson County. I would also encourage you to seek out resources that align with your values as there are polls, endorsements and informational resources an internet search away. Ask a lawyer, a friend, a justice-involved person, to help you do the good work of "seeking out." We, at the JCRC, have deliberately not endorsed any candidates; JCRC's mission is much broader than any one person.

As you leaf through this issue of *Community*, you will find more judicial advertisements that ever before. This should be a compliment to our community as it is a recognition that we *do* vote and we *are* informed. You will see the same advertisements in yard signs, television ads, and social media pushes. However, this does not

obviate our command to "seek out" and become informed on the qualifications of those who we give our precious vote.

In short, we have a Jewish obligation to "seek out" information on our judges and vote accordingly.

In recognition of this, our congregational many of our Rabbis and Cantors are going to have an "I Voted" Shabbat on Friday November 4. Election day is going to be November 8, 2022, but early voting, which a person can do without an excuse, will be November 3, 4 and 5, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at six locations you can find linked on our website at <https://jewishlouisville.org/federation/jcrc>. As it is within the CRC's mission to build bridges, we would note that one of those locations is at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd. As we move from the ballot box to the Bimah, you might consider voting early and attending or streaming this Shabbat celebration at the synagogue of your choice.

As I said, Frank Schwartz asks good questions. The Jewish perspective on the responsibility of voting and making informed choices about judges is a fundamental tenet of who we are. We bear the ultimate responsibility for the judges we place in positions of power. We, as voters, are the ultimate authority over them. Please do Frank's question justice by seeking out qualified judges for our community.

Matt Golden is a lawyer and the Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council. In his opinion, the JCRC is the most august body in the Jewish Community, seeking justice and doing tikkun olam. He is admittedly very partial and biased in this regard. He invites comments, suggestions or airing of grievances at mgolden@jewishlouisville.org.

Voter's Information Guide

Here is where to find your voting location on the traditional "election day," Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

<https://jeffersoncountyclerk.org/wheredoivote/>

If you would like to vote early, there is "no excuse voting" at several locations around Jefferson County on November 3, 4 and 5, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information can be found here:

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(No excuse, or early voting, is permissible for all—no special qualifications apply).

You can also find mail-in information for absentee voting at the link above, but you must qualify to vote absentee voting.

If you have questions about voting in the upcoming general election, please email mgolden@jewishlouisville.org.

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(left to right, clockwise) Alison Roemer, with Lucky, in the Trager Family JCC sukkah; Izzy Chack check and Melody Shuhmann at the Trager Family JCC's Sukkot Family Event; Rabbi Litvin with his grandchildren in the Chabad sukkah; Jud Hendrix at Kol Israel's "Shakin Shukkah Shabbat"; Adath Jeshurun's Rabbi Corber and Cantor Hordes at the Trager Family JCC's Family Sukkot Event; Karl Victor III and Rabbi Jessica Shimbarg at Kol Israel's "Shakin Shukkah Shabbat."



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(left to right, clockwise) David Kaplan, Jud Hendrix, Jennifer Jacobsen and Judith Stubbs at Kol Israel's "Shakin Shukkah Shabbat"; Rabbi Ariel-Joel with students from The Temple Religious School; Students learning about Sukkot at The Temple Religious School; Diane Sadle and Barbara Gordon enjoying activities in the Trager Family JCC sukkah; Kentucky Institute for Torah Education gathering in the sukkah.





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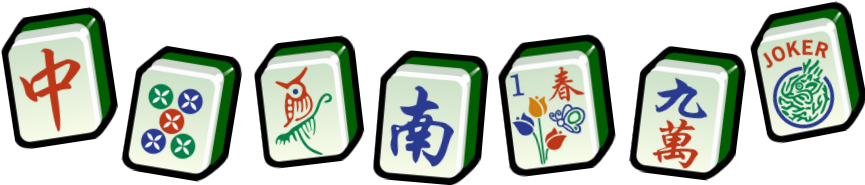


The Trager Family JCC's Farm to Table event returned (following a hiatus because of the pandemic) and was held on Thursday, Oct. 13. The event benefited JOFEE. (left to right, clockwise) Farm to Table set-up; The Song Sparrows band; Attendees in the Shapira Foundation Auditorium; Delores Levy, Evan Rowe and Ilene Rowe; Amy Blayock Bacon and Kathy Bacon; Attendees enjoying pre-dinner cocktails in the Kohn Family Town Center; Ben Vaughan and Shellie Branson.



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GLOBE

Israel to build a museum dedicated to Albert Einstein at university he helped found

By Asaf Elia-Shalev
JTA

An \$18 million museum dedicated to the legacy of Albert Einstein will be built in Jerusalem. The Israeli government approved a plan Sunday to establish a new home for Einstein's extensive materials, including some 85,000 documents, on the campus of the Hebrew University, which Einstein helped found a century ago. It's the largest collection of papers and objects related to Einstein in the world and includes his Nobel Prize and the original notes he produced while developing the general theory of relativity in 1916, according to Benyamin Cohen, who is writing a biography of the physicist. "Albert Einstein is an asset, the biggest brand name in the world for intelligence, science and genius," Israel's alternate prime minister, Naftali Bennett, said on Saturday, adding that he expects the museum to become "a pilgrimage site for anyone who wants to become familiar with Einstein, Jewish intelligence, and intelligence in general." A third of the funding for the museum will come from the Israeli

government and the rest from the university and its donors, including art collector Jose Mugrabi. Einstein was one of the earliest and most important champions of Hebrew University, using his profile as one of the world's leading scientists to raise money for the institution. At a fundraising conference in 1954, a year before his death, he said in a speech that the university would be critical to Israel's trajectory as a young country. "Israel is the only place on earth where Jews have the possibility to shape public life according to their traditional ideals," Einstein said. "We are all greatly concerned that its final shape will be worthy and gratifying. To what extent this goal will be reached will depend significantly on the growth and development of the Hebrew University." His support for the university and for Israel was so deeply appreciated that Einstein was asked to become the country's president in 1952, but he declined. After Einstein died in 1955, the Hebrew University inherited his papers, letters, medals and "all other literary property and rights, of any and every kind or nature



Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion, meeting with Albert Einstein at Princeton University, New Jersey. (Universal History Archive/ Universal Images Group via Getty Images)

whatsoever," per Einstein's will. The announcement of the Albert Einstein museum adds to a spate of new and planned museums and other cultural institutions in recent years in Israel, which are being funded to a large extent by philanthropic dollars from Jews living in the United States. In Jerusalem, it will join the new Museum of Tolerance and the near-

ly completed new home of the National Library of Israel. Meanwhile, Tel Aviv has seen a recent \$100 million renovation that created the ANU Museum of the Jewish People, as well as the opening of the Israel Innovation Museum at the Peres Center for Peace and the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History.

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NEWS AND NEWSMAKERS

Lois Kohn-Claar named President of Jewish Education Project

Louisville native and now resident of Scarsdale, New York, Lois Kohn-Claar, has been named the President of the Jewish Education Project. The Jewish Education Project is a New York-based non-profit that engages in applying Jewish wisdom to today's complicated world in all aspects of Jewish life, including early childhood education, day schools, yeshivas, congregations, teen engagement and Israel education.

Bob Kohn Appointed to U of L Athletic Association Board of Directors

Past President of the Jewish Community Center and Keneseth Israel congregation, Bob Kohn, was recently appointed to the University of Louisville's Athletic Association Board of Directors. Kohn was appointed by Dr. Lori Gonzalez, interim President of the University of Louisville. Kohn is also a life term member of the University's President Council.

JFCS Seeking Nominations for 2023 MOSAIC Awards

JFCS has opened nominations for the 2023 JFCS MOSAIC Awards. Nominations are due by November 15. Eligible individuals reflect the vision, mission and values of the agency through their personal, professional, or philanthropic work. JFCS encourages nominations for individuals who have received services from JFCS in the past.

JFCS will host the annual event this Spring 2023 at the Muhammad Ali

Center. Since 2006, JFCS has honored over 70 individuals who reflect the values of the organization and who make an impact in the Louisville community to create a more equitable Louisville for all. Nominations can be made at <https://jfcsloouisville.org/give/mosaic-awards>

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NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

2022 Festival of Trees & Lights to Expand Jewish Heritage Day



Tami Penner handing out doughnuts at a previous Festival of Trees & Lights.

This year's annual Festival of Trees & Lights will be expanding the Lights exhibit and Jewish Heritage Day. The annual event that takes place Louisville at Slugger Field will run from Nov. 11 to 13.

The Lost Tribe will perform, and gelt giveaways and special dreidel instruction will be part of the event. Proceeds from the 2022 Festival of Trees & Lights will benefit Norton Children's Cancer Institute, affiliated with the UofL School of Medicine.

Jeff Slyn, Lights Volunteer Chair, is looking for volunteers. Those interested may email him at **Travis-Tuxy@bellsouth.net**. More information, including a complete schedule of events and advance tick-

et purchasing opportunities, is at <https://nortonchildrens.com/fountionevents/festival-trees-lights>

Jon Salomon caps 4 years as Waterfront Botanical Gardens President with Ground Breaking of \$22 Million Japanese Gardens



Jon Salomon

After serving as President of the Waterfront Botanical Gardens since its grand opening in Louisville in 2019, Jon Salomon will end his two, 2-year terms with a signature project underway. The gardens recently broke ground on the city's first public, authentic Japanese Garden. The \$22 million project will take 24 months to complete and includes a Japanese Tea House, water fall/pond and bonsai garden. Salomon says of the project, "Building a world-class Japanese Garden on the site of a former garbage dump is *tikkun olam* in action. The construction of the

Waterfront Botanical Gardens is literally helping to repair land in our city that had become essentially unusable because of human activity. In addition, as Shiro Nakane has recognized, Japanese gardens transcend all racial, religious and cultural differences. We are very proud that the Japanese Garden will be a place where all members of the Louisville community can seek peace." Nakane is the Japanese Garden landscape designer.

The Waterfront Botanical Gardens is a 23-acre urban botanical garden located just east of downtown Louisville. The site is a former landfill that was closed in the 1970s and then capped at that time with approximately 25 feet of dirt and fill material covered with grass planting.

Ross D. Cohen Recognized as Lawyer of the Year



Ross D. Cohen

Ross D. Cohen was recognized by his peers as the 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" in *Tax Law in Louisville*. In addition to this honor, he will be highlighted in the 29th edition

of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his high caliber work in the areas of Litigation & Controversy Tax and Tax Law. Ross is a partner in the global firm of Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP and member of the JCL Board of Directors

Temple Shalom will host Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Joshua Garroway, Ph.D.

Professor of Early Christianity and the Second Commonwealth at HUC-JIR in Pasadena, CA, Rabbi Joshua Garroway, Ph.D. will be a Scholar in Residence at Temple Shalom. Dr. Garroway earned his doctorate from the Religious Studies Department at Yale University and was ordained at the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR.

He will host a series of lectures, Friday, Dec. 2 to Sunday, Dec. 4 at 6:15 p.m. For more details, visit templeshalomky.com or call (502) 458-4739. Dr. Garroway's visit is supported by the Jewish Heritage Fund.



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Family donates to JCC Capital Campaign in memory of beloved first responder

By Stephanie Smith
For Community

For the one who worked selflessly to save the lives of others as an EMT and a firefighter, his own journey was cut short by losing a hard fought battle with cancer. In April 2017, Michael Kreitman, 52, died peacefully surrounded by his family in Louisville.

At the time of his death, Michael was a captain with Louisville Metro EMS and a member of the Keneseth Israel Synagogue where he was very active.

In his memory, his family donated to the JCC Capital Campaign and, thanks to their gift and that of some 500 others, the Trager Family Jewish Community Center opened its doors last April.

Michael's father, Sonny, says, "It's not about us, it's about Michael and his legacy of unwavering care and service to others."

Sonny recalls when Stacy Gordon-Funk, Senior Vice President and Chief

Philanthropy Officer, arranged for he and his daughter-in-law, Carla Kreitman, to come to the JCC to see the plaque that fittingly hangs next to the security office in Michael's honor. "I knew what was going to happen that day, but it was a total surprise to Carla – she was taken aback and grateful."

Carla says, "I was overwhelmed when I saw the plaque. It is such a wonderful tribute to my husband who loved helping and connecting with others."

More than 500 people attended Michael's funeral including members of the Jewish community, his fellow first responders and many others. So loved by those he served, Michael was featured in a news story on WHAS 11 where he said he was the luckiest guy in the world by having a good family and the people he worked with in his life. He said that cancer just happened to be part of it.

In the interview, Michael said he was humbled by the outpouring of support

he and his family received. The station even partnered with his loved ones to host a fundraiser in his honor.

Sonny encourages others to give generously to the JCC and the Jewish Federation of Louisville, "It's a double Mitzvah to donate in memory of someone you love."

Carla concludes, "The JCC offers vital services and acts as community builder. Donations support this most important work."

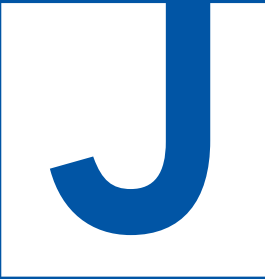


Above: Sonny and Carla Krietman stopped by the Trager Family JCC to see the plaque in Michael's honor.
Left: Michael Krietman



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FEDERATION

C.J. Pressma shares his creative journey and production of Witness to the Holocaust

By Stephanie Smith
For Community

This is the first in a series of articles highlighting the stories behind the generous capital campaign donors who make up the Wall of Honor Tapestry of giving in the Trager Family JCC.

In the early 1960s, C.J. Pressma was a freshman at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. One of his classmates from the West Coast had quite a collection of landscape photographs that sparked Pressma's interest in what would become a legendary career in photography and multi-media production. He began taking photos for the college newspaper and enjoyed the creative process. As it would happen, his first photo assignment landed him in the first racial demonstration of its kind in the northern part of the United States. He shot multiple photos of fire hoses spraying protestors that landed in *Life Magazine*. Even as a college student his extraordinary skill behind the lens became evident. After earning a master of fine

arts from Indiana University, Pressma opened a photography school, Center for Photographic Studies, an alternative school of creative photography, in Louisville, that he operated until 1978. After closing his school, Pressma became interested in multi-media work. He then began his six-year journey to produce the famous seven-part multi-media documentary, *Witness to the Holocaust* – presented by Zanchor, National Resource Center. Pressma interviewed 112 Holocaust survivors in Israel, New York City, New Jersey, Chicago, Louisville and other locations. As he began research for the project, he discovered that the only photographic history of the Holocaust used to teach in schools included film strips. Pressma combined high-quality audio interviews with stunning photographs to create a lasting tribute and historical account of this horrific human tragedy. Pressma says, "This project chronicles an important life-changing event in Jewish history and it was a story that needed to be told from the perspective of survivors."

He concludes, "The universal value of the Holocaust story is that you can teach young people about this important part of Jewish heritage, where they came from and how Israel was formed." In 1984, *Witness to the Holocaust* was released in the United States and Canada where it remains in distribution today. One of the first productions to use survivor interviews as the exclusive content to

tell the story of the Holocaust, *Witness to the Holocaust* has received numerous national awards. We thank C. J. Pressma, a long-time friend and donor of the Jewish Federation of Louisville, for sharing his story with us.



C.J. Pressma and Family



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

Adath Jeshurun

Rabbi Corber's next evening Meditation session will be held on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. To receive the Zoom link, subscribe to AJ's weekly newsletter on the homepage of the AJ website at www.adathjeshurun.com.

The meditation sessions are open to the community, and future sessions are scheduled for December 1 & 15.

Rus Ervin Funk, Director of the Justice Center at All Peoples, will speak during Shabbat services at AJ on Saturday, October 29 at approximately 10:40 a.m. as part of AJ's "Listen & Learn" program. Rus will be discussing the implications of "Amendment 2" which will be on the ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Rabbi Joshua Corber will host an "Informal Meditation & Prayer" every Shabbat morning from 9 - 9:40 a.m. in AJ's Yarmuth Family Chapel. The sessions are open to the community.

Anshei Sfar

Shabbat services start at 9 a.m. at 2904 Bardstown Road; Talmud Trek III, 9:30 a.m. Sundays; and Spice of Life, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Chabad of Kentucky Services are now being held in the old Anshei Sfar building on the Trager Family JCC campus. Contact Chabad at Rabbi@Chabadky.com or 502-235-5770 for details.

A new class called "My G-d: Defining the Divine" will be offered by Chabad at the Trager Family JCC. Six 90-minute classes will begin on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting on Nov. 9. For information, contact Rabbi Litvin at Rabbi@Chabadky.com or 502-235-5770 for details.

Learning With the Rebbe, a new Torah and Tefillin program will begin Sunday, Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. featuring 15 minutes to say the morning Shema Yisroel prayer, New York Style cake with coffee and an audio visual lesson from the Rebbe. The program will be held at the Camp J building at 3700 Dutchmans Lane.

Chavurat Shalom

Chavurat Shalom is meeting in person

for fully vaccinated participants with lunch starting at noon in The Temple's Heideman Auditorium, with the program starting at 1 p.m. Masks are optional for fully vaccinated participants.

Upcoming lunches and events include: Thursday, Nov. 3 - Shari Polur, of Polur Elder Law. Lunch will include grilled cheese, chili, couscous salad, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and cupcakes. Thursday, Nov. 10 - Harpist, Jessica Hyden, will perform. Lunch will include baked chicken with an orange apricot glaze, barley pilaf, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and bread pudding.

Thursday Nov. 17 - Mike O'Bryan and Anthony Minstein will perform as part of the Louisville Klezmer Orchestra. Lunch will include roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, fresh fruit, and assorted desserts.

Thursday, Nov. 24 - No Chavurat Shalom

RSVP by 5 p.m. Tuesday if you'll be attending in person by calling or emailing Sarah at 502-212-2038 or sarah-harlan86@gmail.com. All programs will also be available starting at 1 p.m. via Zoom for those who need to join remotely.

Keneseth Israel

Daily Minyan services are offered in person and on Zoom at tinyurl.com/kiczoom. Shabbat services and Holiday services are offered in person and on YouTubeLive at tinyurl.com/KICyoutubelive. Please visit kenesethisrael.com for times and Covid policies. Jews and Brews with Rabbi Ben Freed is held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on Zoom and in person at the Trager Family JCC— the weekly Torah portion is studied.

KI will be holding an "I Voted Shabbat" on Friday, Nov. 4. Starting at 6 p.m., celebrate civic engagement and enjoy a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a shabbat dinner and a surprise guest speaker. In person and on online at tinyurl.com/KICyoutubelive.

Kentucky Institute for Torah Education

The Light of Torah class meets weekly at the Trager Family JCC in the Barbara Brick Reading Room from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Light refreshments are served. There is also a Zoom option. Contact Rabbi Zack Blaustein at rabbizb@kentuckytorah.org to RSVP or for the zoom link.

KITE has a weekly Saturday night learning class in "The Path of the Just". Study a classical ethical work in a fun, relaxed environment. Reach out to Rabbi Zack Blaustein at rabbizb@kentuckytorah.org for the location or with any questions.

Kol Israel Community of Kentucky

The next Shabbat Morning Services with our Partnership with the Bloomington, IN Renewal Congregation is this Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10:15 a.m. Live or via Zoom and advance registration must be made. Email KolIsraelky@gmail.com or call 502-341-1595.

Inner Peace for Challenging Times, a Community-Wide Jewish Meditation led by Reb Brian-Yoseph Monday, Nov. 14 at 9 p.m. Registration for Zoom by emailing KolIsraelky@gmail.com or calling 502-341-1595.

Chanukah 22, "A Shabbat of Light" will be Friday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. To learn more and to help, email KolIsraelky@gmail.com or call 502-341-1595.

Louisville Hadassah

The 100th Hadassah Convention will be held this November in Israel. Tracks for first-time goers and returnees, and pre- and post-convention tours are available. Subventions are available for potential leaders. Email louisvillehadassah-chapter@gmail.com with questions.

Louisville Vaad HaKashruth

The following venues are supervised and certified by the Vaad: Jewish Community Center (kitchen), Trager Family JCC's Dive-in-Diner (an outdoor café) from Memorial Day to Labor Day, UofL Jewish Hospital (kosher kitchens only), Krispy Kreme, 3000 Bardstown Road.

NCJW, Louisville Section

NCJW is hosting a Mah Jongg event on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Register for the event, and receive complimentary lessons in November with paid registration at ncjwlou.org/home/our-work/mah-jongg-card-orders

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 the Facebook page at facebook.com/wrjtemplegiftshop. If these times are not convenient, please call Sheila Lynch at 502-896-9736, Marlene Ornstein at 502-329-3376, or Karen Waldman at 502-425-4360 to make an appointment to shop.

Adult Education at The Temple has begun! Text Study with Rabbi David, Beginning Hebrew with Mark Goldstein, and Basic Judaism are on Monday nights; Temple Scholars with Rabbi David and Cantor Lauren are on Wednesday mornings; and Saturday Torah Study with Rabbi David starts at 9 a.m. on Zoom and in person will be every Saturday. For a full schedule and descriptions, go to thetemplelouky.org/adult-education.

The Temple invites congregants to attend indoor Shabbat services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. More information at thetemplelouky.org.

Join Temple Families for Grade 7 and 8 Family Shabbat and Tot Shabbat on Friday, Nov. 4. Tot Shabbat with Cantor Lauren will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and Erev Shabbat Services at 7 p.m. led by Grade 7/8 students. Dinner: \$10 per person and free for children 12 and under. Dinner is \$5 if RSVP is received before Tuesday, Nov. 1. Please make your reservation by calling 502-423-1818 or registering online at thetemplelouky.org/family-shabbat-dinner.

The Mitzvah Makers will meet on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 11:30 to make sandwiches for the Louisville homeless community. RSVP at thetemplelouky.org/sandwich-making. Before the event, 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. Additionally, small hotel/sample size toiletries (shampoo, bars of soap, lotion, mouthwash, toothbrushes, and toothpaste) are needed for making bags to hand out.

A special Veterans Day Shabbat service will be held on Friday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

A "Fill the Freezer Family Mitzvah Event" will be held Sunday, Nov. 13 at 12 p.m.



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Brotherhood Dinner and Bourbon Tasting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. The featured speaker will be expert whiskey and bourbon collector and connoisseur, Anthony Minstein. Dinner by Chef Z is included for Brotherhood members and associates. Guests are invited at \$18 per person. Brotherhood business meeting will be at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation at 7 p.m.

Rabbi David and Cantor Lauren will hold a special Clergy Shabbat Dinner on Friday, Nov. 18. A family-friendly dinner will be at 6 p.m. The Shabbat service will follow at 7 p.m. Dinner: \$10 per person and free for children 12 and under. Dinner is \$5 if RSVP received before Tuesday, Nov. 15. Please make reservation by calling 502-423-1818 or registering online at thetemplelouky.org/clergy-shabbat-dinner.

Cantor Lauren's Installation will be held December 2-4 and will include a weekend of celebration, singing, and learning. More information at thetemplelouky.org/cantor-installation.

The "Fabulous Fine & Funky Jewelry Show and Sale" will be Sunday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is free and includes jewelry from local vendors. For questions, call Carol at 502-819-4866.

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.

Torah study with Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner is held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays on Zoom. Email information@templeshalomky.org for details.

Lunch Bunch, a study session with a featured speaker, is held on the third Wednesday of each month. Email information@templeshalomky.org for

details.

Temple Shalom will host Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Joshua Garroway, Ph.D., from December 2-4 for a series of lectures. Dr. Garroway serves as Professor of Early Christianity and the Second Commonwealth at HUC-JIR in Pasadena, CA. He earned his doctorate from the Religious Studies Department at Yale University and was ordained at the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, Dec 2 at 6:15 p.m.: Pre-oneg sponsored by the Women of Temple Shalom before Friday night services Topic: The Origins of Christianity and its Parting of the Ways with Judaism

Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10:30 a.m Presentation and kiddush luncheon after services Topic: Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Ancient and Modern

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 10:00 a.m.: Breakfast provided by Temple Shalom Men's Club Topic: Conversion to Judaism: Ancient and Modern

All events are at Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Road. Reservations are required for each event by Nov. 23. Please email info@templeshalomky.org or call 502-458-4728 to make a reservation.

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NEWS

JEWISH WOMEN

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pregnancies to avoid health risks; Sobel says she and her husband can't conceive any other way.

While Jewish law is still developing around IVF, most rabbinic opinions agree that embryo donation, an option that some anti-abortion activists urge, is problematic according to *halacha*, or Jewish law, because of the outside possibility that it could result in unintended incest in the future. They also tend to agree that passively allowing embryos to be de-

stroyed, such as by not refrigerating them, is permissible.

Claiming the state abortion law "substantially burdens" the plaintiffs' right to religious expression, the suit also says the law is in violation of Kentucky's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, as well as violating the state's constitution by granting preference to "theocratic" Christian teachings over other religious beliefs.

The Kentucky lawsuit is part of a newly emerging trend of Jews hoping to use religious freedom protections as a pressure point against state abortion restrictions driven

largely by Christian activism. A nondenominational congregation in Florida sued that state over its abortion law in June, saying that its 15-week abortion ban "prohibits Jewish women from practicing their faith free of government intrusion and this violates their privacy rights and religious freedom."

And last month Hoosier Jews For Choice, a newly formed Indiana Jewish abortion-rights group, sued over Indiana's own law banning abortions in the state with very few exceptions. That lawsuit, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, also claimed that the abortion law (which had not yet gone into ef-

fect) was in violation of the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

American Jews support abortion rights more than any other religious group, according to polling. Non-Orthodox Jews have been at the fore of advocacy against the current sweep of abortion legislation, while some Orthodox groups have said they applaud the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision while still believing that abortion should be permitted in some cases. Scholars of Jewish law largely agree that it requires abortion when the pregnant person's health is at risk, though there is disagreement about what constitutes such a risk.

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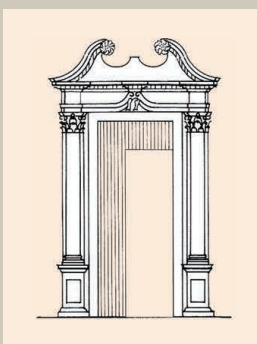
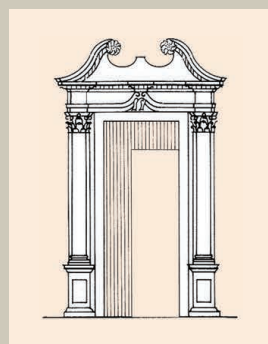
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B'nai Mitzvah



Gabriel Arthfael Crowdus will be called to the Torah on Shabbat Vayera on the 18th of Cheshvan, November 12, 2022, at the Adath Israel Synagogue in Montreal, Canada. Proud parents are Shaun and Miranda Polzer

Crowdus of Montreal, Canada. Savta, Natalie Polzer, of Louisville, is most happy to merit the opportunity to celebrate the second bar mitzvah in the family in over 100 years. Brother and sisters, Tobias, Talia and Maia Crowdus, grandparents Jerry and Karen Crowdus (New Bern, North Carolina), Uncle Tony Crowdus (Santa Rosa Beach, Florida) and Aunt Cindy Crowdus (Raleigh, North Carolina) and the Polzer and Crowdus families at large, join in warm congratulations. A special thanks to Cantor David Lipp and Rabbi Shmully Litvin of Louisville and Cantor Heather Batchelor of Montreal, for helping Gabriel learn and grow intellectually and spiritually to reach this season.

Sophie Rossen, daughter of Lindsey and David Rossen, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on October 22, at Beth Shalom Synagogue in Memphis, TN. Sophie is in the 7th grade at Bornblum Jewish Community School where she has served as



board member on the Student Counsel and is currently on the board of the National Junior Honor Society. Sophie has run cross country and track for the Bornblum Bobcats and is an avid ballet dancer.

In addition to dancing, Sophie loves to hang out with her friends and attends B'nai B'rith Beber Camp. Sophie has been collecting items to donate to Camp Good Grief, an organization that provides a therapeutic environment to children that are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Sophie has been lucky enough to grow up with two great grandmothers, Ella Goodman of Louisville, KY and Goldie Burson of Memphis. Her grandparents are David and Beverly Weinberg of Louisville and Skip and Susan Rossen of Memphis.

Obituaries

Richard Thomas Cohen

Richard was born in Columbus, OH, in 1941 to Bess and Sam Cohen. He loved and cared for his sister, Nancy Cohen (Chernoff). Richard attended the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University and where he received an architectural degree. He lived his adult life in multiple cities, including Chicago, Peoria, IL, Memphis, TN, South Bend, IN, and Columbia, SC. Richard was an

architect for 40+ years, his passion and pride in life. He was intelligent, hard-working, and loved joking with his dry humor. He was proud of his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrna Lee Cohen, married for 51 years. He is survived by daughters, Melissa Himmelman (Mark) of Portland, OR, and Julie Ciriano (Steve) of Louisville, KY. He is survived by four grandchildren, Rebecca Ciriano, Benjamin Himmelman, Hannah Ciriano, and Maya Ciriano.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 19th, at The Temple Cemetery, 2716 Preston Highway, Louisville, KY. Donations can be made in Richard's honor to The Temple in Louisville, KY or Tree of Life Congregation in Columbia, SC.

Myrna Lee Cohen

Myrna died Friday, September 23rd in Columbia, SC. She was born in Peoria, IL in 1946 to the late Minnie and Julian Brown. Myrna attended Bradley University in Peoria. She lived in several cities which included Peoria, IL, Chicago, IL, Memphis, TN, South Bend, IN and finally, Columbia, SC.

Myrna was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and niece. She enjoyed and looked forward to family visits and seized every special moment. Her passions included a strong Jewish identity, family, love of food, cooking, shopping, her career, playing Mahjong and music.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Cohen; her daughters, Melissa Himmelman (Mark) of Portland, OR and Julie Ciriano (Steve) of Louisville, KY; her four grandchildren, Rebecca Ciriano, Benjamin Himmelman, Hannah Ciriano and Maya Ciriano; and her sister, Deborah Libby of Chicago, IL.

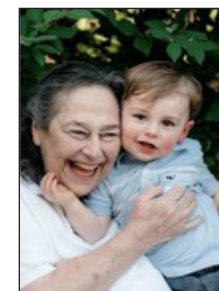
May she live on, in our hearts. May her memory be a blessing. Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29th at The Temple Cemetery, 2716 Preston Highway, Louisville, KY. Donations can be made in Myrna's honor to Tree of Life Congregation in Columbia, SC or The Temple in Louisville, KY.

Karen Gordon Cole

Karen, 66, of Zephyrhills, FL, formerly of Louisville, died September 24th at her home. She was born in Louisville, January 26, 1956 to the late Dr. Armond T. and Ruth Stern Gordon. She was

an administrative assistant, a member of Young Israel of Tampa Congregation in Temple Terrace, FL and loved to pet sit. She is survived by her brother, Norman L. Gordon of Louisville; several cousins and many special friends.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, October 6th at Keneseth Israel Cemetery, 2700 Preston Hwy.



Harriet Frankel Firkins

Harriet, 72, died Tuesday, September 27, 2022. She was a retired school teacher and professor, member of Keneseth Israel Congregation and its Sisterhood, and board member of

the Vaad HaKashruth.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, her son Seth, and her brother Harold. She is survived by her daughters Rachel Firkins (Allie), Becca Baker (Jeremy), grandson Aston Baker, brother Larry Frankel, sister-in-law Anita Frankel, and many many other loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends near and far.

To say that Harriet was a force to be reckoned with would be to grossly under-represent the power of her presence. When Harriet was in a room – any room – you could be sure of several things. It was a place of warmth, it was a place of love, it was a place of acceptance and welcome. It was also a place with food, so much food, and zero time for anyone's foolishness. Harriet's capacity for love and humor were both boundless, and her singing and laughter will be missed by all who knew her. While we can never fill the void her passing has created, we hope you will honor her memory and keep her joy alive by loving each other fiercely, laughing with each other loudly, and wiping each other's tears – be they from happiness or sorrow.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2022 at Keneseth Israel Cemetery, 2800 Preston Highway.

A meal of condolence, sponsored by the KI Sisterhood, will be held after the funeral services at Keneseth Israel Congregation, 2531 Taylorsville Road. The family will be observing Shiva at 1613 Almara Circle on Sunday, October 2,

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