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Zmira Gold relaxes in the living room of the Woodluck Ave. home she's lived in for 56 years. (Photo by Andrew Adler)

## For Zmira Gold, Israel is a matter of heart, soul and sustenance

By Andrew Adler  
Community Editor

*This is the first of an occasional series profiling Louisvilians with especially close ties to Israel.*

Zmira Gold is a living embodiment of Israeli history. Born into the rough-and-tumble melting pot of 1930s Jerusalem, she endured the hardships

imposed by the British overlords of Mandatory Palestine. On the day in 1948 the State of Israel came into being she danced in the city's narrow streets, only to find her neighborhood under shellfire soon afterward when four Arab nations attacked the fledgling country.

Today, 75 years and a lifetime later, those fearsome guns have long been silent. The cacophony of war has been

replaced by the quietude of Louisville's Woodluck Avenue, where Gold has occupied an unassuming 1950s-era home for more than half a century. A trim 88 years old, she moves more cautiously than when she and her still-new husband, dentist Gerard Gold, arrived in America in 1961.

But though time may be testing her body, it has done nothing to diminish

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## Happy 5784th birthday to the world



Sara's  
View

Sara Klein Wagner

Happy Birthday to the world: 5784 years and wishing many more. Birthdays can be big occasions, and the birthday for the world deserves to be especially meaningful.

I love how one of the most beautiful elements of Jewish life is the Jewish calendar. The flow of Jewish festivals and holidays follows the seasons and provides myriad opportunities to plan and prepare, organize and anticipate.

Consider how we ready ourselves for a Passover Seder, build a sukkah or make challah. Rosh Hashanah is, literally, the "Head of the Year," and just a few weeks from now we will gather once again as a community, beginning the 10-day period called the Days of Awe that concludes with Yom Kippur. Together with Jews across the globe, we will rejoice the creation of our world. Rosh Hashanah is also a time when we reflect on the past year

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## Young Israeli counselors bring Israel to Camp J for the Summer

By Andrew Adler  
Community Editor

Among Israel's most valuable exports are the young adults who, each summer, travel to the U.S. to be counselors at Jewish day and overnight camps. They're part of *Shlichim* (Hebrew for "Emissaries"), a program administered by the Jewish Agency for Israel that aims to "provide a living connection to Israel by promoting Israeli experiences, facilitating Jewish social activism, and speaking authentically about faith and culture."

Two Shlichim, Adi Damri and Gal Salomon, spent June and July as counsellors at the Trager Family JCC's

Camp J. It was the first time in the U.S. for both young women, arriving in Louisville not long after their respective stints with the Israeli Defense Forces, military service required of virtually all Israeli citizens. Once back in Israel, they'll eventually go on to university and begin new careers.

Each of these Shlichim had their own Camp J portfolio. Damri, 22, coordinated art activities; Salomon, 23, was Israeli Culture specialist. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday, they shared their lives with campers age kindergarten to 8th grade. Afterward they'd return to their various host families, getting a taste (often literal) of what Louisville and Kentucky had

to offer.

At first this chunk of Americana was somewhat of a mystery.

"I was thinking this was going to be farm and a desert like in the movies, the Wild West," Damri recalled, "just a small town with farms all around and not really civilization."

Clearly a bit of research was called for. "I was going to Netflix," she said, "and the first thing that popped up is the Kentucky Derby and I was like, 'That's interesting - that's a place I want to go.'"

Unlike Tel Aviv's Damri, Salomon grew up in Omer, a town small enough

See **SHLICHIM** on page 17



Left to right: 2023 Shlichim Adi Damri and Gal Salomon pictured with a Camp J friend. (Photo by Andrew Adler)

L' Shana  
Tova



# THE DASHBOARD

## Word of the Month

### This High Holiday season, make a pilgrimage – to shul



D'var Torah

Cantor Sharon Hordes

As the High Holidays approach, one of the things I look forward to the most is observing the various reunions unfolding in the sanctuary during services. Your hugs and smiles fill my heart as I watch from the vantage point of the bima. In Judaism we have three pilgrimage holidays: Pesach, Sukkot and Shavuot—where our ancestors would travel to Jerusalem to bring their sacrificial offerings to the Temple, though neither Rosh Hashanah nor Yom Kippur required such a pilgrimage. That said, I would argue that in our time, the *Yamim Noraim* (ten days of repentance from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur) have the feeling of a modern day “pilgrimage holiday.” Whether we travel to other cities to be with our families or attend local services, all who participate are gathering with our fellow Jewish families and friends. I imagine that the joy percolating throughout the crowds in ancient Jerusalem -- filled with friendly, familiar faces -- was not unlike how we feel when we spot our dear friends and families in our respective sanctuaries.

I want to emphasize that this wondrous feeling doesn't have to be reserved only for the High Holidays. It is built into the practice of Judaism and is available at *any* given time, whether at a worship service, a class or a particular program. Our tradition is replete with wisdom regarding the benefit of coming together in person to pray, learn, celebrate, and to comfort the mourner. The great sage, Hillel, exhorted us to not separate ourselves from the community. In saying this, he was impressing upon his fellow Jews that we need one another in order to be whole -- and that happy as well as tough times are better experienced together. Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, too, stressed our interdependence on one another by defining “community” as “society with a human face.” Rabbi Jill Jacobs reminds us that we define ourselves as an “Am Yisrael,” “the people of Israel,” rather than as a “Dat Yisrael,” “the religion of Israel.”

We live in an age when interacting with one another through screens is easily accomplished. For those with

limited mobility, or who live a great distance apart from one another, online can be the only effective way to communicate and participate. Still, I know I'm not alone in believing that digital participation is not an equal substitute for togetherness, especially if meeting in person is possible. I understand that attending services and classes online is satisfying and convenient for some. But, by doing so, our lack of physical presence may be diminishing the communal experience for those attending in person. The rabbinic sages could not have predicted live streaming or Zoom. Yet they knew that there was power in communal prayer. There's a reason they required a quorum of ten adult Jews to enable the mourner to recite the Mourner's Kaddish. They understood how the process of mourning was helped along by praying with one's community. You may feel content praying or learning from home. But by making that choice, your fellow Jew who came to shul in person, seeking comfort or fellowship, does not have the benefit of *your* physical presence.

The purpose of this article is not to shame or guilt anyone into attending services or events in person. I acknowledge that by offering these gathering opportunities online, we are making them more accessible for people who can't physically come to our buildings because of illness, mobility issues or lack of transportation. I also appreciate that everyone's time is precious, and those who live a great distance from our houses of worship would be spending an inordinate amount of time driving to and from them. Lastly, attending services, classes or programs online at home, rather than driving to your synagogue or temple, is ultimately a “greener” choice. At the same time, I urge you to consider the rabbis' original intent of the minyan requirement for those in their most vulnerable circumstances. I ask that if you're a regular “Zoomer,” you choose at least one hybrid event a month to attend in person, if possible. To borrow a famous quote from a decidedly not Jewish but highly regarded past president: Ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and spiritually fulfilling New Year!

*Sharon Hordes is Cantor of Keneseth Israel Congregation.*

## Snapshots



For he's a jolly good fellow! Frank Lichteinfeld celebrated 25 years of dedicated service as driver for the Senior Program. He was awarded a proclamation by the mayor, a gift from the Senior Social Club, and a crystal plaque. His loving wife, Bonnie, has been an advisor, volunteer, and big supporter of the Senior Program as well. Over 60 friends and families were here to celebrate with him. (Photos by Robyn Kaufman)



## Candles

Here are the candle-lighting times for Shabbat and High Holy Days in September:

- Sep 1 @ 7:55 p.m.
- Sep 8 @ 7:44 p.m.
- Sep 15 @ 7:33 p.m. (RH, day 1)
- Sep 16 @ 8:29 p.m. (RH, day 2)
- Sep 22 @ 7:22 p.m.
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A photo on last month's Snapshots page misidentified one of the people seated around a table at Cherokee Park's Stegner Pavilion. She is Beverly Weinberg, not Brenda Bush.

The correct time for Filson Community History Fellow Amy Shir's Sept. 7 meeting with young Jewish adults at the Trager Family JCC is 6:30-8 p.m.



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# NEWS

## Teen Director Abigail Goldberg has been selected for a coveted JCCA Merrin Teen Professional Fellowship

By Andrew Adler  
Community Editor

Abigail Goldberg – Teen Director & Philanthropy Outreach at the Trager Family JCC and Jewish Federation of Louisville – is among 17 recipients of 2023 Merrin Teen Professional Fellowships.

The program is funded by grants from entrepreneur Seth Merrin and his late wife, Anne Heyman. Goldberg’s participation also has key support from Louisville’s Jay Levine Youth Fund – named in memory of the youth director at the old Jewish Community Center and the longtime athletics director at Male High School -- who died 20 years ago this past July.

“My dad was all about making opportunities,” says his daughter, Shannon Levine Benovitz, citing Goldberg’s fellowship as a prime example of how the fund translates intention into action. “It resonated with us to know that she has this opportunity, because training future leaders was part of our fund’s designation. We all started at a certain point in our careers, and we all have a place we aspire to (reach). It’s befitting of what my dad stood for.”

The Fund, in many respects, reflects his wife and daughter’s commitment to honor his exceptional record of service. Indeed, after retiring from Male, returning to the JCC testified to how vital it was for him to nurture and encourage young people – wherever he found them. “I do feel we’ve tried hard to establish a legacy,” Diane Levine says, adding that she often hears

about how Jay Levine bettered teen lives. “I’ve gotten so many phone calls and run into people over the years who I didn’t even know,” she says. “And as a grandparent, as I’ve gotten in different circles, I’m hearing about what he did for their kids. Jay was definitely a mentor: a good all-around person who wanted to find the best in a child or teenager. He didn’t want recognition. He just wanted to help others.”

Merrin Fellows are focusing on four principal areas: Jewish literacy, understanding adolescence, networking, and leadership development.

The current cohort met in person for the first time this past May in Waynesboro, Penn. Subsequent in-person and online sessions will be highlighted by a 10-day trip to Israel in October.

Fellowship training will help Goldberg better understand what most concerns her teenage constituents. “Our current political climate is influencing the mental health and social wellbeing of our teens,” she says. The Merrin Fellowship will give her skills essential for making teens feel they’re being heard.

Over the summer, participants read “Why Do Jewish: A Manifesto for 21st Century Peoplehood” by Zack Bodner -- CEO of the Palo Alto (Calif) JCC – who’ll speak to them in September. Fellowship emphasis “isn’t just attending or planning a prayer service,” Goldberg says. Instead, it’s more along the lines of “incorporating Judaism into things like community service, volunteer projects and holiday programming for teens.”

Early-career advice is invaluable. “This cohort gives me a sounding board to ask questions and throw out ideas – how do you run this type of program? How do you recruit teens to come to XYZ programs?” Goldberg says. “Or how do you involve parents – and how do you handle issues when it comes to mental health?”

Networking among current Merrin Fellows is already paying off. “One of my friends in the cohort runs their leadership-

in-training program at their camp in Pittsburgh,” Goldberg says. “It’s similar to what we have in our counselor-in-training program, which is what I (staff) at Camp J here. He gave me tons of ideas on how to incorporate different team building and conflict-management training – and how to do that on a ninth and tenth grade level, because they’re not counselors yet. They’ve never acquired these skills before.”



The 2023 cohort of Merrin Teen Professional Fellows. Abigail Goldberg, wearing gray top, is standing at the extreme right, one row from the rear (Selfie by Caleb Seidler)

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## NEWS

# Gab Melendez named Jewish Outreach Program Manager



Guest  
Columnist

Gab Melendez

Having grown up within Louisville's Jewish community and spending a large portion of my childhood at the old Jewish Community Center, I thought I had a solid understanding of the innerworkings of the facility and community. Turns out, I didn't realize the full breadth of knowledge, outreach, and community building that went into building and sustaining the center.

You could say I was fully involved: attending Sunday and Hebrew school, Overnight camp, Birthright, JCC programming, and working within different Jewish synagogues and centers across the city. Growing up amid diverse flavors of Judaism helped to inform the way I experience my own Judaism today. I'm so glad I now have a more informed appreciation of my own cultural and

religious connections to Judaism -- ones I can use to help others better understand how they participate and affiliate.

I've recently accepted a new position at the Jewish Federation of Louisville as Jewish Outreach Program Manager. It might seem like a mouthful to say, but the job encompasses enough roles that to me, it's appropriately lengthy. I returned to the Trager Family JCC earlier this year as a member of the preschool staff, and in July began working as a program manager. I was introduced to the innerworkings of Camp J, where I greatly enjoyed being able to assist with daily activities like music, art, tie dye, outdoor games, and much more. Having attended JCC camps for so much of my childhood, it was enlightening being able to see things from the other side. Now that Camp J is over for the summer, the administrative team is back in the main building and has begun the next phase of program planning. I have the pleasure of overseeing and creating Jewish programming for PJ Library and PJ Our Way, Hillel, Club J, and Camp J.

PJ Library is an engagement and

literacy program, created in 2005 by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The program provides free Jewish books, lent on a monthly basis, for children ages birth to 8 years old. For children ages 9-12 there is a sister program called PJ Our Way, which offers chapter books and graphic novels. At the Trager Family JCC, PJ Library not only provides books, but also programming to help connect Jewish children, parents, and families with one another and to other events, and to encourage further engagement with the local Jewish community. I'm excited to create programming that will help to foster these connections for years to come.

Hillel is an organization on college campuses throughout the country and internationally that provides a place for Jewish students to cultivate their relationship to Judaism and connect with others in their area (Our Impact). Throughout my years in college, I participated in various Hillel events -- whether that be Shabbat dinners or picking apples around Rosh Hashanah. Hillel gave me the space to feel connected to other Jewish students, while also cultivating a comforting environment that helped

ease my transition into college.

In July I was given the opportunity to attend a Hillel conference in St. Louis to learn more about Hillel's mission and how to better serve the college-aged Jewish community. The conference focused on educating participants about student engagement and program planning, while also working to connect attendees with each other to create larger support networks. Attending the conference eased the transition into my new position by sharing tools and ideas to help create a program that will help new students feel supported, comforted, and celebrated.

While PJ Library and Hillel are two of my main focuses, I will also be creating programming for both Camp J and Club J. I'm looking forward to and grateful for the opportunity to help educate the next generation about the values, holidays, and cultural aspects of Judaism.

*Gab Melendez is Jewish Outreach Program Manager at the Jewish Federation of Louisville.*

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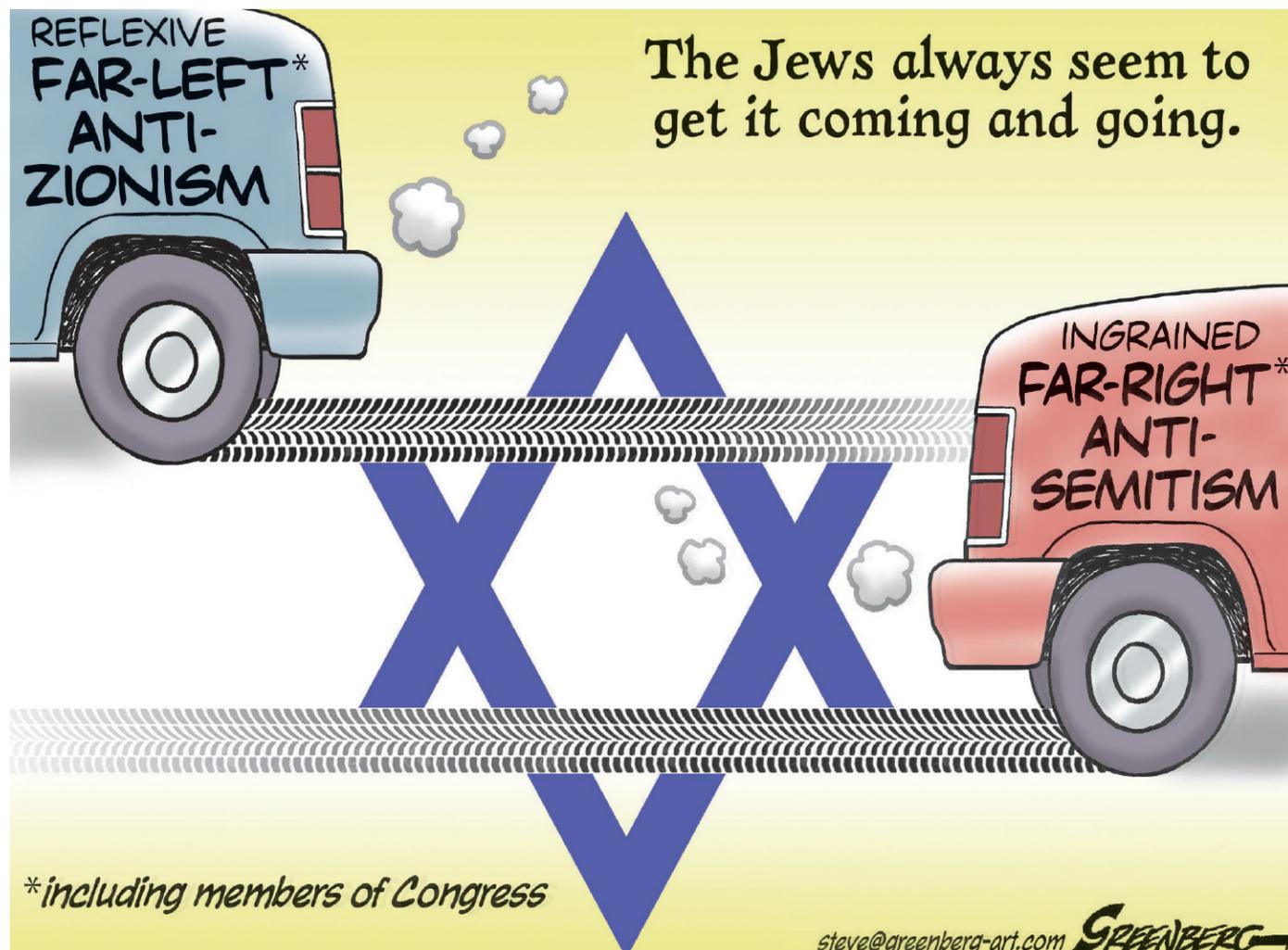
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## FORUM



## Amid Maui's fiery fury, it's our responsibility to step up and help



Mindful  
Ramblings

Andrew  
Adler

Nature – capricious, arbitrary, furious and deadly – unleashed itself on the Hawaiian island of Maui earlier this month. Wildfires swept through large portions of Maui's landscape, consuming the historic town of Lahaina and killing at least 115 people. Several residents saved themselves only by wading into the nearby Pacific. Others, trapped by the wind-whipped flames, were not as fortunate. Some of them may never be positively identified.

Understanding the *what* is relatively straightforward. The *why*, on the other hand, is all but unknowable. Making sense of the senseless is, ultimately, a fruitless errand. There may be no recourse except to move, stumbling, in the general direction of “forward.”

If there is any good to emerge from this tragedy, it's in how we off-islanders are responding. Amid local infrastructure failures – emergency sirens that never sounded, fire hydrants without water – those of us who live thousands of miles from Maui have the responsibility to help not simply in words, but in deeds.

Hawaii is more or less a speck in the vast South Pacific. Trucks from neighboring states can't simply roll in – in-

stead, it's a relative slog to transport aid from the continental U.S. For residents of Lahaina and elsewhere who lost homes and possessions, delays can seem interminable. For those who lost loved ones, solace may appear impossible.

Hawaii has a small but vibrant Jewish community (in the vicinity of 8,000-10,000, according a 2020 Jewish Community Services “Mapping Report”). The state has a Jewish governor, Josh Green; several synagogues, and a Chabad center. In the immediate wake of the Maui wildfires, Jewish Federations of North America swung into action, setting up a dedicated national mailbox for aid contributions: [tinyurl.com/2usntjha](https://tinyurl.com/2usntjha)

Most of those impacted on Maui, of course, are not Jewish. It speaks to the universality of compassion and support that aid is for everyone, regardless of faith. The impact of this disaster, the scope of suffering, death and destruction, mandates the widest conceivable commitment.

All too often, responses to natural disasters fail to sustain their initial impetus. Calamity can breed short memories, particularly when that calamity is so distant. We may see, hear and read new reports of how nature went off the rails, but catastrophe fatigue can undermine the best of relief intentions.

Very few of us can genuinely empathize with people whose homes have burned to the ground, or whose families are now ripped apart. The emotional wounds are grievous and deep; healing them will require great skill plus great patience. And we humans tend to be an impatient sort.

There's also the spiritual component

to consider. “Sending thoughts and prayers” may be a cliché, and certainly they're no substitute for physical assistance. Invoking “thoughts and prayers” in the face of someone who is now homeless and destitute is scant comfort.

Still...if we believe in God's compassionate presence – less so in God's choosing to intervene directly into humanity's affairs – we cannot discount the resonance of prayerful energy. My own belief system has evolved amid a kind of spiritual duality: the God of my Jewish heritage alongside a “listen to the Universe speak” perspective. I don't find these at all contradictory, but mutually supportive.

I can pray for those impacted by the Maui wildfires, which may make me feel better, and if the Universe is cooperative, somehow ease the anguish of the Maui affected – Jews and non-Jews alike. This may be another opportunity to exercise extended patience. Typically, prayer is not compatible with instant gratification.

Meanwhile, we can continue the imperative of practical aid to Lahaina and the rest of distressed Maui. Jewish Federations of North America – and the Jewish Federation of Louisville and the Trager Family JCC – recognize the scope of the relief challenge. To paraphrase Rabbi Tarfon's ancient missive – no matter how long the task may take, we're not excused from giving it our best, most authentic effort.

*Andrew Adler is Managing Editor of Community.*

## FORUM

# Antisemitism: What we did last summer



JCRC

Matt Golden

My family and I took a vacation to Maine a week or so ago, right before my children's school year started. This is not, however, a vacation story. This is a story about a peculiar form of hate and its uncomfortable presence in our community over the last couple of weeks. This is a story about what happened.

Just as my family left Louisville, members of a Kentucky chapter of the KKK distributed fliers in bedroom communities around our sister city, Lexington, in a near-simultaneous action across many neighborhoods. In an unrelated incident, elected officials in Frankfort received a barrage of antisemitic letters urging action against Jews.

Our arrival in Maine was marred by widely reported antisemitic vandalism in the capital, Augusta, followed by the announcement that a neo-Nazi training camp was being established "upstate." Later in the week, we learned that a neo-Nazi rally was being held in Augusta on the day of our departure.

Against this local backdrop, another neo-Nazi was arrested and federally charged for targeting jurors and the Jewish community during the trial of the murderer of 11 Jewish people in a Pittsburgh synagogue. The defendant's "supporter" attempted to use threats against the jurors and victims to obstruct the trial and will now face a trial of his own.

When we arrived back home, our community was confronted by more news of antisemitism: A member of Lexington's Jewish clergy received disturbing and threatening antisemitic

ic text messages, resulting in the arrest of the perpetrator. The Lexington law enforcement officials we spoke to let us know that additional charges were coming against a separate hate-motivated defendant for crimes against yet another victim.

Then, last week, one of our local synagogues was the victim of a "swatting" attack. Swatting is the deliberate and false reporting of an emergency in order to compel an armed law enforcement response, usually the SWAT team. Louisville joined more than 50 other Jewish institutions across the country that were targets of similar "swatting" attacks during the same period. Said again: A criminal actor or actors targeted 50 Jewish institutions from coast to coast in a coordinated attack meant to terrorize Jews.

I want to stress that I left for vacation only a couple of weeks ago.

Antisemitism is on the rise in our country, as statistics well reveal. The Anti-Defamation League reports that despite making up only 2% of the population, Jews are the targets of more than two-thirds of the religiously motivated hate crimes in this nation. The American Jewish Committee, in a separate report, provides that more than a quarter of American Jews have been the specific target of an antisemitic incident (<https://www.ajc.org/AntisemitismReport2022>)

If you are online, as many of our people are, those statistics are even more troubling. Thirty-six percent of American Jews reported experiencing antisemitic harassment online, according to the ADL. And America isn't alone. Germany saw a 700 percent increase in online antisemitic posts during 2021, France no less than 1,300 percent. To quote Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt, the United States Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combatting Antisemitism, "[a]ntisemitism is everywhere. It's in the streets and it's in the Tweets."

Yet, when terrible things happen, good people rise. Our Jewish Louis-

ville Community Newspaper previously reported to you about the White House Plan to Combat Antisemitism that was announced in May. National Jewish organizations like the ADL and AJC will work with their own local partners, and with our elected officials, to continue combatting this old hate. Through education, action and coalition building, we can counter antisemitism in our time.

But I also want to focus on our local response. Thanks to our newly appointed Regional Security Advisor, Stuart Lowrey, local and federal law enforcement and others, we became aware of these incidents quickly, and were able to connect with one another in response. Those incidents were then tracked, and our community was advised in a responsible and coherent way. Moreover, several best practices came out of these incidents that will be further refined over the next several months with the help of our RSA, the Secure Community Network and community partners here locally and across our state. They are:

"If you see something, say something." Make sure that if there is any threat or perceived threat, call law enforcement at 911, and call our Regional Security Advisor at 844-SCN-DESK (844-726-3375) or email at [slowrey@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:slowrey@jewishlouisville.org)

Even if there is not a threat, but antisemitic activity, please call the RSA and contact the Jewish Community Relations Council—email below—so that we can track, follow up and connect all sources of information. Our RSA and the Secure Community Network (of which we are a part) have access to resources that help track neo-Nazis, extremists and other people motivated by antisemitism.

If incidents or related concerns occur in schools, know that you're not alone. We are advocates for you there as well and we can help navigate through the school process. You can reach me at [mgolden@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:mgolden@jewishlouisville.org) with any questions.

Try not to post or repost the anti-

semitic message on your own social media. Often, this creates a wider audience for the hate and normalizes it in our society.

The Safe Louisville Initiative, our multi-year collaborative effort, will begin offering free training across many platforms to people within our community and will support other marginalized and threatened groups.

My trip to Maine was lovely. My children and I enjoyed Acadia National Park like thousands of other people getting ready to go back to school. The buzz of antisemitism in the air did not define our vacation and it does not define who we are. As I said before, I did not intend to write a vacation story. But the fact that we are facing a troubling rise in antisemitism without any indications that it is abating lets me know that we must all get back to work and continue to be vigilant.

*Editor's note: We, at Community, are deliberately vague when it comes to identifying the victims or locations of antisemitism regardless of their appearance or nonappearance in other media sources. This is in an effort to prevent re-victimization and potential repeat or copy-cat crimes. In all instances, these acts are reported to law enforcement officials and national Jewish agencies, who provides the most comprehensive reporting on antisemitism.*

*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 good stories at [mgolden@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:mgolden@jewishlouisville.org).*



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It's 10:05 a.m. on a Tuesday and Lok Chhetri is sitting down with his first client of the day. The client, an immigrant, is discussing the possibility of getting a loan from Chhetri to start a small business.

"People don't realize that to start a business, you have to have a business plan, you have to do market research, you need to have financial education," Chhetri says later after the appointment is over. "There's lots of things that most people don't think about or aren't as prepared as they thought they were, when starting a business."

Chhetri is one of the business advisors at Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS), a Louisville-based non-profit. For nearly three decades, JFCS' "Navigate Program" has been steadfastly committed to fostering economic growth and uplifting under-served populations like the Hispanic community in Louisville through the Navigate program's business coaching and financial planning services.

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entrepreneurs.

"Most people have an idea of a business they want to start, but don't have the necessary tools to do so," Chhetri said. "They think they can just go out and borrow money and that's it. But what they soon find out is the only thing they've done is go deep into debt. That's where JFCS comes in. Not only do we offer micro-loans, but we help guide aspiring entrepreneurs by coaching them on all aspects of starting a business. It goes far beyond just offering loans for small businesses."

For Chhetri, helping refugees, immigrants and under-served communities are a passion for him. Originally from Nepal, he first came to America 13 years ago as part of the United Nations initiative to provide protection and assistance to refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced people around the world. In the 13 years since, he has experienced firsthand the sometimes-uphill battle immigrants and refugees face when coming to America.

"I think my personal experience gives me a unique perspective. I had never seen a car, or eaten a hamburger before I came to America," he said. "When you've never had opportunities that so many take for



**JFCS Business Advisor, Lok Chhetri speaks with a client who is interested in starting his own company about his business plan.**

granted, it can be overwhelming.

"I've seen people come to the United States, start their own business, and find success. The clients I work with have that good work ethic, are committed to their idea, and they think all they need is the money to make it happen. But it isn't enough. You need a solid business plan, financial training and market research,

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# NEWS

## BIRTHDAY

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and ask others to forgive us for our wrongs. Indeed, there is a tradition of using the Elul – the month that precedes Rosh Hashanah – for cheshbon hanafesh: an “accounting of the soul” -- that enables us to appreciate the full resonance of the holiday.

As we count down the days of Elul, we can choose to embrace a genuine spirit of renewal, foster personal growth, and appreciate the beauty of the upcoming season’s forgiveness and repentance. Using the month of Elul for personal preparation encourages celebration, contemplation, and meaningful anticipation of our holiday.

Besides that personal reflection, it’s also a prime opportunity to make all the above the centerpiece of the holiday: our world, the earth we share, and how we care for its future. There’s no time like the present. So, as we continue during this Elul, let’s recall the steps we took this past year to protect our earth from the damaging effects of climate change, and how we might elevate our care and safeguarding.

The climate crisis is too important not to be part of celebrating

5784 years. Every step matters, so perhaps this year you’ll begin using the compost available at the Trager Family JCC, use less air conditioning, or eat less meat. Perhaps you’ll share one of the many PJ Library books about the Jewish value of Shmirat ha-adamah -- Care for the Earth -- with your children or grandchildren.

All during Elul, we hear the shofar sounded after most weekday-morning synagogue services. These blasts encourage our awakening from the day-to-day rhythms of life, inspiring us to reflect and prepare to receive the blessings of a new year. Happy Birthday to the world and Lshanah Tovah!

*Sara Klein Wagner is President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Louisville and the Trager Family JCC.*

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Keneseth Israel hosted an End-of-Summer Carnival Sunday, Aug. 13 on the grounds of its synagogue on Taylorsville Road. Under sunny skies, participants enjoyed games, trains and the bounciest of bouncy houses. Among those who attended were Cantor Sharon Hordes (riding train at lower left with Izzy Chack; and center, with KI board member Harlen Compton and his daughter, Jacqueline. Above left: Keneseth Israel Preschool teacher Stephanie Saxton in striped shirt, standing next to Courtney Cash; bottom right, Lewis and Ilean Rowe. (Photos: Yonatan Yussman)

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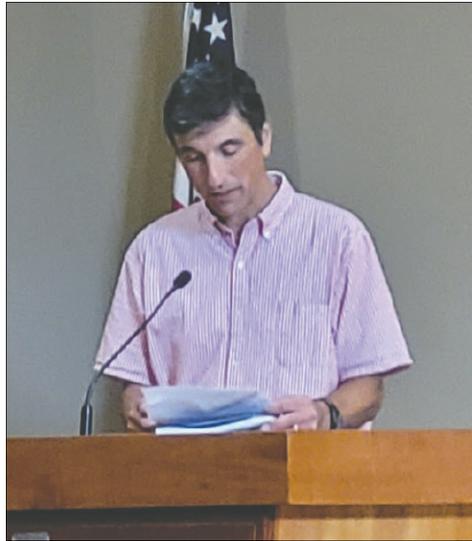
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Clockwise from bottom left: Eden Scarbrough, Avery Kolers, Mark Pheifer; Rabbi Beth Chottiner, Eden Scarbrough; Robin Scarbrough and Sharon Gould (Photos courtesy of Temple Shalom)

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## NEWS

# ‘Grounding ourselves in spirit’

## Jewish Renewal revels in the joy of Judaism

By Andrew Adler  
Community Editor

The High Holidays are approaching, which for many Jews will be the only time of the year they attend a synagogue service. Parking lots will fill up, and extra chairs may be needed to accommodate congregants as they observe the traditional rites of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

But what if that same tradition-bound service context isn't quite what they're looking for? Or perhaps they don't even know how to look in the first place? And not simply during the High Holidays – but on any given week of the year?

One answer – or more accurately, a set of answers – is the approach of what's broadly called Jewish Renewal.

“It's really one of the youngest movements of Judaism,” explains Rabbi N Siritsky, bound up in “bringing people to see their ancient tradition from a new light and to be able to find themselves and to reconnect on a deeply spiritual level – one that has both traditional elements of Judaism and progressive spiritual values.”

Call it the biggest of big tents, where the defining rule is that there are no rules, and where everyone is welcome to participate. “That commitment to inclusion is one of the things I'm most proud of,” says Siritsky, a former rabbi at The Temple and a longtime proponent of alternative pathways to Jewish observance.

Siritsky also serves on the board of Kol Israel Community of Kentucky. Affiliated with ALEPH – the Alliance for Jewish Renewal – KICK is a prime energy center for the area's other-than-traditional Jewish practice.

Twice a month via Zoom, KICK joins with a congregation in Bloomington, Ind. in Shabbat morning services geared toward those who prefer a less formal, less dogmatic approach. On once-monthly Monday evenings at 9 p.m., KICK hosts a 40-minute meditative service that includes, among other components, 15 minutes of guided “deep silence.”

“It's a ‘congregation in the cloud,’” KICK's Avram Khan says of the nationwide participation in these online meetings, “for people to get a taste of the renewal experience.”

Locally, KICK will mark the first day of Rosh Hashanah with a Cherokee Park tashlich ceremony – in which Jews expunge their year's worth of sins by tossing pieces of bread into a body of flowing water (here, typically at Big Rock). For Sukkot, “we have the ‘Shakin’ Sukkah Shabbat, sharing space with the Trager Family JCC,” Kahn says. And on Oct. 21, KICK members will travel to Bloomington for a Shabbat service, followed by an afternoon where “we're going to experience the fall foliage in Brown County.”

“One of the things I'm most proud of about Kol Israel,” Siritsky says, “is (its) creative approach – revising a community that is about building bridges. Wherever there have been obstacles for Jews seeking their way into the Jewish community, they can find an easy, low threshold, low barrier way in.

“For instance, some of the things Avram was mentioning: those kind of

fellowship opportunities to connect over food in nature, as a way of helping people reconnect with their tradition but to do it with a different lens. I think that's a really important part of the Jewish Renewal movement, one that's deeply grounded in spirituality.”

Jewish Renewal is a comparatively recent offshoot of normative Judaism. The movement is closely tied to the late Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (1924-2014), who envisioned a kind of pan-spiritual Judaism, embracing meditative dynamics of Eastern religions and the outward joy exemplified by Hassidic sects such as Chabad-Lubavitch.

Melanie Hughes, a librarian at Indiana University Southeast who is a Jew-by-choice, recalls reading Rodger Kamenetz's 1994 book “The Jew and the Lotus” – about dialogues between rabbis and the Dalai Lama. Encountering that book in 1997 while teaching English in Japan became an impetus for her to eventually meet Schachter-Shalomi, and to become “enchanted” with the foundational spiritualism of Jewish Renewal.

By no means has Hughes rejected traditional Jewish practice – she's a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun. She embraces the ideal of eclectic spiritual inclusion (preferring the term “interreligious” to “interfaith”), what she describes as “a much more democratic approach (where) you can come in at whatever your level of Jewishness, whatever your level of observance, whatever your level of curiosity.”

Covid shifted participation from in-person to online worship. In the post-pandemic environment, the digital domain continues to be a prime gateway for Jewish Renewal devotees and neophytes alike.

On a recent Monday evening, Reb Brian Yosef Schachter-Brooks led about 30 Zoom participants in what was dubbed an Inner Peace for Challenging Times Jewish Meditation Gathering. Schachter-Brooks, who lives in Tucson, Ariz., leads Torah of Awakening, “a Jewish meditative community, featuring transformational teachings, heart-opening chanting and deep silence.”

What followed was chanting – typically Hebrew blessings taken from the standard morning service – a collective, spoken affirmation (*I am listening. I am patient. I am patience*); and finally, 15-minutes of silent meditation. “Just a friendly suggestion to make sure your devices won't disturb you,” Schachter advised. “We're not trying to achieve anything in particular, but rather giving the intention of consciousness of presence.”

All of this, regardless of context, reflects an inwardly driven imperative to connect with something greater than oneself. Deliberately set apart from the bricks-and-mortar of traditional synagogues – and the bureaucracies that accompany them – Jewish Renewal cares less about dogma than it does about spiritual diversity.

“My husband is a Theravada Buddhist,” Hughes said, “and there are certain institutions within the Conservative movement that are shut out to me.”

“...or the Jewish Pluralistic Rabbinic Seminary,” Siritsky chimed in, “where I actually teach.”

Meeting online, outdoors, or in someone's home is itself a kind of spiritual independence, freed from potentially confining strictures of formal organization.

“The rabbis in Eastern Europe didn't follow Robert's Rules of Order and have board meetings with secretaries writing notes,” Siritsky says “That is not what Judaism is about. That is North American Judaism, and it is causing harm.” Siritsky, who is non-binary and now lives in Nova Scotia, Canada, emphasizes how Jewish Renewal is relationship-agnostic – everyone, unpartnered or partnered in whatever fashion – is encouraged to participate.

“I identify as transgender; Melanie is in an interfaith relationship,” Siritsky says. “We don't feel comfortable or welcome, or fully included in an Orthodox community. We don't feel like that aligns with our values. But we still have that Jewishness neshamah” (soul) -- “a thirst for God.”

“We're not a congregation,” Siritsky says. “We are a community, revising what it means to be Jewish in Louisville. This is a very different way of thinking, but it's still early, and it's countercultural. There's a lot of enthusiasm, a lot of hope and a lot of faith.”

At last year's KICK Shakin' Sukkah event, “I was amazed at how many families we had,” Khan recalls, “and at our

Baha'i Center Shabbat of Lights & Unity” in December, sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. “The beauty of Kol Israel is that we're looking for everybody to contribute to build this community,” he says. “What would you like to see done? How would you like to be involved?”

Meanwhile, the Days of Awe are beckoning.

“I think that for many people, we approach the High Holy Days with this sense of guilt - ‘I should be here; I should do that,’” Siritsky acknowledges. “Sometimes our inner kid is caught up in these old symbols of God weighing our sins, and sometimes we have a lot of fear about existential angst. That can cause many people to be ambivalent. What's exciting about this community is that it's a place to talk about our ambivalence, as we envision what could actually nourish our soul for the coming year.”

Fundamentally, “it's about being part of building something for the next generation,” Siritsky says. “So when I think about the turn of the years, and I think about mortality, I think: ‘What kind of Judaism do I want to be around for the next generation?’” The answer, it seems, may lie in “taking the best of tradition and translating it to a new era and a new set of ethics. It's about grounding ourselves in spirit.”

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## NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

### MeeshMeesh is Israeli-born chef Noam Bilitzer's new restaurant

Israeli-born chef Noam Bilitzer – who you might remember as the falafel guy at the Trager Family JCC's Israeli Street Fair – has opened a place of his own: MeeshMeesh Mediterranean. The restaurant is located at 638 E. Market Street in Louisville's NuLu district, taking over a space formerly occupied by Susan Hershberg's Wiltshire Pantry.

MeeshMeesh -- which means "apricot" in Hebrew and Arabic -- "is a Levantine focused restaurant...encompassing flavors from Palestine, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Syria and more," its website explains.

The restaurant is a place "where everyone can break bread and gather over culinary-driven cocktails (and) thoughtfully sourced wines, while the kitchen takes a localized approach to traditional flavors. We pride ourselves on our nutrient-dense, chef-driven dishes that are perfect for sharing."

Menu categories include "Small Plates & Big Bites," "Dips & Shmeer's," "Sides for the Table," "Mains" and the aptly named "Large Format" -- where offerings include Grape Leaf Wrapped Branzino, a 32-oz Bone-in Ribeye, and a Farmer's Pick Vegetable Tagine.

MeeshMeesh is open daily Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturdays 11 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Takeout is available daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Private parties and catering are also available. For more information you can email [info@meeshmeesh.com](mailto:info@meeshmeesh.com), call 502-589-5224 or go online at [meeshmeesh.com](http://meeshmeesh.com).

### JCRC director Matt Golden and Jewish Heritage Fund's Jaime Jorrisch tapped for Leadership Louisville's class of 2024

Two of Louisville's most dynamic Jewish professionals have been selected to be part of Leadership Louisville's Class of 2024.

Matt Golden and Jaime Jorrisch are among 62 members of the 45th Leadership Louisville Class, with Republic Bank stepping up as inaugural presenting sponsor, it was announced on July 20.

Golden is director of the Jewish Community Relations Council; Jorrisch is Program Officer at the Jewish Heritage Fund. Each has consistently occupied the foreground of area Jewish life — as facilitators, community bridge-builders and advocates for initiatives that benefit not only Jewish Louisvillians, but residents representing diverse traditions and experiences.

Both 2024 classmates grew up in Louisville. Trained as a lawyer, Golden occupied several key posts in city and county government. He was in senior leadership at the Jefferson County Attorney's office and did a stint as chief of public services under then-mayor Greg Fischer — responsible for agencies that included Louisville Fire, EMS, Metro-Safe and Corrections. He came to JCRC, an integral component of the Jewish Federa-



**Matt Golden**

tion of Louisville, in the fall of 2022 as the Council's first full-time director.

Jorrisch arrived at the Jewish Heritage Fund in 2018 after time as account director at the Memphis-based Oden marketing firm, with FedEx as principal client. At JHF she's tasked with "help(ing) drive the strategy for Jewish Life funding," according to her JHF bio.

Leadership Louisville was founded in 1975. This year's class — in the words of last month's announcement — "will spend 10 months immersed in an active learning experience, diving into our community's



**Jaime Jorrisch**

history, assets, and challenges, emerging ready to create positive change alongside a network of fellow influencers and decision-makers." "The 62 members of the 2024 Leadership Louisville class are about to embark on a life- and community-changing journey that is designed to prepare them for meaningful impact on our region's growth and success," said Cynthia Knack, president and CEO of the Leadership Louisville Center. "Together they will build understanding and connections to give them and the organizations they represent the ability to impact the greater good."

"Republic Bank is thrilled to be the inaugural presenting sponsor of the Leadership Louisville program, especially in this 45th anniversary year," said bank president Logan Pichel. "Civic leadership is not just a duty, but a privilege bestowed upon us as members of a thriving community. At Republic Bank we recognize the immense

responsibility we have to empower and support the leaders who will shape our collective future. By fostering a culture of civic engagement and providing the necessary resources, we can inspire individuals to step forward, make a difference, and create a legacy of positive change that transcends generations."

### Whole Foods Market expands its kosher offerings

Whole Foods is significantly expanding its range of kosher food offerings. The market — which in Louisville is located at 4944 Shelbyville Road — is partnering with Kayco, one of the largest producers and distributors of kosher foods in the U.S.

"Recognizing the increasing trend among consumers seeking Kosher Certification as a product attribute, Kayco and Whole Foods have curated a range of products that cater to a wide variety of preferences," Kayco said last month in announcing the new collaboration.

The expanded kosher foods department now comprises more than 50 items. Examples include: Haddar sesame tahini, Heaven & Earth's Almond Butter Bites; and from Manischewitz: matzo ball mix, chicken and vegetable broths, egg noodles, potato pancake mix and matzo meal. Also: Kedem grape juice; cooking wines and whole wheat tea biscuits."

Additionally, Whole Foods now offers what Kayco describes as "a comprehensive selection" of Kosher and gluten-free options, including gluten-free matzo, broth, candy, cookies, noodles, cooking wines, and condiments.

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# NEWS

## SHLICHIM

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that you must drive to nearby Beer-sheba to find a gas station. Her initial Louisville hook wasn't the Derby; it was an international reputation that had something to do with chicken.

"The only thing I heard was 'KFC! KFC!'" she said.

Selection to the Shlichim program is highly competitive. This summer's candidates could opt for either a day or overnight camp, but beyond that they had little say about where they'd be sent. Some ended up in large cities like New York or Chicago; others would find themselves dispatched to Canada.

"We interviewed candidates in February," explained David Siskin, Director of Camping at the Trager Family JCC. "Then I went to Israel to meet them and share information about Camp J with both our Shlichim."

Damri and Salomon were part of a contingent that would do their residencies in the Atlanta and Nashville areas. They'd met while attending a pre-summer Shlichim orientation session in Israel. Leaders "talked to us about culture differences" between Israel and America, Salomon said, "what to expect and how to behave, and how to see things from an American point of view."

She and Damri bonded during the long flight to the U.S., knowing they'd be going as a duo from one host family to another. Arriving over the Memorial Day weekend, they had a brief acclimation interval before Camp J got under way on June 5.

Damri, who'd spent three-and-a-half years assigned to an IDF cybersecurity intelligence unit, adopted an "it's up to the Universe" kind of perspective on what Louisville and Camp J would bring.

"I was open-minded – I said, 'What my fate is supposed to be, that's what's going to be.' So if I got this connection to camp, it's probably what should be, and I shouldn't question it. Just go with the flow, and let life take you wherever it takes you. No matter what my expectations, I'm going to learn from this experience."

Growing up in Tel Aviv – "with a lot of high-tech, a really busy city where I live in a tiny apartment in a dense population," she said, "this place is re-

ally calm."

As a teenager Damri had been a counsellor at an Israeli zoo, reflecting her affection for animals and desire to work with children. Though art was her primary responsibility at Camp J, she was as much a facilitator of fun as practitioner of painting. "Yes, I'm the art specialist, but in some way, I bring some sense of Israeli culture," she emphasized. "If it's the morning circle, we're dancing to Israel songs – (which) I'd learned when I was younger as a camp counsellor, so I brought them all to the U.S." for instance, "or doing Shabbat together, teaching the kids new songs and new dancing."

For Salomon – who spent her IDF time as a tour guide in Old Jerusalem -- Israeli culture at Camp J was "whatever you want to do with it. You can talk about cities. Or you can talk about Israeli children's stories. And holidays, but on Yom Kippur less about fasting and more like bike rides -- in Israel, most kids go on bike rides on Yom Kippur because all the streets are empty. And on Shavuot you do water fights. It's not so religious; it's more about the culture."

Younger campers tended to have odd notions about Salomon's homeland. "They usually talk about Israel in the way of Bible stories and stuff," she said. "So they asked me if I live in a tent, and if I drive a camel."

There was also the occasional nugget of Hebrew-language instruction. If nothing else, Salomon said, "I'm sure everybody knows how to say 'carrot.'"

Outside of camp, the two Shlichim became skilled in the art of gracious co-habitation. Each learned how to sense when the other needed some private time. They also experienced what it was like to live with American families – the majority of whom, as it turned out, weren't Jewish.

A few challenges were inevitable. In Israel Damri was accustomed to a nominally kosher diet; in America she developed a few useful workarounds, cooking much her food herself. Fundamentally, though, she and Salomon were simply regular participants amid the overall domestic mix.

"You're just part of them," she explained, "if you go to concerts, if you go out for groceries – if you go to any other thing."

"It's dependent on the host family," Salomon agreed. "With some families we went to the zoo, or to the pool here. One family took us to a Renaissance Faire; (another) to Red River Gorge."

With the close of Camp J on Aug. 4, it was time for both Shlichim to go their separate ways. Salomon would fly to Las Vegas to meet her parents; the family would visit New York City and other cities before returning to Israel, where she has a job supervising counsellors at an after-school program for younger students. Eventually, "I want to study education and to be a kindergarten teacher," she said. "I love kids and have been doing this since I was young – in Israel, you have to volunteer in your high school, so I volunteered in a kindergarten."

In Israel, it's customary for young adults to take a gap year between their military service and beginning university studies. From Louisville, Darmi was headed to Los Angeles to meet up with her Israeli boyfriend, a cybersecurity researcher she met during her time in the IDF. After a few days in L.A., they were to spend two weeks in Hawaii before returning to Israel (word is that they were able to make it there, despite the Maui wildfires).

Further work in cybersecurity and intelligence held scant appeal for Darmi ("I didn't find myself in those areas," she said). Meanwhile, she intends to enroll in Tel Aviv University in October.

"I feel like looking at what I'm passionate about," she said. "What I'm most interested in is psychology and the human mind. So that's what I'm going to study, to work with kids, to see their struggles and how they react."

Whatever lies ahead for Damri and Salomon, it's clear that they made a big-time favorable impression on pretty much everyone at Camp J and the Trager Family JCC. Indeed, an encore may be forthcoming.

"Both of them have been amazing," Siskin said, "and we are actually looking to bring them back next summer if they are interested."



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# HIGH HOLY DAYS

## Adath Jeshurun

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### Friday, Sept. 15

#### Ley'l Rosh Hashanah

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

### Saturday, Sept. 16

#### Rosh Hashanah First Day

9 a.m. Morning Service  
10 a.m. Family Service with Rabbi Steve Bayar

### Sunday, Sept. 17

#### Rosh Hashanah Second Day

9 a.m. Morning Service  
10 a.m. Family Service with Rabbi Steve Bayar  
1 p.m. Tashlich – Lower Millvale Rd.  
5 p.m. Shared Tashlich & Mincha with Keneseth Israel - Big Rock Pavilion

### Sunday, Sept. 24

#### Kol Nidre

7 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

### Monday, Sept. 25

#### Yom Kippur

9 a.m. Morning Service  
10 a.m. Family Service with Rabbi Steve Bayar  
2 p.m. Rap & Reflect  
5:30 p.m. Ask the Rabbis  
6 p.m. Mincha, Neilah, Ma'ariv  
8:15 p.m. Final Shofar Blowing  
8:25 p.m. Break the Fast

### Friday, Sept. 29

#### Erev Sukkot

5:45 p.m. Afternoon Service  
6:45 p.m. Elegant Dinner in the Sukkah (Reservations Required)

### Saturday, Sept. 30

#### Sukkot, First Day

10 a.m. Sukkot Service

### Sunday, Oct. 1

#### Sukkot, Second Day

10 a.m. Shared Sukkot Service with Keneseth Israel at AJ  
5:45 p.m. Afternoon Service

### Saturday, Oct. 7

#### Shemini Atzeret

10 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Service & Yizkor  
6:30 p.m. Shared Dinner at Keneseth Israel (Reservations Required)  
7:45 p.m. Havdalah and Simchat Torah Service at Keneseth Israel  
**Sunday, Oct. 8**  
**Simchat Torah**  
9:30 a.m. Shared Simchat Torah Service at Keneseth Israel  
5:45 p.m. Afternoon Service

## Anshei Sfarad

2904 Bardstown Rd  
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ansheisfarad.com  
Services in person

### Shabbos, Sept. 9

12 midnight, Selichos Services

### Friday, Sept. 15,

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:45 a.m., Shachris  
7:35 p.m., Mincha  
7:32 p.m., Light Candles

### Shabbos, Sept. 16,

#### Rosh Hashanah, Day 1

9 a.m., Shacharis  
11:30 a.m., (approximately), Rabbi's speech, shofar follows  
7:10 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv  
After 8:49 p.m., Light Candles

### Sunday, Sept. 17

## Rosh Hashanah, Day 2

9 a.m., Shacharis  
11:30 a.m., (approximately), Rabbi's speech, shofar follows  
7:10 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv  
8:47 p.m., Yom Tov Ends

### Friday, Sept. 22

#### Shabbos Shuva

7:25 p.m., Mincha  
7:21 p.m., Light Candles

### Saturday, Sept. 23

#### Shabbos Shuva

9 a.m., Shachris  
10:40 a.m., (approximately) Rabbi's speech  
7:05 a.m., Mincha  
8:39 a.m., Shabbos Ends

### Sunday, Sept. 24

#### Kol Nidre

7 a.m., Shacharis  
11 a.m., Annual Cemetery Memorial Service  
2:30 p.m., Mincha  
7:18 p.m., Candle lighting  
7:20 p.m., Kol Nidrei followed by Rabbi's speech

### Monday, Sept. 25

#### Yom Kippur

9 a.m., Shacharis  
11:30 a.m., (approximately), Rabbi's speech followed by Yizkor  
8:35 p.m., Fast Ends

### Friday, Sept. 29

#### Erev Sukkot

7:10 p.m., Candle Lighting  
7:10 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

### Saturday, Sept. 30,

#### Succos, Day 1

9 a.m., Shacharis  
6:55 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv  
After 8:27 p.m., Light Candles

### Sunday, Oct. 1,

#### Succos, Day 2

9 a.m., Shacharis  
6:55 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv  
8:25 p.m., Yom Tov ends

### Friday, Oct. 6,

#### Hoshana Rabbah

7 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv  
7 p.m., Light Candles

### Saturday, Oct. 7,

#### Shemini Atzeret

9 a.m., Shacharis  
11 a.m., (approximately) Rabbi's speech followed by Yizkor  
6:45 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv  
After 8:16 p.m., Light Candles  
8:30 p.m., (approximately) Simchas Torah Dancing  
**Sunday, Oct. 8,**  
**Simchas Torah**  
9 a.m., Shacharis  
10:30 a.m., (approximately), Dancing with Torah  
6:45 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv  
8:15 p.m., Yom Tov ends

## Chabad of Kentucky

Services will be held at the Camp J Building (formerly Congregation Anshei Sfarad), 3700 Dutchmans Lane. For information call 502-459-1770 or go online at chabadky.com. All services will be in person.

### Friday Sept. 15

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30 p.m. greetings and candle lighting  
7:45 p.m. Mincha  
8 p.m. Maariv

### Saturday Sept. 16

#### Rosh Hashanah First Day

9:30 a.m. Morning Service  
10:30 a.m. Torah reading

7:30 p.m. Mincha

8:30 p.m. Maariv

### Sunday Sept. 17

#### Rosh Hashanah Second Day

9:30 a.m. Shacharit  
10:30 a.m. Torah Reading  
11:30 a.m. Shofar  
7 p.m. Mincha  
7:30 p.m. Tashlich Service  
8:30 p.m. Maariv

### Sunday Sept. 24

**Erev Yom Kippur** 8:30 a.m. Shachris

3:15 p.m. Mincha

7 p.m. Greetings and candle lighting

7:20 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

### Monday Sept. 25

#### Yom Kippur

10 a.m. Shacharit  
11 a.m. Torah reading  
12 p.m. Yizkor  
6:15 p.m. Mincha  
7:15 p.m. Neilah  
8:15 p.m. Maariv and Havdalah

### Friday Sept. 29

#### Erev Sukkot

7 p.m. Mincha

7:15 p.m. Maariv

### Saturday Sept. 30

#### Sukkot First Day

10 a.m. Shacharit  
7:10 p.m. Mincha  
8 p.m. Maariv

### Sunday, Oct. 1

#### Sukkot Second Day

10 a.m. Shacharit  
7 p.m. Mincha  
7:50 p.m. Maariv

### Friday, Oct. 7

#### Hoshana Rabba

8:30 a.m. Shacharit  
7:10 p.m. Mincha  
7:30 p.m. Maariv  
7:45 p.m. Dancing with Torahs

### Saturday, Oct. 8

#### Shemini Atzeret

10 a.m. Shacharit  
11 a.m. Torah Reading  
11:45 a.m. Yizkor  
7:15 p.m. Mincha  
8 p.m. Maariv

### Sunday, Oct. 9

#### Simchat Torah

10 a.m. Shacharit  
11 a.m. Dancing with Torahs

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### Friday, Sept. 15,

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

7:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Seder

### Saturday, Sept. 16,

#### Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah morning service

### Sunday, Sept. 17,

#### Rosh Hashanah, second day

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah morning service

5 p.m. Tashlich at Big Rock Park

### Sunday, Sept. 24,

#### Erev Yom Kippur

7 p.m. Kol Nidre

### Monday, Sept. 25th

#### Yom Kippur

9 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service  
3 p.m. Class with the Rabbi  
5:30 p.m. Mincha/Ne'ilah

8:15 p.m. (approximately), Havdalah and break the fast

### Friday, Sept. 29,

#### Erev Sukkot

6 p.m. Erev Sukkot Service

### Saturday, Sept. 30

#### Sukkot, first day

9:30 a.m. Sukkot morning service

### Sunday, Oct. 1

#### Sukkot, second day

10 a.m. Sukkot morning service at AJ  
5:45 p.m. Sukkot afternoon service at AJ

### Friday, Oct. 6,

#### Hoshana Rabba

6:00 p.m. Erev Shemini Atzeret service

### Saturday, Oct. 7

#### Shemini Atzeret

9:30 a.m. Shemini Atzeret morning service

6:30 p.m. Adult Simchat Torah service

### Sunday, Oct. 8

#### Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m. Simchat Torah service with LBSY

## Temple Shalom

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### Saturday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.

#### High Holiday Kickoff and Selichot

### Friday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

### Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.

#### Rosh Hashanah

12:30 p.m. Tashlich at Brown Park  
1:30 p.m. Family Service at Temple Shalom

### Sunday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.

#### Rosh Hashanah, Second Day

### Friday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.

#### Shabbat Shuvah

### Sunday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.

#### Kol Nidrei

### Monday, Sept. 25

#### Yom Kippur

Morning Service - 10 a.m.  
Family Service - 1 p.m.  
Classical Music with Shawn Dawson 3:25-3:45 pm  
Meditation Service 4-4:30 p.m.  
Yizkor (Memorial Service) 4:45 p.m.  
Neilah (Concluding Service), immediately following Yizkor

### Friday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.

#### Sukkot

Decorating the Sukkah begins at 4 p.m.  
Schmoozing in the Sukkah follows service

### Friday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.

#### Simchat Torah

### Saturday, Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m.

#### Yizkor

Reservations are required for on-line and in-person attendance on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; in-person attendees will receive a ticket. A donation to underwrite the cost of services is requested. Suggested Amount: \$75 per ticket. No minimum donation required.

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### Saturday, Sept. 9,

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**Friday, Sept. 15, Erev Rosh Hashanah,**  
6 p.m., children's service  
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**Saturday, Sept. 16, Rosh Hashanah**  
10 a.m., morning service  
10 a.m., Hugim & babysitting for infants to grade 3, please pre-register on The Temple website  
10 a.m., High Holy Day Your Way for grades 4-6, please pre-register on The Temple website  
After services, Tashlich at Captain's Quarters Dock  
**Sunday, Sept. 17, Rosh Hashanah**  
10 a.m., service of remembrance at Frankel Chapel  
**Friday, Sept. 22, Shabbat Shuvah**  
7 p.m., Shabbat Shuvah  
**Saturday, Sept. 23, Shabbat Shuvah**  
9 a.m., Torah study  
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Shuvah service  
**Sunday, Sept. 24, Erev Yom Kippur**  
6 p.m., children's service  
6 p.m., classical kol nidrei service  
8 p.m., kol nidrei service  
**Monday, Sept. 25, Yom Kippur**  
10 a.m., morning service  
10 a.m., Hugim & babysitting (ECEC) for infants to grade 3, please pre-register on The Temple website  
10 a.m., High Holy Day Your Way

(Fishman Library) for grades 4-6, please pre-register on The Temple website  
12 p.m., educational session with Rabbi David  
1 p.m., educational session with Cantor Lauren  
2:30 p.m., afternoon service  
3:45 p.m., Yizkor service  
4:45 p.m., concluding service  
**Friday, Sept. 29, Erev Sukkot**  
7 p.m., Shir Shabbat outside  
**Saturday, Sept. 30, Sukkot**  
10:30 a.m., Sukkot morning service  
**Sunday, Oct. 1, Sukkot**  
12 p.m., religious school picnic  
7 p.m. young adult sushi in the sukkah  
**Friday, Oct. 6, Sukkot**  
5:45 p.m., Shabbat Bop  
7 p.m. erev shabbat service  
**Saturday, Oct 7 Sukkot**  
10:30 a.m., festival yizkor and Emily Weiss becomes a Bat Mitzvah  
**Sunday, Oct. 8 Simchat Torah**  
10 a.m., Children's Storytime with Temple Librarians  
5 p.m., K/1 consecration and dinner with Klezmer Band



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# AROUND TOWN

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

## Adath Jeshurun

Adath Jeshurun's Sh'ma Theatre Group will present *A Satisfied Mind* at AJ on August 27 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and August 28 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. Written by Yehudah Husband and featured at the 2018 Alliance for Jewish Theatre Conference Playwright's Showcase, *A Satisfied Mind* is a period-dramedy set in 1940's Atlanta that chronicles the sometimes hilarious—sometimes heart wrenching friendship between an atheistic Jewish businessman and his holy-rolling, evangelical housekeeper. Touching on issues of tolerance, coexistence and religious imperialism, *A Satisfied Mind* is a powerful commentary on the intersection of tribalism and unconditional love with music, laughter, and thought-provoking drama for the whole family. Open to the community. General admission is \$20 per person. Students and Seniors ages 65 and over are \$15 per person. Admissions may be purchased at [www.adathjeshurun.com/reservations](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/reservations).

Adath Jeshurun and Keneseth Israel will present a Shared Selichot Program on Saturday Evening, September 9, 2023, at Adath Jeshurun. The evening will begin with Ma'ariv at 8:25 p.m. and will continue with a viewing of *The Right to Read*, a film by Jane Mackenzie. Following the film, hear reactions from Karen Williams & Carissa Jury (CLOUT) and LaToya Whitlock (Decode Project). Beginning at 10:30 p.m., learn about CLOUT's All Kids Reading! issue campaign and the Decode Project at a Dessert Reception. The night will conclude with a Selichot Service in Chapel at Adath Jeshurun at 11:00 p.m. Visit [AdathJeshurun.com](http://AdathJeshurun.com) for more information.

Adath Jeshurun will hold its annual Cemetery Service on Sunday, September 10 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We come together at the place where so many of our dear ones sleep their eternal sleep. In a way that we cannot explain, we feel closer to their spirit by being near their final resting place. We pay tribute to them by visiting their graves and by remembering them most vividly. The service takes place in the Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 2926 Preston Highway in Louisville.

## Anshei Sfarad

Classes are held weekly by Rabbi Simcha Snaid: A Night Kollel Ahron V'Leah – open learning from 8pm-9:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday for anyone to come & learn; Spice of Life, Wednesday 7 p.m.; Discussion on the timeless lessons from Mishlei – the Book of Proverbs, Sunday mornings 7:45 – 8:30 a.m.; Talmud Trek II, Sunday 9:30 a.m. Women's learning Sunday evenings 7:30-8:30 p.m.

## Chabad of Kentucky

Chabad of Kentucky is pleased to announce that all services are now being held at the Camp J building at 3700 Dutchmans Lane (formerly Congregation Anshei Sfarad). We extend our thanks to Jewish Family & Career Services for allowing us to use their building to hold services during the summer. We also extend our thanks to Jewish Community of Louisville for allowing us to use the Camp J building.

On Sunday, September 10, from 2:30 - 5:00 pm, join Chabad as we affix a Mezuzah to the beautiful Chapel at the Camp J building, in which we will be holding our Holiday services. All are invited to

attend and to register for free seats for the Holidays. In addition to the Mezuzah Ceremony at 3 pm, there will be a Kosher BBQ and a bounce house for the children. The entire event is free and all are welcome.

Rosh Hashana is a time to celebrate with family and friends. No one should have to be alone for this special occasion. On Sunday, September 17, Chabad is offering the community the chance to join us for a holiday kosher brisket lunch to celebrate this special occasion. Lunch will begin immediately after services, approximately 1:30 p.m. Reservations are encouraged Tuesday September 5th. To reserve your place, email to [rabbi@chabadky.com](mailto:rabbi@chabadky.com) or call 502-459-1770.

A new class designed to introduce you to "The World of Kabbalah" will be taught at the Trager Family JCC on six Wednesday evenings starting on November 1, 2023.

Chabad of Kentucky invites the community to join us for a transformative journey of knowledge with our new course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute: *The World of Kabbalah*. student textbook. For more information contact instructor Rabbi Avrohom Litvin at [Chabadky@gmail.com](mailto:Chabadky@gmail.com)

## Chavurat Shalom

We'll ring in the new year with a delightful array of musical offerings. Lunch will start at Noon in The Temple's Heideman Auditorium and our program will start at 1:00 pm. All programs will also be available via ChavuratShalomZoom for those who need to join us remotely.

Thursday, August 31 - Time for an end of summer Game Day! Lunch will include sweet and sour chicken, rice, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and cupcakes.

Thursday, September 7 - Harpist Jessica Hyden will return with a beautiful program. Lunch will include cheese quesadillas, Mexican-style rice, black bean and corn salad, fresh fruit, and Mexican-style chocolate mousse.

Thursday, September 14 - Fan favorite Mike O'Bryan will bring his accordion and his great sense of humor. Lunch will include salmon cakes, mashed potatoes, green peas and carrots, cole slaw, fresh fruit, and chocolate trifle. We'll meet in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center this week.

Thursday, September 21 - Pianist Bernie Schweickart will tickle the ivories with a wonderful selection of tunes. Lunch will be in the atrium and will include pasta and meatballs, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, cookies, and brownies.

Thursday, September 28 - Another Chavurat Shalom favorite, singer/songwriter/guitarist Tyrone Cotton, will entertain us. Lunch will include barbecue chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and assorted desserts.

If you're not "a regular," please RSVP by 5 pm Tuesday if you'll be attending that week in person by calling or emailing Sarah Harlan at 502-212-2038 or [sarah-harlan86@gmail.com](mailto:sarah-harlan86@gmail.com).

Chavurat Shalom is a unique opportunity for Jewish senior adults to meet socially and share ideas. Chavurat Shalom is funded through the generosity of the

Jewish Heritage Fund, The Temple, The Temple WRJ/Sisterhood, The Temple Brotherhood, NCJW, and many other generous donors

## Crescent Hill Community Council

Crescent Hill Community Council (CHCC) is sponsoring a Curbing Gun Violence in Jefferson County competition. Entries will be analyzed by a panel of 15 impartial judges. A prize (\$7,000 and climbing as of Aug. 16) will be awarded to the winner of this contest on January 4, 2024. Deadline for entries is Oct. 4. For more information and to enter, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydjxn945>

## Filson Historical Society

For more information about Filson events, registration and membership visit [www.FilsonHistorical.org](http://www.FilsonHistorical.org)

## Hadassah

Hadassah is hosting a speaker program on Sept. 13 at 6:30 pm at The Temple in the Waller Chapel. Bassam Eid, a Jerusalem-based political analyst, human rights pioneer and expert commentator on Arab and Palestinian affairs will be speaking on the topic, "Internal Palestinian Politics and Conflicts" as it relates to the Israeli/Palestinian peace process. Co-sponsored by the Cantor Lipp Discretionary Fund at Adath Jeshurun and the Rabbi David Discretionary Fund at The Temple. Contact Michelle Elisburg at [meehadassah@gmail.com](mailto:meehadassah@gmail.com) for more information.

## Jewish Family & Career Services

Focusing on the JFCS value of Kehilah (Community): JFCS announces the next installment of our Community Chat series, Refugees and Immigrants in the Workforce. Join us at JFCS (2821 Klemmner Way) on Tuesday, Sep. 5, at 6 p.m. as our panel of local community leaders explore the experiences and contributions of immigrants and refugees in the workforce. Our panel will shed light on the unique challenges immigrants and refugees face, the resilience they demonstrate, and the invaluable skills and perspectives they bring to the table. Audience questions are welcomed at the end of the program. RSVP is requested and can be made at: [www.jfcsloouisville.org/jfcs-community-chats](http://www.jfcsloouisville.org/jfcs-community-chats)

Does your child struggle with anxiety or fears that prevent them from participating and/or enjoying typical childhood activities? Do they seem to struggle with more fears or worries than other children?

Are YOU consumed by your child's fear and anxiety to the point you're struggling with living your own life? Are you at a loss on how to support them? SPACE (Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions) is an 8-session program developed by Yale University for parents and caregivers to learn practical strategies to help their child manage fears and worries independently, without constant reassurance or intervention from parents. Sessions are facilitated by highly-trained and compassionate licensed social workers using evidenced-based model. For more information, or to register for SPACE call (502) 452-6341, or email: [services@jfcsloouisville.org](mailto:services@jfcsloouisville.org).

Extending a helping hand to refugees in their pursuit of establishing new businesses or finding meaningful employment has become increasingly vital in

fostering their successful integration into our community. JFCS's Navigate Program has been awarded grant funding by the Office of Refugee Resettlement to offer microloans to aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners who have immigrated here and have been in the U.S. for less than three years. These microloans are earmarked to help refugees start, grow or expand businesses in their local communities, recognizing that such resources are vital to populations that may otherwise struggle with accessing capital for business startup, growth or expansion needs to thrive. If you, or someone you know, is a refugee and would like more information about this or other small business resources for underserved populations, contact JFCS Navigate program at [www.jfcsloouisville.org/our-services/career-economic-opportunity](http://www.jfcsloouisville.org/our-services/career-economic-opportunity) or call 502-452-6341.

## Jewish Federation of Louisville

We had such a great response to our recent food drive that we're making it an ongoing project. Please join the Jewish Federation of Louisville in supporting the Sonny & Janet Meyer Food Pantry with donations of non-perishable foods, personal care items and cleaning supplies. All items can be dropped off at any time at the Trager Family JCC in the Food Drive bin near the Kohn Family Town Square.

Join the Louisville Jewish community for Jewish Heritage Day with the Louisville Bats game at Slugger Field on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 1:05 p.m. (Doors open at 12 noon). Highlights of the day will include Rabbi Freed throwing out the first pitch; Cantors Lipp, Hordes and Adesnik performing the national anthem; a special Jewish-themed Louisville Bats t-shirt, a post-game run the bases for the kids, inflatables and a free meal for kids age 3-9. Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased at <https://fevogn.com/event/JewishHeritageDay>

Organizers are continuing to use data and information gathered in the recent Brandeis University-led Study of Jewish Louisville to better serve the community. Throughout the next several months, the Jewish Community of Louisville will convene several cohorts of community members, based on age and life-stage, to share their thoughts and ideas for the future of Jewish life across Louisville. If you are interested in participating, you can fill out a short survey to tell a little about yourself. As the various cohorts are defined and the groups are scheduled, organizers will reach out to invite appropriate community members to participate. You can find the survey at [tinyurl.com/4sph5m8n](http://tinyurl.com/4sph5m8n)

## Keneseth Israel

Keneseth Israel Congregation offers Daily Minyan services at 6:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7:30 a.m. Monday and Thursday. Minyan services are offered in person and on Zoom at [tinyurl.com/kiczoom](http://tinyurl.com/kiczoom). Join us for Shabbat services Friday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Shabbat services and Holiday services are offered in person and on YouTubeLive at [tinyurl.com/KICyoutubelive](http://tinyurl.com/KICyoutubelive) Please visit [kenesethisrael.com](http://kenesethisrael.com) for information.

Have a toddler in your life? Come join us for our Tot Shabbat! Join us August 26th at 11:00 a.m., to enjoy a toddler friendly shortened service and a sweet treat followed by coming into the main sanctuary to dazzle everyone with their rendition of a closing Shabbat service song.

# AROUND TOWN

Keneseth Israel and Adath Jeshurun will present a Shared Selichot Program on Saturday Evening, September 9, 2023, at Adath Jeshurun. The evening will begin with Ma'ariv at 8:25 p.m. and will continue with a viewing of *The Right to Read*, a film by Jane Mackenzie. Following the film, hear reactions from Karen Williams & Carissa Jury (CLOUT) and LaToya Whitlock (Decode Project). Beginning at 10:30 p.m., learn about CLOUT's All Kids Reading! issue campaign and the Decode Project at a Dessert Reception. The night will conclude with a Selichot Service in Chapel at Adath Jeshurun at 11:00 p.m. Visit [AdathJeshurun.com](http://AdathJeshurun.com) for more information.

## Kentucky Institute for Torah Education

KITE is having learning classes on The Path of the Just Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Study a classical, ethical work in a fun and relaxed environment. Contact Rabbi Zack Blaustein at [rabbizb@kentucky-torah.org](mailto:rabbizb@kentucky-torah.org) for the location or with any questions.

## Kol Israel Community of Kentucky

KICK is again collaborating with Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Ind. for a series of Jewish Renewal Services. The next service will be Saturday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m., accessible via Zoom. Going forward, services will be held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. For more information and the relevant Zoom link, email [kolisraelky@gmail.com](mailto:kolisraelky@gmail.com), or call 502-341-1595.

Thursday, Sept 15

Kol Israel's 3rd Annual Give for Good campaign "Day of Giving" Help us break a record, and support our Time, Talent or Treasure mission of a Jewish Renewal Community. Please contact Barbra Berman or Avram Kahn at 502-277-055 [KolisraelKy@gmail.com](mailto:KolisraelKy@gmail.com) for volunteer opportunities.

Saturday, Sept 17

5 p.m. "Tashlich" Ceremony at Big Rock. Please join us for this traditional expunging of sins, along the banks of Beargrass Creek.

Followed by a traditional 2nd night of Rosh Hashanah customs and dinner. Reservations are necessary for dinner. Call 502-277-0555 or email [KolisraelKy@gmail.com](mailto:KolisraelKy@gmail.com)

Friday Sept 29

6-8 PM Kol Israel and Interfaith Paths to Peace 2nd Annual "Shakin Sukkah Shabbat" at the Trager Family Jewish Community Center's Community Sukkah.

A Movement Music Meditation Oneg Shabbat and Sukkot Holiday with a Vegetarian Dinner. Limited seating, so reservations are recommended. Email [KolisraelKy@gmail.com](mailto:KolisraelKy@gmail.com) or call 502-277-0555.

## LBSY

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

## Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

Living Wisdom: Year of Discovery, a year-long, 24-session course, will be offered in two formats: Tuesday evenings 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom taught by Cantor David Lipp, and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in-person at Adath Jeshurun, taught by Rabbi Laura Metzger. The cost for each 24-session course is \$599, which includes textbooks. Register here. Scholarships are available; email [sisham@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:sisham@adathjeshurun.com) to apply.

## Moishe Pod: Louisville

The Moishe Pod: Louisville is a part of the international non-profit organization Moishe House, which aims to bring together young adult Jewish communities from around the world. Moishe Pod: Louisville is open to all young adult Jews regardless of observance level. It will be hosting three free events a month to bring the young adult Jewish community together in a welcoming environment. For more information or to pass along suggestions for an event Moishe Pod might host, email [moishepod.louisville@gmail.com](mailto:moishepod.louisville@gmail.com).

## National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section

NCJW, Louisville is hiring for an Executive Director. For questions and interest, contact the NCJW Office at (502) 458-5566 or [office@ncjwlou.org](mailto:office@ncjwlou.org).

2023-2024 Shopping Spree Cards are now available, with the program kicking off Aug 7. This is a fundraising campaign to support NCJW, as well as supporting local businesses. To buy a card and for more information, contact the NCJW office at 502-458-5566, via email at [office@ncjwlou.org](mailto:office@ncjwlou.org), or at [tinyurl.com/333hn2az](http://tinyurl.com/333hn2az).

## Temple Shalom

The community is welcome at Temple Shalom's Shabbat services, Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Services are led by Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and members of the congregation.

Sunday, August 27, 5:30 p.m., Temple Shalom will host a pizza dinner and viewing of the movie *Forgiveness*. This film is set in wartime in Israel. It looks at the life of an Orthodox Jew who feels that he will not be able to continue his life unless he receives forgiveness from his friend. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner will make remarks prior to the film to us prepare for the season. Please RSVP to Slava Nelson at [engagement@templeshalomky.org](mailto:engagement@templeshalomky.org) or call 502-830-4968 so that we can have enough food.

## The Temple

The WRJ/Sisterhood Gift Shop is now open Tuesday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., or by appointment. Visit its Facebook page at [facebook.com/wrjtemplegiftshop](https://facebook.com/wrjtemplegiftshop). If these times are not convenient, please call Sheila Lynch at 502-896-9736, Marlene Ornstein at 502-291-5699, or Karen Waldman at 502-425-4360 to make an appointment to shop.

The Temple is accepting donations for JFCS's Feeding Family Food Drive, supporting the JFCS Sonny & Janet Meyer Food Pantry. Purchases made from our Amazon Wish List ([thetemplelouky.org/food-drive](https://thetemplelouky.org/food-drive)) will be delivered directly to The Temple. You also can drop off

items directly in the Heideman Auditorium. The Temple will deliver all donations to JFCS at the end of the High Holy Days season.

For up-to-date information on High Holy Days at The Temple, go to [thetemplelouky.org/HHD](https://thetemplelouky.org/HHD). You can watch services live or at your convenience on YouTube, Facebook, Roku Channel, Apple TV Channel, or The Temple's new Mobile app in the Google Play or Apple Store.

Adult education continues at The Temple with Saturday Torah Study with Rabbi David starting at 9 a.m. on Zoom and in person. The 2023-24 Adult Education classes begin after the High Holy Days including Intro to Judaism, Temple Scholars, Monday Night Text Study, Beginning Hebrew, and more. For a full schedule, please go to [thetemplelouky.org/adult-education](https://thetemplelouky.org/adult-education) for more information.

Bring the family and join Cantor Lauren for Shabbat Bop on Friday, September 1 at 5:45 p.m. in the Klein Center. The Temple's Shabbat Bop is a special program designed specifically for families with young children. We invite you and your loved ones to join us for an evening filled with joy, connection, and Shabbat ruach (spirit). We will meet the first Friday of each month, start with nosh, have an engaging Shabbat service with Cantor Lauren, and then end with a delicious family dinner. More information and RSVP at [thetemplelouky.org/Shabbat-Bop](https://thetemplelouky.org/Shabbat-Bop).

Join us for our final hike of the season. *Hiking with Rabbi David* is for all ages; however, strollers are not recommended. The Temple will provide hikers with an awesome water bottle to not only ensure hydration but also as a keepsake for your own hikes. Our next hike will be Sunday, September 3 at 9 a.m. (please arrive by 8:45 a.m.) at Valley of the Giants Trail, Beckley Creek Park. If you're interested in attending, please sign up at [thetemplelouky.org/hiking](https://thetemplelouky.org/hiking).

Join Cantor Lauren and Shir Chadash for a special Selichot service featuring a Musical Journey of High Holy Day Melodies on Saturday, September 9 at 7 p.m. Selichot presents a taste of the most memorable melodies and prayers in preparation for the High Holy Days. Prayers of repentance, Avinu Malkeinu, and the sounds of the shofar echo in our ears; the light of the Havdalah candle shines before our eyes; as we welcome the New Year in the spirit of hope and peace. More information at [thetemplelouky.org/selichot/](https://thetemplelouky.org/selichot/).

Prepare for the High Holy Days at Elul with Cantor Lauren. Join us for our final class in our educational series preparing for the High Holy Days on Monday, September 11 at 6 p.m. titled *There's a Cantor on the Bimah* RSVP online at [thetemplelouky.org/Elul](https://thetemplelouky.org/Elul) to sign up.

Join us at The Temple on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. for a special speaker, Bassem Eid, a Jerusalem-based political analyst, human rights pioneer, and expert commentator on Arab and Palestinian affairs. Bassem Eid will speak on Palestinian human rights and the situation in the West Bank and Occupied Territories. This event is sponsored by Had-dasah Louisville Chapter.

Join us for our first Shir Shabbat service featuring the music of Debbie Friedman on Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m. Weather permitting, we will sing and pray together outside in the true spirit of Sukkot, our fall agricultural festival. Debbie

Friedman inspired and shaped Reform Judaism and its music, moving us beyond exclusive aesthetics into the circular and more inclusive worship music and aesthetics we experience today. Although she is no longer physically with us, she continues to shape and inspire the zeitgeist of Reform Jewish Prayer and Music today. Do you love to play an instrument or sing? Please let Cantor Lauren know if you want to participate in this special Shabbat. All ages are welcome. Instrumentalists should have a good knowledge of their chosen instrument. Every fifth Friday, Shir Shabbat elevates Shabbat Joy, Worship, and Sacred Community through Song.

## Trager Family JCC

*Art, Cocktails and Cuisine: 100 Years is Not Enough* will feature Israeli-born, New York-based artist Nir Hod Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Trager Family JCC's Shapira Foundation Auditorium. The event includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres by Volare, and a meet-and-greet with the artist, followed by a special presentation. Free, but RSVP is required to Adam Cohen at [acohen@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:acohen@jewishlouisville.org) by Aug. 25. Sponsored by JASTEKA Cultural Center, Life & Legacy, the Trager Family JCC and the Jewish Federation of Louisville.

The JCC Crocs is a new adult swim team that will offer fun and challenging workouts for adult lap swimmers, beginners to advanced, ages 19 and older. Practices take place at the Outdoor Lap Pool with Coaches Kristen Crawford and Chloe Falbo. The JCC Crocs is open to all; the cost is \$55/month. Participants must know how to swim and be comfortable swimming laps. For more details or to sign-up, contact Trager Family JCC Aquatics Director Johnny Kimberlin at [jkimberlin@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:jkimberlin@jewishlouisville.org).

CenterStage Season Tickets are now on sale. for the 2023-24 season. Season ticket holders receive a variety of benefits, such as saving 15% on tickets to MainStage productions, plus discounted prices for all other season offerings. CenterStage's MainStage productions for the 2023-24 season are *Carousel* (in August), *First Date* (in November), *The Prom* (in February) and *She Loves Me* (in May). For more information and to purchase season tickets, go online at <https://tinyurl.com/25rb3fkw>.

The Mazin Art Exhibition will be hosted this fall at the Trager Family JCC with an opening reception Sunday, Oct. 22. The exhibition is accepting 2D and 3D art from artists in the United States 16 years or older. Winners of the exhibition will get cash prizes. The exhibit is designed to foster an appreciation of today's visual art and to reflect the breadth of artists' creative visions. Deadline for entry is September 8. For questions, email [jart-ideas@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:jart-ideas@jewishlouisville.org) or call 502-238-2763. For information and/or to submit artwork, go online at <https://jewishlouisville.org/mazinart>

All Trager Family JCC members are invited to join one of its many fitness classes, sign-up for personal training, join a basketball, futsal or pickleball game, or the new running club. Visit [jewishlouisville.org/the-j/health-wellness](https://jewishlouisville.org/the-j/health-wellness) more information or email Member Services Director, Amy Stephen, at [astephen@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:astephen@jewishlouisville.org). For those interested in memberships, visit [jccloouisville.org/youbelong](https://jewishlouisville.org/jccloouisville.org/youbelong) or email [membership@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:membership@jewishlouisville.org).

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## Births



### Lucy Bea Buzen

Dr. Moises and Cathy Dreszer are thrilled to announce the birth of their granddaughter Lucy Bea Buzen. Lucy was born July 24th in New York

City to proud parents Jeff and Sara Buzen. Lucy is named after her maternal grandmother Lucy Byck Shapero and her paternal grandmother Bea Buzen.

## B'nai Mitzvah



### David Guillermo Noles

David Guillermo Noles, son of Judith Danovitch and Nicholaus Noles, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday Sep-

tember 2nd, 2023 at Keneseth Israel Congregation.

David is an 8th grader at Noe Middle School, where he has earned many individual and team awards as a member of the Quick Recall team, including top 10 in Arts & Humanities trivia at the state Governor's Cup competition for the past two years. David has also enjoyed participating in other academic competitions, including Mathcounts and the district spelling bee. David loves listening to and performing music. He has studied piano since he was four, and he plays the trumpet in his school band. In his spare time, David enjoys reading, playing card, board, and video games, LARping with his friends, travelling with his family, and spending time with his four cats.

For his mitzvah project, David has been helping out with the Shabbat Shalom club at KI and volunteering at Louisville Grows.

## Obituaries



### Gloria Seckler Altman

Gloria Seckler Altman, 92 of Salt Lake City, Utah and Prospect, Kentucky passed away on July 23, 2023.

Gloria was born on April 8, 1931 in the Bronx, New York City. She met the love of her life, Irwin Altman, in high school. They spent hours at Maxie's, the corner candy store, where their budding romance grew. After a four-year separation while she attended college in New Paltz, New York to earn her teaching degree, she and Irwin ran into each other on Reservoir Avenue in the Bronx. This chance encounter resulted in a literal made-for-TV wed-

ding, a 70-year marriage, and an enduring love story.

She and Irwin made a life together in College Park, MD, Harrisburg, PA, and Northern Virginia, until they decided to move west in 1969 to their beloved Salt Lake City, Utah. They lived in Salt Lake City for over 50 years where they raised their children, had productive careers, made life-long friends, and retired. Gloria came to love Utah. She would bask in the sun for hours overlooking Salt Lake valley from their East Bench home, enjoying the spectacular sunsets and waiting anxiously at the window for her husband and children to return home safely from skiing. For the last three years, Gloria and Irwin lived in North Carolina and Kentucky to be closer to family.

Gloria had a productive career, first as an elementary school teacher in Maryland and Pennsylvania, then as a travel agent and office manager for over 20 years at Clawson Travel in Salt Lake City. She loved reading, listening to music, knitting, entertaining, dancing, camping, and being among friends. More than anything, Gloria thrived in supporting and taking care of other people - her husband in his demanding career, her children, her adored grandchildren, her mother, travel clients, co-workers, neighbors, and many others. Her smile and laugh lit up countless rooms. Her warmth and kindness were abundant and ever-present.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Augusta Seckler and her brother, Howard Seckler. Gloria is survived by her husband of 70 years, Irwin Altman; their children, David G. Altman (Judith) and William M. Altman (Carlyn); Grandchildren Rebecca Budak (Alex Budak), Emily Altman (Andrew Braunstein), Daniel Altman, and Alayna Altman; and great grandson, Asher Budak.

Friends expressed their condolences to the family on July 30th, 2023, at the University of Utah Alumni House.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Gloria Altman to a charity of choice.

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### Anatoly Gotlib

Anatoly Gotlib, 84, passed away peacefully in his home on July 22, 2023. Born in Kiev, Ukraine in 1938, his family fled to Siberia for several months

in 1941 when the Nazis invaded. He studied engineering at Kiev Polytechnic, and married Ludmilla Gotlib - his wife of 53 years - in 1970. Their daughter Ann was born in 1971.

Due to the increasing repression of Jewish people in the USSR, Anatoly and his family fled to America as refugees in 1980, settling in Louisville. In 1983, he and his family experienced tragedy as Ann disappeared. She is still considered missing as of this day. His son, Jacob, was born in 1984.

Anatoly worked in a variety of engineering roles, finally working as an environmental engineer for the Commonwealth of Kentucky from 1985 until his retirement in 2005. He was a member of the Jewish Community Center and the Temple.

Anatoly is predeceased by his father, Jacob, an Allied soldier; his mother, Bella; his brother, Joseph; and his sister-in-law, Isabella. He is survived by his wife, Ludmilla; his son, Jacob; his daughter-in-law, Heather; and his granddaughter, Tovah. They cherish his memory as a warm and loving man with a distinctive sense of humor and tremendous generosity. They would also like to thank Jewish Family & Career Services, who helped arrange his care in his final months, including Julie Kelvich and Lisa Hester.

Funeral services were held July 24 at Herman Meyer & Son, with burial in The Temple Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to The Temple, Hosparus Health or JFCS.



### Renée Beth Greenspan

Renée Beth Greenspan died on July 27, 2023. Renée was born in New York City on August 11, 1935. She attended William Howard Taft

High School and Hunter College. In 1955, Renée married Ivan, and together they moved to Louisville. Renée taught art to students at the Louisville Deaf Oral School. Renée was a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah and The Temple. Also, as a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, she was a sisterhood co-president. At the time of her presidency, she was invited to Washington D.C. to attend the conference of the League of Conservative Jewish Women. Renée also enjoyed playing bridge, mah jongg and canasta with her many friends and family, as well as being an avid reader.

Renée loved and will be missed by her three children Andrew (Ellen) Greenspan, Susan Jaffe and Marcy (Ken) Grossman; ten grandchildren, Emily (Jamey) Eckstein, Evan Henricks, EJ Henricks, Amy (Zack) Vanderhoof, Brooke (Andy) Starling, Eden Henricks, Rebecca (Per) Svenson, David Jaffe (Becca Diamond), Jack Grossman, Ethan Grossman; eight great-grandchildren Owen, Oliver, Zara, Phoebe, Bodhi, Colette, Liam and Teddy; her younger brother Jerry Graver (Karen Morrissey) and her niece and nephew Molly (Brian) Galinkin and Michael (Jennifer) Graver. She was preceded in death by her parents Esther and Nathan Graver, and her beloved husband of 60 years, Ivan.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 30 at Herman Meyer & Son, with burial in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be donated to Temple Kol Tikvah in Davidson, North Carolina.



### Kathy Kahn

Kathy Kahn, 90 passed away March 31, 2023, in Jerusalem after battling cancer. A New Albany, Indiana native, she was born in 1932 to her parents Eli-

ahu and Annette Miller.

She graduated from New Albany High School and then from Indiana University, where she received a BA and MA in music. She spent six months in 1956 working on a kibbutz in Israel, then to Paris, before returning to play oboe as a member of the Chicago Civic Orchestra.

While visiting with her family in Louisville, she met her husband, pharmacist Edward Kahn (a"h) at the Four Courts Synagogue. She was a devoted and loving wife for 47 years until Eddie's death in 2005. Kathy was a proud and loving mother to her five children and their families, and grandmother to her seven grandchildren. Kathy's joys included teaching children, music, Judaism and her lifetime companions of dogs and cats.

She was an accomplished pianist. She enjoyed performing regularly with the Louisville Klezmer Orchestra, had accompanied ballet class, with the Jewish Community Center Orchestra, performed regularly as a member of the Louisville Klezmer Orchestra, and for student music recitals. She was a beloved music educator who taught countless children, both in music and in reading for over 30 years at Jefferson County Public Schools (including "at risk" students), Maryhurst Academy, Boys & Girls Haven, Brooklawn, and the juvenile prison Louisville Day Treatment. Incredibly, after a full day at school she continued each day at home teaching students, for whom she organized regular spring recitals. She loved all of her students as if they were her own children.

Kathy finally, reluctantly, retired from teaching at age 86, after nearly five decades. Upon retirement, Kathy made Aliyah, moving to Jerusalem to live with her beloved daughter Rebecca, who cared for her in her final years. Kathy studied Torah every day, and her deep faith comforted her throughout her final illness in Eretz Yisrael. She was a lifetime member of the Jewish Community Center, Keneseth Israel, and for many years at Anshei Sfar.

Kathy lived a full and loving Jewish life, having raised five children and experienced the joy of holding and seeing her seven grandchildren growing up. She will be lovingly remembered as a kindhearted mother, grandmother, teacher and friend. May her memory be for a blessing to her children and grandchildren, and all who knew her.

Kathy is survived by her five children and their families: Avram; Rebecca in Jerusalem, Eliah (Lisa) in Philadelphia, Joseph (Irina) in New Jersey, Shmuel (Elana) in Tampa, along with seven grandchildren (Sarah, Marisa, Chana, Dovid, Tzipora,

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Gabriella, and Clarity).

Funeral services were held in Jerusalem, where she was laid to rest.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Kol Israel Congregation of Kentucky's Edward and Kathryn Kahn Arts and Education Memorial Fund, Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel Congregation, and Chabad of Kentucky. Please share your remembrances on Everloved at <https://everloved.com/life-of/kathryn-kahn/>

A memorial celebrating her life is being planned for the near future.



## Arthur David Kasdan

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Arthur David Kasdan on July 21, 2023, in Lowell, MA.

Arthur was an exceptional individual born on September 22, 1989, in Louisville, KY. He was highly regarded for his unparalleled mathematical prowess. As a child, Arthur was a frequent visitor to the JCC and its many camps, where he found a great mentor in Jay Levine. He also founded his own game development company, showcasing his talents in the realm of technology.

Arthur's death has left a profound void in the lives of his parents, Frank and Meryl, his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and many cousins, who will dearly miss him. We pray the memories we share of positive experiences we had with Arthur during his lifetime provide us with comfort during this difficult time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthur Kasdan Memorial Fund at JFCS, or the Jerome and Ruth Kasdan Young Leadership Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Graveside services were held Friday, July 28, 2023 at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery.



## Marsha Newman Kreitman

Marsha Newman Kreitman, 87, of Plano, TX, died Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at her home. She was born June 7, 1936 in Henderson, KY to the late Edward and Goldie Wall Newman.

Marsha was a former medical claims reviewer for Geico Insurance, an employee at General Electric when she lived in Louisville, KY and a homemaker. She was a member of Congregation Beth Torah in Richardson, TX.

Marsha is preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Jacob Kreitman.

She is survived by her loving children, Elaine Pancoast of Plano, TX, Iris Foster (Robert) of Shepherdsville, KY and Eric Kreitman (Michelle) of Plano, TX; eight grandchil-

dren and nine great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends.

Graveside services were Tuesday, August 22nd at Keneseth Israel Cemetery in Louisville, KY. Memorial gifts may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org). May her memory be of a blessing.



## Thomas Starr Sobel

Thomas Starr Sobel, 72, renowned booking agent, golfer, pool shark, passed away on July 21, 2023, following a long illness. He

is preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Ruth Bayersdorfer Sobel. Tom, known for his love of retelling stories and long conversations, is survived by his wife, Susan Parnes Sobel, with whom he was about to celebrate their 48th anniversary; their daughter, Lisa Sobel-Berlow, her husband, Benji, and their daughter, Flora; his sister, Susan Sobel Gorsen; and his brother, William "Chip" Sobel, and his wife, Martha-Jane.

Tom's talent and management agency, TSM Artists, originated in 1978 when he and two friends working the college campus music circuit came consistently across great talent attached to performers' names they didn't recognize. Tom quickly realized how much easier the logistics were for comedians than musical acts traveling from town to town.

After prodding a successful bar and nightclub owner to open Shirley's Comedy Club in 1982, Louisville's first full-time comedy club, TSM soon became one of the largest providers of work for comedians during the comedy boom of the 1980s and '90s. At its height, Tom's office booked comedians for 22 full-time clubs and 35 "one-niters" in bars, restaurants, and colleges throughout the United States weekly. His ability to spot raw talent and nurture young acts kickstarted the careers of some of the most prominent names in the entertainment industry. He is credited with bringing standup comedy to the masses.

Mac King, magician and comedian, shares, "For decades, starting in the early 1980s, every comedian of note worked for Tom. His Comedy Caravan tours were legendary. Being driven by him to one-nighters in his AMC Pacer was an experience that became mythic."

After Shirley's closed, Tom opened his own Louisville club in 1987, The Funny Farm, soon renamed The Comedy Caravan, in The Highlands, all the while maintaining a booking agency that would ultimately produce nearly 400,000 comedy shows. The Professional Comedians Association named The Comedy Caravan one of the four best comedy clubs in America 6 times.

Tom developed a reputation among comics as a mentor who would be fair and honest. "He was fastidious

about details (making him a perfect agent), sought to make deals that would benefit all parties involved (making him a great businessman), and was a true gentleman who had wonderful stories about comedy (which made him a joy to be around). What made him a tremendous friend was his loyalty, his integrity, his generosity, his sense of fairness, and his unbridled optimism," says comedian Tim Cavanagh.

After selling the club in 2009, Tom continued to significantly impact the industry under the name Comedy Caravan Talent (CCT) and was declared one of the "30 Best Comedy Agents of the USA", with the site stating, "... there are two things you need to know about CCT. One, they've been booking comics for nearly three decades. Two, Tom Sobel is one of the few agents, in any entertainment field, whose word is as good as gold."

Tom was blessed to find meaningful work through his passions, including fundraising through laughter (named a "Hometown Hero" by Metro United Way in 1995) and promoting jug band music, especially the sounds of Louisville's Juggernaut Jug Band.

A Celebration of Life was held August 20, 2023 at The Temple.

To continue Tom's legacy of generosity, the family kindly requests that contributions be made in his memory to Gilda's Club Kentuckiana ([gck.org](http://gck.org)), Hosparus Health ([hosparushealth.org](http://hosparushealth.org)), or the Musician's Emergency Resource Foundation ([merfrocks.com](http://merfrocks.com)).

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Tom Sobel will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His impact on the comedy industry and his warm presence will be remembered forever. As Tom always said, "Just Keep Laffin!"

## Esther Levin Yussman

Esther Levin Yussman, 87, of Louisville, died Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Legacy at English Station. She was born November 29, 1935 in Williamsburg, Ky to the late Zelda Itkoff and Louis Levin. She was a homemaker and a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Stuart; her son, Marc; and brothers, Isadore and James.

Esther is survived by her daughter, Lisa Hawkins and her husband, John of Cincinnati, Ohio; her daughter-in-law, Risa of Prospect, Ky; her sister, Betty Spivak of Beverly Hills, Calif; her grandchildren, Logan and Zachary Wall, Dylan, Hanna and Sami Yussman; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation or the Trager Family Jewish Community Center.

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# NEWS

## ZMIRA GOLD

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Zmira Gold's memory. She is alone in that house now, Dr. Gold having died three years ago at the age of 95, after 60 years of marriage to the former Zmira Haramati. Her three older siblings have also passed away: relentless time's inevitable thinning out.

Evidence of two very full lives abounds. "This is not my house – this is my museum," Gold told a recent visitor, gesturing toward walls covered with paintings, photos and keepsakes from Israel, glass cabinets bearing a vast collection of unopened liquor mini-bottles, and perhaps most distinctively, numerous mounted fish – testaments to her late husband's abiding recreational passion.

"This is a wonderful neighborhood," she said. "The reason I moved here was because I wanted to be close to the (Jewish Community) Center. I had two kids, and they could bike over there. I've used the Center the whole time I've been in the United States." Today she can often be found taking an exercise class or relaxing at the Trager Family JCC.

The Golds' decision to leave Israel in 1961 was as much professional as it was personal. Gerard Gold, a Brooklyn native whose family moved to Louisville when he was 3, had graduated from the University of Louisville Dental School. He was itching to establish a practice, a difficult task in Israel for a foreign-trained dentist. And because he had deep roots in Louisville, it was an all but inevitable destination.

Initially the young couple lived in a section of the dental office. "It took six years before we could put down a down payment (on a home)," Zmira Gold recalled. "We had to buy equipment, build up the practice, and pay back my in-laws," who'd loaned them funds so they could get started.

The house had previously been owned by a couple who'd survived the Holocaust. Like many who settled in the neighborhood, the Golds wanted to be able to walk to shul on Shabbat, and having been raised Orthodox in Israel, nearby Anshei Sfarad was a natural spiritual fit.

Louisville could hardly have been more different than the Jerusalem of Zmira Haramati's childhood. Born in 1935, "I grew up in a very bad time," she said, "a very bad time."

Her father had emigrated from Poland in the 1920s, eager enough to be a Zionist "Pioneer" that he gave up a life of wealthy privilege for an existence that, at best, was uncertain. Britain had administered the region since 1920, when the League of Nations drew up a framework for what would be designated Mandatory Palestine.

An accomplished amateur musician in Poland, her father cobbled together a living in which he was a policeman during the day, and a roving instrumentalist in the evenings.

Her Latvian-born mother – daughter of a celebrated sofer (scribe) who wrote 60 Torahs during his lifetime and who'd come to Palestine two years earlier – eventually met and married her father. Four children followed: two boys and two girls, the youngest of whom was Zmira.

Home was a cramped Jerusalem apartment. Food was scarce; fresh food scarcer still. Gold recalled how her mother would peel a rotten apple and swirl the peel in a pot of cooked zucchini, producing a kind

of apple-flavored "lemonade". Children under five got one egg per week – that lone egg, mixed with available ingredients, became egg salad for six. Yom Kippur brought the year's only chicken: first for soup; then, what remained was dutifully roasted. Nothing was wasted, Gold said. "She cooked it death."

Typically, "you had to stand in line for everything," she recalled "We ate beans and lentils – that was our main source of protein.

Most of the immediate neighbors were fellow Orthodox Jews, but the wider neighborhood included Christians and Arabs, a melding of ethnicities, faiths and customs – all in uneasy coexistence with the British soldiers who patrolled the maze of narrow, ancient streets.

Conditions worsened as resistance to British rule intensified. "There was a constant curfew," Gold said. "I remember that when I was two years old, the first word I learned was 'inside!'"

A violent tipping point erupted on July 26, 1946, when members of the underground militant Irgun – headed by future prime minister Menachem Begin – bombed Jerusalem's King David Hotel, headquarters of the British Mandate administration. The bombing killed 91 and was condemned in many quarters (including the United States) as an act of terrorism.

Gold's father had been scheduled to play at the King David that Friday night – by pure chance a substitute went in his place. Her sister was supposed to be married the following Tuesday (traditionally considered an auspicious wedding day, because on the third day of Creation, "God saw that it was good"), but in the bombing's aftermath, the British military erected barbed wire barriers that blocked access to the family's neighborhood. The wedding had to be postponed for two days, and it was only after heroic efforts by their father that the ceremony could proceed.

Alas, Gold's father died the next year, not living long enough to witness the birth of modern Israel on May 14, 1948. He was spared the anxiety of his two sons going into battle, and the anguish when one of them was wounded so severely that he spent the next 18 months in Hadassah Hospital. Indeed, his wounds were so grievous that on arrival he was thought to be dead, and so was placed in a holding space alongside the bodies of other fallen soldiers. He lay there for three days, saved only when a passing nurse happened to glimpse him moving.

Gold, her sister, and her mother were spending hour after hour in a Jerusalem bomb shelter, taking refuge from barages of Arab artillery. When at last they learned that her brother was alive, maternal instinct took hold.

"She said, 'I'm going to find him,'" Gold said, "so she walked to the hospital. There was a room full of soldiers, she went from bed to bed, and – because his eyes were covered by bandages – 'recognized him by his teeth.'" Returning home, her mother said simply: "I found him."

As fighting raged, "Jerusalem was surrounded," Gold said. "No food could come in, nothing. We had to stand in line for water – you got a bucket and a half per person, which you had to use drinking, washing, cleaning – everything." Bread, too, was strictly rationed: half a loaf per person per week, obtained between spasms of periodic shelling.

Gold became the family's principal bread-fetcher "because I could run faster

than my mother. There'd be shelling, with bombs falling, so I'd go into the stairway of an apartment building, wait a few minutes, and then start running again. It was bad times."

It wasn't until "at least 1949 or 1950" that life in Jerusalem could claim some sense of normalcy. By then Gold's father, weakened by several heart attacks, had passed away. But happier times were to come, when the nurse treating her wounded brother introduced her to a recently arrived young man named Gerard Gold. On March 21, 1961, they married -- Zmira Haramati becoming Zmira Gold.

Less than three months later, the couple departed Israel to forge a new pathway in Louisville. While Dr. Gold attended to his dental practice and fished ceaselessly ("I knew the river before I knew the streets of Louisville," she quipped), Zmira was plunging into the Jewish life of her neighborhood and city.

The Golds joined Keneseth Israel, where she taught Sunday school, and spent 20 years at the now-closed Louisville Jewish Day School. For more than a quarter-century she taught twice weekly at the Hebrew school situated on the third floor of the old Jewish Community Center (where one of her students was Sara Klein Wagner, who'd grow up to be the current president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Louisville and the Trager Family JCC). Her son and daughter (David and Rena) often swam at the JCC pool – the boy becoming a junior lifeguard at age 12.

Today, her husband of more than six decades gone, their children grown and

living their own lives, Gold remains rooted in home and homeland. She's traveled to Israel often, most recently this past March after a gap of 13 years.

"Oh my gosh, the change was unbelievable, just unbelievable," she said of Tel Aviv and its high-rise skyline. "My niece has an apartment on the 18th floor in one of those buildings, and from there you can see the Mediterranean, and all those high-rises. It's like New York."

"I always miss being there," Gold says of her native Israel, adding that "at the top of my list" on her March trip was visiting the cemetery where members of her family are buried. No matter where she found herself, though, the land and its people resonated in her deepest self. "It was so important for me to feel it," she said. "I just can't explain it."

Gold acknowledges Israel's fraught politics, inevitable in a parliamentary system comprising so many disparate parties ("you have two Jews and five opinions"), which she keeps up with via an Israeli TV channel. She looks forward to a time when Israel's politicians realize the perils of adopting policies that divide the country. "I'm hopeful that sooner or later somebody will wake up in the morning and say, 'We cannot afford to do that.'"

Regardless, Eretz Israel – the Land of Israel – remains Zmira Haramati Gold's defining identity, even after 60-plus years in America.

"I've been here," she says, "but my heart is always there."

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## Actor Ben Kingsley reveals why he stars in so many Holocaust films

By Gabe Friedman  
JTA

From “Schindler’s List” to “The Red Sea Diving Resort,” the non-Jewish, award-winning actor Ben Kingsley has starred in a number of Holocaust and other Jewish-themed movies.

The recurring theme in his career wasn’t an accident, he said in a recent interview. Instead, he said, he picked the roles because his “vigorously antisemitic” grandmother motivated him to want to speak out on the issue of antisemitism.

Talking to Parade magazine earlier this month, Kingsley was asked why he has played so many Jewish characters in film. His British mother is thought to have Jewish ancestry, but “the thread is so fine there’s no real evidence,” he said in a 1994 interview about “Schindler’s List,” in which he plays Oskar Schindler’s helper Itzhak Stern.

He told Parade:

I must answer very candidly, and it’s an answer that disturbs me but it’s the truth. I remember as a schoolboy watching a wonderful television documentary series, which examined World War II. And as a schoolboy, alone

in the house, I watched the liberation of Belsen [a Nazi concentration camp] on film. And I do remember as a young adolescent, I think I was maybe 11 or 12—this was way after World War II, of course, it was a retrospective—but I think my heart stopped beating for a little while. I went into deep shock as a child.

The disturbing part of this story is that I remember within the same few days having a conversation with my maternal grandmother, who was inexplicably but quite vigorously antisemitic. So, the two impressions came to me almost simultaneously, and as a child it was very difficult for me, impossible for me to counter my grandmother’s outburst, but I think a seed was planted in me that said to me, “One day I will speak.”

Kingsley, who had an Indian father and won an Oscar for portraying Mahatma Gandhi in the 1982 biopic “Gandhi,” has previously said that his grandmother’s antisemitism stemmed from the fact that a Jewish man abandoned her once she became pregnant.

In an on-screen career dating back to the 1970s, Kingsley has also earned

Emmy nominations for playing Otto Frank in a TV miniseries called “Anne Frank: The Whole Story” and for playing Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal in a 1989 TV movie called “Murderers Among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story.” He played Jewish gangster Meyer Lansky in the acclaimed film “Bugsy” — about the life of Jewish mobster Bugsy Siegel — and an organized crime boss called The Rabbi in the 2006 thriller “Lucky Number Slevin.”

In 2019, he played a Mossad agent in “The Red Sea Diving Resort,” a drama about a 1980s Israeli mission to rescue Ethiopians. He has also played Nazi Adolf Eichmann, in the 2018 drama “Operation Finale.” He said he kept a photo of his real-life friend Elie Wiesel in his pocket while filming that movie.

Before Wiesel’s death in 2016, Kingsley told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had told the best-selling Holocaust survivor: “The next time I walk onto a film set that is appropriate to your story, I will dedicate my performance to you.”

He said he kept his word: “Every day as promised, I looked at a picture of Elie that I carried in my pocket and said ‘I’m doing this for you,’” he said.

Kingsley’s newest movie, “Jules,” is a sci-fi story about an older man named Milton who befriends an alien who crash-lands in his backyard.

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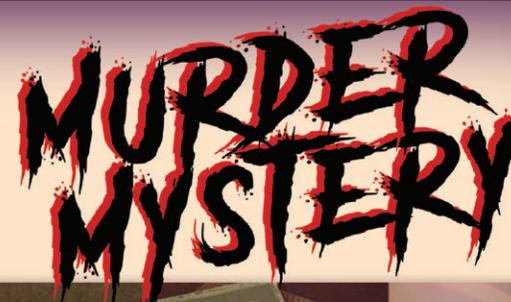
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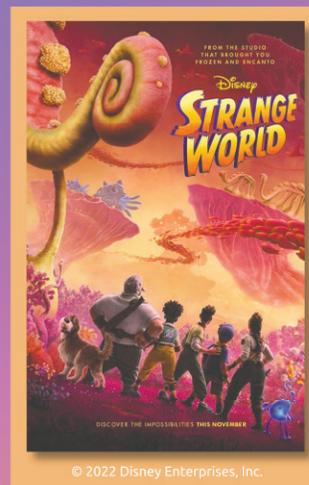
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To learn more about how to create your Jewish legacy, please contact Gayle Shoemaker at [gshoemaker@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:gshoemaker@jewishlouisville.org).





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- Employment physicals
- DOT physicals
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- Stomach issues
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- Work injury
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