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**Peace. Shalom. Salaam.** These 17 Israeli women from our Partnership2Gether Region, the Western Galilee, are planting the seeds of peace through dialogue. See story, page ...

## Moving Forward – J-Tomorrow!

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

This month, we welcomed the Jewish year 5777. We began on Rosh Hashanah by taking a good, hard look at ourselves – who we are, what are our values and how we behave in accordance with those values. Then, after Yom Kippur, we began the New Year with a clean slate.

For the Jewish Community of Louisville, 5777 is the year in which we will take a good, hard look at ourselves – who we are, what our values are and where we want to be in 20, 30 or even 50 years. It is the year in which decisions will be made and acted upon. To ensure this will happen, the JCL has launched J-Tomorrow!, a project with a strong committee structure that will look at the community's physical structures in light of communal needs today and for the next several generations, make recommendations for action and take the steps necessary to make it a reality.

JCL President and CEO Sara Wagner announced that Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg will chair J-Tomorrow!. "We're incredibly fortunate that Jeff has stepped up to lead the community forward at this really exciting time. I know he is focused on where we're going and where we will be in 15 and 20 years and more. We have laid the groundwork, our professionals and volunteers have taken the steps to evaluate our options, understand the needs and put the steps in place to move our work forward. Our leadership understands this and we are grateful for the work they have done. We are pleased that our next steps will be public and look forward to keeping the community see **J-TOMORROW!** page 10



Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg

## At Major Gifts Dinner, November 6

# Pundits to Offer Pre-Election Insights

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor



Jeff Berkowitz



Jay Footlik

The upcoming presidential election has stirred strong emotions on all sides. Republicans and Democrats alike are predicting disaster if the opposing candidate wins and many people are so turned off by both that they are considering voting for a third party candidate, writing someone in or not voting at all.

What does this mean for the Jewish community?

On Sunday, November 6, the community is invited to hear "Two

Jewish Sides of the American Election" at the Major Gifts Dinner for the 2017 Federation Campaign. The program, featuring Jay Footlik and Jeff Berkowitz, two nationally-known and widely-respected Jewish political activists from opposite sides of the political spectrum, will be held at the Jewish Hospital Rudd

Heart and Lung Center.

Major donors to the Campaign, those who commit \$5,000 or more to the 2017 Federation Campaign as individuals or couples, are invited to the dinner at 6:30 p.m. There is a \$36 per person couvert for the evening. A private cocktail reception see **MAJOR GIFTS** page 9

## Community to Come Together for Embracing Change Discussion; CLAL President, Rabbi Kula, Will Facilitate

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor



Rabbi Irwin Kula

What does the Louisville Jewish community need to do today to ensure that we have a vibrant community for future generations?

This is not an

easy question; however, it is an important one to address as a community together with everyone around the table. To both inspire and lead this discussion, our Jewish agencies and congregations are joining together to bring Rabbi Irwin Kula, the president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL), to Louisville. He will lead a two-hour open community meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 7-9 p.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

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## Deborah Lipstadt to Speak at KI Nov. 10 Scholar and Author Faced Down Holocaust Denier in Court

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

In 1996, David Irving filed suit in England against Deborah Lipstadt and her publisher, Penguin Books, charging that she libeled him in her book *Denying the Holocaust*, because she characterized some of his writings and public statements as Holocaust denial.



Dr. Deborah Lipstadt

Using the justification defense, Dr. Lipstadt, Penguin and their defense team demonstrated that what she wrote about Irving was substantially true and therefore not libelous.

The case reverberated around the world and Dr. Lipstadt, the Dorot Pro-

fessor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, was lauded for shining light on the Holocaust denial movement.

Keneseth Israel is bringing Dr. Lipstadt to Louisville on Thursday, November 10. At 6 p.m., KI will host a VIP meet and greet for the distinguished professor, and at 7, Dr. Lipstadt will speak at an open community event about her book, see **LIPSTADT** page 15



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# JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director  
Jewish Community Relations Council

## UNESCO Statement

On October 13, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO, passed a very controversial statement regarding the status of holy sites in Jerusalem. They called for the Temple Mount to be called exclusively by its Muslim referenced name. It even called for the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism, to be referred to by a Muslim name. It essentially erased any Jewish (or Christian, for that matter) connection to these sites.

The action taken by UNESCO obviously flies in the face of a 3,000-year connection between the Jewish people and the locations in question. It creates a revisionist history where Jews are rootless and interlopers in Israel, despite unquestioned and immense archeological evidence from the first and second temple periods.

It was a blatantly biased and political decision, based not on history and culture, but on Mideast political considerations at the United Nations, where Palestinian interests have a clear majority. This resolution was so bad, even the director of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, sharply criticized it, and her criticism generated death threats, which forced her to increase her personal security detail.

We join Jewish and Christian communities worldwide in condemning this blatantly false and provocative classification of the holy sites in Jerusalem.

The government of Israel was quick to condemn this, and these condemnations came from both the left wing and the right wing. The Prime Min-

ister said, with justification, that denying the Jewish connection to the Temple Mount and Western Wall is like denying an Egyptian connection to the pyramids. Jewish organizations of all political stripes are also condemning this action.

Besides the fact that this statement from UNESCO is factually preposterous, it further entrenches the positions of those in Israel (and elsewhere) who believe that the main obstacle to peace is a denial by the Palestinians of the right of a Jewish state to exist at all.

By attempting to erase history, the Palestinians have handed a gift to Israeli leaders who are most skeptical about a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Already some leaders are calling for retaliatory actions such as allowing Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount (which violates a status quo which has kept peace generally), restricting Muslim prayer there and increasing settlement activity to create facts on the ground.

This statement also emboldens those Palestinians who reject any peace deal. Hamas, the terror organization that rules Gaza said that they "consider this a victory to the Palestinian cause and a destruction of the Israeli narrative regarding Al-Aqsa!"

The United Nations and its constituent agencies and NGOs need to be in the business of uniting people in conflict, not giving justification for hardliners on both sides of the conflict to further entrench.

Classifying it as exclusively for one faith and erasing the Jewish connection will only lead to further conflict over these sites instead of the compromise necessary in a final peace deal. I hope cooler heads prevail and

compromise soon becomes the mantra of all those involved.

*Editor's note: As Community was going to press, UNESCO passed a second resolution, "The Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls," which deletes Jewish references from holy sites in Jerusalem.*

## The Importance of Voting

As election season draws to a close, I have come to the conclusion that everyone has a strong opinion about this year's election. I no longer need to read the news to find out the latest on the current candidates, I just need to go to my Facebook page and Twitter feed. Everyone seems to have a strong opinion, from left to right, and to have no inhibitions on expressing their views. I have seen many disagreements between people, screaming matches over social media, over this election ... signifying how important this election is to so many people.

But really, the best way to express our opinions on who should be our elected representatives is to GO VOTE!! The majority of countries around the world are not democracies and the populace has very little say as to who makes decisions that affect their lives. The arbitrary way in which these countries are run makes me grateful I live in such a wonderful country where my opinion matters and my voting decisions have consequences.

However, the number of eligible voters who actually make the effort to go vote is staggeringly low. It is easier than ever to register – it's automatic when we apply for a driver's license. But if we do not exercise this right, we are hypocritical when we complain about whom we elect to office.

Here in Kentucky, some recent elections saw as little as 30 percent of eligible voters actually go vote. That is awful.

This year, we elect a new president (in addition to all the other offices that are very important) and the issues that he or she will deal with – healthcare, minimum wage, Supreme Court picks, war in the Middle East – are too important for us to be complacent.

GO VOTE on November 8. If you cannot make it to the polls that day, apply for an absentee ballot (there is still time). If you have no transportation to the polls, Jewish Family and Career Services has volunteers ready to talk you.

Electing someone for office is the greatest expression of how we feel about candidates (even better than a Facebook rant). GO VOTE!

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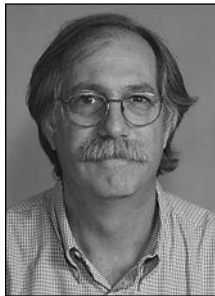


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# Louisville's Jewish Community Is Moving Forward

by Jay Klempner  
Board Chair and  
Sara Klein Wagner  
President and CEO  
Jewish Community of Louisville

Our shared history and shared future is the core strength and connection of our Jewish community. How we care for, celebrate and engage today will impact the future. As we begin the new year 5777, there will be significant new and meaningful opportunities to focus on our responsibility and to take action to affect and impact Jewish life in Louisville. We are focused and proud of three important examples for communal changes that will take place this year.



Jay Klempner



Sara Klein Wagner

## Israel: The Jewish State

Our Louisville community has been made stronger from 20 years of participating in

Partnership2gether. We have built true relationships and friendships with people in the Western Galilee.

Two weeks ago Louisville hosted 17 women – Jewish, Arab and Bedouin. One event took place at the River Road Mosque. When it was time for evening prayers, the entire group was invited to join in. The raw emotion of several Jewish Israeli women after evening prayer was palpable and distinctly memorable. One participant publicly shared how moved she was to join in the service as the other participants had also shared a Shabbat service. Together, the women, who have come together over the past year to build bridges, genuinely want to develop a relationship among themselves, their families and their communities. (See story, page 6.)

While we are very proud of our work in the Western Galilee, we know that there are also other issues within Israeli society that deserve our attention.

On November 20, our community will come together for a unique dialogue that will be a first in North America. We are proud to join together with four congregations, Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, The Temple and Temple Shalom, to host leaders of Masorti (Conservative Movement), the Progressive Movement (Reform) and the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) to discuss the crucial issue of religious equality in Israel.

This is a pivotal moment. Mark your calendars: November 20, 7 p.m. at The Temple. Together our community will hear from three esteemed leaders addressing one of the most pressing issues related to Israel's future and specifically, Israel's relationship with North American Jews. (See story, page 4.)

## Jewish Louisville

Secondly, we have an incredible opportunity to come together and begin to create a transformational movement for our Jewish community starting with a Community Think Tank. The leadership of our community recognizes the need for increased engagement, to take changing demographics into account and to promote Jewish identity. Our congregations, Jewish Family & Career

Services, the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence have come together, led by a steering committee of our rabbis, cantors and executive directors. We will welcome Rabbi Irwin Kula, an international thought leader, to help our community understand and prioritize the significant changes needed to make today to ensure a vibrant community for the future. (See story, page 1.)

The Community Think Tank is open to all. Please register online at [www.jewishlouisville.org/thinktank](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/thinktank). The event will be November 29, 7 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun.

## J Home for the Future

At our 125 Gala, we promised the community a blueprint for our collective home away from home, The J. This

will be an important year as our work to create a much needed new home to meet the needs of the community.

Formal planning has begun, and we are fortunate that Dr. Jeff Goldberg will chair the leadership team recommending the next chapter for the J. As our community has evolved and the J has welcomed and supported Jewish experiences for 126 years, we are prepared to take the big steps needed to ensure our facility is elevated to match our programs and experiences. Recently, we have taken some significant steps that will enable us to do the work necessary to involve the community and will lead to making the best decisions for our future. We look forward to including you in the process, sharing regular updates and marking milestones along the way. (See story, page 1.)

We are proud to work with a dedicated group of Board members and staff as we are committed to bring relevant and meaningful change and action to the Louisville Jewish community. In close alliance with the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, we will collaborate with all of Louisville's Jewish agencies and institutions to develop a unified, forward-looking plan to build a vibrant Jewish community. That plan will address our facilities, programs and building our endowment to provide a sound financial footing for generations to come.

With a continued focus on identifying our needs to ensure a vibrant Jewish community for years and years to come, we look forward to meeting the needs of our community members.

## Kleins Are New Partnership Chairs

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

"Next year in Jerusalem."

How many times have we repeated that phrase? Somehow, that hope makes Jerusalem and Israel seem distant and almost unreal.

But Israel is neither remote nor unreal. This is particularly true in light of the connections our Louisville Jewish community has made with the Western Galilee through Partnership2gether. Louisvillians have visited Israel and Israelis have come to Louisville to learn, to share cultural experiences, to collaborate and, most of all, to build friendships. Through it all, we've collaborated with other members of the Central Area Consortium – 13 American Jewish communities, mostly from the central part of the U.S., and Budapest, Hungary.

For the past several years, Drs. Jon and Laura Klein have chaired Louisville's Partnership efforts. During their tenure, Louisville hosted a major Consortium planning meeting, organized several group trips to Israel, including a four-day bicycle adventure from Rosh Hanikra to Eilat, participated in exchanges of medical personnel, performers, artists, photographers and more.

With the recent Breaking Barriers program during which Louisville hosted 17 Israeli women of varied backgrounds who have chosen to get to know each other in pursuit of peace (see story, page 6), the Kleins have passed the leadership baton to Robert and Dr. Lisa Klein.

"Jon and Laura Klein are friends of ours," Robert explained, "and they thought we'd be interested in the Partnership Program, so we went on their trip to the Western Galilee and other locations in 2013. It was a wonderful trip and we learned a lot. It was my first time and her second to visit Israel."

"Being involved with that trip to Israel got us more involved with local activities," Lisa added, including hosting some visiting delegations.

Along the way, Robert, who is a skilled amateur photographer connected with Israeli photographer Yochanan Kishon when Kishon visited Louisville who came to Louisville in April 2014 to share some of his work and conduct some workshops.

Later that year, Robert had the opportunity to work with Kishon in Israel through Partnership's Artist-in-Residence program. (Stories about the bike trip, Kishon's visit to Louisville and Klein's Artist-in-Residence program can all be found in the Community section of [www.jewishlouisville.org](http://www.jewishlouisville.org).)

The Kleins also hosted several Israeli visitors to Louisville, and the more they engaged in Partnership2gether activities, the more they enjoyed them. Now, they're ready to lead Louisville's Partnership activities.

"We're looking forward to more ex-

peditions to Israel," Lisa said. "I'd like to see some more folks go into the Artist-in-Residence program," Robert added.

"We've already started by recruiting several people to host the most recent delegation, and we hope to get more people involved," she continued. They plan to continue supporting the educational programming, including the classroom twinning projects and the arts exchanges.

The Kleins are interested in continuing and expanding the medical exchange program. They toured the Western Galilee Medical Center and were very impressed with the hospital's ability to transfer all operations underground into sealed rooms that can protect patients, physicians and staff from

see **THE KLEINS** page 14



Lisa and Robert Klein

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## NOVEMBER 2

**Fresh Stop Market Pickup**

The J Pavilion, 4:30-6:30 p.m. final distribution this season. Buy shares in advance at [www.newroots.org/store/c16/Gendler\\_Grapevine.html](http://www.newroots.org/store/c16/Gendler_Grapevine.html)

## NOVEMBER 3

**Makhelat HaShachar Concert**

Adath Jeshurun, 7 p.m. \$5 per person. AJ will host Makhelat HaShachar, a Japanese pro-Israel Jewish choir that tours Israel and North America singing Hebrew, English and Japanese music. Purchase tickets at <https://adathjeshurun.com/japanese>.

## NOVEMBER 6

**PJ Library & The Temple Challah Day**

The Temple, 10 a.m. \$5 per person. PJ Library and The Temple co-sponsoring this challah baking for PJ Library children not in Sunday School. A book about grandchildren and grandparents making challah together will be read. All generations of families are invited to a morning of baking, reading and crafts. RSVP at [www.jewishlouisville.org/challah-day](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/challah-day).

## NOVEMBER 6

**2017 Campaign Major Gifts Event**

Jewish Hospital Rudd Heart & Lung Center, 6 p.m., \$36 per person. Two Jewish Sides of the American Election: A Conversation with Jay Footlik and Jeff Berkowitz. Nationally recognized political operatives from different sides of the spectrum will discuss what makes this election unique and what it means for the Jewish community. Minimum gift to the 2017 Federation Campaign: \$5,000 per individual or couple.

## NOVEMBER 9

**Acting Out:****I Never Saw Another Butterfly**

The J, 7 p.m. Adults, \$12; students, \$7. Over 15,000 Jewish children passed through Terezin, and only about a hundred were still alive at the end of the war. *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* is an inspirational true story of hope, laughter, flowers and butterflies behind the barbed wire. Purchase tickets at [www.jewishlouisville.org/butterfly](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/butterfly).

## NOVEMBER 9 and 12

**Shabbat Project – International Event**

November 9 – Great Challah Bake, 7 p.m. at The J. November 12 – Community-Wide Havdalah, 7 p.m. by the Baringer Hill Overlook, Cherokee Park. See story, page 8.

## NOVEMBER 10

**Deborah Lipstadt to Speak**

**Main Presentation**, Kl, 7 p.m. Free. Keneseth Israel and the Jewish Federation of Louisville present Emory University's Deborah Lipstadt, to discuss her book, *History on Trial*, and the soon-to-be-released movie, *Denial*, based on the book. See story, page 1.

**VIP Meet and Greet**, Kl, 6 p.m. \$54. Includes a signed copy of the book. Proceeds benefit the Ernie Marx & Ilse Meyer Education Fund, which supports a teachers visit to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. RSVP at [www.jewishlouisville.org/lipstadt](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/lipstadt) or contact Matt Goldberg at 502-238-2707.

## NOVEMBER 11

**Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner Installation**

Temple Shalom, 6:30 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 12

**Temple Shalom 40th Anniversary**

Standard Country Club, 7 p.m., \$40. Dinner celebration. RSVP to 502-458-4739.

## NOVEMBER 18

**Women's Philanthropy Event**

**Connecting with Culture: Coffee Concert** Kentucky Center for the Arts, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$50 per person. Includes concert, private catered lunch. RSVP at [www.jewishlouisville.org/connecting-with-culture](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/connecting-with-culture) by November 4. See story, this page.

## NOVEMBER 19 and 20

**Snowflake Shoppe**

The J, Preview Night, November 19 6-9 p.m. \$10. The J, Snowflake Shoppe, November 20, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Artisans, crafters and other vendors will sell holiday merchandise. Proceeds benefit The J Early Learning Center.

## NOVEMBER 20

**Are Some Jews More Equal than Others? We Have a Voice.**

The Temple, 7 p.m. Free. A forum on religious equality in Israel featuring Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Yizhar Hess and David Mallach. Sponsored by Adath Jeshurun, Jewish Federation of Louisville, Keneseth Israel, The Temple and Temple Shalom. See story, page 4.

## NOVEMBER 29

**Community Wide Think Tank with Rabbi Irwin Kula**

Adath Jeshurun, 7 p.m. Guided discussion on Jewish identity and embracing changes as Jewish institutions. RSVP at [www.jewishlouisville.org/thinktank](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/thinktank). See story, page 1.

## Japanese Choir to Sing Jewish Music in Nov. 3 Concert at AJ

by Cantor David Lipp

Congregation Adath Jeshurun

Adath Jeshurun will present the Louisville premier of the Japanese Choir singing Jewish Music on Thursday, November 3, at 7 p.m. at AJ.

Five years ago in Toronto, I was asked to sing *My Yiddishe Mame* in a concert for the Cantors Convention. That was not particularly notable. The choir that sang with me was. They were a Japanese choir of Christian Friends of Israel aka Beit Shalom Japan. One of their core beliefs is that world peace will prevail only after peace is established in Jerusalem.

Known as *Makhelat HaShachar* (*Shinonome Choir* or Choir of Dawn), they are 35 male and female singers selected from some 100 nation-wide local church choirs which, since 1971, has toured 17 times in Israel and North America,



bringing their love of music and the Jewish people with them in harmony sung in Hebrew, English, Yiddish and Japanese.

The roots of Japan Christian Friends of Israel (known to Israelis as "Beit Shalom") can be traced back to the experiences of the late Rev. Takeji Otsuki in 1938 in north eastern China. He experienced a revelation which led him to pray for the in-

dependence of the State of Israel, for its spiritual restoration and redemption, and the peace of Jerusalem.

After World War II ended on January 5, 1946, Father Otsuki founded his group, "Japan Christian Friends of Israel." Today, JCFI have 100 churches and nearly 10,000 members throughout Japan.

In 1962, Father Otsuki met an Israeli couple for the first time. Through this meeting, the relations between Israelis and JCFI gained momentum. The relationship reached an apex when the late Father Takeji Otsuki was honored in 1998 by the municipal assembly of Jerusalem as a "Ne'eman Yerushalayim" (Loyal to Jerusalem), the highest degree of honorary citizenship of Jerusalem. Further, in 2003, Bar Ilan University awarded Father Otsuki a doctor honoris causa.

The concert at AJ will feature a community choir joining the Japanese one for *Shehecheyanu* as well as cameo solos by Cantors Sharon Hordes of Keneseth and me.

Tickets are \$5 and can be ordered online at <https://adathjeshurun.com/japanese>, by phone during office hours at 458-5359 or purchased at the door.

A light dessert reception will follow the concert.

## Women's Philanthropy Plans Connecting with Culture Concert Experience Nov. 18

Following up on its successful Connecting with Nature program, the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Women's Philanthropy presents Connecting with Culture hosted by Viki Diaz and Karen Abrams on Friday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

This women's program will include the 11 a.m. Coffee Concert, Shakespeare in Music, and a private catered lunch with Louisville Orchestra Music Director Teddy Abrams.

The Louisville Orchestra is participating in the city-wide celebration of William Shakespeare with a concert of works inspired by his genius. This concert will include the first movement of Debussy's *Le Roi Lear* and selections from Prokofiev's ballet *Romeo and Juliet*.

Special thanks to Viki Diaz for making this event possible.

The cost is \$50 per person. Register online at [www.jewishlouisville.org/connecting-with-culture](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/connecting-with-culture) or call Kristy Benefield, 502-238-2739.

Members of the Women's Philanthropy Cabinet are Dr. Karen Abrams, Keren Benabou, Dr. Shellie Branson, Viki Diaz, Julie Ensign, Debbie Friedman, Jane Goldstein, Stacy Gordon-Funk, Cheryl Karp, Kate Latts, Robin Miller, Susan Rudy, Julie Segal, Jennifer Tuvlin and Ann Zimmerman.

If you would like to join the Women's Philanthropy Cabinet, contact Federation Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk, 502-238-2755 or [sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org).

## Temple Shalom, The Temple Sisterhoods Host WRJ Central District Convention Nov. 3-6

Women of Reform Judaism's Central District will hold a biennial gathering of women in Louisville November 3-6 with the theme "WRJ Central Rocks the Boat."

Those attending will discuss pressing challenges facing the Jewish community in the 21st Century and advances in women's leadership. The Central District is comprised of about 36 sisterhoods in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Women of Temple Shalom and The Temple's WRJ Chapter are hosting the conference. Events and services will take place at Temple Shalom, The Temple, Hampton Inn & Suites – Louisville Downtown and the Muhammad Ali Center.

Those leading services or participating in them include Rabbi Gaylia Rooks, The Temple; Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner, Temple Shalom; and Shiela Steinman Wallace, song leader, Temple Shalom.

Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky will speak at the opening luncheon Friday, November 4, on human trafficking and other social justice concerns. She is the vice president of mission for Jewish Hospital, University of Louisville Hospital and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

Madeline Abramson will introduce Tori Murden McClure, president of Spalding University, who will talk about women and empowerment during the Saturday luncheon. She is the first woman and American to row across the Atlantic Ocean solo.

Also on Saturday, Fredi Bleeker Franks, WRJ vice president of development and special projects, will speak about WRJ's mission to strengthen the voice of women worldwide and empower see **WRJ** page 10

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# Arab and Jewish Israeli Women Came to Louisville to Share Their Message: By Getting to Know One Another, They Became Friends



by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

When we think of Israeli/Palestinian relations, the first images that come to mind are those of violent conflict and the pursuit of peace that seems to go nowhere. It is an intractable situation – or is it?

Perhaps we just need to approach the issue from a different vantage point.

That is exactly what a group of 20 Israeli women from the Western Galilee – Jews, Arabs, Christians and Druse – are doing. Last month, 17 members of the Women Creating Dialogue: Breaking Down Barriers group came to Louisville to share their message of hope and understanding.

The program started last March when the Matte Asher Regional Council of the Western Galilee asked for volunteers to begin a women's dialogue group among the different groups that live in the area. Twenty women answered the call.

"I've always wanted to create dialogue, but never had the chance to communicate and ask questions," one of the women said. This group was an opportunity to "make a change or break a myth."

The meetings started simply enough. Two members of the group from different backgrounds prepared a meal and the entire group got together to eat and to get to know each other. At first, the discussion was kept neutral. The participants soon discovered that they had much more in common than the expected. "We are just women," one of them said.

And as women, with many common issues and concerns, got to know each

other, they became friends. They tasted each other's foods and experimented with each other's traditions. For instance, they described a hijab party, where the Jewish women tried on the traditional Islamic headgear to see what it felt like.

Only after they had gotten to know each other and had become friends did they broach the more difficult issues and by that time, they were able to agree to disagree.

Now the program is jointly sponsored by Matte Asher and Partnership2Gether, which is why the group came the Louisville, the final stop on their tour of three Partnership communities that also included Northwest Indiana and Indianapolis.

Their commitment to the project is evident in everything they do and say. In fact, many of the women are mothers of young children, including one with a nine-month-old baby. They left their husbands and children to bring their message to the Partnership communities in America. They came to dispel ignorance about what is happening in Israel and to showcase their commitment to change and their real hope for peace. It's all about treating your neighbors as humans, they explained.

While in Louisville, the women spoke to a wide variety of groups and mixed in visits to some Louisville tourist attractions, including the Speed Museum.

The group's first formal stop was at DuPont Manual High School, where they presented their story to journalism students and Dr. Muhammad Babar, a leader in Louisville's Muslim community who frequently works with the Jewish see **FRIENDS** page 7



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## FRIENDS

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community, served as moderator. The group reported that the students asked many good questions.

The women also visited Fred Whittaker's class at St. Francis of Assisi, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad and the Temple Hebrew School.

On Tuesday evening, September 27, Louisville's Islamic Center on River Road opened its doors to a community event organized by Interfaith Paths to Peace. IPP Director Haleh Karimi welcomed everyone and coordinated presentations by Anne Walters representing the Buddhist Deprung Gomang Center; Rev. Susan EngPoole representing Christian tradition; Rabbi Gaylia Rooks representing Jewish tradition; Rita Butler from the Baha'i tradition; and Imam Wasif Iqbal, the mosque's spiritual leader, from the Islamic tradition.

Each leader spoke briefly about the traditions of peace within his/her own faith tradition before the Israeli women gave their presentation. Dr. Babar, who is also a member of the Islamic Center's Board, and Matt Goldberg, the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the facilitator for Partnership2Gether in Louisville, also spoke briefly.

The highlight of the evening came when Imam Iqbal invited everyone present to join in the Islamic evening prayers. It was an emotional and fulfilling experience for all. Aly Goldberg, who chaired the Israeli women's visit in Louisville, said, "They allowed everyone to go and pray with the imam and the Jewish women came out in tears, saying how moving this was. This had never happened before and they said how fortunate they feel about being in this program."

For the Israeli women it was another opportunity to share traditions. Earlier in their American they shared a Shabbat service at a synagogue, which was a first for many of the non-Jewish women. The shared experiences further strengthened their bonds.

The next morning, the group spoke at the Muhammad Ali Center and Christopher 2X served as the moderator. The audience included representatives from several nonprofit agencies, including women's organizations and the Urban League.

2X talked his peace advocacy work, which focuses on reducing the violence, particularly shootings, in Louisville. He discussed his work with law enforcement that grew out of the shooting of Michael Newby, a 19-year-old Black teen killed by a white police officer in 2004. In that case, Newby's parents sought 2X's help to calm the community and prevent further violence following their son's death.

2X called on those present to become peace and justice advocates. "Christo-

pher 2X was inspired by the women, Goldberg said, "and was able to translate what they do into his interracial relations here in Louisville."

The group's final stop in Louisville was at The Temple's Klein Center, where they shared a Middle Eastern dinner with a large group, mostly from the Jewish community before giving their presentation again.

What are the group's next steps? The women will continue their friendship and plan to involve their husbands and children in their activities. But that is just the beginning. These 20 women are a leadership group. Building on their success, each plans to begin a new circle of 20 women to begin a growing circle of friendship and understanding which, they hope, will pave the way to a real peace.

"My vision," one of the women added, "Is that one day, we won't be so special. We will just be a group of women who do things together. And my hope is [that our project] will go through all of Israel."

To ensure that their hosts would remember their visit and their efforts to build peace one friendship at a time, the visitors presented hamsas that they had made and cookbooks created from the recipes they had shared to their organizers and hosts.

While in Louisville, the Israeli visitors enjoyed the home hospitality of Eddie Cohen and Dafna Schurr, Jeff and Aly Goldberg, Mehdi and Haleh Karimi, Lisa and Robert Klein, Michael and Margie Kommor, Ron and Sue Paul, Matt and Cindy Schwartz, and Rick and Tamar Schwartz.

"All the host families did an incredible job," Aly Goldberg said, "and received top scores on the surveys when their guests left. ... Hopefully, we can do more programs like this in the future."

Partnership2Gether is a project of the Jewish Agency for Israel. The Jewish Federation of Louisville has participated in this project since its inception in 2017. Louisville is part of the Central Area Consortium that also includes Des Moines, IA; Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis and Northwest Indiana; Omaha, NE; Buffalo, NY; Dayton, South Bend, Toledo and Youngstown, OH; Austin, Ft. Worth and San Antonio, TX in the United States; Budapest, Hungary; and Akko and Matte Asher in Israel.

It offers opportunities for individuals and families in Louisville to develop personal connections with people in the Western Galilee. Past projects have been in the fields of education, medicine, the arts and business. Other projects can be developed based on individuals' interests.

With this program, leadership of Louisville's Partnership program transitioned from Laura and Jon Klein, who chaired the program for several years to Lisa and Robert Klein, who now chair the program. See story, page 3.

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# Oser to Chair YAD; Division Restructured to Foster Greater Involvement

With the new year upon us, the Young Adult Division of the Jewish Federation of Louisville (YAD) is excited to announce that it is making some major changes to energize young people in our wonderful community.

The YAD chair position has transitioned from the capable hands of Laurence Nibur and Keren Benabou to those of Devon Oser. Oser has been deeply involved with the JCL since she moved to Louisville over four years ago. She worked as the Hillel director for the 2014-15 school year, organized young adult functions as a YAD Ambassador, and served as the YAD Annual Event co-chair.



Devon Oser

At a recent meeting, YAD members were introduced to a new "cluster" organization structure. Twenty young adults participated in a planning session on September 11, where they discussed the new structure and encouraged people to sign up for leadership roles. Benji Berlow, the young adult director, and Oser will oversee the clusters. They are hard at work with the cluster chairs finding creative ways of including Jewish young adults not yet involved with YAD.

The currently planned YAD clusters are as follows:

**Families:** Features events for young adults with children such as family picnics, events for new parents, and collaborations with Shalom Baby, PJ Library, and other family programs. It is chaired by Kat O'Connell and Dara Woods.

**20's & 30's:** Outreach to millennials with monthly happy hours, sport leagues, events around Louisville, events

for singles, and more. It is chaired by Allison Feit.

**Shabbat & Holidays:** Recruits hosts for First Friday Shabbat dinners, plans fun, engaging holiday events for young adults to celebrate the Jewish calendar. It is chaired by: Sasha and Sandra Chack.

**Leadership:** Reestablishes a young leadership development track to help train young adults to serve on boards and committees within our community. It is chaired by Cori Roth, and a co-chair is being sought.

**Networking:** Creates a mentorship

program for young professionals and facilitates networking opportunities throughout Louisville. It is chaired by Brett Hudspeth.

**Inclusion:** Ensures outreach to everyone within our community for all events including our interfaith and LGBTQ communities. It is chaired by Derek Pugh.

**Fun-lanthropy:** Plans our rockin' annual event, special Ben Gurion events, Super Sunday, and creates a culture of philanthropy for all young adults. Jodi Halpern is the event chair and Becky Swansburg is the Ben Gurion Chair.

Inspired to participate? We still need your help! YAD is still looking for interested young adults to help the cluster system flourish. It's not too late to help run a cluster or be a part of an already established one. YAD and the JCL would not be the same without its young adults. So please, let Berlow or Oser take you out for coffee and talk about ways to get involved.

For more information about YAD or the events that we offer, please contact Berlow at [bberlow@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:bberlow@jewishlouisville.org) or look for Oser at The J.

## Participate in the Louisville Shabbat Project November 9 and 12

On November 11 and 12: Pause. Take a breath. Let Shabbat do its magic.

Louisville joins the international campaign launched in South Africa. The Shabbat Project - #KeepingItTogether!

The Louisville Shabbat Project is a unique, grassroots Jewish identity movement that is partnering with the international Shabbat Project. Launched in South Africa in 2013, this global initiative spanned 913 cities last year, with over 1 million participants!

The Louisville Shabbat Project is organized by a coalition of Jews from the entire spectrum of Jewish association and observance. Participation is open to all Jewish people. "We believe that labels are for clothes - not people," said Young Adult and Hillel Director Benji Berlow. "We don't care if you're unaffiliated, Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Reconformidox or anything else - we invite you to join us in celebration ONE Shabbat as ONE people with ONE heart."

Two community events are planned - the Great Big Challah Bake and a community-wide Havdallah celebration.

The Great Big Challah Bake will be Wednesday, November 9, at 7 p.m. in the J.

Jewish communities around the world will join together to make challahs for Shabbat. Whether starting from scratch

or just kneading together, it's about the shared experience.

Every Challah Bake participant will receive their own bowl, ingredients, apron and other goodies.

You'll learn how to whip up a batch of dough and braid it into a beautiful challah, which you'll then take home to bake for Shabbat. "We'll celebrate with song and dance," Berlow said, "linking our community with other Jews all over the world who'll be doing the exact same thing in this one 24-hour period. How amazing is that!"

The community-wide Havdalah celebration will be Saturday, November 12, at 7 p.m. by the Baringer Hill Overlook at Cherokee Park.

Berlow and other community leaders will lead the beautiful Havdalah ceremony. "The word Havdalah means to differentiate, to distinguish," Berlow explained. "The entire ceremony is to distinguish between Shabbat that we just experienced and the week that we are about to enter, both as an existence in time and as a feeling of existence. Our senses are ignited by the taste of wine, the smell of spices and vision of the candles. We are reminded to distinguish our dark moments from the moments filled with light. We will have family friendly activities following the ceremony."

Here are five other ways to celebrate:

**Shabbat@OurPlace:** All you need is a few friends, a rotisserie chicken and #CandlesChallahWine #Shabbat@OurPlace #Shabbat@YourPlace

**CommunityShabbat:** Join one of the Shabbat Programs going on right here in Louisville. #CommunityShabbat

**StayCloseStayShabbat:** Instead of worrying about the future, hang out right where you already are #StayCloseStayShabbat

**ShabbatUnplugged:** Unplug from your devices, and plug into real life. L'Chayim. #ShabbatUnplugged

**ShabbatStaycation:** Pull an all nighter, 25 hour eat/drink/pray/fun time with your favorite people. #ShabbatStaycation

The Louisville Shabbat Project aims to inspire unity and bring Jewish people together from all walks of life. We are pleased to have so many partnerships throughout the community to help promote this special Shabbat Celebration from our Great Big Challah Bake on Wednesday, November 9 through to our Community-Wide Havdalah Celebration at Cherokee Park on Saturday, November 12.

The Louisville Shabbat Project-Louisville is presented by The J and the Jewish Federation of Louisville with generous support from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.



# Light Up CenterStage Promises a Fabulous "Once Upon a Time ..." Evening

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Each year, Light Up CenterStage gets better than the year before and this year's December event will keep up that tradition.

When the door open on Saturday, December 3, at 7 p.m., get ready to party. Eventualities will transform The J into a showplace befitting an elegant evening and the hardworking Light Up CenterStage Committee has instituted a number of changes that will make this year the best year yet.

"We heard people's concerns last year," said CenterStage Artistic Director John Leffert, "and have made changes accordingly to improve our guests' experience." Among the changes, the event will have a new layout and the flow of the event has been streamlined so the evening will end by 11 p.m.

This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time..." "The décor will feature a steam punk theme of gears and clocks and such," Leffert explained. "The theme was chosen as a way to celebrate CenterStage's past and present work as we begin our journey to an exciting future."

"One of the things people told us they want is more food," said Light Up Chair Sarah Harlan. This year's hors d'oeuvres selection will include a pasta station and roasted vegetables. "Chef Z will be catering again," she added, "and he does a wonderful job." There are reasons why he is one of the hottest catering chefs in the city.

There will be lots of elegant desserts again this year, but to keep things moving more smoothly, Harlan said, a tempting array will be set up on each table when patrons enter the auditorium for this year's original Broadway revue and the live auction. That means no bananas foster this year, she noted, but there will still be plenty of goodies to choose from, you can enjoy them throughout the show and you won't need to navigate through a bottleneck in the lobby to get to the show on time.

Last year, CenterStage introduced online bidding for the auction. It was a huge success despite minor glitches. This year, The J has improved its WiFi capabilities and Light Up CenterStage is using BidPal to ensure a better and easier silent auction bidding process. There will also be tech support people on hand to ensure the system can handle 250 people bidding at once.

"The great thing about using online bidding," Harlan explained, "is that you can bid on several items at once" and always know whether you've been outbid. "You don't have to be right there watching the item."

This year's raffle promises the winner an exclusive, behind-the-scenes Broadway trip. The winner will travel to New York with John Leffert, Rabbi Stanley Miles and other CenterStage company members for an unforgettable experience that includes at least two shows and much more. Tickets are just \$50 each, and only 150 will be sold.

Of course, the evening will also include open bars, members of the CenterStage Acting Company performing Leffert's new original Broadway revue and a live auction with a professional auctioneer.

"I'm super excited," Harlan said. "I love Light Up - it's the most fun of the year. Where else can you go to see a Broadway-quality show, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and sumptuous desserts provided by one of the hottest caterers in town and support the oldest community theatre in Kentucky?"

So get your cocktail attire ready and purchase your tickets today.

Early bird tickets, available through October 1 are \$850 for a table of 10 or \$95 for individual tickets. On November

13, the prices go up to \$950 for a table of 10 or \$108 for individual tickets.

Purchase tickets at [www.jewishlouisville.org/lightup](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/lightup) or call or call Anne Ensign-Urteaga, 502-238-2763 by November 25. All proceeds of the evening benefit CenterStage Acting Out, an arts education program, "opening minds, one act at a time."

Sarah Harlan is Light Up CenterStage chair. Kelly Dodd is Light Up CenterStage Auction chair. Candy Pierce is

CenterStage Board chair.

Members of the Light Up CenterStage Committee are Sara Abner, Dona Boone, Jan Bowling, Kristy Calman, Ellie Catlett, Linda Davis, Carol Dines, Dr. Eugene Dorf, Virginia Evans, Emily Fields, Glenna Godsey, Frank Goodloe III, Abby Gordon, Lauren Morelli Hammond, Rusty Henle, Jill Higginbotham, Cindy Hytken, Anthony Johnson, Barbara Myerson Katz, Brian Martin, Rabbi Stan Miles, Sam Pilotte, Donald Platoff,

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Staff includes CenterStage Artistic Director John R. Leffert, CenterStage Outreach Manager Joanna Blieden, CenterStage Administrator Anne Ensign-Urteaga, JCC Development and Special Events Director, Lenae McKee Price and Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner.

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tion for King David Society members, those who commit \$25,000 or more to the Campaign, will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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Footlik has worked for several political campaigns and is a former U.S. Congressional candidate. He is a frequent speaker on topics ranging from U.S. politics and presidential elections to foreign policy and the Middle East.

From 1998-2003, he lived in Israel and worked on a variety of projects related to the peace process, including working with former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Prior to founding Delve and its predecessor firm, Berkowitz Public Affairs, Berkowitz led research and messaging operations for The White House, Mayor Rudy Giuliani's presidential campaign, the Republican National Committee, the U.S. Department of State, and several prominent private sector and non-profit organizations.

His work as a well-regarded strategist led one prominent political reporter to declare, "Berkowitz plays chess while his opponents play checkers ... his depth of political knowledge is rare, even in a town like Washington."

Berkowitz served three tours at the RNC under four chairmen in five election cycles, serving as Research Director on his final tour. In that capacity, he oversaw all policy and legislative analysis and candidate and opposition research by the party. He also provided strategic guidance on messaging and communications to national and state party officials.

His work at the RNC helped shape public opinion on Obamacare, the 2009 economic stimulus package, financial regulatory reform, two Supreme Court nominations, and a range of other political and policy issues in the lead up to the historic successes of the 2010 midterm elections.

Berkowitz has worked on numerous campaigns at the federal, state and local levels. For President Bush's re-election, he served as senior defense and foreign policy analyst for the RNC and Bush-Cheney 2004.

Berkowitz was the associate director for research in The White House Office of Scheduling and spearheaded community outreach on critical policy initiatives as the president's liaison to the Jewish community.

Berkowitz served as an advisor in the U.S. Department of State and as communications director for the Center for U.S. Global Engagement. His other private sector and non-profit work has included an energy trade association seeking increased competition in electricity and natural gas markets and several think tanks.

Berkowitz currently serves as chairman of America's Future Foundation, a nationwide network fostering the next generation of liberty-minded leaders. He

also serves on the board of the Hamilton Foundation, which is dedicated to promoting policies and messages for a self-reliant and secure citizenry by emphasizing what American entrepreneurship and history have shown to work best. Additionally, he is a member of the Young Leadership Board of the Republican Jewish Coalition and a national coalition leader for Maverick PAC.

Berkowitz has lectured widely on political and policy issues and tactics.

The 2017 Major Gifts Dinner is supported by Heaven Hill and KentuckyOne Health/Jewish Hospital.

To reserve your place, go to [jewishlouisville.org/majorgifts](http://jewishlouisville.org/majorgifts) or contact Kristy Benefield, 502-238-2739 or [kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org). The minimum contribution to the 2017 Federation Campaign required to attend the Major Gifts Dinner is \$5,000 per individual or couple.

Jon Fleischaker and Jane Goldstein are co-chairs of the 2017 Major Gifts Campaign; Stacy Gordon-Funk is the Jewish Federation of Louisville's vice president of philanthropy and Sara Klein Wagner is the Jewish Community of Louisville's president and CEO.

*Editor's note: Portions of this story came from the official biographies of Jay Footlik and Jeff Berkowitz.*

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# 2016 Doctors' Ball Raises \$243,000 for Pulmonary Rehab Program

The 21st Annual Doctors' Ball, hosted by the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, part of KentuckyOne Health, helped honor the service of area physicians and community leaders, and raised more than \$243,000 for the Pulmonary Rehab Program at Frazier Rehab Institute.

More than 600 people attended this year's event, which was held on October 15, at the Marriott Louisville Downtown. The 2016 Doctors' Ball recognized some of the area's most innovative and caring doctors and community leaders including: Dr. Kelly McMasters, Ephraim McDowell Physician of the Year; George and Mary Lee Fischer, Community Leaders of the Year; Dr. Manuel Grimaldi, Compassionate Physician Award; Dr. Ronald Levine, Excellence in Education Award; Dr. Erica Sutton, Excellence in Community Service Award; and Dr. Charlotte Gay Stites, Humana Physician Excellence in Community Health Award.

Proceeds from this year's Doctors' Ball will benefit Frazier Rehab Institute's Pulmonary Rehab Program, known for its world-class comprehensive acute care. Nearly 30 million people suffer from chronic lung ailments, resulting in weakness, shortness of breath and exhaustion, severely limiting a person's ability to enjoy an active lifestyle. Frazier Rehab Institute's Pulmonary Rehab Program serves patients with chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, lung cancer, thoracic surgery, post-polio syndrome and other disorders that compromise respiratory function.

The goal of the Pulmonary Rehab Program is to assist patients in realizing functional independence, productivity, social adjustment, and improve their

self-esteem. The program is designed to help patients improve their strength, endurance and breathing efficiency.

Plans are underway to help expand and renovate the Pulmonary Rehab Program. This \$825,000 project will help accommodate additional patients who need rehabilitation services in the Louisville community, refurbish facilities to provide up-to-date and state-of-the-art equipment to the patients and families served, and grow the capacity to treat patients with pulmonary disease in an outpatient setting.

Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation supports the Louisville market of KentuckyOne Health's drive for excellence by inspiring donors to make a tangible difference through their philanthropic investment in outstanding patient care facilities and services, the education of caregivers, advanced clinical research and improved access to quality medical care.



Leslie Buddeke Smart, Robert Waterman, Ronald Levine, MD, and Jennifer Nolan

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apprised.

"Several years ago," she added, "Jeff led our Planning and Allocations Committee when we had some big decisions in front of us, and I know both from his volunteer and professional experience that he is a thinker. He's contemplative and intuitive. He sees the big picture."

Through J-Tomorrow!, the JCL recognizes the world is changing and our Jewish community in Louisville is changing. In the 1950's, a group of visionary leaders purchased a property on Dutchmans Lane and built the current J.

For more than 60 years, this building has served us well, but it is not always going to meet our needs. It has already been through several additions and a major renovation. "We're not in dire straits," said Goldberg, "but we are now thinking about the future. We're at the point where the building is reaching the end of its serviceable life" and the time has come to make decisions. We are proud of our outstanding early learning Center, health and wellness, camp and innovative Arts and Ideas programs, we need a facility to support these new experiences" and be flexible enough to sustain us for several generations to come."

To accomplish this, Goldberg is pulling together a leadership team that will manage all aspects of the project. "J-Tomorrow! is really going to be a group effort that's going to require help from many people across the community from multiple generations and multiple backgrounds," Goldberg said. "We're going to have issues to deal with ranging from facility design to trying to predict what kind of programming will be required – long term, not just short term – to financial issues and public relations. So we really need everybody in the community to participate" by contributing ideas, coming to focus groups or volunteering in other capacities.

There have been numerous studies done in the past, and J-Tomorrow! will use those as a starting point. The group will gather additional information as necessary to fill in gaps and ensure that plans are on target to meet tomorrow's needs.

"More information is rarely a bad thing, but what's different now is we actually have a goal that we're working toward. In the past, we've done studies but we have not been ready to take the big step. We're looking at replacing a facility that's served the community for the last six decades and we hope to have a facility that will serve the community at least that long. So, we want to make sure that we're doing the kind of information gathering and forward gazing that is going to help us design a facility that's

going to serve this community for many generations."

A generous grant from Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has enabled the JCL to take some concrete steps toward this goal. Wagner expressed gratitude for the support, adding, "we've been able to really step up our work on this project and move forward."

"The JHFE grant has also enabled the JCL to engage Chris Bingaman as project manager for J-Tomorrow! and Karen Sherman to consult on our communication planning," Wagner said. Bingaman is an expert in successfully taking projects like this from the initial planning to completion and will work closely with J-Tomorrow! to ensure all the details are handled properly. Sherman is a communications expert.

"We've engaged engineers and other professionals to help us look at land and facilities and take the hard look at what our property and our buildings can and cannot handle for the future," she added.

An engineer has evaluated the current building and reported that it would be more cost effective to build a new facility designed for today's utilities and technology than to renovate and modernize the current facility.

Goldberg, Wagner and the JCL Board are currently recruiting the J-Tomorrow! leadership team. That team will establish committees to handle different aspects of the project, and there will be many opportunities for community participation. Those committees are expected to be up and running within the next few months.

While he knows that discussions about a possible new facility have been ongoing for quite some time, Goldberg stressed, "we're designing a facility that, if we do our job well, will serve the community well and meet our needs for many years. So taking extra necessary time to be sure that we get it right, that we get everybody's input that we need to, and that we take maximum opportunities to think outside the box and come up with a leading edge facility will be time well spent. We want to come up with something with reasonable expediency, but most importantly we want it done really, really well."

"We really want input from everybody," he explained, "and especially people who may not currently feel that they're being well served by the facilities that are available. We want to know what needs are not being met in our community and how can we facilitate people who feel disenfranchised to become the part of the community, what kinds of program and what kinds of facilities we're missing."

"We are a Jewish Community Center," observed Goldberg, "and we will always

meet the needs of our Jewish community, but we also give back to and welcome the larger Louisville community, some of whom have been JCC members for generations."

"The JCC is part of the Jewish community's contribution to the city we live in, so we want to have the kind of facility that makes programs and services available that aren't currently being met by anyone else. We need to identify what those needs are and, in some cases, the Louisville community may not know they need those services yet, so we need to be forward looking enough to say what these needs are going to be in the future."

"This is a fantastic opportunity for this community to really be on the cutting edge of medium sized Jewish communities in the United States, Goldberg said. "We can have a facility that can reenergize the Jewish community. It will be a place for current members and future members to find what they need. This could really become something that would contribute to Louisville being an even better place to live, and for Jewish families to move to and help grow our community."

A Louisville native, Goldberg said, "I grew up at the JCC and attended camp here. I was involved in the teen clubs here, I worked at camp here and I participated in the youth orchestra at the JCC under Rubin Sher, so I spent a great deal of time here in my formative years."

As a young adult, he moved away from Louisville, but later chose to return to the city. "Ever since my wife [Alyson] and I moved back in 2001, we and our daughter [Sophia] have been involved in programs at the JCC and we recognize the importance of this facility to this community both now and in the future."

Goldberg is a gynecologic oncologist who earned his M.D. from Northwestern University in Chicago and for the past two years, he worked as the chief medical officer at Jewish Hospital and Our Lady of Peace. Throughout his professional life, Goldberg has received numerous grants and contracts and has a long list of publications. He has also given many presentations on cancer and cancer-related topics, some of which he made to local Jewish groups.

In addition to several professional awards, Goldberg received the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award in 2007. He was a member of the Jewish Community Federation Board and its Executive Committee and Governance Committee. He was also a member of its Planning and Allocations Committee for four years and its chair for two years. He has also volunteered with other organizations in the community.

## WRJ

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er them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values.

After Havdalah on Saturday, the new Central District board for 2016-18 will be installed by Bleeker Franks. Stanley Miles, rabbi emeritus of Temple Shalom, will bless the board. Incoming board members include Sheilah Abramson-Miles, president; Susan Glazer, vice president of development and special projects; Jerri Kaye Mobley, area director; and Judy Berzof, parliamentarian.

Saturday evening's entertainment will feature Jonathan Wolff, who will present his Seinfeld Music Guy program.

During the conference, there will be a bridge walk and basket auction to benefit the WRJ Youth, Education and Special Projects (YES) Fund, which assists Reform Jewish institutions and individuals worldwide.

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# Speakers Call for Youth to Step Up at 2017 Federation Campaign Kick Off

by Lee Chottiner  
Special to Community

Jane Goldstein came to the Jewish Federation of Louisville's 2017 Campaign Kickoff bearing a folder full of newspaper clippings

The stories, from old issues of *Community*, reported on how she had served as campaign chair or co-chair in 2005 and 2006. Before reading them, she had not recalled both stints.

"I knew I had chaired this campaign before. I did not remember I had chaired it twice before," Goldstein told the gathering. "Now, it's years later, and I'm back."

She is co-chairing the 2017 campaign with Jon Fleischaker charged for the third time in her adult life to raise the funds to sustain Jewish Louisville.

Soon, though, she knows that younger Jews must step up and take a turn.

"There really should be someone much younger than I chairing this," Goldstein said, "but I look forward to preparing the next generation of leaders."

Empowering younger people is a challenge facing Jewish communities across the country – on the giving end as well as in leadership.

In Louisville, for instance, more than 75 percent of donors of \$5,000 or more are 60 and older, Goldstein said, though some of those gifts are through endowments.

Fresh from a highly successful 2016 campaign, which brought in \$2.1 million, the September 21 kickoff took on a *l'dor v'dor* (generation to generation) theme as speakers, including the guest of honor, spoke of energizing young adults to get them involved and ultimately assume local and national leadership roles.

"Jon and I are committed, not only to raising funds, but involving a younger group of people to take us forward," Goldstein said.

It's an issue that guest speaker Wayne Kimmel understands well.

A venture capitalist, author and Jewish community leader from Philadelphia, Kimmel, 46, is one of those young Jewish leaders that Louisville and many other cities are looking for.

In his 30-minute address, he motivated the 50-plus people in attendance, advising them on how to draw his age group into service.

First and foremost, "it's cool to be Jewish," he said, making that the mantra that must be sold to the next generation.

It's not an impossible sale, Kimmel assured them.

"It sounds liked this community is at a very interesting place, and you can change the way things are done in the next five years, 10 years, 30 years," he said. "You can touch young people, middle age people. This is your time."

He urged those in leadership to be bold in reaching out to their community, to take some chances.

"Don't ask other people if it's OK," he said, "just go do it."

Kimmel understands the art of doing. The managing partner of SeventySix Capital, the venture capital firm he founded in 1999, he has invested in over 40 startup technology and health-care companies. Among his best-known picks are NutriSystem, GrubHub and Take Care Health Systems.

He is on the boards of Jewish Federations of North America, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Einstein Healthcare Network, and the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

"I do wear my Jewishness on my sleeve," he said. "I'm proud of it, and I think it's something we can teach others."

With that, he pulled up a slide on his PowerPoint presentation, a collage of well-known Jews in positions of power throughout America – veterans of Facebook, Google, Microsoft, the NFL and other enterprises.

This kind of success, he said, is a powerful marketing tool for Jewish communities. "This is what fires up these young people because this is what they want to be," he said

"We have to think big," he added. "We can do anything we want."

It's not all about money, though. Kimmel said Israel, even rituals, could still attract young, successful – though unaffiliated – Jews into Jewish activism.

Missions are indispensable, he said.

They shouldn't be just for the biggest donors or most influential people. Reach out to new people including young entrepreneurs. Send smaller missions to Israel consisting of people who don't know each other. Let them bond and catch the fever.

Those people, he said, will return to Louisville energized and ready to be active in the community.

Then there is ritual. In Kimmel's house, he, his wife and two children light Shabbat candles. He doesn't pretend that they never miss a week or always strike the match at the moment of sundown, but they do it. Everyone in the Kimmel household knows it's important.

Kimmel lauded the leadership of President and CEO Sara Wagner, Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk, saying they can pilot this kind of outreach – a point with which Jay Klempner, chairman of the Board of the Jewish Community of Louisville, agreed.

To build on this year's success, Klempner said, will require a more personal approach to fundraising.

"It's touching them throughout the year instead of making a phone call and saying, 'would you make a donation again this year?' It's important to stay in touch and stay informed," he said. "I think our campaign and allocations process does just that."

Still, during the Q&A with Kimmel, Klempner said it isn't easy coming up with ways to motivate all sectors of Jewish Louisville, but the Campaign team is ready to undertake the task.

Kimmel urged him and everyone in the room to just tell Jewish Louisville's story, saying the JCL already has the "building blocks of people."

"Now it's time to go out and tell your story," he said. "Invite people in to the party."



JCL Board Chair Jay Klempner, Campaign Co-Chair Jane Goldstein and speaker Wayne Kimmel



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DECEMBER 25 AT THE TEMPLE: "Fill the Freezer Event" Join Margie Kommor to make and pack soups, kugels and desserts to fill our freezer for congregants who may need some TLC through-out the year. A great family event, no reservations needed just show up. December 25 from 2-4.

DECEMBER 25 AT MARYHURST: Temple Shalom is hosting their annual brunch.

Menorah up October 23rd at Temple Shalom. Dreidels up week of October 31st. Gifts due back December 5th to Temple Shalom. 1st wrapping session December 7th. Final wrap December 10th.

Please email Amy at agb706@ovasco.com ASAP and before December 11 regarding Merry Mitzvah options unless there is other contact information.

# At IPP Recipe for Peace Dinner, Messages Are Personal This Year

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Interfaith Paths to Peace held a gala celebrating its 20th anniversary of peacemaking on Thursday, October 6, at Second Presbyterian Church. The gala, which was also IPP's seventh annual My Recipe for Peace dinner, drew a large crowd.

Amid the celebration of peacemaking, IPP's executive director, Haleh Kaimi, took time to pay tribute to a long-time IPP supporter and member, Lee B. Thomas, who recently passed away.

To honor him, IPP renamed their highest annual award the Lee B. Thomas Peacemaker of the Year Award, and presented it to another prominent peacemaker from Louisville who passed

away this year, Muhammad Ali. Mayor Greg Fischer accepted the award on Ali's behalf.

This year, there were five presenters who gave their recipes for peace and submitted actual recipes to distribute to all attendees.

Marta Miranda, president and CEO of the Center for Women and Families, spoke about the interplay of power and control and called on those present to oppose violence, to recognize that within each of us there is both victim and perpetrator, and saying that "We are all responsible for each other."

Matt Goldberg, Jewish Community Relations Council director, talked about the many diverse projects he works with in his job – advocacy for Israel and for Jewish students in public schools, working with legislators at all levels about issues of concern to the Jewish community, ensuring Holocaust education continues across the community and working for social justice. He identified peace and peacemaking as the common thread in all his work.

Ruthie Belza, a 15-year-old student at Mercy Academy who has been working for peace since she was in Fred Whittaker's class at St. Francis of Assisi in the sixth grade, said she views peace as an action that must be pursued, not a gift that is given. She said, "May God bless us with anger" against injustice and

exploitation. She recounted how Holocaust Survivor Fred Gross shared his story of survival and empowered her and her peers. "I hope it sparked anger in them," she said, "the right kind of anger to spark change."

Community activist Christopher 2X brought three victims of gun violence with him, and explained how each of them overcame their injuries and today they are "ambassadors for peace" in our community.

Dr. Muhammad Babar, president of Muslim Americans for Compassion, is a frequent participant and leader in interfaith activities and is always doing things to make life better for others. This time, however, he spoke urgently of a personal problem. He and his family are Muslims and he has two sons who attend public schools.

This year, it is his family that is suffering from prejudice. "How long will it take," he asked, "before my family will enjoy the same respect as others" instead of being forced into hiding after a terrorist attack. "Like every other child," he continued, "my sons also deserve to enjoy Pokemon rather than wonder what other students think of them and their faith."

Harry Pickens and John Gage provided music for the event. LIFEbar and Ramsi's Café catered the event.

## KULA

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The steering committee that organized Rabbi Kula's visit is made up of the professional leadership of our community including directors, rabbis and cantors. Sara Wagner, Jewish Community of Louisville president and CEO, noted, "this is an important step for our Jewish Louisville community. As our steering committee worked together over the past six months to make this a reality, we have had the opportunity to share our hopes, concerns and dreams for the community."

"Each of our organizations is meeting the needs of many community members," she continued, "but certainly not all. As a group we have committed to work together to best meet the needs of those currently involved, to better understand what needs we are not meeting, who we are not reaching and prioritize for long terms changes that are facing our community. We recognize we can not take anything for granted."

"Rabbi Kula has a unique ability to define the changes in our society and Jewish life in general," she added. "As a result of Rabbi Kula's visit our organizations have agreed to work together to prioritize real change and ensuring we bring the community closer together."

"This community think tank is a wonderful opportunity to hear what the most pressing issues are and better understand the steps we will be taking together," she said.

In addition to leading the open meeting, Rabbi Kula will meet privately with the leadership of the agencies and congregations.

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is investing in the future of the Louisville Jewish community by making grants that encourage community discussion and effective planning. Toward this goal, JHFE made it possible to bring Rabbi Kula to Louisville, creating this opportunity for open dialogue.

CLAL is a national leadership training institute, think tank and resource center that helps Jewish communities encourage pluralism and openness, promotes dynamic, inclusive Jewish communities, in which all voices are heard, nurtures volunteer, professional and rabbinic leaders, and helps people reimagine Jewish life.

An internationally renowned speaker, Rabbi Kula has inspired people worldwide by using Jewish wisdom to speak to all aspects of modern life and relationships. An engaged and thoughtful trader in the global marketplace of

ideas, he led a Passover Seder in Bhutan; consulted with government officials in Rwanda; helped build cultural and interfaith bridges in Qatar; and met with leaders as diverse as the Dalai Lama and Queen Noor to discuss compassionate leadership in the 21st century.

Across the U.S., he works constantly with religious, business and community leaders, corporate and family foundations, and religious and philanthropic institutions to promote leadership development and institutional change.

For all this and more, Rabbi Kula received the 2008 Walter Cronkite Faith and Freedom Award for his work "toward equality, liberty and a truly interreligious community." *Fast Company* magazine and *Religion and Ethics Newsweekly* (PBS) both named him one of the leaders shaping the American spiritual landscape, and he has been listed in *Newsweek* for many years as one of America's "Most Influential Rabbis."

Rabbi Kula is in constant demand for his distinctive perspective on both spiritual and secular matters by the media. A regular on FoxNews.com's *God Talk*, he's appeared frequently on NBC's *Today Show*, was a repeat guest on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and has appeared on *The O'Reilly Factor* (Fox), *Frontline* (PBS), and *PoliticsDaily.com*, among others. A blogger for The Huffington Post and the Washington Post's "On Faith," he co-hosted the weekly radio show, *Hirschfield and Kula*. He is also the Co-founder and Executive Editor of *The Wisdom Daily*, which can be found at [www.thewisdomdaily.com](http://www.thewisdomdaily.com).

Rabbi Kula has written several influential texts on religion and spirituality. His most recent book, *Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life* (2006), won a "Books for a Better Life" award and was named one of the "Best Spiritual Books of 2006" by *Spirituality & Health*. He also wrote and was featured in *Time for a New God* (2004), an acclaimed documentary in which he muses on religion as a "giant tool box" for personal and social transformation.

Rabbi Kula received his B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University, his B.H.L. from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTSA) in NY, and his M.A. in Rabbinics and Rabbinic Ordination from JTSA. An eighth-generation rabbi, he has headed congregations in St. Louis, MO; Queens, NY; and Jerusalem, Israel and co-founded the Aitz Hayim Center for Jewish Living in Chicago.

More information about CLAL is available at [www.clal.org](http://www.clal.org).

## Reflections on the New Season of *Transparent*

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman

Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Chair of Judaic Studies, University of Louisville

For many of us, the new season of a series regarded as among the most transformative as well as profoundly Jewish popular cultural phenomenon of recent years is cause for celebration. Created by Jill Soloway, *Transparent* debuted its first season in full in September of 2014 on Amazon.com's streaming service. *Transparent* intimately tracks a family of secular Jewish Angelinos, the Pfeffermans, in the aftermath of the patriarch's transitioning from Mort to Maura.

The series has garnered much attention, including Golden Globes for both "Best Television Series – Musical or Comedy" and for "Best Actor in a Television Series – Musical or Comedy" (for actor Jeffrey Tambor as Maura), as well as 2015 and 2016 Emmy Awards to both Jeffrey Tambor and Jill Soloway.

Throughout Jill Soloway's playful and profound portrayals of Jews and other individuals who constantly appear to be morphing between identities, partners, and homes, we find an affirmation of what has become the most traditional subject of modern Jewish narrative art, namely the struggle to negotiate between inherited and chosen identities while at the same time audacious reimaginings of just what those boundaries constitute.

That "traditionalism" is inherent in the first season's stark invocation of *Parshat Lech Lecha*, the third weekly Torah portion in the annual cycle of Torah reading (Genesis 12:1-17:27) which, as the series unfolds, imaginatively comes to signify the often lonely or exilic "going forth" or unravelling of each of the Pfeffermans' individual journeys in the sunny landscape of southern California, America's quintessential realm of self-reinvention.

As it happens, *Lech Lecha* is also a major character's bat mitzvah Torah portion and it is representative of the chaos and uncertainties swirling through the lives of all the characters that this crucial coming-of-age ceremony never even takes place.

Dubbed by the New Yorker's Emi-

ly Nussbaum a "stealth masterpiece," *Transparent* captures the psychological, social and historical dynamics of being transgender at precisely the moment that transgender individuals have come out to American mass culture. Simultaneously, in the Pfeffermans, *Transparent* presents the most substantively and recognizably Jewish family in the history of American television.

The portrayal of Jewish life is brimming with Jewish life rituals (including a richly symbolic focus on mikvahs) and traditions of all kinds. Especially with the ambitious second season addition of a second temporality – 1930s Berlin – the show offers intersecting genealogies of gender and Jewishness in America.

The third season, just released, substantively deepens the conflicts of the major characters while significantly intensifying the Jewish themes of the first two seasons. As she conceives each of her unsettled character's disparate outcomes, their unsettled and unsettling becomings, director and writer Jill Soloway seems guided by something very much akin to the wisdom of the great Jewish American author Grace Paley's spiritual ethos: "Everyone, real or invented, deserves the open destiny of life." No spoilers here, but the richly textured story-lines of the third season more than fulfill that premise.

I am especially pleased that an entire academic conference this winter at the University of Rochester will be devoted to exploring the series' multidimensional nature, especially its engagement with the complexities of contemporary Jewish identity.

I am excited to join other scholars, writers, and critics to discuss all things *Transparent*. My colleagues and I anticipate conversations taking place at the nexus of sex and gender studies, Jewish studies, American studies, and media studies. Special panels will be devoted to an exciting range of topics including "Queer Berlin and Queer Hollywood," "Secular Jewish Culture," "Trauma, Memory and Secrets" and "Transgression, Atonement, and Ritual."

I wish all who are current fans of the show happy viewing and everyone else to give *Transparent* a try!



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# Reflections on Mar Cheshvan: the Month of November

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky  
*Vice President of Mission  
 KentuckyOne Health*

Once upon a time, there was a man who owned a donkey. He would offer a ride on his donkey to those who were looking to cross the hot desert. One day, a man purchased this service and the customer, the owner and the donkey took off across the desert. After a few hours, the customer who was riding on the donkey decided he wanted to take a break. So, he dismounted and, seeing that the donkey cast a nice shadow, sat down in the shade of the animal.

The owner of the donkey was not pleased at this, as he now had to sit in the blazing sun and wait, while the other one napped comfortably. The owner decided that he wanted the shade of the donkey – after all, it was his donkey! So, waiting until the customer fell asleep, the owner moved his donkey a few feet over and sat down in the shade of his donkey, which left his customer burning in the hot sun.

Sensing the heat that was now barreling down on him, the customer woke up and yelled, “How dare you. I paid for this donkey.” To which the owner replied, “You paid for the donkey, but not the donkey’s shadow. If you want the shadow as well, you will have to pay more.”

The two men began to argue and the argument got so heated that the owner of the donkey slapped the customer. The customer slapped him back and they began to fight. The fighting got so loud that the donkey became frightened and ran off leaving the man and the customer with no donkey and no shade. The two men sat in the burning sun and suffered – all because they were fighting over a shadow. And in the end, their argument left them both with nothing.

Isn’t that the way it goes with arguments? Usually, it is over something small, nitpicky and not very important. But then the ego gets involved, and the littlest issue gets blown way out of proportion ... and next thing you know, both sides are left with nothing! Even if it is only one ego, it can still be enough to cause total chaos. And even when it isn’t over something small, even when it is over something big and important, when we let anger and ego lead the way, everything really is lost.

In fact, it’s when anger and ego lead the way, that we usually become susceptible to the most dangerous thought of

all: I can only win if the other person loses. It’s a dangerous thought, because it’s a very slippery slope that leads us to believe that we need to push the other person down, in order to become the winner.

This story comes to remind us that we are all interconnected, and we need to help each other. If we focus only on winning, only on what we ourselves want, only on our own ego’s need, only on justifying ourselves and proving that we are right – then we wind up *all losing*.

The Hebrew calendar tells us that we are currently in the month of Cheshvan, which our sages have called “mar Cheshvan” which literally means bitter Cheshvan. The tradition tells us that this is because this is the one month when there are no holidays. It is almost as if, after all the high holy days, we are now given a chance to see how we apply all of our great new year resolutions.

It is one thing to pray for forgiveness and blessing inside the synagogue, it is another to be forced to make change in moments of darkness, bitterness and acrimony. In the moments of challenge, one can discern the true tests of character. From a spiritual perspective, the greatest of wins is not that of the individual ego, it is that of *tikkun olam* (the healing of the world).

The rabbis explain that this is why the Torah commands us: *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof*: Justice, justice shall you pursue. The medieval commentator Rashi says: The word justice is repeated twice to say – justice for you and justice for me. It isn’t justice if it is only just for one party. Justice requires moving beyond the ego’s need to be right and the other person to be wrong.

This is true for governments and political parties, organizations and communities; and this is also true for us, in our own relationships. Too often, we get so caught up in being right, that we lose sight of the larger relationship or context.

In an argument, it can be hard to *not* react, when our ego gets wounded. But the Torah wants us to learn how to work together, to make peace, to listen – not with our minds, but with our hearts. The real spiritual task is to find a way to feel compassion for one another, even in the midst of our differences – this is the only way to move beyond a stalemate.

This is the month of Cheshvan, when we see the fruits of our spiritual practice. May we remember that we are all part of the same Unity that we recite in

the *Shma*. May we remember that the only way to resolve anything is: *V’ahavta*. Love. Compassion. To learn to listen with our heart.

This is how we will make *tzedek, tzedek* (justice! justice!): this is how we can make it right for everyone. When we stop blaming each other, pointing fingers, and letting our anger, fears and egos lead us... if we could do that, if we could just learn to reach out to each oth-

er – maybe we will find that heaven is right here, almost within our reach.

May this be the month when we learn how to let go of the illusions of the ego, the desire for power that ultimately makes us so blind that we can’t see Gd, the fears that ultimately become self-fulfilling prophecies. May this be the time when we can learn to listen with our heart to one another, and to recognize that we are all One.

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# JCRC Hosts Dinner for Christian Supporters of Israel in AJ's Sukkah

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

**S**ukkot is a time for sharing a meal with friends in the Sukkah. It is also a wonderful opportunity to share Jewish traditions with our non-Jewish neighbors.

On Wednesday, October 19, the Jewish Community Relations Council hosted a dinner for local members of Christians United for Israel in the Sukkah at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Many of CUFI's members belong to Evangel World Prayer Center, of which Pastor Bob Rodgers is the spiritual leader. That congregation regularly celebrates a Night to Honor Israel and has donated part of the proceeds to the Annual Federation Campaign to help the Jewish State. They are staunch supporters of Israel, and many of them have visited the country multiple times.

In the course of the evening, Rabbi Robert Slosberg expressed his pleasure at hosting the event at AJ, his appreciation for the support CUFI gives to Israel and his feelings of friendship for Pastor Rodgers and other CUFI members. He also gave a brief explanation of Sukkot and its symbols and Cantor David Lipp led some songs.

Pastor Rodgers expressed his appreciation for the event and shared similar warm feelings of friendship and connection developed over years of working together to support Israel. "I look at you

as my brothers and sisters," he said.

In his welcoming remarks, JCRC Chair Bob Sachs also spoke about UNESCO, the United Nations specialized agency with the declared purpose of contributing "to peace and security by promoting international collaboration through educational, scientific and cultural reforms in order to increase universal respect for justice, the rule of law and human rights, along with the fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the United Nations Charter.

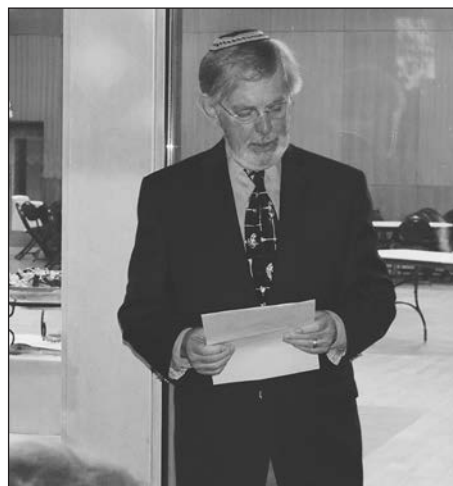
"And yet," Sachs continued, "just one week ago, the executive committee of UNESCO adopted a resolution that, in essence, declares Jewish and Christian rights to some of the holiest sites in Jerusalem to be non-existent. These sites, including the Temple Mount and the Western Wall, according to UNESCO, are now to be known exclusively by their Palestinian names.

"This is part of a scheme hatched by the Palestinians – and supported by all too many countries – last year to delegitimize Christian and Jewish roots in Jerusalem," he explained.

This fiasco is "all the more reason for people of like mind to gather together, not to hunker down in fear, but to raise our voices in friendship and fellowship. It is a time like no other that Israel needs the support of her friends – friends like you," he said. (See the JCRC Update on page 2 for more information about the UNESCO resolution.



JCRC Director Matt Goldberg and Pastor Bob Rodgers



JCRC Chair Bob Sachs



Cantor David Lipp led the singing.



Rabbi Robert Slosberg explained the symbols of Sukkot.

## THE KLEINS

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all types of war. They also noted that the hospital helps everyone who needs their help – Muslim, Jew, Christian, Druze, Arab, Palestinian, Syrian, young and old – and treats each with respect.

Matt Goldberg, Partnership coordinator for the Jewish Federation is thrilled to be working with the Kleins. "Having Lisa and Robert chair our Partnership Committee continues a long line of passionate and committed leadership for connecting our community with our friends and family in Israel. Their desire to further the individual connections with our partner communities in the Western Galilee is plainly evident and I look forward to assisting them with realizing their vision."

"Partnership is a more personal experience," Robert explained, "because you make personal connections with Israelis. You're not just sightseeing and learning about history. You're learning how people live, think and feel on a personal level that you would not normally get."

They are looking forward to their new leadership roles in Louisville's Partnership2Gether.

Originally from New York, Lisa Klein is a pediatric cardiologist. She earned her BA in biology from Brown University and her MD from SUNY Health Sciences Center at Syracuse.

She did her internship at Tulane University Medical Center and her residency at The New York Hospital – Cornell Medical Center, both in pediatrics, and a fellowship in pediatric cardiology at The New York Hospital.

Klein was in academic life for 23 years, including appointments at both the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky. Today, she is the owner and founding member of Heart to Heart Pediatric Cardiology.

She has an extensive list of professional presentations, academic activities, abstracts, research experience and publications.

Klein is a life member of both Hadassah and National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section and serves on the Jewish Family & Career Services Board. At The J, she was a CenterStage board member and a Light Up CenterStage volunteer. She was also a member

of the JCC Louisville 125th Anniversary Gala Planning Committee and currently serves on the JCC Membership Committee. She was a parent volunteer at The Temple Pre-School and with the Jefferson County Public Schools.

For a few years, she lived in North Carolina and was a member of the Temple Beth Shalom Board and Sisterhood in Hickory and did fundraising for the Clater-Kaye TheatreWorks.

She has been a board member of the Ronald McDonald House, has volunteered at Christmas at the Wayside Christian Mission Soup Kitchen and has volunteered with several medical related nonprofits.

She has a long list of professional and volunteer accolades including the Distinguished Service Award from Wayside Christian Mission, a Citation for Community Service from Mayor Jerry Abramson, a Community Service Award from UofL and a Champion for Children Award from Jefferson County Public Schools, among others.

Robert Klein is a native Louisvillian and a lawyer in private practice. He grew up at The J, from Camp Ricarree to Camp Tall Trees, was a member of the Condors teen club and attended Atherton High. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from UofL.

He is also an accomplished photographer. Although he pursues photography as a hobby, he is skilled enough to have merited the artist-in residence position in the Partnership program and he had an exhibition of his work at The J. More recently, his photographs were featured in *The New York Times* travel section ("36 Hours in Louisville").

In addition, Klein has served as president of several organizations including the Action League for Physically Handicapped Adults, the Louisville Apple Users Group and the Amateur Radio Transmitting Society. He holds an Extra Class amateur radio license.

The Kleins are members of The Temple. Robert is a past president of the congregation and Lisa is a member of the Women of Reform Judaism. They have five children, Adam Klein, Samantha Westervelt, Ian Westervelt, Annika Klein and Sydney Westervelt.

Partnership2Gether is a project of the Jewish Agency for Israel. The Jewish

Federation of Louisville has participated in this project since its inception in 2007. Louisville is part of the Central Area Consortium that also includes Des Moines, IA; Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis and Northwest Indiana; Omaha, NE; Buffalo, NY; Dayton, South Bend, Toledo and Youngstown, OH; Austin, Ft. Worth and San Antonio, TX in the United States;

Budapest, Hungary; and Akko and Matte Asher in Israel.

It offers opportunities for individuals and families in Louisville to develop personal connections with people in the Western Galilee. Past projects have been in the fields of education, medicine, the arts and business. Other projects can be developed based on individuals' interests.

## Bronfman Fellowship Offers Unique Opportunity

Albany, NY (October 2016) – The Bronfman Fellowship is now accepting applications for the 31st year of this prestigious program. The Bronfman Fellowship selects 26 outstanding North American teenagers for a rigorous academic year of seminars, including a free, five-week trip to Israel in the summer between the Fellows' junior and senior years of high school.

The program educates and inspires exceptional young Jews from diverse backgrounds to grow into leaders grounded in their Jewish identity and committed to social change. The program was founded and is funded by Edgar M. Bronfman, z"l, formerly CEO of the Seagram Company Ltd. and a visionary Jewish philanthropist.

During the program's seminars, the Fellows meet with leading intellectuals, religious and political leaders, and educators, such as Etgar Keret, A.B. Yehoshua, Sayed Kashua, and Rabbah Tamar Applebaum. The Fellows then participate in study and dialogue with a diverse faculty, which is made up of Rabbis and educators, associated with different movements and perspectives within Judaism.

Faculty members have an intimate knowledge of Judaism in North America and Israel and have extensive experience working with young adults. Fellows also spend two weeks with a group of Israeli peers who have been chosen through a parallel selection process as part of the Israeli Youth Fellowship: *Amitei Bronfman*. Upon returning home from the summer in Israel, Bronfman Fellows are asked to devise and lead local Jewish or social action projects.

There are now over 1,100 Bronfman Fellowship alumni across North America and Israel, among them 7 Rhodes Scholars, 4 former Supreme Court clerks, 18 Fulbright Scholars, 29 Wexner

Fellows and 22 Dorot Fellows. Young leaders of note among Fellowship alumni include Daniel Handler, a.k.a. Lemony Snicket, author of the best-selling "Series of Unfortunate Events" children's books; author Jonathan Safran Foer; and Angela Warnick Buchdahl, the first woman to be named senior rabbi at New York's Central Synagogue and the first Asian-American person to be ordained as a rabbi and cantor.

Three Louisvillians are Bronfman Fellowship alumni – Jacob Finke, Jacob Emont and Abraham Levitan. Finke's account of his experience can be found at [www.jewishlouisville.org/bronfman-fellowship-proves-life-changing-experience-for-finke/](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/bronfman-fellowship-proves-life-changing-experience-for-finke/).

Fellows have found that participation in The Fellowship has helped them in their college application process. More than 50 percent of Fellows go on to attend Ivy League universities.

Applications for the 2017 Fellowship are due January 4, 2017, and are available online at [bronfman.org](http://bronfman.org). High school students in the United States and Canada who self-identify as Jewish and who will be in the 12th grade in the fall of 2017 are eligible to apply. The Fellowship is a pluralistic program for Jews of all backgrounds; prior Jewish education is not required. Students are chosen on merit alone.

The Fellowships were founded in 1987 by Edgar M. Bronfman, z"l, and reflect Bronfman's early and impassioned belief that for the Jewish people to thrive, Israeli and American Jews from a variety of backgrounds must be engaged in open and creative discourse with one another. The alumni embody Mr. Bronfman's vision that young people who are enriched and energized by their Judaism are poised to contribute not only to Jewish life, but to improving the world.

# Blount Regales Crowd with Stories at JFCS Seligman Forum Series Lecture

by Bruce Snyder  
Special to Community

He's a writer, a broadcaster, an actor and, as the audience at The Temple found out, a storyteller. He is Roy Blount Jr, probably best known as a panelist on the National Public Radio (NPR) show, *Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me*. Blount entertained nearly 250 people on Tuesday, September 20, with stories ranging from sports, to singing, to eating. Blount's format is informal. He does not lecture. He chats with the audience.

"I was speaking to some college students preparing to graduate. I told them real life is not like college, it's more like high school. I like to talk to people in a normal tone of voice. If I had been lecturing," Blount told me, "I would not know what to tell people."

Blount, who was born in northern Georgia, spends most of his time in the Northeast. He has visited Louisville several times. Judy Freundlich Tiell, executive director of Jewish Family & Career Services, says Blount was the perfect first guest for the inaugural Lillian O. Seligman Forum Series. The series honors Seligman, z"l, who touched many lives with her kindness and humor.

"[Roy] had a personal connection with some of Lillian's friends," Freundlich Tiell said. He loves words and language,

and Lillian loved words and language, so we thought it would just be a perfect match."

Blount chatted for about 45 minutes, then took questions from the audience.

"Yeah, I like it when the audience takes part," Blount said. "I have three hours-worth of stories. I sort of pick and choose. I like to have a theme working. I just re-arrange the stories and tell them a little differently. My favorite thing is sitting around with people with everyone sharing stories."

Not going off a script, or even notes, can be risky but on this night the former *Sports Illustrated* writer appeared to hit a home run with his audience. Carol Mattingly had a great time. "I found it entertaining and I think Lillian would have loved it, would have been very awestruck."

Wendy Bierman said the presentation flew by. "I feel like it's amazing how he can enrapture a bunch of people. It went by very quickly. It's wonderful to see someone in person and get a different viewpoint from hearing them on the radio."

Freundlich Tiell added, "He's a storyteller and we love stories so it was very much anecdotal. That's the way his books read."

Blount just finished writing his 24th book, *Save Room for Pie*. It was on sale after the performance, and several peo-

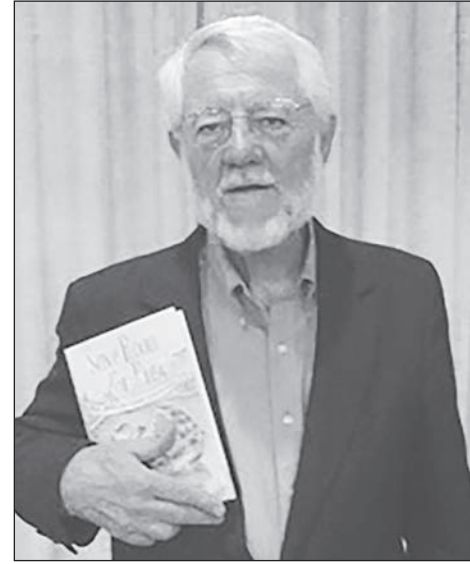
ple bought copies, making sure to get them autographed.

"[Rene] Des Cartes said, 'I think therefore I am.' Where I come from, people say, 'I eat, therefore I am.' I've been writing about food over the years," Blount said. "If you eat for just health reasons, it's like marrying for money. If there's not an element of yum, it's not going to last."

Blount told me he's visited Louisville some half dozen times, both for pleasure (going to the Kentucky Derby), and for business (book tours and acting in a one act play). Blount said in this latest visit, he made sure to spend time touring the Muhammad Ali Center.

"I like Louisville," he said. Blount says he likes to sing, and he did sing on this night, but he tends to be his own worst critic. "You know you are singing impaired," Blount said, "when you start singing, and everyone stops."

Blount might not think he can carry a tune, but when it comes to talking, and storytelling, there are 240 people who will probably agree Blount is at the top of his game.



Roy Blount and his book

If you would like to learn more about Roy Blount Junior, go to [royblountjr.com](http://royblountjr.com) and for information on Jewish Family & Career Services, check out [www.jfcsloisville.org](http://www.jfcsloisville.org).

## LIPSTADT

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*History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*, and the new movie, *Denial*, that is based on the book.

The community event is free. The cost of the meet and greet is \$54 per person, and will include a signed copy of *History on Trial*. Proceeds from the meet and greet will go to the Ilse Meyer and Ernie Marx Education Fund, which supports a biannual trip for local teachers to visit the U.S. Holocaust Museum and helps them bring Holocaust education to life in the classroom. The value of the book is \$18 and is not tax-deductible. RSVP by Monday, November 7, at [www.jewishlouisville.org/lipstadt](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/lipstadt) or contact Yonatan Yussman at 502-459-2780.

In addition, there will be a private screening of *Denial* at the Baxter Avenue Theatres on Sunday, October 30, at 10 a.m. Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$5 per person and seating limited.

"To me, this is personal," said Keneseth Israel President Scott Weinberg. "I was in her class at the time she was served with the papers, so I distinctly remember her talking about receiving the papers when I was in class with her." Throughout the ordeal, she showed resilience and determination. "If it weren't such a compelling story," he added, "it wouldn't have been made into the major motion picture."

"It is particularly relevant today," he continued, "when we have people on both sides of the political aisle who confuse fact with opinion. You can have opinions, but can't treat opinions as fact."

Lipstadt is a preeminent Holocaust educator. At Emory she created the Institute for Jewish Studies and was its first director from 1998-2008. She directs the website known as HDOT [Holocaust Denial on Trial/[www.hdot.org](http://www.hdot.org)] which, in addition to cataloging legal and evidentiary materials from David Irving v. Penguin Books and Deborah Lipstadt, contains answers to frequent claims made by deniers.

Lipstadt was an historical consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and helped design

the section of the Museum dedicated to the American Response to the Holocaust. She was appointed by President Clinton to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council on which she served two terms. She was a member of its Executive Committee of the Council and chaired the Educational Committee and Academic Committee of the Holocaust Museum.

Her three other books are *The Eichman Trial*, *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, and *Beyond Belief: The America Press and the Coming of the Holocaust*. She is frequently called upon by the media to comment on a variety of matters.

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs awarded her its highest honor, the Albert D. Chernin Award given to "an American Jew whose work best exemplifies the social justice imperatives of Judaism, Jewish history and the protection of the Bill of Rights, particularly the First Amendment." Previous winners included Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Professor Alan Dershowitz. She has received many other accolades, too.

"Wherever she goes," Weinberg added, "her talks draw capacity crowds. We are lucky to have her in our community, particularly so close to the release of her movie."

"At Emory," Weinberg said, "her classes at Emory were always full. I had a small seminar with her of about eight students, and we studied the Holocaust and the American media."

While he was a student, Weinberg served as president of Emory's Hillel and from time to time turned to Lipstadt as a resource. "She was helpful when issues would come up like confronting anti-Semitic speakers on campus. She was always willing to give her time. She is passionate about the community; she is passionate about the students; she is passionate about the Holocaust."

"Everyone who attends this event will come away with great admiration for Dr. Lipstadt as a person, for what she went through and for what she's done for the Jewish community."

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Building a Sukkah

Louisville Hillel students built a Sukkah on top of the UofL Interfaith Center for the holiday of Sukkot. Students used the sukka for meals throughout the week and brought Sasha Chack, owner of Izzy's Kosher Catering, for a Sushi in the Sukkah event on Wednesday, October 19

## Hurricane Matthew Relief



Hurricane Matthew made landfall week in Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, killing at least 900 and affecting more than 1 million people.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is providing critical medical aid to the most vulnerable in five hard-hit areas.

To help, visit

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### Suggestions for November

- Instant potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Turkey gravy mix
- Spaghetti-oes and other easy meals
- Toilet paper

Food must be donated in original packaging before the expiration date. Monetary donations may also be made to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. For more info, contact Kim Toebbe at 502-452-6341 ext. 103.

# LBSY Students Help With JFCS Food Pantry



Elana Levitz and LBSY 6, 7 and 8th graders came in over the weekend to do work in the food pantry.

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad is a community Religious School/Hebrew School operated by Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel Congregation and Temple Shalom. Students in grades K through 8 from the three congregations attend classes on Wednesdays and Sundays at the

Jewish Community Center.

The students cleaned the food pantry refrigerator, checked the expiration of items and replenished the pantry shelves, made 150 snack bags, stacked plastic bins and other chores to clean up food pantry. The school has raised \$120 with a goal of \$1,000 for JFCS.

## JFCS and Temple Shalom Co-sponsor Hanukkah Helpers

Warm clothing, books, games, arts and crafts, toys and other items are being collected so Jewish children of families in need in Louisville may have a happy Hanukkah.

Community members are asked to participate in the annual Hanukkah Helpers program by shopping for new items for children which their parents have requested. On October 7, paper

dreidels listing requested items will be available at Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, Temple Shalom, JFCS and The Temple.

Gifts should be returned unwrapped along with the paper dreidel to these organizations by December 5. Tax deductible contributions also are being collected and should be made payable to Jewish Family & Career Services.

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## EVENTS

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVER APPRECIATION MONTH.**



**NOVEMBER 20**  
**Carole & Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah Thanksgiving Event**  
**12:30 p.m. - 2:30p.m. at JFCS**

In collaboration with PJ Our Way and PJ Library, join JFCS for lunch, story time, assemble bags and make quick crafts for seniors. Contact Kim Toebbe at 502-452-6341 ext. 103..

**DECEMBER 18**  
**Carole & Larry Goldberg Hanukkah Helpers Family Mitzvah Event**  
**1pm at JFCS**

Help our volunteers unload donated Hanukkah gifts at JFCS. Activities will include gift sorting, snacks, & arts + crafts. Contact Kim Toebbe at 502-452-6341 ext. 103.

## COUNSELING

**TAKE A JOY!RIDE For Qualifying Adults**

Joy!Ride is friendly and affordable transport for Jewish seniors and adults with disabilities from JFCS' Passport Around Louisville Service. Attend religious services, Chavurat Shalom, CenterStage and more... even on weekends! When you call 452-6341, tell the receptionist you are calling for a Joy!Ride!

**SOLUTIONS TO SENIOR HUNGER For Adults 50 and Older**  
**By appointment only at JFCS**

For older adults with food insecurities, JFCS offers assistance for determining SNAP eligibility. JFCS counselors take clients through the entire application process. Contact Naomi Malka at [nmalka@jfcsloouisville.org](mailto:nmalka@jfcsloouisville.org) for more info.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**NOVEMBER 4**  
**Caregiver Support Group**  
**4 p.m.**

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Road. Contact Naomi Malka, 502-452-6341 ext. 249.

**NOVEMBER 10**  
**Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group**  
**1 p.m.**

Meets on the second Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Connie Austin, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

**NOVEMBER 11**  
**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**  
**2 p.m.**

Meets on the second Friday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Kim Toebbe, 502-452-6341 ext. 103.

**NOVEMBER 17**  
**Adult Children of Aging Parents**  
**7 p.m.**

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Mauri Malka, 502-452-6341 ext. 250.

**NOVEMBER 21**  
**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**  
**12:30 p.m.**

Meets on the third Monday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Jo Ann Kalb, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

**NOVEMBER 16**  
**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**  
**10 a.m.**

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month at Kenwood Elementary, 7420 Justan Avenue. Contact Jo Ann Kalb, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

Support groups are facilitated by JFCS and funded by KIPDA Area Agency on Aging through the Older Americans Act and the Cabinet for Health Services.

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## Apply Now for Scholarships for Jewish Summer Camp, Israel Trips and Jewish Experiences

For youth and young adults, overnight Jewish summer camp experiences, Israel trips and other intensive Jewish experiences are among the strongest positive influences on Jewish identity. At overnight camp, everyone is Jewish and often camp friendships last a lifetime. Living Jewishly is the norm and learning is part of the fun. Shabbat is the highlight of the week.

While these experiences are critically important, they are also expensive and often put a strain on family resources, which might prevent youth from attending.

To enable as many youth as possible to take advantage of these opportunities, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville has a program and several scholarships available that can help with summer 2016 programs.

### One Happy Camper Grants

Louisville Jewish campers can participate in the One Happy Camper program. In conjunction with Foundation for Jewish Camp, your youth may be eligible for an incentive grant of up to \$1,000 if your child has never before attended Jewish overnight camp program of 19 days or more or up to \$700 for a program of 12 days or more. To qualify, your child must be registered for a Jewish overnight camp program that lasts 19 days or more at an approved camp. Approved camps are listed on [www.onehappycamper.org](http://www.onehappycamper.org). Youth currently enrolled in a daily immersive Jewish experience like a Jewish Day School are not eligible for this program.

Please visit [www.onehappycamper.org](http://www.onehappycamper.org) for more information and to confirm eligibility. Incentive grants are limited to available funds so don't wait! These scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis while funding lasts, with priority given to those who apply by January 1.

For more information, contact Betsy Schwartz, 502-238-2708 or [bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org).

### Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship

The Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund provides an annual scholarship to a high school junior or senior from the greater Louisville area to help defray the cost of an Israel trip and enable that individual to participate in an approved, month-long educational opportunity in Israel.

The Cantor Scholarship was originally established by Milton Cantor in 1997 in memory of his wife, Ellen. When he passed away in 2002, the fund was renamed in memory of them both. Their son, Howard, who lives in both Florida and Chicago, receives letters from each of the fund recipients when they return home from Israel.

"The letters mean a lot to me," he told us. "The fund was important to my parents and its value is evident in the reactions I hear from the students. They describe the impact the trip has had on them and how it has changed their lives. It has been wonderful for our family to be a part of it."

His sister, Elece Kovel, agrees. The letters she received made her realize how much the Israel trip means to the Cantor Scholarship recipients. She knows the additional funding makes it easier for students to take advantage of the opportunity to study in Israel.

Written applications must be submitted to the Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund by January 1. Each candidate must also include the recommendation of his/her rabbi or an appropriate Jewish communal professional. Scholarship recipients must commit to participate in voluntary community activities upon their return from Israel. Applications can be downloaded from <https://jewishlouisville.org/scholarship>.

Contact Betsy Schwartz, 502-238-2708 or [bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org) for more information.

### Summer Camp Scholarships

The Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship, the Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship and the Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship are need-based grants that provide assistance for families to send their youth to summer overnight camp. The deadline for application for these scholarships is January 1.

Written applications must be submitted to the Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship Fund, the Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship at the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. Each candidate must also include the recommendation of a Jewish communal professional (rabbi, youth group leader, religious school principal, etc.). Applicants demonstrating financial need will be given preference, but other criteria will be considered as well.

Receipt of the scholarships is contingent upon enrollment/acceptance at an eligible Jewish camp. By accepting the scholarship, the applicant agrees to participate in appropriate publicity before and/or after camp in the *Community* paper.

Specific information about each scholarship is available below. Additional scholarships for Israel trips and Jewish summer camp may be available from different sources through the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. Applications can be downloaded from <https://jewishlouisville.org/scholarship>. Contact Betsy Schwartz, 502-238-2708 or [bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org) for more information.

### Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship

The late Laura K. Cohen thought summer camp was the best. She so treasured her time spent at a Zionist youth camp as a child that when she passed away, her friends and family chose to remember her by creating the Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship.

Applications for the partial-tuition camp scholarships will be accepted from youngsters interested in attending Jewish overnight summer camps that observe kosher dietary laws, are Zionist in approach (provide an Israeli element in orientation and/or programming), and observe Shabbat.

### Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship

Besides her family and friends, one of Miriam Fine's favorite things was summer camp. From being a camper at the JCC's Ben F. Washer Camp to being a counselor at Camp Livingston and a camp in Atlanta, it simply was her thing. She thought camp was important for all kids and was adamant that her youth would go as well.

When Miriam passed away in 2004, her husband, Dennis, and their youth, Molly, Max and Meredith, chose to memorialize her by ensuring others the opportunity to enjoy the Jewish camping experience that had been so much a part of her life and theirs. And when Dennis passed away in 2011, the fund was renamed to honor his memory as well.

Since the Fine youth had attended the camp in Wisconsin over the years, the endowment was created to provide scholarships to Beber Camp.

### Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship

Citing their family's desire to make a Jewish camping experience accessible for all youngsters in our community, Kim and Stuart Frankenthal endowed the Frankenthal Fund with the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. The Frankenthal

thals had been Ramah campers and found it an "eye-opening experience" for themselves and their youth. "Jewish camping opportunities have always been important to our entire family," said Kim.

The Frankenthal Fund provides need-based scholarships for youngsters from the Louisville area at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. "We hope kids in the area will take advantage of the scholarship and the opportunity to be a part of Camp Ramah," says Kim. "If they have a love for Judaism and want to have some fun at the same time, there's nothing like it."

### March of the Living Scholarship

The March of the Living is a program that takes teens to Auschwitz/Birkenau, Dachau, Majdanek and other Holocaust sites in Poland, accompanied by a Holocaust survivor, and then to Israel. Participants visit Auschwitz on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and are in Israel to celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

When Natania Lipp participated in the March of the Living, she realized how fortunate she was to be able to have this experience and wanted to find a way to help other teens have the same remarkable experience. Working with the Jewish Foundation of Louisville, she established the March of the Living Fund that provides some scholarship assistance for a teen who wants to go on the March of the Living.

Lipp hopes generous donors in the community will help her continue to grow the fund to make more scholarships available in the future.

The next March of the Living will be April 20-May 4, 2017. Written applications must be submitted to the March of the Living Fund by January 1. Applications can be downloaded from <https://jewishlouisville.org/scholarship>.

Contact Betsy Schwartz, 502-238-2708 or [bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org) for more information. Additional information about the March of the Living can also be found at <http://motl.org>.

### Deadlines

With the exception of One Happy Camper grants, all scholarship applications may be downloaded at <https://jewishlouisville.org/scholarship>. Application and recommendation letters are due by January 1, 2017. They may be e-mailed to [bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org) or mailed to the attention of Betsy Schwartz, c/o Jewish Community of Louisville, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY, 40205. Applications received after January 1, 2017 will be considered on a first come, first served basis as long as funds are still available. January 1 applicants will be informed the week of February 20 as to their award status.

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Guests will receive a signed copy of Deborah Lipstadt's book. Proceeds benefit the Ilse Meyer and Ernie Marx Education Fund, supporting a biennial trip for teachers to the U.S. Holocaust Museum.

  
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# TEEN TOPICS



**Carly Schwartz, Lucy Calderon, Phoebe Nevel, Drew Goldstein, Gabby Aberson, Tovah Frockt, Lilah Weiss, Ava Schumacher, and Alayna Borowick enjoy Debate Party 2 on October 9.**

## Voice Your Vote

by Kari Semel, Teen Director

With the upcoming Presidential election only a few weeks away, Jewish teens across the nation are joining together to make their voices heard, through BBYO's Voice Your Vote Initiative. The initiative, which promotes civic engagement amongst teens in grades 8-12, provides a platform for our youth to gain knowledge about key issues in our country.

When given the basic information and programmatic requirements of the BBYO initiative, I faced the same questions as many other BBYO professionals. How do we encourage our teens to plan election-based programs without demonstrating any political biases? Will the teens even be interested in programs revolving around the upcoming election? The biggest challenge I expected: finding parents willing to host 30 or so teenagers to watch the debates on school nights.

I was pleasantly surprised, however, when Drew Corson AZA and Jay Levine

BBG's chapter boards immediately accepted the program guidelines. They were excited to create programs that focused on important issues, but still had room for fun and goofing off. Special thanks to the parents who hosted out presidential debate watching parties!

Andrew Tuvlin, who is his chapter's Shaliach, (Vice President of Jewish Heritage, Community Service, and Social Action) really enjoyed hosting one of the presidential debate watching parties. He says, "It was really amazing being able to connect as a chapter yet still learn so much about our nation and country. This was an event I won't soon forget and am very glad we have been able to have more."

Ava Schumacher is currently her chapter's S'ganit (Vice President of Programming) and agrees that this initiative was beneficial in many ways. She says, "Debate parties are a chance to find out more about what's happening in our country, and what better way to do it than being surrounded by your friends? After the first debate party, I've been engaging in conversations with other BBG's about how this election is significant to us and our future!"

Both Andrew and Ava noted the importance of inviting eighth-grade pro-

spective members to the programs. In Ava's opinion, "Jay Levine BBG Debate night parties are all about promoting civil engagement, encouraging the Jewish value of hachnasat orchim (welcoming the guest) and having a ton of fun!! By inviting prospective 8th graders to our events, we have an opportunity to welcome them into our program and teach them all about BBYO."

Jay Levine BBG and Drew Corson AZA are excited to announce the culmination of the Voice Your Vote Initia-

tive: a HUGE Election Night Party at Main Event! The Party, which will take place on Tuesday, November 8, from 6-8 p.m. is an opportunity for Jewish teens in grades 8-12 to come together and watch these important election results together! Fee: \$20, includes dinner, an hour of bowling, one game of laser tag, and an arcade pass. Register online for the Election Night Party at [www.bbyo.org/2016election/louisville](http://www.bbyo.org/2016election/louisville). For any questions, contact Kari Semel at 238-2701 or [ksemel@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:ksemel@jewishlouisville.org)



**Drew Corson members and prospective members enjoy Debate Party 1 on September 26th.**



**At left: Jay Levine BBG members and prospective members enjoy Debate Party 2 on October 9.**

## CHAVURAT SHALOM

Chavurat Shalom meets in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing. It is a community-wide program and all synagogue members and Jewish residents are welcome.

### November 3

Stephen Mattingly and his music students from the University of Louisville will perform.

### November 10

The Silvernotes will be singing music for the season.

### November 17

Celebrate Thanksgiving with a traditional Thanksgiving lunch and enjoy Sara Robinson leading a sing-along. Chavurat Shalom will celebrate November birthdays and anniversaries.

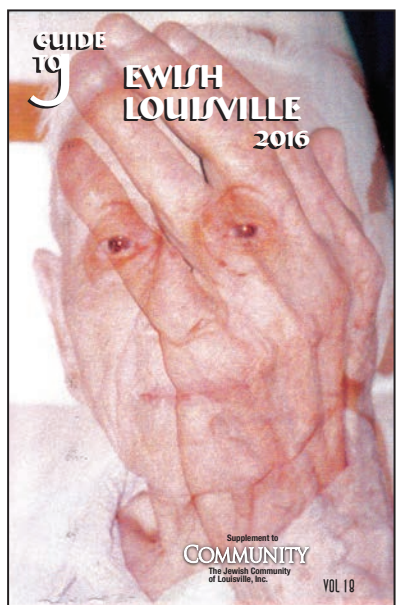
### November 24

No meeting: Happy Thanksgiving!! A healthy and nutritious lunch (from a fabulous new caterer) is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Vegetarian or vegan meals are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Walk-ins welcome, but to ensure that a lunch is available for you, RSVP by Monday of the week you plan to attend The Temple, 423-1818 or email Sarah Harlan at [sarahharlan86@gmail.com](mailto:sarahharlan86@gmail.com).

Transportation to Jewish events, such as Chavurat Shalom, can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom is \$5 round-trip.

Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Community of Louisville, National Council of Jewish Women, a Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence grant, The Temple's Men of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism, and many other generous donors.

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## NEWSMAKERS

**Alexandra Ramsey's** story about Cassius Rodrigues and The J's Yachad program that enables children with special needs to participate fully in The J Summer Camp was chosen as a winning project in the 2016 Landmarks of Excellence Public Relations Society of America competition. Ramsey wrote the story for *Community* and it can be read at <https://jewishlouisville.org/js-yachad-inclusion-camp-priceless-moms/>.

Former *Business First* reporter **David Serchuk** and freelance writer **Steve Kaufman** tied for third place for personality/profile reporting in the annual awards competition from the Louisville Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

In his September 23 blog, James Draper wrote about **Kate Latts** and **Heaven Hill Brands**. As vice president of marketing and part of the third generation to run the company founded by her grandfather and his four brothers, Draper said that Latts "is in charge of building and promoting top-selling spirits, including Evan Williams and Elijah Craig bourbon" and, with others at Heaven Hill, "has played a major role in boosting bourbon tourism in Louisville." He cited The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience as a highlight.

In a press release, **Heaven Hill** announced that Evan Williams Bourbon, the second-largest selling bourbon in the world, is partnering with Major League Baseball to sponsor the 2016 World Series. As a proud sponsor of the 112th World Series, Evan Williams will launch the largest sponsorship program in the Bourbon brand's eight-decade history, including presenting sponsorship of MLB Network's Emmy Award-winning program, *MLB Tonight*, during the Postseason.

The sponsorship will be supported nationwide through digital and traditional media. National advertising will feature a new co-branded television spot. A custom MLB-themed display featuring an Evan Williams jersey, hat and Louisville Slugger baseball bat will also bring the program into retail stores nationwide.

As part of the World Series sponsorship, Evan Williams ran a sweepstakes in the first part of the month and is sending the grand prize winner and three friends on an all-expenses paid trip to one game of this year's World Series. An Evan Williams World Series Happy Hour featuring specialty cocktails will also be held around the World Series sponsorship.

In its September 9 edition, *Business First* reported that **Heaven Hill** is in the middle of a \$25 million expansion, and when it is finished next summer, it will have one of the biggest distilleries in Kentucky.

The Greater Louisville Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals announced their 2016 National Philanthropy Day Awards, and they named **Steve Trager**, CEO of Republic Bancorp the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser. The award will be presented at the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon on Friday, November 18, at 1 p.m. at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel. For more information, go to [afpgreaterlouisville.org](http://afpgreaterlouisville.org) and click on the Philanthropy Day section.

Before Louisville comedian **Raanan Hershberg** left for New York, he premiered, "Jewnicorn," which showcased an hour of new material at The Bard's Town, which he co-founded and at which he performed regularly, according to the September 28 edition of *InsiderLouisville*.

"For nearly a decade, Hershberg has made his hometown laugh and taken his act on the road all over the Midwest and beyond. He's one of the funniest comedians in Louisville, and one of the hardest working" Eli Keel wrote in a long interview for the daily local news blog.

"Job Search Turnaround and the Long Term Unemployed: an Exploratory

Framework and a Contingency Model," an article by **Bob Tiell**, director of Career & Workforce Development for Jewish Family & Career Services, and **Dr. Shalom Malka**, professor at Sullivan University's Graduate Business School was published in the latest issue of Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals Journal. The article focuses on the excellent work JFCS has done with the long-term unemployed population and puts the practical direct service experience into a research and scholarly model.

**Smoketown USA**, the restaurant, which was named among the best barbecue joints in the country last year by Yahoo! Travel, closed on Tuesday, October 4, according to multiple sources. The restaurant was owned and operated by **Eric David Gould** and his wife, **Lynn**, since 2007. A Facebook post said, "Almost a decade later, we are proud to be able to say that Smoketown USA has been a success and that his goal has been achieved. Eric, who most of you know as 'The Redneck Jew', has a mind that constantly churns out ideas and inventions. He has decided to close the restaurant in order to pursue new adventures. (Of course, it is now bow season so he will likely spend the rest of the year hunting and fishing, lol)."

"After building the largest residential mortgage brokerage company in Louisville before selling it to Lending Tree LLC in 2011, **Jordan** and **Saul Pohn** are scratching that lending itch through a startup that focuses on short-term lending for house-flipping developers," *Business First* reported in their October 5 online edition. They and longtime business partner **Leigh Wise** are the firm's first three employees.

Spalding University has named **Jeanne Berryman** as its new provost. Berryman joined Spalding in 2009 and has served as professor and dean of the Kosair Charities College of Health and Natural Sciences. Prior to joining the university, she was president and CEO of Frazier Rehab Institute and senior vice president of Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's HealthCare Inc.

**Alyce Goodman-Abraham** APRN has won a Florence Nightingale Award in Nursing from the University of Louisville School of Nursing. Goodman-Abraham is being recognized for impacting patients' lives through excellent and compassionate nursing care; improving health outcomes in a population; and elevating the profession of nursing to a high stature and inspired others to consider nursing as a professional career.

Brown-Forman Corporation announced the appointment of **Sean Wachsman** as senior brand manager emerging brands. In this role, Wachsman is responsible for leading Slane Irish Whiskey and all new Scotch brands, including GlenDronach, BenRiach, and Glenglassaugh, as well as any additions to the portfolio.

Most recently, Wachsman served as Chambord Brand Manager. Wachsman began his career with Brown-Forman in PR roles and later progressed to Associate Brand Manager for the Jack Daniel's Family of Brands.

Wachsman possesses more than 17 years of brand building experience. Prior to joining Brown-Forman, he worked for public relations agencies in Chicago, handling PR efforts for Miller Brewing Company, Sony Electronics, McDonald's, and Gatorade, among other brands.

**Michael Jackman's** paper, "Metre and Meaning in Jane Kenyon's 'Song'" (NEW-1369), for publication in *New Writing: The International Journal for the Practice and Theory of Creative Writing*.

A Jeffersonville, IN, woman has become the 10th patient to receive a hand transplant by the Louisville Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) surgical team at **Jewish Hospital**. During a 17-hour procedure on September 17, **Louella Aker** underwent a double hand trans-

plant. The 69-year-old is the first female hand transplant recipient in Kentucky. Surgeons from Kleinert Kutz Hand Care Center, the Christine M. Kleinert Institute for Hand & Microsurgery and University of Louisville performed the procedure.

She lost her hands and parts of her legs after contracting an infection while helping with the clean up following the Henryville tornado.

**Jewish Hospital**, part of KentuckyOne Health, has added image-guided laser technology to help patients with brain tumors and lesions. In the past, some tumors were considered too difficult to reach. However, the minimally invasive NeuroBlate® laser allows neurosurgeons to remove tumors and lesions that had been considered inoperable.

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The NeuroBlate® System was made possible at Jewish Hospital by donations to the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation.

**Jewish Hospital** is also among the first hospitals in Kentucky to offer patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation (AF) an alternative to long-term anticoagulation (blood thinner used to treat or prevent blood clots in veins or arteries). The hospital is now offering the newly approved WATCHMAN Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC) Implant.

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and potentially causing a stroke.

Implanting the WATCHMAN Device is a one-time procedure that usually lasts about an hour. Following the procedure, patients typically need to stay in the hospital for 24 hours.

**Jeri Swinton**, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana received the 2016 Louisville Defenders Lifetime Achievement and Community Service Award for all of the amazing things she does in our community.

**Maggie Wise Riley's** book *The Ballet Broad* was published in January. The book tells her life story through the eyes of an innocent young girl who ran away from home to join the circus and the circus promoter who helped her stop running. The book is available at Discoveries, 1315 Bardstown Rd.

Kindred Healthcare Inc. president and CEO **Ben Brier** was number 63 on Modern Healthcare's list of "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" and, *Business First* reported in its September 9 edition, one of only three Kentuckians to make the list. The other two were Sen. Mitch McConnell at 32 and Gov. Matt Bevin at 89.

**21c Museum Hotels LLC** is partnerine with Junius Hospitality Partners and will invest \$250 million in new hotel projects, according to the September 23 edition of *Business First*. **Craig Greenberg** is president of 21c Museum Hotels.

### CORRECTION

Due to a reporter's error, in the last issue of *Community*, in the story about the **Muhammad Ali** Humanitarian Awards, we mistakenly said that Ali had spent time in jail for his conviction on draft evasion. Ali was found guilty of draft evasion and was stripped of his boxing titles, but he challenged the conviction as a conscientious objector and it was overturned in 1971. He never spent time in jail. We apologize for the error.

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## Joel Frockt

joined by his sister, Shelley Frockt Elias, and cousin, Carolyn Vine Greene, asks the entire Jewish community to support the election of his wife,

## Judge Gina K. Calvert,

to Jefferson Family Court on November 8.



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# AROUND TOWN

## Temple Shalom Men's Club Hosts Community Game Day

The Temple Shalom Men's Club invites the community to a Game Day on Sunday, October 30, 1-4 p.m. at Temple Shalom. People are invited to play poker, Mah Jongg, bingo and board games. Admission, which includes refreshments, is \$5.

## The Temple Offers Monday Night Classes

**Text Study** with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel meets Monday nights at 7 p.m. at The Temple. The class, "Joshua and Judges - The Books Reform Jews Never Study," will study both books in depth and try to see their beauty and why they represent the Golden Age of our Biblical tradition.

**Hebrew Alef** with Rabbi Rooks meets Monday nights at 7 p.m. at The Temple. This is a beginning course for those who have not yet mastered the alef-bet and want to learn how to read as well as some basic vocabulary.

**Advanced Hebrew Study Circle** meets Monday nights at 8 p.m. at The Temple. A study circle, or chavurah, will guide the study of biblical and prayer book Hebrew with a goal of preparing to lead four Shabbat morning services throughout the year. Students will learn the history and meaning of the words we pray, study Torah to read and chant, prepare interpretations on the weekly Torah portion and share the prose and poetry of the creative English readings of the Reform prayerbook, *Mishkan T'filah*.

**Basic Judaism**, taught by all The Temple's rabbis will meet Monday nights at 8 p.m. at The Temple. The topics week be covered in three six-week sessions. Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will teach Life Cycle Events during the first session.

## Jews and Brews with Rabbi Wolk

Join Keneseth Israel's Rabbi Michael Wolk for "Jews and Brews," a one-hour class where participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?) of coffee. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public. Jews and Brews meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at The J Coffee Shop. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wolk

Join Keneseth Israel's Rabbi Michael Wolk at The Bristol on Main Street every first Thursday of the month at 12 p.m. for a lunch and learn. Please make a reservation at [rsvp@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:rsvp@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780. The class is free and open to the public. (Food sold separately.) The next class will be held on November 3. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Adath Jeshurun Hosts Celebration Shabbat

Members of the community are invited to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, November 5, to celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in November are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services that begin at 9:30 a.m.

## Year 'Round Study Offered at The Temple

**Saturday Morning Torah Study** with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel meets from 9-10 a.m. in the Fishman Library before the morning service to read and discuss

the Torah portion of the week over coffee, bagels and cream cheese, and other treats.

**The Temple Scholars Program** meets on Wednesdays at The Temple, 9:30-10:35 a.m., Rabbi David Ariel Joel will lead the group as they explore "What is a Jew? Dilemmas of Identity in the 21st Century." The class will grapple with the challenges and explore the opportunities of the 21st century Jewish identity. What are the essential features of being Jewish? What is the place of boundaries in today's changing Jewish community? How do Jewish communities in North America and in Israel view their identities differently, and what can we learn from one another?

From 10:50-12 p.m., Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will teach "**The Golden Age of Spain**," exploring the greatest flowering of Jewish life and learning in the long history of our people. Together the class will explore five centuries and more of Jewish life in Muslim Spain: the life and works of great scholars, poets and philosophers, Moses Maimonides, Judah Halevi, Abraham and Moses Ibn Ezra; Jewish statesmen, explorers and scientists, remarkable women, Jewish-Muslim Interaction, and flowering of a uniquely mystical branch through Zohar and Kabbalah.

## Adath Jeshurun Provides Prayer Book Hebrew Classes

Adath Jeshurun's Prayer Book Hebrew classes take place on Sundays beginning on November 6. Beginning Prayer Book Hebrew will take place at 10:30 a.m. and Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew will take place at 11:30 a.m. Subsequent classes will take place on November 13 and 20, December 4 and 11 and January 8, 15, and 29. Please contact Deborah Slosberg at [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com) for more information and registration.

## Knit & Qvell Circle to Meet at Anshei Sfar

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfar will meet on Thursday, November 10, at 1 p.m. in the shul library. All knitters and want-to-be knitters are invited to attend. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. For more information, contact Toby Horvitz 502-458-7108.

## Shabbos Luncheon Planned at Anshei Sfar

Anshei Sfar will host a Shabbos Luncheon on Saturday, November 12, immediately after services. The community is invited to attend services and the luncheon. Services begin at 9 a.m. Luncheon is free; however reservations are required by Wednesday, November 9, and can be made by calling 502-451-3122 x 0.

## KI Children's Shabbat Services Announced

Keneseth Israel holds Children's Shabbat services on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The congregation invites the community to join them for a high-energy service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. Services conclude with participants joining the whole congregation in the main sanctuary prayers to lead "Ein Keloheinu" and "Adon Olam." For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Rep. Yarmuth to Speak at Temple Shalom Men's Club

U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY) will be the guest speaker at the next Temple Shalom Men's Club breakfast meeting, Sunday, November 13, at 9:30 a.m.

He will discuss the results of the November 8 elections and is expected to cover a range of topics, such the presidential and congressional races and their impact.

Reservations are required by Thurs-

day, November 10, and may be made by calling the Temple Shalom office at 502-458-4739. The event costs \$5 a person, and it is open to the community.

Now in his fifth term as congressman representing Louisville, Yarmuth serves on the Energy, Commerce and Budget Committees. He's been recognized for his work on improving education, expanding access to affordable health care and revitalizing manufacturing in Louisville.



## Anshei Sfar Presents Concert on the Lawn

The community is invited to a concert on the Lawn featuring the group Simply Tsfat Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. Teens and adults, \$10; children, ages 5-12, \$5; children under 5 free. For more information, contact Rabbi Simcha Snaid 502-451-3122 x 1.

## Pizza and Movie Night to Be Held at The Temple

In response to many requests, The Temple first Pizza and a Movie Night, originally planned for election night, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. The film to be shown is *Blazing Saddles*. RSVP by Friday, November 11, to 502-423-1818

## Adath Jeshurun to Host Latin Remix, Festive Mexican Dinner

The community is invited to Adath Jeshurun on Friday, November 18, for a festive evening with Latin music during the 5:45 p.m. service featuring musician, Paul Carney. Following the service, enjoy a catered Mexican dinner. Adults are \$10 each and children 12 and under eat free. This event is open to adults and children of all ages and the community is invited. The dinner is available by reservation only and must be prepaid by Friday, November 11. Reserve your space at [www.adathjeshurun.com/remix](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/remix). Sitter service is provided at no charge, but reservations are required.

## AJ's Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation is November 19

Join Deborah Slosberg on Saturday, November 19, at 10:30 a.m. for Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at Adath Jeshurun. Short & Sweet Jr. is a family service for students in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents. The community is invited.

## AJ Honors Rabbi Slosberg for 35 Years of Service

Come to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, November 26, at 9:30 a.m. for Shabbat services followed by a Kiddush lunch honoring Rabbi Slosberg for 35 years of dedicated service to Adath Jeshurun. The community is invited to attend.

## Teach English in Israel

Jewish college graduates, ages 21-30, who are interested in teaching English to Israeli children, while embarking on a journey that will change their lives, are invited to apply to participate in the 2017-2018 class of Masa Israel Teaching Fellows. Via a partnership with Israel's Ministry of Education and The Jewish Agency for Israel, this 10-month experience is subsidized by the Israeli government to make it affordable for all interested. Additional information is below. Please let me know if you have any questions, or would like to speak with current participants or alumni, or MITF leadership.

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## Birth

### Ella Green Bergman

Kevin Bergman and Sarah Greenberg, along with big sister Anika, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter and little sister, Ella Green Bergman. She was born on September 16.

They reside in Walnut Creek, CA. Her proud grandparents are Mona Brodsky; Richard Bergman of Sarasota, FL; Lois Greenberg of Santa Fe, NM; and the late Alan Greenberg.

## B'nai Mitzvah

### Aiden Grossman

Aiden Grossman, son of Stacy Goodman-Grossman and grandson of Linda and Steve Goodman, celebrated his bar mitzvah in Buffalo Grove, IL, on September 17, with his family and friends.



Aiden's Mitzvah project included making gourmet homemade meals for over 1,000 homeless people in Chicago. Not only did his mitzvah project reach out to people in Chicago but he also helped families in Louisville, by working in the JFCS Food Pantry with his Bubbi Linda Goodman.

Aiden will continue his religious studies and travel to Israel where he will have another bar mitzvah celebration in Jerusalem with his immediate family.

### Jackson Henry Segal

Jackson Henry Segal, son of Christon and Brian Segal and brother of Andrew, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple. Jack

is the grandson of Marsha and Richard Segal and Pat and Bob Sholund of Birmingham, AL.

Jack is in the seventh grade at Kammerer Middle School where he runs cross-country, plays lacrosse and is in the choir. Jack plays lacrosse for True Kentucky in the summer. He enjoys being with his friends, watching sports and traveling with his family.

Jack is volunteering at My Dog Eats First, helping to pack food and supplies for homeless pets.

Jack and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon after the service.



### Leah Margaret Cohen

Leah Margaret Cohen, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Cohen and sister of Joseph, Inanna, Aryeh and Asher, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, No-

vember 12, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Leah is the granddaughter of Stuart and Bonnie Cohen and Richard Lasky and Nancy Lasky (z"l).

Leah is in the seventh grade at the Waldorf School of Louisville where she plays basketball and viola in the school's orchestra. She has attended Camp Livingston for three years and is looking forward to returning next summer.

Leah participated in the JFCS Pledge 13 program by volunteering with New Roots at the Gendler Grapevine Fresh Stop.

Leah and her family invite the community to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion.



### Henry Schneiderman

Henry Schneiderman, son of Carolyn and Rick Schneiderman, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 19 at The Temple.

Henry is a seventh grader at Louisville Collegiate School. He enjoys spending time with his friends, his many pets at home, and his live-in bubbly, Linda Turner. Henry's pursuits include soccer, creating short videos, creative writing and honing his comedic skills with his mom and dad.

Henry is a very kind and empathetic young man, particularly with young children. For his mitzvah project, he has served at Sunrise Senior Living and has volunteered feeding the homeless and preparing care packages.

Henry and his family invite the community to join them in celebrating his special day.

## Obituaries

### James Levin

James Levin, 88, died peacefully on September 22, after fighting pancreatic cancer.

Levin was the son of Louis and Zelda Levin and grew up in Wil-



liamsburg, KY, where he developed a strong work ethic and empathy for others. He had many life-long friends from his days at Williamsburg High School from which he graduated in 1946 and where, in 2000, he was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame.

Levin received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky in 1950 where he was a member of ZBT Fraternity. After beginning law school, he was called to serve his country during the Korean War and did so in the Army as a First Lieutenant. He then returned to the University of Kentucky, where he married Deborah Rosenbaum and obtained his law degree, with honors. He was a member of the Kentucky Law Journal and Order of the Coif. His attendance at the University solidified his lifelong love of UK sports.

Beginning in 1956, Levin served as assistant solicitor for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington D.C. The Levins moved to Louisville in 1958 where Jim began his private law practice. He loved the law more than almost anything besides his family. He was a general practitioner; a rarity in the modern era. He treated his clients like family, and fought vigorously for their causes - large or small.

Perhaps his greatest honor was serving as a special justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court when his friend, Justice Charles Leibson, was unable to serve. He authored opinions for the Court, as well as in dissent of the majority. Levin's journalism degree served him well during that period and the rest of his legal career.

He was a member of the American, Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations, as well as the Kentucky Justice Association.

Levin married Dr. Linda Lucas in 1998. Happily, they both worked hard and enjoyed each other's and their family's company. They enjoyed travel on professional business for Jim's law practice and Linda's anesthesiology practice, as well as time with friends and family. They enjoyed UK sporting events and their second home in Florida. Jim and Linda were each very proud of their children and grandchildren.

Levin was predeceased by Debbie in 1993 and by his brother, Isadore Levin. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and his children and step-children, ZoeAnn Yussman (Jeff), Dr. Neil Levin (Traci), Gary Levin (Laura), Karen Butler, Dr. Robert Lucas (Heather) and Dr. Scott Lucas (Julie); as well as 16 grandchildren; his sisters, Esther Yussman and Betty Spivak (Al); and his legal assistant, office manager and friend of 33 years, Brenda Royalty.

Burial was in the Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangement. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Kentucky Bar Foundation, 514 W. Main St., Frankfort, Y 40601, Keneseth Israel, or the charity of one's choice.



### Shaina Alexander Prizant

Shaina Alexander Prizant, age 37, passed away September 26.

She was the loving daughter of Judaline (Louis) Kastan and the late Roger M. Prizant; dear granddaughter of Wilma G. and the late Archie A. Alexander and the late Lewis and Ruth Prizant.

She leaves behind two step-brothers, David and Gregory Kastan (Amy), and her nieces and nephews: Max, Ella, Parker, and Piper.

Her aunts and uncles loved her like their own: Aunt Sanda Goret (Kenneth), Uncle Ronald Alexander (Dani), Uncle Martin Alexander (Shannon), Uncle Bruce Prizant (Ellen) and Uncle Steven Prizant.

She grew up very close to her cousins: Andrew Goret (Michelle), Erin Richards (Louis), Megan Housley (Jon), Hannah Curtsinger (Wade), Blake Summit, Loren Prizant (Jane) and Evan Prizant. Shaina adored her youngest cousins: Coleman, Ellery, Myla, Ian, Josie, Alexander, Teller, and Amelia.

Prizant had a special place in her heart for dear friend, Judie Asman.

Interment was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Cardiovascular Innovation Institute (a partnership of Jewish and U of L Hospitals).

### Ronald Platoff

Ronald Platoff, 65 died Tuesday, September 27.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma Platoff Klein; father, Alvin Platoff; and sister, Susan Pearlman.

Survivors include his brother, Donald Platoff; and nephew, Sanford Pearlman of Oakland, CA.

Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.



### Helen Swinton

Helen Swinton, 96, died Thursday, September 29, in Louisville after a brief illness. She had been a resident of the Masonic Home of Kentucky since 2010, when she moved

to Louisville from her longtime home in Pratt, KS.

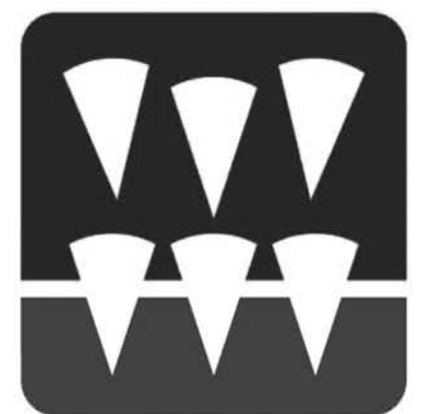
Swinton was born on March 2, 1920, in Trenton, MO, and moved to Pratt after marrying in 1940. An avid golfer and bridge player, she was a professional bookkeeper and active member of First Baptist Church in Pratt. She volunteered

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for South Wind Hospice, among many charitable activities. When she moved to Louisville, she continued her volunteer work for Hosparus of Louisville. In both Pratt and Louisville, Swinton was loved and admired for her fun-loving, kind and generous spirit.

Swinton was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, in 1971, and an infant son, Gregory Wayne, in 1949. She is survived by her three children and their spouses: Gary Swinton (Nancy), of Durham, ME; Jeri Swinton (Michael Ginsberg) of Louisville; and Ken Swinton (Barbara) of Livermore, CA; grandchildren Amy McLaughlin, Amanda Shean, Perry Swinton-Ginsberg, William Swinton-Ginsberg and Christie Swinton; and four great-grandchildren.

Contributions can be made to KU Endowment (directed toward the University of Kansas Medical Center) or Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana.

## Eleanor J. Shuster

Eleanor J. Shuster, 84, died peacefully on Tuesday, October 4, at Norton Audubon Hospital. She worked with her parents in their family business, Shuster's Department Store located at Shelby & Burnett. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel Congregation, Hadassah and NC-JW-Louisville Section.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Celia Morguelan and Israel Shuster and her brother, Larry Shuster.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Rayma Shuster; and her nephews, Rick and Dr. Myron Shuster.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

## George Sydney Klein

George Sydney Klein passed away on Thursday, October 6, at the age of 91.

Klein was born to Max and Margaret Klein in Norwood, OH, in 1924. He grew up in Louisville and graduated from Male High School. He served proudly in the Army Air Corps in World War II, where he received a Purple Heart for service on the island of Saipan.

After the Army, he earned a law degree at night from the Jefferson School of Law, while working in the family furniture business. He was a St. Matthews business owner for many years, and a lifelong athlete and coach. Klein was a member of the Jewish Community Center and Congregation Adath Jeshurun. In his later years, he served as resident council president at Magnolia Springs. He was a friend and confidante to all who knew him.

He is predeceased by his wife, B. Molly Klein, and his brother, Howard Klein.

He is survived by a wealth of loved ones, including his sister, Fay Levin (Fred); children, Michele Ruby (Marty), Howard Klein and Mark Klein (Jacqueline); grandchildren, Becky Ruby Swansburg (Michael), Jordan Klein (Julia), Sara Shaughnessy (Michael), Brandon Klein and Max Klein; and great-grandchildren, Robert and Molly Swansburg, Mason and Celine Klein, and Andrew Shaughnessy.

The family would like to thank the warm and caring staffs of Magnolia Springs and Westport Place.



Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer and Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Jewish Community Center of Louisville or Habitat for Humanity.

## David Spritz Fleischaker

David Spritz Fleischaker, 73, died in a tragic auto accident on Monday, October 10.

He was born February 7, 1943, and grew up in Louisville, the son

of Betty Jane Fleischaker and the late Leopold Fleischaker.

Fleischaker was a casual intellect who loved history, politics and his book club. He was a father to many, no matter relation, raising a blended house of eight children and coached many baseball and soccer teams. He penned a weekly column in the 1980's that ran in the *Courier-Journal* for seven years that recounted his children's almost every teenage antic.

He was a doting and active grandfather who loved to play games, especially cribbage or backgammon, with anyone who would join him. Always loving to be around people, he was an avid duplicate bridge player and achieved Silver Life Master status.

Fleischaker was a consummate racquetball player, taking trophies home from the Senior Olympics and annual Ike Gumer tournaments, usually against much younger opponents.

He started his career in inner city youth education, and continued helping people by assisting first-time homebuyers and working with community

housing development organizations to increase affordable housing opportunities.

Fleischaker loved fiercely and considered family his legacy. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his bride, Patricia Buckley, his eight children: Philip (Hiroko), Stuart (Susan), Eleanor (Peter), Rebecca, Greg (Celia), Fred (Kathleen), Kirk (Whitney) and Laura; 21 grandchildren (Mae, Elise, Spencer, Delaney, Carter, Elliot, Olivia, Griffin, Madison, Clare, Molly, Parker, Matthew, Caroline, Lilly, Peyton, Errett, Henry, Stephanie and Gillian); and three siblings, Jon (Kim), Marc (Phyllis) and Beth. He also is survived by Pat's children, Michelle, Daniel (Angie) and Matthew (Kim), and her eight grandchildren (Andrew, Parker, Bennet, Bryce, Barrett, Nate, Nick and Bella).

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements. Gifts in Fleischaker's memory may be made to River City Housing, Jewish Community Center or The Temple.

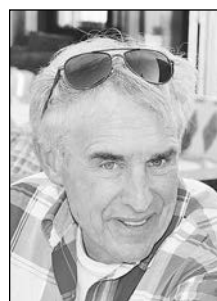
## Dorothy "Dotti" Bass

Dorothy "Dotti" Bass, 64, died Tuesday, October 11, at her home.

She was a native of Owensboro, KY, born July 19, 1952, to Catherine Ehlschide and the late James Gann. She was an accomplished project manager

with Passport Health, a member of The Temple and a former board member for the Ronald McDonald House & Children's Hospital Foundation. Dotti volunteered much of her time reading at the Chenoweth School and was an avid golfer.

She is survived by her son, Jacob Bass; see **LIFECYCLE** page 23



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# D'VAR TORAH

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While the Yamim Noraim (High Holy Days) have just ended and the new year has barely begun, we are marking the end of another cycle, that of the Shelosh Regalim, our three pilgrimage festivals.

We began with Pesach and the hope of spring. The world seemed new as it returned to life and shook off the blanket of snow to reveal blossoming green beneath. We felt the hope of boundless opportunities as we celebrated

freedom and the exodus from Egypt.

The freedom of Pesach yielded to the responsibilities of Shavuot. We felt confident in our ability to move forward, armed with God's faith in us with the gift of Torah.

Autumn is now upon us, the leaves have turned and there is a chill in the air. Sukkot arrived. The festival cycle drew to its close this week. We are joyful as we celebrate a successful harvest and conclusion to the festival cycle and remember divine protection during the years of wandering in the wilderness. In fact, while joyful celebration is implicit on all of our festivals, on Sukkot we are explicitly instructed to be joyful in our celebration.

Why do we need to be reminded to be rejoice? With Sukkot, we look forward to winter and the unknown. What will happen to seeds that have yet to germinate, to plants not yet planted? What will

the months ahead bring? Will they bring us rains when we need them or will they bring floods? Will we be secure and stable or will health or economic setbacks leave us unsteady as we move forward?

The symbol of Sukkot, the sukkah, reminds us of that uncertainty. A simple rainstorm can bring down the *schach*, the covering of the sukkah. A strong wind can bring the entire sukkah down. The sukkah is not built nor meant to be permanent, but instead a temporary respite from impending storms. It reminds us that the security that we might feel is in actuality transitory, capable of dissolving around us in the blink of an eye.

Our special reading for Sukkot, Kohelet or Ecclesiastes, underpins this attitude. While we read of love and youthful passion with the Song of Songs at Pesach and recaptured love and affection with Ruth at Shavuot, we look back on life with a blend of nostalgia, cynicism and realism as we read Ecclesiastes. The prism of uncertainty can cause us to view days gone by as brighter than they

might have been and the future as darker than it might be.

The genius of our tradition is to celebrate today. The past is over; the future has not yet come to be. All we have for certain is today. Gazing into an uncertain and unknown future, we can take faith in the shelter we find through friends and family, from the goodness we recognize in our lives, and from our sense of divine support and security, as we celebrate the goodness and joy we can find each day.

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, October 28 at 6:29 p.m., November 4 at 6:22 p.m., November 11 at 5:15 p.m., November 18 at 5:10 p.m. and November 25 at 5:06 p.m.

Rabbi David Feder (Reform) has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.



Rabbi David Feder

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her mother, Catherine Gann; her brother, James Larry Gann; her sister, Sandra Yeiser of Owensboro; her aunt, Vee Titus of Satellite Beach, FL; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or the Ronald McDonald House.

## Lois G. Joseph

Lois G. Joseph, 92, died Wednesday, October 12.

She was born in Chicago and moved to Louisville in 1953.

Joseph is survived by her husband of 65 years, Leroy; daughter, Barbara; son-in-law, Mark; sister-in-law, Martha Tasman; niece, Phyllis Alport; and nephews, Jerry Tasman (Mina), Ronnie Tasman (Marda), and David Tasman (Sheila). She was pre-deceased by her parents; first husband, Stan; her sister, Florence Alport; and many close friends.

She was a mother, wife, volunteer, held various jobs and was a friend and confidant to many. The family would like to thank those at Westport Place who were so caring and understanding.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements. The family would appreciate that contributions be made to the National MS Society, Bridgehaven or Wayside Christian Mission.

## Marvin Friedman

Marvin Friedman died Thursday, October 13, at the age of 89.

Friedman was the retired president Metalite Corporation. He was a World War veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rose Friedman;



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his children, Wayne Friedman (Maureen), Rhonda Friedman, Linda Friedman (Steve) and Jill Friedman; grandchildren, Reena Watts (Will), Jessica Vaiselberg (Moshe), Stephanie Billyack (Jason), Emily Puterbaugh (Rex), Jacob Wasser (Bryce), Daniel Graber (Liat), Jennifer Graber and Leora Graber; great-grandchildren Rafi, Celia and Lazer Watts; Mali, Talya and Abie Vaiselberg; Zalman Tzvi, Yisrael Dovid, Yehoshua Leib and Yitchock Eliahu Billyack; Nina and Calvin Puterbaugh and Myah Wasser.

be made to the Jewish War Veterans, 1181 R St. North West, Washington DC 20009 or the American Legion, 245 Houston Sr., New York, NY 10002.

## Lillian Gordon Shein

Lillian Gordon Shein, 94, died Saturday, October 15, at Westport Place Health Campus.

She was a native of Columbus, OH, born October 23, 1921. She was a graduate of UofL and received her Masters in sociology. Shein was a sociology professor at Jefferson Community College, coordinator of the Sociology Department and a member of The Temple.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Miriam Gordon; and her husband, Dr. Melvin Shein.

She is survived by her two daughters, Laura Lee and Denise Shein; and her grandchildren, Megan Ann, Zack, Nathan and Joseph Moody.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

## Dr. Naum Klinberg

Dr. Naum Klinberg, 81, died Saturday, October 15, at Seneca Place.

He was born in Ukraine on November 7, 1934. While living in Ukraine, Dr. Klinberg practiced medicine as a pediatric surgeon.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Abraham and Sophia Klinberg, and his brother, David Klinberg.

He is survived by his wife, Valentina Ryabina; his son, Val Klinberg and his wife, Nina Litvinova; his daughter, Inna Marnhout and her husband, Michael; and three grandsons, Alex, Michael and Stan.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

## Jay M. "Poppa" Jacobson

Jay M. "Poppa" Jacobson, of Boca Raton, FL, formerly of Minneapolis, MN, and Louisville, passed away on October



23, the day before his 82nd birthday.

Jacobson was born in Louisville. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacy from the University of Kentucky and a Masters Degree in Social Work, from the University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work. Jacobson served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1961.

During the course of his working years he was a passionate fundraiser for the Jewish community including the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, U.J.A. and Sholom Foundation. In Florida he was also a member of Company "A", a dynamic group of retired men who relished each other's company and bonded over their shared experiences.

Jacobson's legacy will live on in his family and in his dedication to the local and international Jewish Community.

Above all Jacobson loved his family. He was preceded in death by parents Abraham and Rose Jacobson. Survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Lorita K. Jacobson; daughters, Ilene (Scott) Stoess and Peggy (Joel) Mandel; grandchildren Emily (Chris) Leon, Kathryn (Doug) McDaniel, Alec Stoess, Aleeza and Margo Mandel; great-granddaughter Lily McDaniel; brothers Kenny (Betsy) Jacobson and Harry (Sherry) Jacobson-Beyer.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 28, in Florida.

Memorials are preferred to Sholom Foundation, 3610 Phillips Parkway, St. Louis Park, MN 55426 [www.sholomfoundation.com](http://www.sholomfoundation.com), Beth El Synagogue, 5225 Barry St W, St Louis Park, MN 55416, or Beth Ami Congregation 1401 NW 4th Ave. Boca Raton, FL 33432.

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