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Hundreds of Israelis Dead, Wounded as Hamas Launches Major Attack; ‘We are at War,’ Netanyahu Says



The scene where a rocket fired from Gaza into Israel hit and caused damaged in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon, Oct. 7, 2023. Credit: Erik Marmor/Flash90

By JTA Staff

This is a developing story.
(JTA) – More than 600 Israelis are dead and over 2,000 are wounded after Hamas launched a surprise attack early Saturday, with thousands of rockets launched into Israel and terrorists infiltrating border towns.
Street fighting was underway in towns bordering on Gaza and Israeli officials confirmed that terrorists had

taken hostages, in a dramatic surge of violence that began while Israelis were celebrating the Simchat Torah holiday and Shabbat.
At least 300 Israelis have been killed, officials confirmed. Officials cautioned that the number was expected to rise, and reports from across the country suggested a steep toll.
Dozens were missing after an all-

night “Nature Party” in the desert near Gaza was attacked, while Israelis in the south, speaking to Israeli media, described a chaotic response as terrorists remained in their communities for hours without apparent intervention by the military.
“We are at war,” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in response to the attack, later warning that a “prolonged and powerful campaign” would be required to win. Military reservists had been called up and the Israel Defense Forces began striking in Gaza, the Palestinian territory that Hamas controls.
“Hamas opened the gates of hell on the Gaza Strip, Hamas made the decision and Hamas will bear the responsibility and pay the price,” said Ghassan Alian, the IDF’s liaison to the Palestinians.
The attack came on the 50th anniversary of the first day of the Yom Kippur War, when multiple Arab countries struck Israel in a coordinated attack. Thousands of Israeli soldiers were killed in that conflict, which resulted in a hard-fought Israeli victory and left the country deeply traumatized.
It also came as a political crisis with in Israel left Netanyahu and his allies

exposed to criticism that they were inadequately focused on potential threats against Israel. Israel’s leading opposition parties issued a statement urging unity in response to the attack. An IDF official declined to comment to “The New York Times” about how the country had been taken by surprise.
The attack also comes as Israel is seeking to normalize relations with Saudi Arabia. Hezbollah, the militant group based in Lebanon that is a proxy for Iran, praised the attack and said it should be seen as a message to Arab countries considering ties with Israel, which four countries have struck in the last three years. Saudi officials reportedly were pressing for gains for the Palestinians in their negotiations.
According to siren alerts, most rockets landed in the communities in Israel’s south near Gaza, but there were some sirens in the center of the country and as far east as Jerusalem. Photographs showed that rockets had landed in North Tel Aviv, Beersheba and near Jerusalem.
Lines formed at hospitals as Israelis were urged to donate blood to help a growing number of people who were being admitted with serious injuries. Schools across the country were closed. **HW**

Israeli Opposition, Pro-Democracy Protesters Press Unity in Face of Attacks from Hamas



Israelis donate blood at a hospital in Tel Aviv after a barrage of rockets were fired and fighters from the Gaza Strip infiltrated Israel, Oct. 7, 2023. Credit: Jack Guez/AFP via Getty Images

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

(JTA) – Hours after Saturday’s deadly surprise attack on Israel by Hamas, the Israeli protest group Achim le’Neshak (Brothers and Sisters in Arms) was helping arrange transportation for army reservists being called to the front.
“Brothers and Sisters in Arms call on everyone who is required to stand up for the defense of Israel without hesitation and immediately,” the group tweeted early Saturday. “Right now the most im-

portant thing is the safety of the country’s citizens.”
It was an abrupt turnabout by a group of military veterans and reservists who previously threatened to refuse service if the government carried out its judicial reform plans, but a sign of how what Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called a “war” with Hamas has mobilized a polarized Israeli public.
Opposition party heads in Israel’s

Knesset issued a statement backing the Israel Defense Forces. The heads of the Yesh Atid, National Unity, Yisrael Beitenu and Labor parties wrote that they “are united in the face of terrorism,” and that “in days like these there is no opposition and no coalition in Israel.”
Organizers of the huge anti-government, pro-democracy protests that have convulsed the country for much of the year suspended the weekly demonstrations for the first time.
“We stand with the residents of Israel and give full support to the IDF and the security forces,” the protest organizers said in a statement, the “Times of Israel” reported. “We call on all those who are needed to report [for duty] and play their part to safeguard the security and health of the residents of Israel.”
Brothers and Sisters in Arms set up an online signup sheet for those needing transportation to army bases, hospitals and “family.”
The coordinated attack by Hamas came at a low point in the morale of the country. Last month, more than 180 former military, intelligence and police officials warned that the far-right government’s plan to reshape the country’s judicia-

ry threatened the country’s resilience. “We’ve been through wars, through military operations and all of a sudden you realize that the greatest threat to the state of Israel is internal,” Tamir Pardo, a former head of Israel’s Mossad intelligence agency and an organizer of the protest letter, told the Associated Press.
Israeli President Isaac Herzog, who has called for a compromise on the judiciary overhaul, also called for solidarity. “I call on everyone to obey the directives of the Home Front Command, to show mutual support and calmness,” he wrote on X. “We can defeat all those who wish us harm!”
Hints of future divisions were already being seen in early reactions to the deadly attacks, with commenters in Israel questioning the military’s preparedness, the failure of Israeli intelligence to anticipate the attack and provocations by Jewish religious extremists at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. But as rockets continued to rain down on Israel’s south and the border with Gaza remained breached, and Hamas reporting having taken Israelis prisoner, protesters, opposition leaders and those in power presented a united front. **HW**

Chabad to Host Mega Challah Bake Honoring Cancer Awareness



Women from across the Jewish community, braiding and shaping Challah at last year's Chabad Mega Challah Bake.

Chabad of Memphis Women's Circle is hosting a special Challah baking event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Mega Challah Bake is a special opportunity to join women and girls from across the community to learn about the ancient art of Challah and its deeper meaning. Come knead, braid, and shape Challah loaves then spread the warmth and love with others.

This month's Mega Challah Bake will feature a special presentation by Ester Zirkind an author and lecturer from Toronto, Canada, titled "Turning Challenges into Opportunities." Ester's story is one of bravery and strength. An unforgettable memoir of one woman's faith in a life nearly shattered beyond repair, surviving cancer, unfathomable grief and faith on fire.

"When making Challah, it is an extra auspicious time for prayer, and a special moment to pray for health and recovery for those who need it" says Rivky

Klein, who organizes the Challah bakes throughout the year.

The Mega Challah Bake evening is dedicated by the Stein family for the complete recovery of Bracha Ahuva bas Chaya Esther who thank G-d recently underwent a successful heart transplant.

Following this event, the Women's Circle will be hosting a series of monthly Challah Bakes through February, featuring different flavors and styles of Challah.

The Challah Bake for Breast Cancer Awareness Month is taking place on Sunday, October 29 at 7 p.m. at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life. The cost is \$28 per person and includes Challah Bake swag, an apron, a dessert buffet and delicious Challah to take home. Bring a friend, reserve a table, and share the joy of Challah! RSVP required by Monday, October 23 at www.jewishmemphis.com/Challah. For more information call Rivky at 901-219-7004. [HW](#)

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Meet Memphis BBYO Member Jonathan Mintz



Jonathan Mintz

Hi, my name is Jonathan Mintz. I am a member of Okeon AZA and am one of the regional S'ganit for Delta Region.

I was a late entry into the world of BBYO. For most of my freshman year, I refused to go to any events because I was worried about COVID. I don't think I made a bad decision, COVID was a challenge for me. When I finally went to my first event, I was hooked. From there on out, BBYO took over my life in the best way possible. I fell in love with my chapter and the people in it.

Before I had even attended an in-person event, I had been elected chapter Sophor. I first attended events through the viewfinder of my camera. I had somehow managed to be on board before really being in BBYO. Ever since then, I've been on either Okeon or Delta board. It's just something I enjoy doing. I enjoy getting the opportunity to help lead the community I love.

BBYO is pretty much my entire life at this point. My clothes are BBYO clothes, my friends are BBYO friends.

Whenever I have something going on, it's a pretty good bet to say it's a BBYO event. BBYO has played an important role in my Jewish journey here in Memphis. I have attended BBYO summer camp and met so many people from around the world. I am attending International Convention this February in Orlando to celebrate the 100 years of BBYO. I am excited to make the most of my last year in BBYO. BBYO became my home away from home. [HW](#)



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Beth Sholom Welcomes Ricky Kodner as Executive Director



Ricky Kodner is the new executive director at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Ricky Kodner, a St. Louis native who has been active in Conservative Judaism throughout his life, joined Beth Sholom Synagogue as executive director on October 3, announced Naomi Katz, synagogue president. “Ricky brings a wealth of professional experience in the Jewish community, great business acumen, and strong people skills to his new role,” she said. “We are delighted to welcome him to Beth Sholom.”

The son of a kosher butcher and a past president and acting executive director of Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel in St. Louis, Kodner is a former executive director of Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois and member of the General Assembly of United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ). He also served as camp director at two Jewish camps – Camp JORI and Camp Ben Frankel.

In addition to his Jewish professional life, Kodner founded and operated

All-Install, an information technology company. Most recently, Kodner was a FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Specialist.

“After visiting Beth Sholom for Shabbat in August, and speaking to congregants and the board of directors, I knew that I would quickly feel at home here,” Kodner said. When asked what he thought his primary role would be as executive director, he answered, “My job is to protect the synagogue, whether it is a security threat or something wrong with the physical plant or there’s an administrative problem that needs to be ironed out. What’s interesting to me is that no one day is ever the same as the others.”

Rabbi Sarit Horwitz expressed gratitude to the search committee, led by lay-leaders Anthony Morrison and Judy Bookman, for co-chairing the search for the synagogue’s next executive director. “They worked hard and found us someone who fits what we are looking for. I’m thrilled to be working with Ricky and to have him as a part of the team here at the shul. It already seems like he’s a good match for us, and I think we’ll be great partners together.”

Kodner said he has always loved visiting Memphis and he’s looking forward to living here. “I want to get to know as many people in the Jewish community as possible,” he said. “When we work together, we keep our community strong and help Judaism flourish.”

Beth Sholom will celebrate Kodner’s arrival with a special Kiddush lunch on Shabbat morning, November 4. Kodner can be reached at ricky@bsholom.org and 901-683-3591. **HW**

IDF Chief: ‘It is Time for War, Not a Round or Operation’



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu holds a security assessment at the Kirya military headquarters in Tel Aviv, Oct. 8, 2023. Credit: Haim Zach/GPO

(JNS) – In his first public comments since Hamas launched its multi-pronged attack on Saturday morning, Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi warned citizens that “long and complex days of fighting” await the Jewish state.

“We have civilians and members of the security forces, some of whom are in the hands of the enemy,” Halevi told IDF officials during an assessment at the IDF Southern Command in Beersheva. “Therefore, it is time for war. Not a round, not an operation, time for war.”

“And in this war, the IDF will be strong and win,” said the military chief, while vowing to “maintain readiness in all arenas.”

“I know the last day was difficult; the price is a heavy price; I know there are many questions and a lot of frustration,” continued Halevi. “But we are now focusing forward on doing and solving the

problem.”

Gaza’s ruling Hamas terror group killed at least 700 Israelis and wounded more than 2,000 on Saturday in a massive offensive launched from the Gaza Strip, including firing thousands of rockets and sending dozens of terrorists to infiltrate the Jewish state.

Hamas terrorists also abducted more than 100 Israeli citizens into Gaza during the terrorist assault, Israel’s Government Press Office said in a Facebook post on Sunday.

Halevi’s remarks came shortly before he joined Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for a security assessment at the Kirya military headquarters in Tel Aviv.

In addition to Netanyahu and Halevi, the meeting was attended by Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer, Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet) Director Ronen Bar, Mossad Director David Barnea, National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi and several senior IDF officials, a statement from the Prime Minister’s Office said.

Ahead of the meeting at the Kirya, Gallant held an assessment with Maj. Gen. Rafi Milo, head of the Home Front Command, and other army officials, the Defense Ministry announced.

Gallant reportedly told officials that Israel aims to “destroy the enemy and save the lives of our citizens,” and instructed the IDF to provide weapons, ammunition and troops to security teams in communities near the border with the Gaza Strip.

Gallant also praised the IDF for its evacuation of citizens from border towns and ordered officials to put together plans for a possible evacuation of communities on the country’s northern border as well.

On Sunday morning, the IDF hit targets in Southern Lebanon with artillery, after Hezbollah terrorists there fired mortars at the Jewish state.

There were no casualties in the Hezbollah attack.

The mortar shells struck in the contested Mount Dov area close to the Blue Line, the 75-mile border with Lebanon. U.N. cartographers demarcated it in the year 2000 to verify Israel’s withdrawal from the Land of the Cedars.

Hezbollah claimed responsibility for Sunday’s attack, saying it targeted three Israeli military sites in solidarity with the “Palestinian resistance.” **HW**

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A Jewish Cemetery in Belarus was Destroyed by Nazis. Now its Headstones are Being Made into a Memorial.



Members of The Together Plan catalog gravestones from the Jewish cemetery in Brest, Belarus. (Screenshots via YouTube. Design by Mollie Suss)

By Jackie Hajdenberg

(JTA) – Earlier this year, a British Jewish nonprofit received a call from a young couple in the city of Brest, Belarus, who had just purchased a fixer-upper house and needed some help with a difficult situation: Their basement was built from old Jewish gravestones.

Jewish groups – including the nonprofit The Together Plan and its American arm, the Jewish Tapestry Project, founded to aid Belarusian Jewry – have been receiving such calls for nearly two decades from residents of Brest who have collectively discovered thousands of Jewish headstones in their city’s construction. All of the headstones come from a historic cemetery that was destroyed during and after the Holocaust.

Today, an athletic complex sits on the site of the cemetery, which once contained tens of thousands of graves. But by the end of next year, The Together Plan expects to complete a memorial to the cemetery. It is also in the process of organizing and cataloging more than 3,200 remnants of the cemetery’s headstones, which were used after World War II in construction projects throughout the city.

“Currently there’s nothing there to say it’s a cemetery,” Debra Brunner, CEO and co-founder of The Together Plan, the group leading the project, told CNN.

Before World War II, Brest – also known as Brest-Litovsk, or Brisk to the Jewish community that lived there – was home to more than 20,000 Jews and was a center of Jewish culture and study. But when the city was liberated after the Holocaust, only about 10 Jews remained there. Today, it has a total population of more than 300,000.

The Nazis also destroyed the city’s Jewish cemetery in part by selling half of its headstones. In the decades following the war, when Belarus was part of the Soviet Union and construction materials were hard to find, the gravestones became the foundations of homes, supermarkets, garden walks and cellars. In some cases, the Hebrew lettering on the stones was chiseled away.

The memorial will be erected on what was once a corner of the cemetery, some distance away from the sports complex. It will be made from broken pieces of the headstones that have been recovered over the past two decades and will feature a black granite plaque with text in Russian, Hebrew and English. The area surrounding the memorial will be covered with trees, grass and wildflowers.

Jewish cemetery preservation has been at times a contentious issue in Belarus. As recently as 2017, a Belarusian court approved a plan to construct

a luxury apartment building on top of a Jewish cemetery in the city of Gomel, near the country’s borders with Ukraine and Russia. The Brest municipality has pledged to maintain the upkeep of its city’s memorial but did not provide any funds directly to the project. It is being led by the Together Plan and the Jewish Tapestry Project and supported by the Religious Jewish Union of Belarus, the Illuminate Foundation and the charitable Belarus-based organization Dialog.

“Jews have always honored the memory of their ancestors,” Boris Bruk, chairman of the Orthodox Jewish community of Brest, said in a campaign video for the project. “And as there is no cemetery, we wanted to have a memorial sign, or a memorial place which would tell our descendants that their ancestors lie at this place, the people who lived, worked and prayed in this city.”

In 2004, residents, construction companies and homeowners with properties paved with headstones began making phone calls to Regina Simonenko, the head of the Brest Holocaust Foundation and museum, wanting to return them. In 2011, the municipality of Brest approved the construction of a memorial using the headstones. The Together Plan joined the project in 2014 and has been fielding the calls since then.

Apart from 1,287 remnants with writing, another 2,000 to 2,500 headstone fragments without any writing have been collected and stored in a warehouse, where they have been photographed, cataloged and added to a searchable database.

The memorial is being designed by Dallas-based artist Brad Goldberg, who plans to build two arcs opposite each other that each feature some of the headstones. According to his website, Goldberg “sees his work as a fusion between sculpture, landscape, and the built environment.”

“It isn’t a cemetery,” he told CNN. “They are all facing in different directions as if they are having a conversation with each other.”

He added, “One rabbi that we have consulted has described it as being about life rather than about death.”

Goldberg has a connection to Brest, too, which led to his work on the memorial. His family had taken in a Holocaust survivor, the late Jack Grynberg, when Grynberg came to the United States following the war. Somewhere between 70 and 100 of Grynberg’s relatives were killed by the Nazis during the Holocaust. Grynberg was one of only a few Jewish residents of Brest to survive.

In 1997, Grynberg and his son, Stephen, traveled to Brest together. Stephen Grynberg is a filmmaker who has done work for the Shoah Foundation and was the one who recommended Goldberg as the memorial’s designer. The younger Grynberg is also donating towards the memorial’s estimated \$325,000 cost.

“In 1997 there were no signs of the cemetery,” Stephen Grynberg told CNN. “We were taken there, and our guide said, ‘This is where the cemetery was.’ Like so many things with the Holocaust, you can’t really understand them, you just have these complicated visceral feelings.”

He added, “I was just trying to compute the idea of them bulldozing a cemetery and building on it. That was the empty feeling I had.” **HW**

Jewish Man Sues Elon Musk for Suggesting He is a White Supremacist

By Andrew Lapin

(JTA) – A Jewish man who recently graduated college has sued billionaire Elon Musk for insinuating on his social media network, X, that the man was a member of a white supremacist group.

Ben Brody, 22, is suing Musk for libel after the tech mogul reacted repeatedly to a photo of him this summer on X, formerly known as Twitter. In a post accompanying the photo, a user on the platform speculated that Brody was (or was posing as) a member of the Rose City Nationalists, an extremist group in Portland, Oregon, with ties to white supremacists and neo-Nazis.

The photo of Brody, who graduated from the University of California, Riverside, earlier this year, was actually taken at his Jewish college fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi.

“Given his Jewish heritage, Ben was understandably horrified at being accused by Musk of donning neo-Nazi regalia, an act that would be utterly profane and blasphemous if it were true,” reads the complaint in Brody’s lawsuit, filed last Monday in a district court in Austin, Texas, in the county where

Musk lives. The complaint continues, “Ben has suffered severe emotional harm and enormous damage to his reputation and public image.”

The lawsuit is the latest antisemitism-related controversy on X, formerly known as Twitter, since Musk’s takeover of the platform last fall. In recent months, Musk has launched a series of attacks on the Anti-Defamation League by engaging with posts by white supremacists and claiming that an advertiser boycott spearheaded by the Jewish civil rights group has been responsible for depleting the company’s value.

In recent livestreamed meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a group of largely conservative-leaning Jews, Musk defended his record of combatting antisemitism on X while saying he was adhering to free-speech principles.

Musk frequently reacts to posts espousing conspiracy theories on his platform, and his engagement with the tweets about Brody followed a similar pattern. Following a physical altercation in Portland in June between the Rose

City Nationalists and the Proud Boys, a rival right-wing extremist group, Musk asked his millions of followers to verify the identities of the group’s members caught on video.

“Who were the unmasked individuals?” he wrote on June 25. One account dug up Brody’s AEPi photo and claimed he was one of the “unmasked” members, posting the image next to a screenshot from a video of the brawl. Musk replied, “very odd” to the image.

In another instance, he replied “Always remove their masks,” to the same set of images.

After Brody posted a video seeking to clear his name and shared debit card receipts to demonstrate he was in California at the time of the incident, multiple users tried to tell Musk he had the wrong man.

“All these accusations are kind of just crazy and incorrect,” Brody said in the video, posted on June 26. “My family and I are just being harassed completely and I would be more than happy to clear up any confusion if necessary. This is just so ridiculous and I really just can’t

believe this is happening to me right now.”

But Musk continued to promote the theory, writing in a follow-up post on June 27, “Looks like one is a college student (who wants to join the govt),” echoing language from a biography of Brody from his fraternity. Musk added, “a probable false flag situation,” seemingly suggesting the warring extremists were government plants.

These tweets were tantamount to libel, Brody’s suit alleges. Musk’s statements “convey a defamatory meaning” and “exposed him to public hatred, contempt and ridicule,” the suit reads. Brody seeks damages of at least \$1 million and a jury trial.

The legal battle will be difficult, as Musk has already beaten one libel charge involving his tweets. In 2019 a federal jury rejected a claim brought by a British cave explorer whom Musk called a “pedo guy,” short for pedophile, after the two feuded over the best course of action for the previous year’s high-profile cave rescue of a youth soccer team in Thailand. **HW**

Unlocking Mysteries of the Universe: Memphis Announces The World of Kabbalah Course



Rabbi Levi Klein, Rabbi and Director of Chabad of Tennessee

In a world where spiritual exploration is a constant pursuit, the ancient wisdom of Kabbalah shines as a profound path to unravel the mysteries of both the divine and the human experience. The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), in collaboration with renowned scholars, is thrilled to announce, “The World of Kabbalah,” a transformative six-week course set to begin this November. This immersive journey will delve into the intricacies of the cosmic order, offering participants valuable insights for personal growth and enlightenment.

Commencing in Memphis on Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m., “The World of Kabbalah” invites individuals to embark on an awe-inspiring exploration of the interconnectedness that weaves into the fabric of Creation. From unraveling the significance of the Sefirot to exploring the divine soul and the spiritual realms, participants will uncover a profound sense of purpose and harmony by developing an understanding of the divine and of G-d’s universe.

At the core of this course lies the belief that knowledge is a bridge to connection. For seasoned spiritual seekers and curious beginners, “The World of Kabbalah” offers an opportunity to gain clarity about the inner workings of Kab-

balah and its relevance to everyday life. Meticulously crafted, this educational journey breaks the multifaceted topic down into six clear modules, ensuring seamless instruction and effortless comprehension for educators and participants alike.

As Rabbi Levi Klein, a local JLI instructor in Memphis, Tennessee, emphasizes, “In a world filled with complexity, “The World of Kabbalah” offers a transformative journey towards understanding ourselves, our connection to the divine, and our place within the universe. This course provides a road map for navigating life with intention, purpose, and profound insight.”

“The World of Kabbalah” is open to individuals of all backgrounds and knowledge levels, reflecting JLI’s commitment to providing accessible and enriching Jewish educational experiences.

For registration and additional course-related information, interested participants can call Chabad at 901-754-0404 or visit www.myJLI.com. The course is presented in partnership with Chabad of Tennessee.

JLI, the adult education branch of Chabad-Lubavitch, offers programs in more than 800 locations in the U.S. and in numerous foreign countries, including Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Panama, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, and Venezuela. More than 400,000 students have attended JLI classes since the organization was founded in 1998. In Memphis, Rabbi Klein, Rabbi & Director of Chabad of TN has been teaching the JLI courses since its inception and hundreds have enjoyed his unique teaching style and ability to reach students of all backgrounds and affiliations. [HW](#)

Acoustic Sunday Live! 5th Annual Benefit for Protect Our Aquifer, Set for Dec. 3

Shemekia Copeland, Tracy Nelson, Tim O’Brien, Loudon Wainwright III, John Nemeth, Susan Marshall, Reba Russell, Joe Restivo, Will Kimbrough, to perform

Two of Memphis’ greatest natural resources – water and music – come together yet again this holiday season as Acoustic Sunday Live! presents The 5th Annual Memphis Concert to Protect Our Aquifer at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at First Congregational Church, 1000 Cooper St.

Acoustic Sunday Live! has been curated and produced by Bruce and Barbara Newman for three decades now and always for a cause. This concert will include award winning blues, roots, folk, and songwriter artists including Shemekia Copeland, Tracy Nelson, Tim O’Brien and Loudon Wainwright, and Memphis stallworths John Nemeth, Susan Marshall, Reba Russell, and Joe Restivo, with guitarist Will Kimbrough.

The concert will feature two sets with each artist performing two songs per set, and then will end with a big finale sing along.

“I love this time of year as we are able

to bring world class music together with an amazing cause like Protect Our Aquifer,” Newman says. “Bring a friend and show them what this show is all about.”

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Lunch is Monday–Friday at 11:30 a.m. All programs start at 12:15 p.m.

Monday, October 16
Speaker: Christine Wood, OPUS Community Sales Director

Christine will talk about OPUS, Elegant Senior Living facility. Many of the seniors went on a field trip to OPUS, earlier this month. This beautiful new facility was recently opened at Park and Cherry behind Dixon Garden and Gallery. It is an affordable and safe alternative to living at home that preserves a senior’s independence. Everything You Need at Your Fingertips Concierge Services. Engaging Activities and Events. Expertly Trained Staff. 30+ Years in Senior Care. Dedicated Chefs. State-of-the-Art Care. Christine will tell the group about this new facility and answer any questions.

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Julia Cruz Magness originally hails from Austin, Texas, where she performed with The Original Bells of Joy gospel group in Austin for over a decade. Julia moved to Memphis in 2016 and now sings at The Peabody Hotel as part of a duo most Fridays from 4-7 p.m. You can see her regularly with a band at The Gold Strike Casino, Hard Rock Cafe and on the Riverboat dinner cruises. She is also a soprano in The Tennessee Mass Choir. Julia will release her debut Blues album in 2023. Julia can be heard on songs by artists that include Gary P Nunn, The Push Stars, The Mo-



Julia Cruz Magness

eller Brothers and Bracken Hale. Please call the MJCC Front desk at 901-761-0810 and Make your Reservation! The cost of the luncheon is only \$5.00.

Monday, October 23
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Julie Christen, or Julie InJoy, believes that every single one of us is creative. She wants to help older adults rediscover their creativity in a way that brings joy! Julie helps participants create step-by-step acrylic canvas paintings for any season or subject in a single 1-hour session. Please call the MJCC Front Desk at 901-761-0810 and register. Space is Limited. There is no charge for this program. This program is presented with the help of Creative Aging.

Tuesday, October 24
Declutter 1-2-3 featuring Stacy Saed
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Wednesday, October 25
Speaker: Kepola Barajas, “Understanding Medicare!”

It is the time of year that Medicare choices are at the forefront of many seniors’ minds. This talk will help give seniors some of the choices they need to make some big decisions. The talk will follow the senior lunch.

Thursday, October 26
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Aging Commission of the Mid-South (ACMS) is coming to the MJCC to offer the public their services as Medicare beneficiaries. Get ready for the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) for the Medicare State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) assistance for January 2024 benefits.

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New ‘Blossom’ Reboot to Shift Show from Sitcom to Drama

(JNS) – Fans concerned about the fate of Mayim Bialik after her writers-strike-inspired departure from hosting the quiz show “Celebrity Jeopardy!” need not worry: In development is a new project returning to the cast of “Blossom,” the 1990s sitcom that made her a household name.

(It was the 1988 film “Beaches,” starring as the younger version of the character played by Bette Midler, that put the child actress on the map.)

While an official announcement has yet to come, Bialik said in an interview with “Vanity Fair” that the pilot script had been written and that the previous actors, as well as creators and producers, were on board.

“I’m happy to tell you that, yes, it’s true. ... We’re hoping to reboot it not as a sitcom, though,” Bialik said. “We want to bring back these interesting, deep characters – a child of divorce, a recovering drug addict, an alcoholic – to see them in a whole new way.”

“Blossom” ran for five seasons – from 1991 through 1995 – featuring Bialik as the teenager Blossom Russo, who learned to overcome real-world challenges. Once grown up, the actress would go on to star in another hit sitcom from 2010 to 2019, “The Big Bang Theory.”

The Women’s Zionist Organization of America named Bialik this year as one of “18 American Zionist Women You Should Know.” [HW](#)



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The credit is not available after 2032.

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Florida Senator Cautions Campus President Prior to BDS Conference

(JNS) – Rhea Law, president of the University of South Florida in Tampa, received a letter from Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) warning about potential chaos prior to an anti-Zionist event on campus at the end of the month.

The Tampa Bay BDS Conference is scheduled for Oct. 27, organized by Students for Socialism and Students for Justice in Palestine. It is being billed as an inaugural event.

“I was proud to lead an effort as governor to implement Florida’s anti-BDS law, which prohibits public entities from entering into contracts with companies that boycott Israel to show the world that Florida does not support those who boycott Israel,” Scott wrote to Law.

In his letter, the senator cited the recent “Palestine Writes” literary festival that took place at the University of Pennsylvania during the last weekend of September and pointed out vandalism that occurred at the school’s Hillel before the event.

He wrote, “This is not the first time that anti-Israel events held on college campuses have led to antisemitic attacks and violence.”

Scott also posted on X, presenting his letter, that “I will ALWAYS stand with our nation’s great Jewish community and NEVER support those who boycott Israel.” **HW**

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Hockey Player Removed from U of Michigan Team After Vandalism Outside Jewish Center



The Jewish Resource Center at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 21, 2020. Credit: Amy Cantu/Ann Arbor District Library via Creative Commons

By Andrew Lapin

(JTA) – A hockey player at the University of Michigan has been removed from the team after being implicated, along with another varsity athlete, in an incident of anti-LGBTQ vandalism outside a campus Jewish center.

The announcement last week by the elite hockey team, which said sopho-

more Johnny Druskinis had been removed “for violating team rules,” came more than a month after the incident, which occurred on Aug. 22.

It also came weeks after the two perpetrators – Druskinis and sophomore women’s lacrosse player Megan Minturn – made a public apology in front of 350 people at a Shabbat dinner in the Jewish Resource Center, the building whose sidewalk they had defaced. The center has declined to press charges against the students and has indicated that it does not want to see the students face further punishment.

“As far as the JRC is concerned, these students aren’t bad people and certainly don’t need to have their lives ruined,” read a statement by the center that was posted last week, in the days following the hockey team’s announcement. “While they made a poor choice, they sincerely apologized, and we have high confidence they won’t repeat such actions ever again.”

According to surveillance video and photos circulated by the Ann Arbor Police Department, the vandals, one male and one female, spray-painted male genitalia and a homophobic slur on the sidewalk outside the center, a hub for the Orthodox outreach group Olami. The female perpetrator also spray-painted her initials. Earlier reports on social

media that they had tagged the building with antisemitic imagery were incorrect, the Jewish Resource Center said.

Soon after the incident, the university’s president, Santa Ono, condemned the vandalism, noting that it came shortly after a Jewish fraternity at the school was spray-painted with a swastika.

“We strongly denounce this act of vandalism and all antisemitic acts. These incidents are in direct conflict with the university’s deeply held values of respect and inclusion and have no place within our community,” Ono said, according to CBS Detroit. “We are proud of our thriving Jewish life in Ann Arbor and on our campus.”

The two athletes’ identities were later verified by the student newspaper, the “Michigan Daily,” which reported that the perpetrators had contacted the Jewish Resource Center soon after the incident, seeking to apologize, and did so at a Sept. 8 Shabbat dinner. During the apology, students present told the Daily, the athletes said they had been intoxicated at the time and asked for forgiveness.

“Obviously, apologies can be faked, but from what I saw, it seemed genuine,” sophomore Sarah Ostad told the Daily. She added that, while the rabbis at the Jewish Resource Center appeared ready to forgive the students’ actions, “I don’t know if I feel like that. And I don’t

think most people feel like that.”

In September, after the identity of the perpetrators began circulating on social media, the university announced that Druskinis had been removed from the hockey team. But university officials have not been forthcoming with more information.

A spokesperson for the university’s athletic department did not provide details to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency regarding the decision or share a copy of the team’s rules. The hockey coach declined to address the issue at a recent press conference. Ann Arbor police also announced that the perpetrators had been identified but did not confirm whether they were Druskinis and Minturn. University officials have likewise not commented on Minturn’s status on the women’s lacrosse team and did not respond to JTA requests for comment on her.

The Jewish Resource Center also did not respond to JTA requests for comment. But its statement noted that the themes of the Jewish holiday season concern “judgment” as well as “understanding and forgiveness.”

“We feel continued news coverage of this incident is unwarranted and unfortunate,” the JRC statement said. “From our perspective, it was put to rest weeks ago.” **HW**

Ambulance that Chicago Donor Gifted to Israel Ends Up Leading His Funeral

(JNS) – Harry Greenwald, a leading plastics entrepreneur and U.S. Navy veteran, and his wife, Brenda Kolar, donated an ambulance to Magen David Adom, Israel’s national emergency service.

The philanthropist, 93, had hoped to see the vehicle, which was built in Indiana, before it traveled to Israel, but it was not completed before he died. The

ambulance ended up leading his funeral procession on Sept. 9 at Shalom Memorial Park in Arlington Heights, Ill.

“Harry and Brenda cared deeply about the Jewish people and Israel,” Brad Kolar, Greenwald’s stepson, said in his eulogy. “They gave to many causes, but the most important gift Harry ever gave was an ambulance for Magen David Adom. This ambulance

will literally save lives,” he said.

Jennifer Elvey Schnepfer, senior development executive for Illinois and Wisconsin at American Friends of Magen David Adom, said “it is especially meaningful to see the way Harry’s children and grandchildren are continuing to champion this cause. His memory is truly a blessing.” **HW**

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Kay T. Bearman

On October 2, 2023, Kay T. Bearman passed away at the age of 85. She lived a remarkable life, and her friends and family around the world remember her with respect, admiration and love.

While she was born in Memphis, Tenn., Kay was a New Yorker through and through. After graduating from Smith College in 1960, Kay moved to Manhattan and began working for The Metropolitan Museum of Art. For the vast majority of her life, Kay was a significant figure at The Met, the New York

City Department of Cultural Affairs, and the New York State Council on the Arts. She counted among her friends, artists of great cultural significance, art historians, museum employees, gallery owners, politicians, and many others who were advocates for the arts. Friends from The Met, where Kay worked for 50 years, remember her as one of, “those essential and essentially unheralded women who have shaped modern and contemporary art over the 20th century in and well beyond New York.”

Kay took her friendships very seriously. She had friends of every age and friendships of every tenure. As Kay declined in health, her family heard from so many of her friends who told stories of 20, 30, 40, and even 80+ years of friendship. Kay considered herself lucky to have both newly made and “forever friends.”

Kay lived her life on her terms, and she loved the life she built for herself.

She was entirely free of artifice and absolutely magnetic. She was the kind of person who would fly across the

country because you needed her but would refuse to wait for more than a few minutes in any line. She was so loving, and she had a spine of steel. Kay was effortlessly chic, and she would have rolled her eyes at anyone who described her in that way. She was a family historian who sought out connections to far-off relatives. She flew around the world to hear the opera that fed her soul, and she delighted in the babbling and chaotic sounds of her great-great-nieces. Kay never met an authority figure that she wouldn’t challenge, and she rejected everyone else’s expectations of who or what she should be. She was a role model to many, and she was someone who you knew would support you as you followed your own path.

Kay was wonderful, independent, passionate, loyal, acerbic, hilarious, creative, biting, determined, generous and brave. More than anything else, Kay was loved.

Kay was the daughter of the late Leo Edward Bearman and Dorothy Folz Bearman and the sister and sister-in-law of the late Leo Maurice Bearman and

Joy Magdovitz Bearman.

Kay is mourned by her nephews and nieces, David and Judy Bearman, Edward and Terri Bearman, Amy and Richard Dorsey, her great-nieces and great-nephews, Rachel Bearman, Anna Bearman and Nathan Stamper, Leah and Matthew Pinkston, Ethan Bearman, Emma Bearman, Isaac Dorsey, and Levi Dorsey, and her great-great-nieces, Dorothy and Ari Pinkston. Kay also leaves behind countless friends from every stage of her life.

Donations in memory of Kay Bearman can be made to The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Kay’s family asks that those making donations to The Met indicate that the notices should be sent to KayBearmanFamily@gmail.com.

On one of her last days, Kay asked to look at old pictures from throughout her life. As she sifted through them, she said, “It’s so nice to have so many memories.”

Those who love her will carry Kay’s memory with them as they move forward. Her life and spirit will be blessings to all those who remember her. **HW**



Darlene Trinette Feinberg Goldberg

Darlene Trinette Feinberg Goldberg, 84, of Memphis, Tenn., passed away on September 24, 2023.

Darlene was born on June 29, 1939, to Florence Arian and Phillip Feinberg in

Cape Girardeau, Mo., after graduating from Blytheville High School in 1957 she went on to attend the University of Miami for her freshman year.

She married Melvin H. “Bubba” Goldberg June 28, 1959, going on to have two children, Phyllis Heather Goldberg Greenberg and Forest Arthur Goldberg.

For many years while her children were young and growing up, she was a proud housewife and extremely active volunteer. She was a Girl Scout leader for 15 years for Phyllis and a Scout Den leader for two years for Forest. She also volunteered for years at the Girl Scout office on the cookie committee. At her children’s elementary, junior high and high schools she was a room mother, PTA president for six years and Booster Club President. She also volunteered in the greater community serving 18 years with Friends of the Orpheum, 10 years with Theatre Memphis, Playhouse on the Square and

Circuit City Theatre. She volunteered for six years with the Children’s Museum. She also volunteered for all the Wonder Series when it was in Memphis. Darlene was a docent at Temple Israel, clothing chairman for Sisterhood and helped with other projects. She volunteered at Plough Towers for 10 years (where she lived later in life). She was the First Lady of the Memphis Bass Club in 1975.

She worked for the B’nai B’rith Home as the Activities Coordinator for several years then became a Nursing Assistant at Baptist Memorial Hospital for 12 years.

Along with spending much time as a volunteer she was the first-known Uber service but she only collected hugs and kisses from her children and grandchildren as payment!

The things she loved to do the most were traveling the world, horseback riding, teaching archery, bike riding, skat-

ing, swimming, tennis, hunting, knitting, beading, reading, and her newest hobbies were the computer and Facebook!

She had such a big heart and a sweet way with all she loved. Growing up she always welcomed our friends into our home and made them feel like family. Even later in life when she became a Nana to Mason and Leah, she always had a smile for their friends as well. She will be greatly missed by many who loved her dearly.

Darlene was predeceased by her parents, Phillip and Florence Feinberg, and her brother, Maurice “Moe” Feinberg.

She is survived by a brother, Manley Sr. Feinberg (Diane), sister-in-law Annette Feinberg, children Phyllis H. Greenberg (Jay), Forest Goldberg, and grandchildren Mason and Leah Greenberg.

A funeral service was held at Temple Israel Cemetery on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023. **HW**

Marshall Irvin Jaffe

Marshall Irvin Jaffe died on September 28, 2023, after battling ALS for the past several years. Even as the disease robbed him of mobility and the full use of his body, it also helped amplify many of the ingredients that made Marshall the person he was. Rather than feeling sorry for himself, he was consistently grateful for the pieces of his life that remained untouched, most notably his wit and good humor. Rather than giving up as challenges mounted, he was resourceful in solving problems. Rather than succumbing to denial, he moved forward with clear eyes. Rather than waiting on others for assistance, he devised creative solutions to help himself. But perhaps most of all, rather than finding negatives, Marshall found positives. These were characteristics that Marshall displayed throughout his life – wit, resourcefulness, pragmatism, self-reliance, and positivity – and he will be remembered by all with love.

Marshall Jaffe was born in Memphis on June 30, 1945. He is preceded in death by his parents: Helen Herschman Jaffe (later Bornblum) and Eli H. Jaffe, his wife, Madeline Sue (Halpern) Jaffe, (m. December 19, 1965) whom he shared his life with from a very young age as his childhood neighbor and sweetheart, and her parents, the late Raye and Ben Halpern, who also provided Marshall with a second home and an occasional free fried bologna sandwich.

Throughout their life together, Marshall provided a solid presence and

adoring love for Sue, who confronted heart problems from an early age and passed away in 2001. Knowing that time was limited, they made the most of their years together. “If I’d have died when Sue did,” Marshall reflected, “I’d have had a great life.”

Marshall is survived by his two sons, Jeff Jaffe (Lisa Olivent) of Nesbit, Miss., and Greg Jaffe (Angela) of Cuba, N.Y. Both of his sons are men who grew up to be true citizens, “people who do their part,” as Marshall described. Also surviving are: Jeff’s children: Zack Jaffe (Meagan), and Ben Jaffe, and Greg’s children: Abigail Jaffe and Ella Jaffe. He was also a great-grandfather to Anthony, Gabriel, and Madeline, the children of Zack and Meagan.

Also surviving Marshall are his siblings, Sanda Jaffe Wolf, Janis Jaffe Kiel (Brian), Hal Jaffe, and Edwin Jaffe (Bridget) all of Memphis, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law and their husbands, and their wonderful families. Marshall included all as his family.

While remaining connected with his growing family, he found his “second great life” with his long-time partner, Barbara Waldman McKee. In Barbara, Marshall found someone to match his quick wit and though they met on treadmills that forced you to walk in place, the two were enthusiastic travel companions for years. Barbara was a loving companion and a strong and steady presence throughout Marshall’s battle with ALS.

Marshall attended school in his neigh-

borhood of Vollintine before graduating from Christian Brothers High School. He stayed in Memphis to attend Christian Brothers University, where he earned a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering, which set him on a career of problem solving. He earned an M.S. degree in Industrial Engineering through a program coordinated by the U.S Department of Defense and spent several years at the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas.

After a short detour thru St. Louis, he and Sue returned to Memphis when he obtained a position as an industrial engineer with the U.S. Postal Service. He retired from the USPS after 25 years. In his work, Marshall was proud to do the work of making a big organization operate a little bit better through small corrections. For example, he was able to return a struggling employee to productivity by asking a simple question and adjusting the worker’s schedule by an hour so that he could get his daughter to school and get to work on time. “That’s the kind of thing I liked to do,” Marshall said, remembering that he was like a bee going from postal branch to postal branch and pollinating each one with ideas he learned along the way. Marshall approached all problems as puzzles to be solved and he excelled at solving them with an engineer’s precision. “I was just a guy doing a job,” he recalled, with customary humility.

Whether delivering newspapers as a kid or bagging groceries to get through school, Marshall was always eager to be

self-reliant. He was proud to be able to retire from the Postal Service at a young age thanks, in part, to his compulsion to live a life free of debts. Recalling his approach, Marshall answered simply with an engineer’s matter-of-factness, “I spend less than I make.” He never found his remarkable feats to be terribly remarkable. After losing his lifelong sweetheart at a young age, Marshall pressed on to a new phase of life, finding new outlets to share his love, his never-ending stream of attempted jokes, and his witty observations about the world around him.

Speaking in recent weeks, Marshall looked back on his life with a sense of satisfaction and gratitude. “If I died tomorrow, I’d be happy,” he said, before adding with a signature chuckle, “I’m not gonna help it along or anything though.” As an engineer to the end, Marshall found creative ways to deal with his diminishing mobility and never tired of trying to make others smile. He found peace in a life well lived, “a good ride,” as he described it, a life with “no regrets.” And he never lost his sense of gratitude for the opportunities, love, and people in his life: “Whatever I get is more than I expected,” he said.

The funeral service for Marshall was held at Beth Shalom Cemetery on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

The family requests that any memorials be sent to Beth Shalom Synagogue, The Village at Germantown Foundation, Hospice of Hope (Collierville) and to please support The ALS Association (TN Chapter). **HW**

OBITUARIES



Phyllis Kaplan

Phyllis Kaplan, a vibrant and hard-working entrepreneur, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at the age of 83 in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. Born on August 21, 1940, in Memphis, Tennessee, she leaves behind a legacy of success, style, and an unquenchable zest for life.

Phyllis was a trailblazer in every sense of the word. Her entrepreneurial spirit shone brightly through multiple locations of Concepts Interiors, and her savvy investments in real estate throughout Tennessee and Florida. Phyllis was also a woman of many passions. She was an avid golfer, a formidable poker player and a remarkable dancer. She was also a founding member of ENNEAD, the Grand Krewe of Ennead, part of Carnival Memphis formerly known as Cotton Carnival, a community that she cherished.

Phyllis Kaplan lived her life for her family. She is survived by her loving daughter, Pamela Kaplan, and grandchildren, Alexandra Kline Lockhart (David) and Evan Kline.

She is also survived by her cherished son, Kenny Kaplan (Carmen), as well as granddaughter Kinsey Vazquez (Sergio). Additionally, she leaves behind four great-grandchildren who will carry on her legacy.

Phyllis Kaplan will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her from her decades living in Memphis, Sandestin and The Villages. Her vivacity, determination and style have left an indelible mark on our hearts.

Funeral services for Phyllis were held on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at Temple Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the American Brain Society. [HW](#)

Head Coach Ryan Silverfield Purchases 2,500 Tickets for Tulane Game


University of Memphis head football coach Ryan Silverfield has purchased 2,500 tickets for the Tigers' game against reigning AAC Champions Tulane on Friday, Oct. 13 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

Anyone can claim up to four tickets and then purchase additional tickets for just \$20 by visiting <https://gotigersgo.venue.net>


The Tulane game is also Wrestling Night with matches on Tigers Lane from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Well-known wrestlers will then be in the main concourse inside of Gate 3 signing autographs for fans prior to the game.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. on the 13th. When gates open at 4:30 p.m., fans entering the stadium will receive a Memphis football jersey koozie while supplies last thanks to Zips Car Wash.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit [www. GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com) [HW](#)



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Kosten Foundation Kick It 5K Kicks Off Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month on October 29



Kathryn Gilbert Craig

The Kick It 5K funds pancreatic cancer research and is dedicated to long-time supporter Kathryn Gilbert Craig. The Kosten Foundation’s 13th annual Kick It 5K fundraising event funds pancreatic cancer research and is set for October 29, 2023, just in time to kick off Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in November. The Kick It 5K is presented by Baptist Memorial Health Care and will be held at Shelby Farms Park beginning at 1 p.m. Runners, walkers, or anyone who would like to support the race can register and/or donate to the cause on the event’s website at <https://kickit5k.raceroster.com/>. “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month is about fighting this deadly disease, honoring those we’ve lost, and waging hope so that anyone experiencing pancreatic cancer knows they are not alone. The Kick It 5K helps to accomplish all

these items for us and our supporters in one event while raising money for pancreatic cancer research,” said Alan Kosten, Chairman of the Kosten Foundation. “This year, we are honoring our dear friend and supporter, Kathryn Gilbert Craig who passed away earlier this year from causes unrelated to pancreatic cancer. Kathryn was an 11-year pancreatic cancer survivor and such a wonderful resource of knowledge and support to pancreatic cancer patients and families here in the Mid-South and across the country. It will be a fitting tribute to Kathryn to have a great event while raising funds to support pancreatic cancer research.” In honor of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, the Kick It 5K will feature a pre-race ceremony led by Rabbi Micah Greenstein honoring pancreatic cancer survivors and those lost to pancreatic



Kosten Foundation Supporters Take Off from the Starting Line at the Kick It 5K.

cancer. Members of the Kosten Foundation’s pancreatic cancer support group will speak, survivors in attendance will be recognized, and the names of friends and family lost to the disease will be read aloud as a tribute. The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Runners or walkers may register for \$40 to participate in the 5K run or 1-mile walk and enjoy One & Only BBQ after they run or walk. Participants will also enjoy celebrity emcee Ron Olson, live entertainment, MemPops on-site, and a complimentary photo booth. The Kick It 5K is the Kosten Foundation’s largest fundraising event with last year’s race raising \$150,000 to fund three research teams dedicated to finding a cure for pancreatic cancer. The Kosten Foundation has raised and donated more than \$2.5 million to pan-

creatic cancer research programs. The Foundation hosts a free monthly support group meeting for pancreatic cancer patients, survivors, and anyone else affected by the disease. Those interested in learning more about the Kosten Foundation’s mission or sponsoring the Kick It 5K can find more information on their website at kostenfoundation.com. **HW**



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