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Congregation Adath Jeshurun and Kentucky Youth Advocates Team Up for Eastern Kentucky Youth Initiative

LOUISVILLE, KY –

All are invited to attend a “Down Home Bluegrass Teshuvah Jam” to be held Saturday, September 8, 9:00 p.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Avenue. Bluegrass music was selected for this year’s Selichot program to spotlight the issue of poverty in rural Kentucky.

During the “Down Home Bluegrass Teshuvah Jam”, a group of students from Harlan, KY will share their photographic exhibit, thoughts of, and hopes for the Appalachian region, rich in natural resources but lacking in economic resources. As part of Kentucky Youth Advocates (KYA) Youth Development initiatives, KYA will provide on-going advocacy training and support for these youth as they pursue their regional aspirations. For our musical entertainment, Cantor David Lipp will welcome and accompany the Nelson Family Bluegrass Band who will be joined by a 4-year old mandolin prodigy! As one of the initial creators of KYA, the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) will also be program participants.

Through the efforts of the Congregation Adath Jeshurun, funded by the Rabbi Simcha Kling Education Fund to support this event, Kentucky Youth Advocates (KYA), a public policy organization working on behalf of youth for over 30 years, will publicly announce the implementation of an Eastern Kentucky Youth Voice Initiative. This initiative will focus on solutions to poverty in Appalachia with emphasis on the role that the young people can play as future leaders in their communities.

Traditionally, Jews gather late at night on Saturday before Rosh Hashanah to prepare for the days of Awe and are taught the acts of Teshuvah (repentance), Tzedakah (righteous giving), and Tefilah (prayer) in an effort to alleviate difficulties in the upcoming year.

A dessert reception will immediately follow the event.

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