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u' Mazel Tov!*



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Simcha Announcements

Bentley and Rovinsky wed, Dec. 26, 2011

Lizzy Bentley, daughter of Rick Bentley and Dr. Caryn Vogel of Indianapolis and Avi Rovinsky, son of Rabbi Mike and Mrs. Selina Rovinsky of St. Louis were married on Dec. 26, 2011 at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA).

Rabbi Yisrael Gettinger, Congregation B'nai Torah, read the *ketubah* (wedding contract); Rabbi Tvi Ron, Yeshiva Netiv Aryeh, Jerusalem was *mesader kiddushin* (person who recites the blessings of betrothal under the *chuppah* [wedding canopy]).

The couple met in Washington Height in New York City and will reside in New York City.

The *chasson* (groom) is currently pursuing a doctorate of physical therapy (DPT) from Touro College in New York. The *kallah* (bride) graduated from Stern College, the woman's division of Yeshiva University where she earned a bachelors degree in English and computer graphic design. Lizzy is social media director for the Aleph Society in Manhattan.

The wedding took place on the *Rosh Chodesh Teves*, the 7th day of Chanukah. It was a beautiful *chasena* (wedding) with many friends and family from near and far. Rav Tvi Ron and Reb Yoel came from Avi's former Yeshiva in Israel, Netiv Aryeh. Daniel Bentley, brother of the bride, flew in from Jerusalem where he currently is attending Netiv Aryeh. Guests included former Indianapolis resident and close friend of the *kallah's* family, Eliyahu Rubinovich from Har Nof, Jerusalem.

Many of Lizzy and Avi's friends with whom they studied in seminary and yeshiva in *Eretz Yisrael* (Israel) flew in for the occasion. A large group of the *chasson's* family friends came from the Rovinsky home city of St. Louis.

Dina Cohen and Nancy Landman coordinated the event. Beth Abaldo led Nourish Events Catering and provided an amazing kosher dinner. A popular band, Soul Farm from New York led the *fraylech* (joyful) dancing.

Highlights of those entertaining the *chasson* and *kallah* included Avi's father, Rabbi Mike Rovinsky and his son Yossi who danced with their hats on fire (see photo), jugglers including Reb Yari from St. Louis and Sam Zitin who added swords to his juggling repertoire.

May the Indianapolis Jewish community be *zochus* (merit) to celebrate many more *simchas* (happy occasions) together! ✨



Irving and Pearl Joffe on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Rick, Rabbi Mike Rovinsky, and his son, Yossi, danced with their hats on fire.



Lizzy Bentley (middle), daughter of Rick Bentley and Dr. Caryn Vogel.

65th Wedding Anniversary

BY PEARL JOFFE

Advice from the lovelorn

When the publisher of *The Indiana Jewish Post & Opinion* suggested I write a column about happy marriages, (I've been "at it" 65 years), I was flattered by the question but terrified about how to answer. Longevity doesn't necessarily guarantee success in the marital department. But, because "fools (like me) rush in where angels fear to tread," I am grabbing the gauntlet and have come up with the following sage advice: "I don't know!"

I do remember vividly, however, my own nuptials. It was Sun., Dec. 8, 1946, and the weather was warm, so warm that my uncles who had driven in from Chicago took off their jackets. I was to be married at my parent's home in front of the fireplace. There was a problem: the *chuppah*. Usually four men held up the four poles but at past weddings I noticed much sagging down the middle of the canopy. To the rescue came my father's carpenter who made the *chuppah* stationary for the event. It worked so well that Rabbi Samuel Fox who performed the ceremony asked to borrow it for subsequent weddings. Dad was happy to oblige and it became one of the Rabbi's permanent fixtures.

One of my aunts, who lived on tree-lined (see Joffe, page 7)

Editorial

I wrote the following two years ago and I recently checked with Jeffrey H. Patchen, president and CEO of The Children's Museum (TCM) of Indianapolis to get an update about it. The good news is in italics at the end.

Just after Thanksgiving on Nov. 30, 2009, a new sculpture was formally dedicated outside in front of The Children's Museum of Indianapolis (see photos this page). Depicting a page from the diary of Anne Frank, it was commissioned for the museum's new Anne Frank Peace Park. On the top of the sculpture is the following quote from Anne's diary.

"[Peter and I] looked out at the blue sky, the bare chestnut tree glistening with dew, the seagulls and other birds glinting with silver as they swooped through the air.... 'As long as this exists,' I thought, 'this sunshine and this cloudless sky, and as long as I can enjoy it, how can I be sad?'"

~ Anne Frank, February 23, 1944

The 150-year-old horse chestnut tree that stood outside the Secret Annex and which provided comfort for Anne Frank was suffering from a fungus disease. The Anne Frank Center in New York contacted TCM about the incredible opportunity to receive one of just three initial saplings being grown in Holland from the dying Chestnut tree in Amsterdam. Of the other two, one is to go to the White House, and the other to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

In addition, TCM is slated to receive the saplings that will be planted at eight other locations to care for them during their "quarantine period" in their BioTech Lab up in ScienceWorks at TCM. The quarantine period is three years.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to receive and care for these world treasures," Jeffrey H. Patchen, remarked at the dedication.... "It is our hope that the Anne Frank Peace Park and Diary Sculpture will serve as a remembrance of the tragedy of the Holocaust, but also as a symbol of Anne's hope and our hope for the future."

After the quarantine period, one sapling will be planted in the Anne Frank Peace Park next to the sculpture of her diary in front of the Museum. This has been made possible through the generous support of local Holocaust survivors Gerald and Dorit Paul, and the sculpture was created by Michael Donham of Accent Limestone & Carving in Spencer, Ind.

These were the same artists who created the Seven Wonders of the World for The Children's Museum and the County Walk on pieces of stone at the Indiana State

Museum, both outside the buildings.

After the dedication, I spoke with Patchen and mentioned that there is a new Holocaust museum in Skokie, Ill., that opened last April [2009].

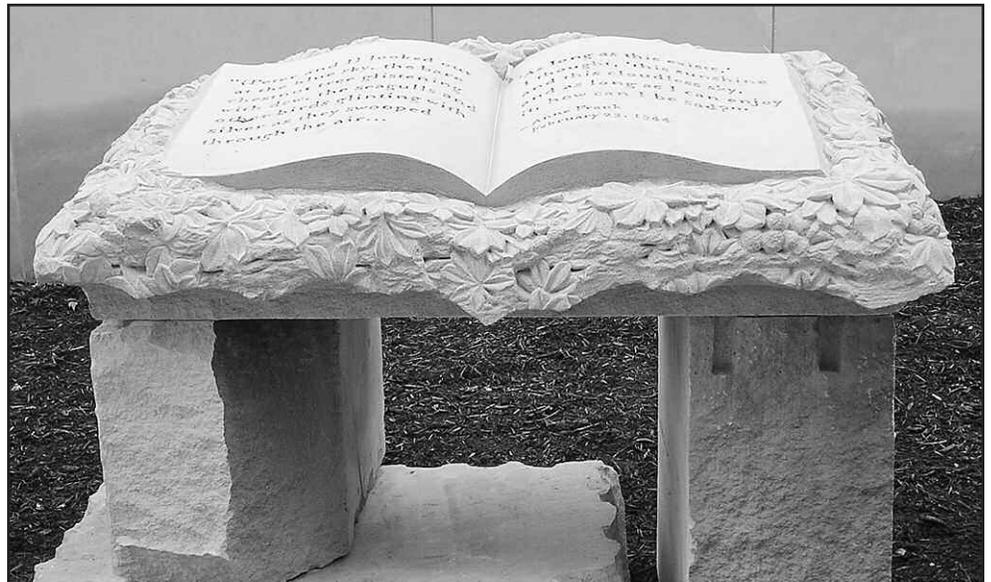
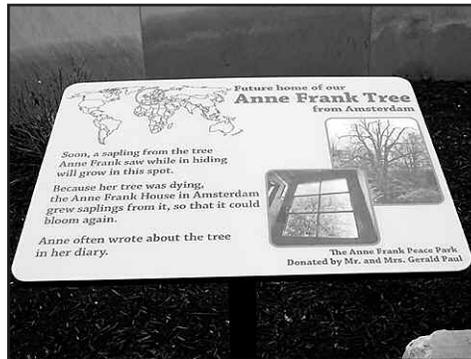
"What about a sapling for them?" I asked him. "Surely there are other places around the country that deserve to have one."

"I wouldn't be concerned about a shortage. They are way ahead of us in Holland," he commented with a grin. "It is rumored that saplings have been planted from that Chestnut tree and are growing all over their countryside."

Jennie Cohen, December 21, 2011

The saplings can be planted permanently in March, 2013. We will celebrate Holocaust Memorial month in April of that year. We currently have 8 trees to go to the various sites and also use as back-ups in case there is a problem with one of the trees. We are working with the Anne Frank Center (coordinating the distribution of the trees) to create a joint website with information about all of the sites. We have sent a note to Yvonne Simmons, their director about her thoughts on doing public relations related to the saplings. Our Chief Technology Officer also knows about the web project. We plan to create a unit of study about the trees to distribute when the trees are planted.

Jeffrey Patchen 2-15-12 ★



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Correction: In our Dec. 21, 2011 issue, the photos of the Israel Bonds dinner were taken by Dave Cohen of Jerry Goldberg Photography, and most of the Great Hoosiers in Jerusalem photos were taken by Walter Klatch originally from West Lafayette, Ind. ★

Simchas Welcome! Had a recent joyous occasion in your family or Jewish organization? *The Jewish Post & Opinion – IN Edition* welcomes your announcements for placement in our new *Simcha* section (see page 2). Submit photos and text to: jpostopinion@gmail.com. **Next Deadline: Mar. 5, 2012.** All decisions on publishing, date of placement, size of photo, and length of announcement are at the sole discretion of the publisher.

Community Events

C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Holocaust Museum Trip to Auschwitz

Eva Kor, Director of the C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute and a survivor of Dr. Mengele's twin experiments, will be leading a trip to Auschwitz in **July**. If you are interested in participating in the trip, you can download the brochure and application at: <http://www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org/data/file/webcontent/file-document-123.pdf>.

Jewish Learning Institute Class

The class is titled, "Money Matters: Business Ethics." Money Matters will present Judaism's approach to practical economic dilemmas and monetary quandaries that we face daily in both our personal and professional lives.

The goal of this course is to provide a sensitive, fair, and unshakable economic paradigm grounded in 3,000 years of tradition and practical experience – an ancient yet fresh spin on how we view ethics of money.

Students will emerge from this course with an understanding that only a divine economic system can ensure unequivocal justice while recognizing the virtue in each stakeholder's position. Money Matters will show how the Torah's sharply discerning yet holistic rulings inspire us with the confidence to confront any ethical economic dilemma.

We're still accepting attendees for remaining classes. It is held on **six Tuesdays, and began Jan. 24, 2012**, from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the Schusterman Chabad House, 1112 Oakwood Trail in Indianapolis *or* from 7–8:30 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC in Indianapolis. Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Schusterman. For more information: call 317/698-6423 or email JLI@lubavitchindiana.com.

In the JCC Art Gallery

Dale Bernstein: Vanity Abandoned

It is the many possibilities of the photographic medium that have long intrigued photographer/artist Dale Bernstein, whose work graces the walls of the art gallery at the Arthur M. Glick JCC **until March 2, 2012**. The art gallery is free and open to the public during regular building hours: M-TH: 5:45 a.m.–10 p.m., F: 5:45 a.m.–p.m., SA-SU: 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

For Bernstein, a photograph should leave the viewer with questions. There should be an element of mystery, of depth, of hidden layers. Still photography gives the viewer the time to explore. It plays to the voyeur in all of us.

During the mid-1980s, Bernstein had the privilege of working with some of the world's greatest photographers, including Irving Penn, Richard Avedon, Horst P. Horst, Arnold Newman and Robert Mapplethorpe, among others. After discovering an obsolete 19th-century photographic technique, the wetplate collodion process, Bernstein chose to focus on contemporary image-making while expressing his own vision.

For the last 20 years the New York-born Bernstein has operated his own commercial studio working for a large variety of corporate clients and advertising agencies.

JCC Camp Registration and Family Fun Day!

Sun., Feb. 19, beginning at noon. Registration closes at 2 p.m. Save 15% on Camp JCC registration and then stay for the party.* Food. Fun. Entertainment. Great camp discounts! *Discount does not apply to tennis, equestrian or Eric Gordon camps.

Jewish Bereavement Group

The Albert & Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center began a bereavement group in partnership with Community Home Health Services, a part of the Community Health Network. This bereavement group, which has a Jewish perspective and is facilitated by Rabbi Bruce Pfeffer, is open to all. Questions should be directed to Julie Sondhelm at 317-259-6822 x6. Meeting dates and times are: **First Thursday of each month** from 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. and the **Third Monday of each month** from 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Jewish lawyers

Jewish lawyers group meets for lunch on the **fourth Wednesday of each month**. The next meeting is **Feb. 22** at Shapiro's downtown at 12:15 p.m. Presently the group's leaders are Irwin Levin, Zeff Weiss and Elliot Levin. For more information contact Elliot at edl@rubin-levin.net.

Open Mic for the Soul Coffee House and Talent Night

The Baha'i Center of Indianapolis will open its doors on the **last Friday of every month** as a service to the people of Indianapolis for an evening of music, song, poetry and conversation from 7–10 p.m.

We would like to provide the residents of the city including all nationalities and faiths who love to listen to and perform live music, with a smoke free and alcohol free, spiritually uplifting environment in which to get out and enjoy the company of their neighbors and fellow residents.

Plan to come and enjoy the music and conversation, even if you don't wish to take the stage. Small groups and choirs are welcome. The Center is equipped with microphones, amplifiers and a sound system as well as electric piano, drums and congas.

Many of those participating will be bringing snacks, desserts, finger foods and beverages to share. You are welcome to bring something, but it is not required.

Future dates for the Coffee Houses: **Feb. 24**, and **March 30**. This is a family friendly event open to people of all ages. People are welcome to present music and poetry in their own native languages.

The Baha'i Center is located at 3740 West 62nd Street – just East of Guion Road on the north side of the street. For more information contact Karen Loftus at karenloftus1956@gmail.com.

Super Sunday is Powerful, Amazing, Rewarding

On **Sun., Feb. 26** when the phone rings, chances are it's the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, calling with an opportunity to do something, well, amazing and wonderful. Please answer the phone, and make a generous donation to the JFGI Annual Campaign so that needy people right here in our own community, in Israel and around the world can get the help they need. Your support of Federation helps us fight poverty, rescue and resettle Jewish immigrants, and strengthen Jewish life. Visit www.jfghi.org for more information, to sign up to volunteer or to make your donation in advance.

Jewish Discovery Place

On **Feb. 26**, from 3–5:30 p.m. at the BJE Smulyan-Stolkin Education Center take your child on a journey to a Jewish Discovery Place. Enjoy Jewish fun for children ages 2-6, including arts and crafts projects, story time with The PJ Library and a sing-a-long with Ruthie Gal. Suggested donation of \$5 per family. A reservation by February 20 to efairfield@bjeindy.org is greatly appreciated.

Israeli Movie Night – The Syrian Bride

On **Wed., Feb. 29**, 7:30 p.m. in the Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M. Glick JCC join Adi Shacham, our Israeli Community Shlichah, for Israeli Movie Night. Movies are always free of charge, with popcorn and drinks provided. In this month's movie, *The Syrian Bride*, a family deals with the typical anxieties of a wedding while confronting the political turmoil of the Middle East in this drama. Visit our www.jfghi.org to register for February's movie night!

Upcoming BJE Centennial Event

The BJE Centennial Celebration will continue on **Sat., March 3**, for the Purim Ball with Joan Rivers at the Indiana Roof Ballroom! Ticket information is available at www.bjeindy.org/centennial.

Fiddler on the Roof with YLD

On **March 6**, 7:30 p.m. at the Murat Theater at the Old National Centre, join YLD as we celebrate Purim with *Fiddler on the Roof* on Broadway! Tickets are only \$20 a person. This event is open to the community, so take advantage of a big discount for great seats, and enjoy an evening at the theater. Visit www.jfgy.org to register.

Distinguished Guest Speakers from IU at Beth-El Zedeck

On **Sun., March 11** at 10:00 a.m., Dr. Shaul Magid, Religious Studies professor at IU, will give a talk titled "Rethinking Contemporary Jewish Identity in Post-Ethnic America."

On **Sun., March 18** at 10:00 a.m., Dr. Alvin Rosenfeld, Director of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Anti-Semitism at IU, will speak on "What Is the New Anti-Semitism and What Is It About?"

Batya Gil, Glass Artist

On **Tues., March 13** Time TBA at GRT Glass Design 6400 Brookville Rd. Partnership2Gether's Artist Residency Program is excited to bring glass artist Batya Gil to the United States. Batya lives in the Western Galilee where she creates beautiful art with fused glass, metal, sands and minerals. She will be in Indianapolis to do a glass fusion workshop. More information about this opportunity will be coming soon!

Upcoming Hadassah programs

Lunch & Learn – The Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor its Lunch & Learn study program of famous American Jewish Women. Join them at Shapiro's in Carmel on **March 14** at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the life of Theda Bara.

100th Birthday – Celebrate Hadassah's 100th birthday on **Thurs., March 22** at the home of Joani and Jeff Rothenberg. Watch for details of Home Sweet Hadassah.

Donor Luncheon – **May 6** at the Broadmoor Country Club will feature a fashion show and as always a few surprises. For more info call 317/475-4278.

Stand Strong: Fall Prevention and Personal Safety

On **Mar. 19**, Time TBA, at Pleasant View Lutheran Church, this program will help you to increase your balance awareness; overcome the fear of falling; and recognize

hazards in your home. Learn ways to develop strength and gain confidence and mobility. We will even teach you at home exercises to help your balance. The cost for this program is \$5.00 to non-NORC members. Reservations include a boxed lunch. Call Cindy Wides at 259-8048 or Ann Allen at 259-6817 to RSVP.

Mr. Blair's Open Mic Group

Mr. Blair Karsch and the On Your Level Youth Project will once again host Indianapolis's premiere youth open mic events, which have produced standing-room-only crowds at previous events. This is the largest all-city event with a focus on youth expression through spoken word. There's even room for adult performers as the evening allows. Come one, come all. This event will be an open stage for all ages to perform and practice any form of spoken word entertainment. Poetry, prose, comedy, hip-hop, rap, acoustic music and more are some of the most popular forms. Get there early to have a snack, drink, get a good seat and meet the artists.

March 21, 4–6:00 p.m., Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. Indianapolis; Fri., Mar. 23, 7–9:00 p.m. Brics, "The place to chill in Broad Ripple," on the Monon Trail, 901 East 64th St.

TribeFest 2012 in Las Vegas

Join young adults (ages 22-45) from across North America at TribeFest, **March 25-27**, in Las Vegas to explore Judaism, network and connect with peers, and celebrate Jewish life! Register on TribeFest's website by Jan. 20 to get a special early bird rate.

CST Sisterhood Yom HaShoah

On **Sun., April 22** from 2–5 p.m. at the CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, Ind., Congregation Shaarey Tefilla Sisterhood is offering a unique opportunity for *Yom HaShoah*! Eva Kor, a Mengele twin survivor of Auschwitz, is opening her door and heart as she shares a lifetime of memories from her childhood. All Sisterhood women and their families are invited to join us for the day. This event follows the *Yom HaShoah* community program at 10:00 a.m. at Hasten Hebrew Academy. Please see the Shaarey Tefilla website www.shaareyefilla.org for further information and registration. Contact Michelle Hershenson at michelle.hershenson@gmail.com or 370-7326, or Shani Zucker at Shaniz216@gmail.com or 418-2038 with questions.

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Congregation Shaarey Tefilla invites you to...

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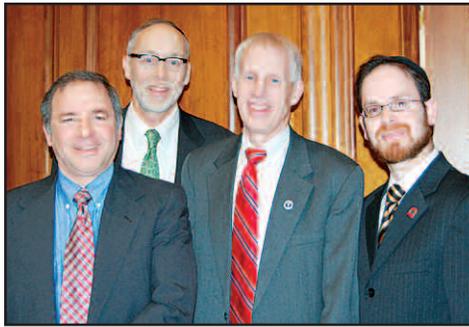
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Agudath Israel lauds court decision to uphold Indiana School Voucher Law

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 16, 2012 – In a strongly worded summary judgment, Marion County Superior Court Judge Michael Keele ruled on Friday that Indiana’s Choice Scholarship Program does not violate the Indiana Constitution. The Choice Scholarship Program went into effect this summer and awards scholarships to low-income Hoosier students who can choose from public or private schools, including religious institutions.

School choice opponents – backed by the National Education Association – claimed that this violated several articles of the Indiana Constitution and sued to block students from participating. The program and its participating families were ably defended by Indiana’s Solicitor General Tom Fisher and Bert Gall from the Institute for Justice.

The court rejected each of the voucher opponents’ arguments and concluded that the program is “religion neutral, was enacted for the benefit of students not religious institutions or activities” and is



Representatives of Agudath Israel and the Jewish American Affairs Committee of Indiana (JAACI) at a committee hearing with the sponsor of the bill creating the School Scholarship Act, Indiana House Education Chairman Rep. Bob Behning (L-R: Dr. Jack Cotlar, Dr. Rick Bentley, Rep. Behning, and Rabbi A.D. Motzen).

based upon the “individual choice of each scholarship recipient’s parents.”

“This court decision reinforces what the nearly 4000 students in the Choice program already know – the true beneficiaries of school choice are students and their families,” said Rabbi A.D. Motzen, Agudath Israel of America’s regional director. Working with a coalition of school choice supporters and parents from across the state, Agudath Israel advocated for the creation of the program when the (see Agudath Israel, page 7)



On Dec. 3, 2011, B’nai Torah Sisterhood held a Melave Malka at the home of Ethel Bartky. Dr. Asya Vaisman, professor of Yiddish at Indiana University presented a program titled “Being Heard: The Yiddish Songs of Contemporary Hasidic Women.” The program combined music and lecture for a fun and fascinating evening. Photos by Eugenia Sheinman.

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Fifth Avenue in Gary, had come in a few days early. She was going to bake her well-known-in-the-family special sweets for the dessert table. Alas, almost a calamity! There was no crème de menthe or crème de cacao for her secret recipes.

We loved our Aunt Vera not only for her culinary expertise, but also for her survivorship. Born in Russia, she was an only child. Her mother had died at an early age from diabetes. My aunt attended a Gymnasium, a sort of junior college, not usually available for Jewish students. In the early 1920's in America after marrying my uncle, my aunt became deathly ill with diabetes. Fortunately, insulin had just been discovered and her life was saved. When she died many decades later, it was at the bridge table doing what she liked best – winning.

Back at the wedding, somehow, the crèmes were gathered; the chuppah stood tall and erect; the rabbi was on time; the wedding took place and my married life began.

Before going any further, I must reminisce about one prophetic event. When my husband-to-be was courting me, and I lived with my parents, many times he was invited to dinner. My mother was a gourmet cook and the food was always outstanding.

One evening he lamented, "I want you to cook for me and I'll eat anything you make."

Little did he know my lack of culinary skills. I did my best. I opened a can of condensed tomato soup and scorched it. I didn't know what condensed meant. I also remember making coffee in a big dripolator. As I poured in the hot water, the whole pot disintegrated, came apart, and all the coffee grounds landed unceremoniously in the mug. He ate the burned soup; "drank" the thick liquid with a spoon – and deemed the meal a success! I decided then this might indeed be a future husband with merit.

I do notice, though, to this day, on every entree I serve him, he uses the ketchup bottle generously. He even pours it on "chop suey."

Little and big situations come up in a marriage. The little ones are more fun, though. Whenever I needed a little "by myself" time, I just "quietly" announced, I think I'll watch *Masterpiece Theater* – and I received all the free time I needed.

Sometimes subterfuge doesn't work – as I found out. I love ballet, I knew my husband did not, but wanting him to attend a performance, I told him we were going to see excerpts of a musical presentation. The first act was modern dance and that went over well. Unfortunately, when the curtain

opened on the second act, a snow scene emerged along with a long parade of ballerinas in tutus. He put his head on his lap and groaned, "Oh, no, ballet!"

As I get involved in this subject, I realize there are a few bits and pieces of advice I can share.

1) Don't linger on touchy issues and do a Dr. Freud by telling your spouse: "Why did you say to me what you said two weeks ago on Friday at 2:19 in the afternoon?" Get over it.

2) What do you do when the relatives tell you how to live your lives? I took a scientific survey (three people) and asked them for their input. 66 2/3% of the respondents said they did just the opposite of what they were told; the other 33 1/3% said they usually just caved in.

And then there was another way: my husband's in-laws and my in-laws would give opinions. Of course we would listen. They meant well. My husband would say "uh huh, uh huh" and I would add "sounds good" then later, we would talk and figure it out. I think we wanted to make our own mistakes.

3) What if you have a spouse with revolving eyes (for someone else)? Our pediatrician used to say that there are those men he labeled as "married bachelors." If the cheater is itching to leave and no matter what you've tried to do, he wants to disappear, let him. Good riddance! It would be nice, though, before the slippery eel slithers off to lurid pastures, if he would introduce you to someone else.

Some couples with problems seek out a marriage counselor. Beware! How do you know how happy their marriages are? When all is disserted, dissected, analyzed, and all facets winded down, maybe the true answer to conjugal happiness is "Who Knows?"

Instead of advisors counseling you to use the "I love you's" all day long, sometimes sweet innuendos work fine, too.

One husband came home from work and told his wife that everything had gone wrong that day. His wife, remembering it was their wedding anniversary said, "Didn't something go right 25 years ago?"

The husband answered, "I must have been crazy when I married you." Then he paused, looked at her and said quietly, "The trouble is...I'm still crazy."

And finally, if the marriage is going to succeed, it will. Neither snow nor rain nor intrusive relatives or meaningful friends or the teenage years – or ballet will derail contented souls from forever togetherness on this planet or any other.

The best advice? Muddle through the best you can – and don't forget the ketchup bottle. By the way, who was that "crazy" husband of 25 years? Mine. ✨

EVENTS*(continued from 5)***Yom HaZikaron – Israel Memorial Day**

On Tues., April 24, 7 p.m. in the Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, we gather to remember Israel's heroes and to honor the thousands who have fallen victim to terrorism in Israel. Please gather with us as we join Jews all over the world in this ceremony to remember our fallen heroes. It is customary to attend this ceremony dressed in a white shirt. Visit www.jfngi.org for more information.

Israeli Independence Day – Yom Ha'Azmtaut

On Sun., April 29, Israeli foods available at 12:30 p.m., festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. Join us to celebrate Israel's Independence Day. Bring your kids and family to enjoy fun activities and Israeli food! More information about the festivities can be found at www.jfngi.org.

JCC Business Network

The next meeting will be on **May 23**, at the JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. RSVP to Larry Rothenberg lrothenberg@jccindy.org or call 317-715-9233.

The Mothers Circle of Greater Indianapolis

Are you raising Jewish children but you're not Jewish? There's an app for that – a human app! The Mothers Circle of Greater Indianapolis provides FREE education and support for women of other religious backgrounds who are raising Jewish children in the context of an interfaith marriage or committed relationship with a Jewish partner. Contact Patti Freeman Dorson, Facilitator, at themotherscircle@comcast.net or 441.5259. ✨

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issue was before the legislature last year.

Agudath Israel of America, founded in 1922, is a broadly-based Orthodox Jewish movement with chapters in major communities throughout the United States. It sponsors a broad range of constructive projects in the fields of religion, education, children's welfare, and social action affecting the lives of young and old. Agudath Israel serves as a liaison between government and the entire spectrum of Orthodox Jewish educational institutions and has played an active role in Indiana promoting school choice. Rabbi Motzen can be reached at: admotzen@agudathisrael-mwr.org. ✨

Obituaries

September '11 - February '12

Barbara Keck, 67, of Carmel died Sept. 23, 2011. She was born on Oct. 9, 1943 in Indianapolis to the late Max J. and Rose (Plank) Dworkus. Barbara was a homemaker who had a great love of baseball and all other sports. She was a member of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation. She is survived by a son Jeffrey T. (Kim) of Carmel; two grandchildren Sydney L. and Matthew T. Keck of Carmel; one brother Richard A. (Shay) Dworkus of Carmel; a sister Shubra Rose of Florida; and lots of loving family. Funeral Services were held Sept. 27, 2011 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial was in Beth-el Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis 46240. ✨

Irene Kasle Leff Brodey, 88, of Indianapolis died Sept. 29, 2011. She was born in Toledo, Ohio to Jacob and Rachel (Neifeld) Kasle. She worked as a Registered Nurse at Robert Long Hospital at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. She retired in 1971 after 25 years of service. Irene was a life member of Hadassah.

She is survived by her children, Susan (Creighton) Moeller of Chapel Hill, NC, Marjorie (Dr. William) Portilla of Ft. Collins, CO, and Dr. Robert (Frances) Leff of Duluth, Minn.; step children, Jeffrey (Linda) Brodey, Ellen (Jerry) Simon, and Rena (Ron) Elberger; brothers, Myron (Judy) Kasle and Herbert (Anita) Kasle; special friend, Robert Sternberger; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Irene was preceded in death by her husbands, Dr. Abe H. Leff and Harry Brodey; and by one step-daughter, Sidney Enriquez.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah, c/o JCC—Office D3, 6701 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis 46260. Services were private. Arrangements were entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ✨

Zelda Don Bold, 96, a longtime resident of Indianapolis died Oct. 7, 2011. Zelda, the eldest of four children, was born in Chicago, Ill., to Kalman and Esther (Abramovitz) Don. After graduating from high school, she worked at various office jobs, as a freelance artist, and dress designer within the Chicago garment district.

Zelda later moved to Washington D.C. where she worked at the Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Land Economics, the Labor's Non-Partisan League, the Justice Department, Department of Labor, Department of State and the Defense Department. Zelda met her husband, the

late Elliot Bold, in 1944 while working in Washington, D.C. They married in 1946 when he returned from the war. As an Economist, she retired from HUD as the Director, Area Economic and Market Analysis Division for Indiana region.

She received her BA from Roosevelt College in 1954 and her BFA from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1957. She designed clothing, hats and costumes in Chicago. As a freelance artist, she worked with a wide range of media and her work was featured in art shows and various galleries in the Chicago and Indianapolis areas. After retirement, she assisted her husband in his CPA firm until his death.

She was an active member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck where she formed a hospital visitation group that continued for many years. She was a lifetime member of Hadassah. She supported national and international Jewish charities as well as many local charities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elliot Bold; parents; brother, Irving Don; sister, Mitzi Don Lehman; and niece, Bonnie Lehman.

She is survived by her brother, Hyman Don of Broomfield, CO; nieces and nephews, Arlene Lehman Baldwin of Niwot, CO, Suzanne Don Karbel of Woodland Hills, CA, Andrea Don Blaha of Santa Monica, CA, Shelley (Beverly) Don of Denver, CO, Robert Don of Denver, CO, Gregory (Gisele) Don of Calabasas, CA, and Donald (Marie) Lehman of Malibu, CA; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Shannon Blaha, Briana Blaha, Tanya Don, Brennan Don, Scott Karbel, Ethan Don and Max Blaha.

She will be greatly missed and remembered for her intellect, strength of character, love of art and devotion to her family, friends and faith. With the assistance of her friends and caregivers, Zelda was able to enjoy her last years the way she wanted to live.

Interment was at Shalom Memorial Park and Cemetery in Arlington Heights, IL on Oct. 11. A memorial service was held at the Kaufman-Schuchman Chapel,

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on Oct. 17. Donations may be made to Gleaners Food Bank, Mazon, Thrifty Threads, Alzheimer's Association or Hadassah. Arrangements were entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ✨

Tess Karsh, 93, born May 12, 1918, died Oct. 9, 2011 after a short illness. Mother of Ellen and Kenny; mother-in-law of Denise; grandmother of Lauri and Emily, Tess was a proud resident of Indianapolis since 1962. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rubin. Born in New Jersey, she lived in New York and New Orleans before moving to Indianapolis.

Tess was active in Hadassah, The Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and its Sisterhood, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Sisterhood, Deborah Sisterhood, People of Vision, the Indianapolis Federation and Broadmoor Country Club.

Tess was an avid bridge player, a fabulous cook and a special person. She will be missed by family and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah or the Hooverwood Guild. Funeral Services were held Oct. 11, 2011 at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in New Jersey. ✨

Molly Gold Regenstrief, 94, died on Oct. 13, 2011. She was born June 1, 1917 in Indianapolis to Sara and Max Gold, and was raised on the southside. Molly was an extraordinary daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was known to family and friends as "Bubby Molly."

Molly was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Sisterhood, and Hadassah.

She was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Sigmund; daughter, Sandra Regenstrief-Lipp; and sister, Adele Silver.

Molly leaves behind her children, David Regenstrief, Marcia Regenstrief, Pearl



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Regenstrief; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Andie and Alan Friedman, Shayna, Julia and Adam, Leigh and Jeffrey Meltzer, Rebecca, Jessica and Alexandra, Shari and Hal Levine, Scott, Robbie and Sandi, Mathew Regenstrief, and Madelyn, Eric and Adrea Lipp, Jakob and Summer.

Funeral services were held Oct. 16 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Burial followed in the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sandra Regenstrief Lipp Early Childhood Fund at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Arrangements were entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ✨

Milton L. Bohard – “Milt Lewis”, 86, born in Indianapolis on Aug. 14, 1925, died Dec. 28, 2011. A funeral service was held Dec. 30 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck Memorial Park on Eller Road.



He was an ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended Indiana University and graduated from the University of Minnesota. He earned a master's degree in communications from IU. He taught drama and radio at Manchester College. Known professionally as Milt Lewis, he was a radio disc jockey in Bloomington and at WIBC (1070 AM) in Indianapolis.

He moved to television, hosting “Milt's Music Mart” on Channel 4. He later was an advertising executive at Channel 4 and then at Channel 13. He also worked for WIRE (1430 AM). After working as general manager of WGEE (1590 AM), he bought the station, converting it to WNTS and hiring a young David Letterman to host his first talk show. After Milt's retirement he stayed active as an advertising consultant and in merchandising.

Milt was president of the Indianapolis Ad Club and of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its men's club. He was secretary of the Northwest Kiwanis Club. He also served the community as a master of ceremonies for numerous charitable organizations, amusing his audiences with stories about TV and radio anecdotes. He also endeared himself to family and friends with his unique sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Rosalind “Roz” Bohard; daughters Claudia Bohard and Susie (Phil) Bremen; son Jeff (Barbara) Bohard; and granddaughters Katie and Rachel Bohard. Milt's youngest daughter, Debra Jane Bohard Channel, preceded him in death. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements were entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ✨

Gayle Ann Klezmer Caplin, 65, born in Indianapolis to Sam and Faye (Jones) Klezmer on Sept. 26, 1946, died Dec. 30, 2011. She was born in Indianapolis to Sam and Faye (Jones) Klezmer. After graduating from North Central, Gayle earned both a Bachelor and Master Degree from Indiana University. She was a teacher in IPS and worked in sales for many years at Porsche Bathroom Fixtures in Atlanta and Florida. Gayle was a former member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. She enjoyed music and shopping and was an avid athlete in her younger years. She is survived by her brother, Jack (Pamela) Klezmer.

A graveside service was held Jan. 6, 2012 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck's North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ✨

Joseph “Joe” Roth, 91, a gentle man in love with life, his wife of 68 years, his children and his friends, died on Jan. 7, 2012. Joe was born in Indianapolis on Dec. 10, 1920 to Nathan and Edith Roth. After serving in WWII he attended the Officers Candidate School of Yale University.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Bess Stern Roth, sons Nathan (Yardena) Roth, Steven (Nancy) Roth; daughter, Alicia Roth, three grand children; Alexis, Deborah, and Becca Roth; Sister, Annice (Norman) Hurwitz and brother Martin Roth. Joe is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Herman Roth.

Joe owned and operated Joseph Roth Insurance Agency from 1951 until he retired at age 65. Joe was a member of the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Monument Masonic Lodge #657, and B'nai B'rith Lodge #58.

A funeral service was held Jan. 10, 2012, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in the Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Beth-El Zedeck or a charity of the donor's choice. ✨

Lillian Delott, 92, of Indianapolis, was born June 6, 1919 and died Jan. 8, 2012. Graveside services were held Thurs., Jan. 12, 2012 in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Arrangements were by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ✨

Jerome “Jerry” Melrose, 81, formerly of Phoenix, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Aventura, Fla., where he had lived for the last ten years. Jerry was a graduate of University of Arizona. He was a CPA

and was in partnership with his long time friend, Howard Rubenstein, from 1974-2000, when he retired to Florida.

He will be forever missed by his many friends and loved ones. He is survived by his beloved family, his children; Celia Richard, Philip (Sandi) Melrose, Adam (Susan) Melrose and Nancy (David) Barkan; 9 grandchildren, his brother, Herb (Linda) Melrose, beloved companion, Joyce Gould, and his dear friend, Howard Rubenstein. His memory will be cherished by many friends at Mystic Pointe.

Graveside services were held Jan. 16, 2012 in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Arrangements were by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Friends may leave a message of condolence for the family at armortuary.com. ✨

Ida Cohen Miller, 101, long time resident of Indianapolis, died Jan. 12, 2012. Ida was born on Jan. 28, 1910 in Russia to Harry and Dora Cohen; she was one of eight children. She and her late husband of 52 years, Abe, owned and operated Miller's Restaurant, at Market and Capitol from 1940-1955.

She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, a life member of Hadassah, and National Council of Jewish Women and was a member of Hooverwood Guild and Beth-El Zedeck Sisterhood. Ida was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award by Hadassah; was a Purdue University Foundation Honoree and received special commendation by State of Israel. She was an accomplished knitter and needlework craftsperson and played bridge until the age of 97.

Ida is survived by her beloved daughters, Linda (Herb) Melrose and Rochelle (Edward) Cohen; 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and her devoted friend and caregiver, Laila Ghaus. Ida's daughter, Sharon Benson and her grandson, Marc Melrose, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 15, 2012 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah, Beth-El Zedeck. ✨

Treva Frankovitz Silverman, 75 and **Harvey Silverman**, 77: Treva Frankovitz Silverman died on Jan. 16, 2012 in the morning. She was the daughter of David and Sarah Lena (Fivel) Frankovitz. She graduated from Shortridge High School and Indiana University. She was a teacher in Elkart, Ind. On Sept. 13, 1959 she married Harvey Silverman and they made their home in New York. There she was a high school French and English teacher and later a real estate broker.

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Harvey Silverman died on Jan. 16, 2012 in the evening. He was the son of Eli and Esther Silverman of Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from Long Island University and was a CPA and comptroller of Marlene Industries in New York. Harvey was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Robert Rubin.

They are both survived by two sons Michael (Karen) Silverman of California and Richard Silverman of New York; two granddaughters Lauren and Rachel Silverman of California; Treva's siblings all of Indianapolis: two brothers Bernard (Lea) Frankovitz and Herbert (Barbara) Frankovitz; two sisters Devera (Ronald) Gurvitz and Helen (Milton) Goldstein; Harvey's sister Evalyn (Neil) Katz of New York; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held in Hackensack, NJ and burial was in Fairview, NJ. Donations can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and American Diabetes Association. ✨

Margaret "Maggie" Olivia Harry,

17, born April 16, 1995, died on Jan. 17, 2012. She is survived by her beloved parents, Lou and Cindy; her sisters, Emily and Katie and brother, Jonah; grandparents, Stan and Brenda Weiss and Marlene and Irving Epstein; aunts and uncles, Larry Weiss and Stephanie Sweet, Susie and Alan Flexner, George and Kara Harry, and Rob Weiss; and cousins, Lauren, Trent, and Taylor Weiss, Ashley and Shayne Maister, Melanie Flexner, and Ken, Kyle, and Jay Harry.

Memorial services were held on Jan. 19, 2012 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Memorial contributions may be made to GUCI (Goldman Union Camp Institute) and/ or Performing Arts Department of Pike High School. She is loved and deeply missed by those that knew her. ✨

Margie Jo Silver, 58, died unexpectedly on Jan. 18, 2012, with her family by her side. She was born on Dec. 20, 1953 to the late Louis and Adele Silver and was sister to Michael Silver.



Margie was a devoted mother to Stacy and Jill Layton and wife to Jon Efrogmson and stepmother to Alex and Anna Efrogmson.

A graduate of North Central High School, Class of '72 and Eastern Michigan University, she first worked as a social worker, then for Israel Bonds, Lubavitch of Indiana and most recently The Travel Agent, Inc. where she planned hundreds of destination weddings, honeymoons

and senior high school trips. Travel was her passion. She was a life-long member at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and was a member of ORT and Hadassah.

Funeral services took place at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

You may visit www.leppertmortuary.com where you may sign the guestbook, share a memory with the family, or make a memorial contribution to IHC or the Sandra Lipp Parents Day Out Fund at Beth El Zedeck. Your memories and stories about Margie can be shared on Facebook .com/margiejosilver. ✨

Ethel (Muchnick) Marcus, 98, born August 13, 1913 in Russia, passed away Jan. 21, 2012 surrounded by family. She came with her parents, Joseph and Reba Muchnick, brother Harry and sister Ruth to Philadelphia, Pa., as a young child. She married Harry Marcus in 1949 and moved to Indianapolis where they raised twin sons, Jerome and Allen. Besides raising her sons and working beside Harry in their motel business, she enjoyed years of involvement with City of Hope.

In 1994 Ethel and Harry moved to Dallas, TX to be near their children and grandchildren. They spent 49 wonderful years together until his death in 1998. Ethel is survived by sons Allen and Jerome and his wife Beverly, her loving grandchildren, David Marcus, Richard Marcus and Frances Marcus VanDeventer.

Ethel also leaves behind nieces, Myra Johnson and husband Herb, Millie Draizar and Linda Muchnick; nephews Sol Shuster and wife Rose, Sidney Sakowitz and Jordan Muchnick. Ethel spent the past two years in the loving care of Enid Morrison and staff of Arty Home Care in Richardson, TX to whom the family will forever be grateful.

Graveside services were held at Congregation Shearith Israel's cemetery on Dolphin Rd., Jan. 23. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Congregation Shearith Israel Youth Fund or a charity of your choice. ✨

Carol Rosenthal Bloomgarden,

86, born July 25, 1925, died peacefully on Jan. 29, 2012. Carol was a devoted daughter, a doting mother and grandmother and a loving and devoted wife. She graduated from Tudor Hall in Indianapolis and attended Briarcliff Junior College in New York. She enjoyed playing cards and backgammon and loved ballroom dancing, having won the China Doll dance contest as a young woman. Carol had an encyclopedic knowledge of antiques and decorated the homes of a number of friends over the years. She was a beautiful woman who had a keen eye for fashion and was always elegantly dressed.

She is survived by her son Jeff (Becky) and her grandson, Andy. The family thanks the staffs of Westminster Village North and Southern Care Hospice for their considerate and compassionate care, Bob Nelson for his frequent visits and Sherri Reider for her assistance and concern during the past year. Arrangements were entrusted to **ARN Cremation Services**. Online Condolences may be made at www.arnmortuary.com. ✨

Margot Gusstein Hene, 89, long time resident of Indianapolis, died Feb. 9, 2012. Margot was born on April 11, 1922 to Semie and Julie Gusstein, in Furth, Germany. She was aboard one of the final Kinder Transports out of Nazi Germany, that took her to safety in Leamington Spa, England. After living 8 years in England, Margot moved to the United States. She met Paul Hene in New York. The two moved to Indianapolis and were married in 1949.

Margot was active in the Indianapolis Jewish community; a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, IHC Sisterhood, Hadassah and Hooverwood Guild.

She is survived by her devoted children, John Hene and Lois (Mark) Zoll; and her niece, Carol (Ken) Joseph. Her dear husband, Paul and beloved grandson, David Semie Zoll, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 12, 2012 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in IHC South Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Nursing Home, the Humane Society of Indianapolis or to a favorite charity.

We wish to thank Hooverwood Nursing Home and its staff for their kindness and compassion; and thank the loving personal care Margot received from her caregivers: Alysa, Denise, Frances, Juanita, Kim and Queen. Friends may leave a personal message of condolence for the family at www.arnmortuary.com. ✨

Meyer Paul Nahmias, 85, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, died Feb. 9, 2012. He was born June 23, 1926. He graduated from Manuel High School and served his country during WWII in the U.S. Navy.

Meyer was a member of Etz Chaim Congregation and the Monument Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Doreen Sacks Nahmias; daughters, Esther (Kirk) Mueller, Shelley (Frank) Meltzer, Amy (Tom) Grimmer, and Paula Nahmias (Phil Cohn) and grandchildren, Michelle, Miles, Meghan and Makena.

Services were held on Feb. 12 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to Etz Chaim Congregation. ✨

Jewish teens take on bullying in groundbreaking BBYO program

They were nearly 80 strong. They came from all across the region. They brought sleeping bags and stayed the night to speak out in solidarity and gain more awareness about an issue that all Americans should be concerned about. No, it wasn't Occupy Wall Street, or even Occupy Indianapolis... it was **Occupy the JCC**, a program that was conceived of and led by members of the Jewish youth group, BBYO, who took over the Mayerson JCC in Cincinnati on Saturday night, Jan. 21 to bring attention to bullying, a problem that affects many thousands of children and teens across the country and leads to numerous unnecessary suicides each year.

This overnight event included a wide variety of programs and began with an opportunity for the teens to join the entire Jewish community for a presentation by Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, who was already speaking in Cincinnati that night. Afterward, the group participated in a series of interactive and informative discussions on topics ranging from celebrities who have spoken out against bullying to an engaging session about how to handle different bullying scenarios, and an open forum which allowed participants to share their personal experiences with bullying. Other activities included sports in the gym, snacks in the J Café, and Laser Tag!

"The mix of meaningful programs and fun activities with other Jewish teenagers is what made this event so exciting and appealing," explained Matt Steinberg, BBYO City Director and Youth and Teen Director at the Mayerson JCC in Cincinnati. "The idea was born out of Cincinnati BBYO chapter boards; Mishpocha AZA (boys) and Ner Tamid BBG (girls) who wanted to have a fun event that would start the year off right.



Haim Solooki, 80, of Tamarac, Fla., a longtime member of Etz Chaim died Feb. 9, 2012. He is survived by his wife Betty, daughter Leah Solooki Marcovitz, a grandson, and brother Ayoob (Ana) Solooki. ✨

Lee Eisenberg, 91, of Camarillo, Calif., died on Feb. 11. She is survived by siblings Becky Profeta of Indianapolis, Morris Cohen of Florida, Leon Cohen of Sacramento, two children Michael and Renee, and several nieces and nephews. ✨



BBYOers bring awareness to bullying.

But they also wanted to include a meaningful social action component, and felt bullying was an important topic that all teens could relate to. They knew that through a powerful program such as this, participants would feel empowered to make a difference themselves in the fight against bullying," he continued. "But the best part was, like all BBYO programs, this event was led by teens for teens, which made it very accessible and relatable for them. I am so proud of everyone who planned and executed Occupy the JCC, and am glad to be part of a youth organization that gives its members the freedom and opportunity to take ownership of their own events. It is so rewarding to see them succeed in such a big way. This was our first event of 2012," he added. "Just wait and see what we do next!"

"Infusing such powerful content into a fun-filled weekend is one of the many ways our region is making a name for itself," said Josh Rothstein, KIO (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) BBYO Regional Director. "It's exciting to see that BBYO is leading the way with this kind of innovative programming. The fact that teens from the other four cities in our region, Indianapolis, Dayton, Columbus, and Louisville, made the trip to Cincinnati just goes to show how moving (literally) something like this can be!"

The Occupy the JCC planning committee was made up of Cincinnati BBYO members from both the boys' Mishpocha AZA chapter and the girls' Ner Tamid BBG chapter, and included: Kelsey Bardach, Alex Burte, Kali Cohen, Mitchell Evans, Benji Kriner, Chase Kroeger, Marisa Levy, Herbert Meisner, Zach Samuelson, Joey Slovin, Alex Weissner, Hannah Wise and Sarah Wolf.

"Occupy the JCC was a great experience

for all the old and new members. It was my first event and after going I knew that I wanted to come back," said Cory Harbatkin, a freshman at Mason High School. "This was one of the biggest BBYO events Cincinnati has hosted in a long time, and it was such a success. It was great seeing friends from out of town, discussing how bullying affects high schoolers, and of course, spending the night at the JCC. It was a fantastic event from beginning to end," shared Alyssa Bardach, a senior at Cincinnati Country Day School.

"We are glad to be partnering with the Mayerson JCC to help take BBYO to new heights," said Pam Saeks, Director of Jewish Giving for The Mayerson Foundation in Cincinnati. "Our interest and involvement in this organization, on both the local and regional levels, is due in large part to it being the only non-denominational, pluralistic youth organization in all of the KIO region's five cities. That makes it uniquely positioned to attract both affiliated and unaffiliated teens, one of the most at-risk populations for falling off the Jewish path early on."

In addition to special events, parties, and Jewish social action- and holiday-related programs, BBYO provides numerous leadership opportunities and offers many chances throughout the year for teens to attend regional, and even national and international conventions, summer camp and trips to Israel. BBYO is open to those who are currently in 8th grade and now eligible to fully participate in all programs and events and attend chapter meetings and conventions.

To learn more about BBYO, please contact Indianapolis' City Director, Kenny Lambert at klambert@jccindy.org. The KIO BBYO regional office is managed by The Mayerson Foundation. ✨

Local dining landmark tops national list

INDIANAPOLIS – Jan. 23, 2012 – WeddingWire, the nation's leading wedding website, is excited to announce that Indianapolis dining landmark, Hollyhock Hill has been selected to receive the prestigious *WeddingWire Bride's Choice Award 2012* for BEST Ceremony & Reception Venue!

The esteemed annual awards program recognizes top wedding-related vendors from across the nation who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness and professionalism. Unlike many industry awards that are selected by the organization bestowing them, the Bride's Choice Award's are determined by feedback and reviews from past newlywed clients.

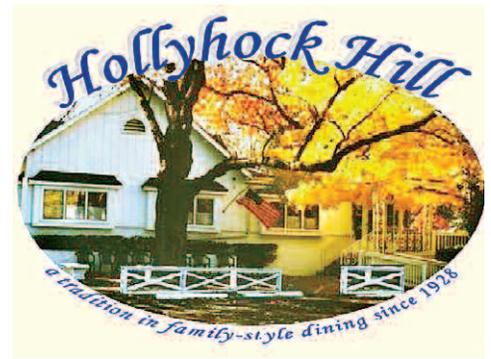
The Bride's Choice Award recognizes the best wedding vendors across 20 service categories, from wedding venues

to photographers, based on their overall professional achievements throughout the past year. This recognition places Hollyhock Hill in the top five percent of wedding professionals nationally, which is comprised of over 200,000 wedding professionals throughout the United States and Canada.

"While it is a true honor to be selected as the top Ceremony & Reception Venue, it is even more meaningful to us since it comes directly from our patron, to whom we are very grateful", said Jay Snyder, proprietor of Hollyhock Hill. "Weddings create memories that will last a lifetime and we take our role in creating these memories very seriously", Snyder added.

"It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Hollyhock Hill for their continued professionalism and longstanding commitment to enriching the wedding planning experience for engaged couples," said Timothy Chi, WeddingWire CEO. "WeddingWire is thrilled to honor the success of this top-rated wedding professional", he added.

To learn more about the Bride's Choice Awards, please visit www.WeddingWire.com. For more information about Hollyhock Hill, please visit www.weddingwire.com/



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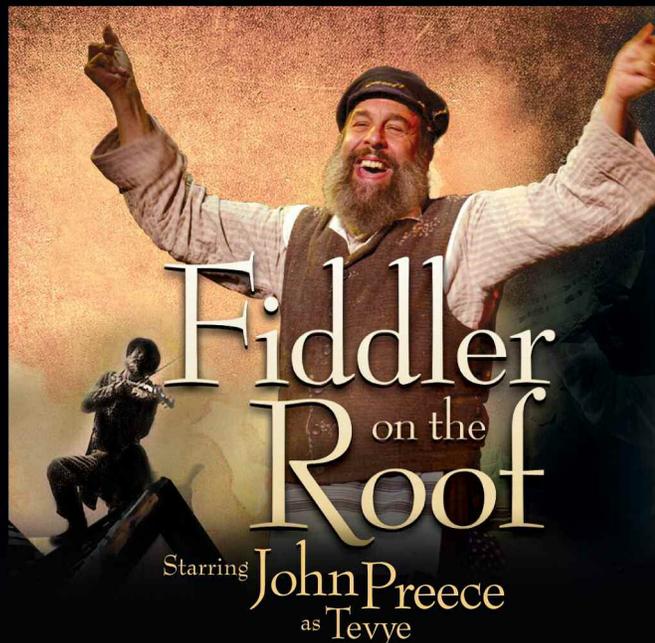
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Purdue Jewish Studies Events Spring 2012

Evening Event

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Tues., March 27, Stewart Center, Room 318, 4:30 p.m. Edith Pearlman Q&A.

Tues., March 27, Krannert Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Edith Pearlman, author and recipient of the 2011 PEN/Malamud Award for excellence in the art of short fiction, "Binocular Vision: Reading with Award-Winning Fiction Writer Edith Pearlman": www.edithpearlman.com. Co-sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the Department of English, and the Creative Writing and Jewish Studies Programs at Purdue.

Special Event

Documentary Film Screening and Discussion: *Who Killed Walter Benjamin?*
Wed., Jan. 18, BCHM 105, 6:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the School of Languages and Cultures, the Department of Philosophy, and the Comparative Literature, Jewish Studies, and Philosophy & Literature Programs.

Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series

Wed., Feb. 8, Stewart Center, Room 320, 12:30 p.m., Stacy E. Holden, Associate Professor, Department of History, Purdue University, "Muslim and Jewish Interaction in Moroccan Meat Markets, 1873–1912".

Wed., March 7, BRNG 2275, 12:30 p.m., Rebekah Klein-Pejsová, Jewish Studies Assistant Professor of History with HIST 390 students Rachel Levine and Jennifer McVeigh, Purdue University, "The Great Greater Lafayette Jewish Scavenger Hunt".

Wed., April 4, Stewart Center, Room

Central Region USY to hold huge reunion

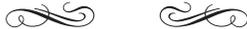
Celebrate United Synagogue Youth's 60th Anniversary

The celebration will take place on March 23–24 at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio. This once-in-a-lifetime event will bring back many of the programs, events and services that USY alums remember from the "good old days:" spirited prayers, delicious Shabbat meals, interesting study groups, the Saturday night dance...but most of all, FRIENDS!

The reunion is a la carte, so participants can come for as much as they want beginning with Friday evening services followed by dinner and *ruach*, discussion groups and dessert and *schmooze*. Shabbat morning will feature USY-style services, *Kiddush* luncheon, more *ruach*, learning and schmoozing. Saturday evening we gather for *Mincha*, *Seudah Shlisheet*, *Maariv*, *Havdalah* and the big dance with a DJ.

The weekend is open to all USY alums and families from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's!

For more information on the reunion and lodging, and to register follow the links at www.tiferethisrael.org or contact Rabbi Michael Ungar at mungar@tiferethisrael.org or 614-253-8523. ✨



320, 12:30 p.m., Stuart Robertson, Continuing Lecturer, Biblical Hebrew, School of Languages and Cultures, Purdue University, "Josephus and Philo on the Ancient Israelite Tabernacle".

All members of the Purdue University community and the public are cordially invited to attend these free events offered by the Jewish Studies Program.

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Celebrate Hadassah's 100th Anniversary

On March 22, Hadassah will celebrate its 100th birthday from coast to coast. Begun in 1912, Henrietta Szold, an American scholar was the founder of this miraculous organization. In Indianapolis the Chapter is honoring this event with a birthday bash at the home of Joani and Jeff Rothenberg.

Henrietta Szold's original idea for a women's Zionist organization came to her during a visit to Palestine with her mother, Sophie in 1909. Seeing the poor living conditions (filth, poverty and disease), Henrietta's mother suggested she and her study group back in NYC do something to improve the conditions they had seen first hand.

On Feb. 24, 1912 during the Purim season, 38 women met. Many of them were members of a Zionist study group. At that first meeting in NYC, they decided to name this group "Hadassah Chapter of the Daughters of Zion." The name Hadassah was significant because it was the Hebrew name for Esther, the heroine in the Purim story. In the Megillah Esther convinces the King to save the Jews, bringing an astonishing change of events. This parallels with the agenda of Hadassah in Israel and communities around the world, where we strive to continue the extraordinary work of Hadassah. And so Hadassah was born.

The official first meeting of Hadassah was March 22, 1912. On March 22, 2012 throughout the USA, Hadassah Chapters will gather together for our Centennial Celebration-Home Sweet Hadassah.

We hope you will join us and celebrate! For entertainment, we have engaged the musical ensemble, HOOSHIR, from Indiana University, Bloomington, and some surprises. Past Presidents will also be honored. For more information, please call the Hadassah Indianapolis office 317-475-4278. ✨

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Indy Jewish women's Israel trip

Last July, 15 Jewish women from Indianapolis went to Israel on a 10-day mission with the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP). These women joined over 175 other women from around the country for a highly subsidized (they only paid for their airfare) trip of a lifetime. Of the 15 Indy women, many had never before been to Israel. Others had not been there for many years, long before they were wives and mothers. The women were from all Jewish denominations and each synagogue in the city was represented.

The Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) was established in 2008 with the purpose to empower Jewish women to change the world. Its mission is to create a Jewish women's movement that inspires a renaissance of positive values that transforms women, their families, and their communities. The JWRP says the trips are "like a birthright for women" (Birthright sends Jewish young adults ages 18-26 on a fully subsidized trip to Israel).

2011 was the first year that Indianapolis sent a group on a JWRP mission. Along with Indianapolis were groups from Denver, Cincinnati, Kansas City, New York, New Jersey, and Florida.

The itinerary was a mix of lectures on Jewish values and Jewish history, sightseeing (Jerusalem's Old City, the mystical city of Tsafat, Masada, the Dead sea, rafting on the Jordan River, camel riding, Rachel's Tomb, Yad Vashem), with glimpses into modern Israel life (visit to an Army base and social action projects at soup kitchens and orphanages). There was also plenty of free time to catch up with friends and family, take in the local color, and shop, shop, shop! The merchants on Jerusalem's bustling Ben Yehuda Street were very sad to see the JWRP ladies go.

The 2011 trip was such a resounding success, that a second trip is planned for June 2012. Sponsored by the newly formed Indy Jewish Experience, the 16 allotted spots have already been filled. This summer's group will be joined with women from Denver, Baltimore, Toronto, El Paso, South Africa, Mexico City, and Costa Rica.

For more information on how you can be a part of the 2013 trip from Indy, contact Judith Friedman (Judith.friedman@yahoo.com). ★



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The trip's itinerary included rafting on the Jordan River.



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