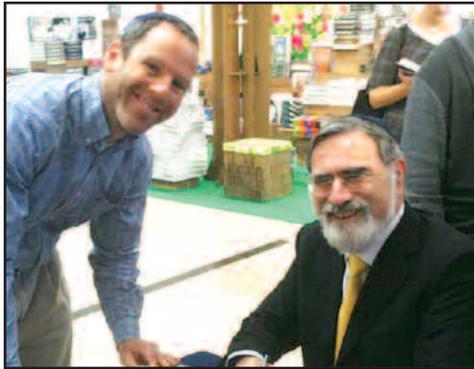




# Former Indianapolis Residents in the News



(L-R) Simcha (Eddie) Margolis meets Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks.

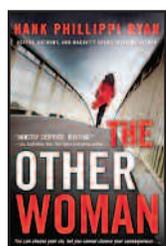
Simcha (Eddie) Margolis, now living in Jerusalem, met Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks at a book signing for his new book at the Jerusalem International book fair. He and his wife 'Lady Sacks' were very nice. Rav Sacks is on somewhat of a 'farewell tour' as he is retiring and a new Chief Rabbi of the 'British' Commonwealth is scheduled to take over in September. The night before, Rav Sacks participated in a panel discussion in honor of the publication of his new book *Radical Responsibility: Celebrating the Thought of Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks*. (The photo was taken on Feb. 13, 2013.) ☆

## New Mystery Book

Originally from Indianapolis, Hank Phillippi Ryan now lives in suburban Boston with her husband. She was known in Indy as Ann Sablosky, daughter of the late Miriam Landman and Irving Sablosky. She has been a reporter at WHDH TV in Boston since 1983 and has won 28 Emmy Awards and 12 Edward R. Murrow Awards for her investigative and consumer reporting. Her newest thriller, the best-selling *The*



Hank Phillippi Ryan



*Other Woman* (Forge/Sept 2012), is an Indie Next Great Read, chosen as a Best Book of 2012 by Suspense Magazine, and an RTBR Reviewers Choice nominee for Best Mystery/Suspense novel of 2012. ☆



(L-R) Peter and Dr. Alla Weisz and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin.

A few years ago, longtime Indianapolis resident Peter Weisz, son of the late Zolton and Gisela Weisz, moved to West Palm Beach, Florida with his wife Dr. Alla Weisz and their two sons. Their current rabbi, Leonid Feldman who has officiated at hundreds of Bar and Bat Mitzvahs including those of his son and daughter, had never had experienced this ancient rite of passage into Jewish adulthood.

On March 9, 2013 Rabbi Feldman of Temple Beth El finally did. Feldman was born in Soviet-controlled Moldavia in the early 1950s. He grew up in a "God-less" society where the overt practice of religion was strictly forbidden. By the time he reached the appropriate Bar Mitzvah age, 13, he had never set foot in a synagogue, did not know any Hebrew, had never heard of the Holocaust, and had no idea what a Bar Mitzvah was.



Rabbi Leonid Feldman

Feldman was the first Russian *refusenik* to become ordained as a Conservative rabbi in America. Officiating at the Bar Mitzvah services was his mentor, noted Jewish luminary and best-selling author, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin of New York. Learn more and watch the Rabbi's speeches at [leonidsbarmitzvah.com](http://leonidsbarmitzvah.com). ☆

# Light of the Nations

BY BRUCE DAVID

On Jan. 28, 2013, the Indiana University Kelley School of Business held their Consulting Projects Award Dinner at the Convention Center in Bloomington, Ind. There were 30 Client Organizations and Consulting Teams participating, including: The Cook Group, Eli Lilly, Cummins, Monroe County Government and Community School Corporation, Brown County Healthcare (1st place winner), Indiana University Alumni Association, WTIU and the Kinsey Institute.

*Light of the Nations* ([lightofthenations.org](http://lightofthenations.org)), (2nd place winner) headed by Bruce David, internationally known Judaica artist and Bloomington resident, is a start-up Jewish educational outreach organization. David, a featured speaker for the evening, presented the Client's Perspective. See his speech below. Also in attendance were Idie Kesner, interim Dean of the Business School and Master of Ceremonies, Mikel Tiller, Chair of the Graduate Accounting Programs.

I am honored that Professor Grandorf nominated me to say a few words about our non-profit organization's experience working with a team of MBA students.

Ours was certainly a different sort of project since Light of the Nations is a start-up educational outreach organization that uses storytelling art, original music and other forms of creative expression to share modernly relevant and valuable life lessons that will benefit people's lives and our world.

Having been an artist/educator for 30 years, both professor Grandorf and the students will tell you that I am very passionate about what I do, and that making the transition to developing a working business model was quite an undertaking.

I was very fortunate that my wonderful MBA team was able to balance my personal passion for both the educational and spiritual aspects of our organization with the reality of developing a workable business plan for use in dealing with individuals and organizations in a professional way.

Light of the Nations was very fortunate to have such high quality and caring students assisting us. We found our student team to be very helpful and forthcoming in addressing our business concerns while displaying a genuine interest in our organizations. Based on their business knowledge and experiences, they were able to explain to us the reasoning behind their decisions and the steps we needed to take to advance our

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# Editorial

It is sad when a member of the community dies even if that person lived a long, charismatic and productive life. Bill Weinstein never stopped striving to leave this world better than he found it, not only locally and not only in the Jewish community.

I won't go into details here about his accomplishments. You can read that in his obituary on page IN 10, but besides serving on all kinds of boards and heads of boards, he leaves behind a prolific family to carry on after him.

My father, Gabriel Cohen, z"l, thought every Jew – especially those serving as officers and board members of their congregation – should attend *Sabbath* services every week. He would have been pleased to know that Bill was at services at Beth-El Zedeck – where he was a lifelong member – the last Sabbath of his life. This means that he was fortunate to be active until the end.

I will miss the thought provoking discussions I had with Bill. He always had a fascinating topic on which to converse and a captivating way of telling stories so much so that if I was sitting down, before long I would be sitting on the edge of my chair.

His loving and devoted wife of a half century, Bebe has to be a very patient person because surely throughout those years she heard his stories many times yet she listened intently as if hearing them for the first time. Sometimes she enhanced his remarks with a few comments of her own, and sometimes it was to remind him of details he left out.

I am immensely grateful to be part of an ancient religion such as Judaism that has a long tradition of rituals in place to help one cope with the challenges of end of life situations. From tearing of clothing on first hearing of the death, the funeral, shoveling dirt on the casket, saying *Kaddish*, sitting *shiva*, and being present for the unveiling to reciting the prayers on *Yahrzeit* and *Yizkor* – every step of the way has been thought about in great detail. Our rabbis and sages who came before us have made sure that we will not be without support when we truly need it.

One of the "gifts" of death is that it aids the survivor in realizing what is really important to him or her. The mourner is able to prioritize and make the necessary changes to put what really matters high on his or her list of what to work toward.

One example I learned after my mother died was from looking at clothes hanging in her closet. I thought about all those hours of her trying on dresses to get just

## Anne Frank's symbol of peace blooms again at The Children's Museum

On Sunday, April 14 at 10 a.m., a dedication ceremony will take place at The Children's Museum (TCM) for the planting of a sapling from the Chestnut tree that Anne Frank wrote about in her diary. The tree grew outside the secret annex in Amsterdam where her family was hiding during the Holocaust. Anne wrote how it gave her strength to hold on to hope.

The sapling was given to TCM three years ago but had to be in quarantine until now since it came from outside the country. The original tree has since died; but, a few saplings from it will be planted in 11 key locations around the country so we never forget the family's journey.

*TCM has been instrumental in caring for the saplings and will be the first to plant one.* A sapling will be planted in TCM's Anne Frank Peace Park, donated by Indianapolis philanthropists Gerald and Dorit Paul.

In a contributing partnership, The Anne Frank Center and TCM of Indianapolis are creating a teaching and discovery website. Launching in the spring, the site will share content from each location, show how locales are using the Sapling Project to advance tolerance, and stimulate public dialogue among educators, elected officials and civic leaders about contemporary issues of intolerance.

The Children's Museum's continues to be an *extremely active partner* with the Anne Frank Center – not *just a recipient*. Also on this day, other related activities will take place at TCM from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. ✨



the right texture, color and fit. After she was gone, how much did that matter?

In this issue, some of our writers have expressed this point in different ways. On page NAT 20, the back page of our National edition, Rabbi David Wolpe writes on the significance of being useful. "Happiness may arise from fortunate events but true joy comes from growth and goodness. Self-involvement alone is fleeting and ultimately sad; deepening ourselves and touching others triggers spiritual endorphins. *Joy is the gift of being of use.*"

On page NAT 16 of our National edition (and it will also be in our March 27 Indiana edition) our Yiddish columnist Henya Chaiet writes about her memories of helping her mother prepare for Passover. She implies that no amount of money would be as valuable to her as those experiences.

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My brother, Rabbi Benzion Cohen, writes in his column in the National edition on page NAT 3: "True friendship comes when you really love and care for others...Do you want to be happy? Easy enough! Go out and make someone else happy! Try it! It really works!"

In a column that we published a few years ago written by Rabbi Norman Koch of Temple Shalom in New Milford, Conn., he wrote, "Life and living should be our focus. Yet it is the lens of death that often provides the clearest picture of life. In our acknowledgment of all the deaths we will know, may we come to a fullness of life and living it well."

So if the importance of clothes and material possessions fades after the death of a loved one, what remains valuable? When Frank Ostaseski, a Buddhist teacher and founder of the Zen Hospice Project near San Francisco, reflected on his experiences with dying people, he said that in his experience, there are two questions people typically ask as they near death: "Am I loved? And did I love well?"

Jennie Cohen, February 13, 2013 ✨

# Community Events

## Ongoing Torah Study

**Tuesdays** 7:30–8:30 p.m. upstairs at Lubavitch of Indiana, 1037 Golf Lane in Indianapolis. The class is led by Rabbi Mendel Schusterman. For more information: Call 317/698-6423.

## Indy Legends of Doo-Wop

Jimmy's Four Sounds backed by Arnie and the Soul Brothers are back again! Last summer, these two Indiana groups tore it up with their rock 'em-sock 'em dance music, toe-tapping doo-wop and dreamy jazz from the late 1950s and 1960s. They will be back on the JCC stage for an evening of fun and music. Put on your dancing shoes and don't miss an extra surprise on the dance floor! On **Sat., Mar., 16** from 8–10:30 p.m., \$20/\$15 for JCC members or \$150 for a table of 10.

## Dan Wakefield at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

**Sun., Mar. 17** from 10–11:15 a.m. award-winning author Dan Wakefield will join us for a lecture followed by book signing. RSVP to Shari at the synagogue office, [slevine@bez613.org](mailto:slevine@bez613.org). No charge.

## Hadassah Book Club

**Mon., Mar. 18** at 3 p.m., at the home of Shirley Aprison, we will be discussing *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman. Myrna Fang will be facilitator. If interested please call Annette Gross 872-1385.

## Hadassah Board Meeting

On **Wed., March 20** at 7 p.m., there will be a Hadassah board meeting held in the Cook Board Room of the Arthur M Glick JCC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## 2013 Jewish Community Lobby Day at the Indiana General Assembly

**Thurs., Mar. 21**, from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the One America Building, Ice Miller Conference Room, 29th Floor. **Find out:** What policy issues are unfolding at the State House? What it's like to directly engage in the legislative process? Why the Jewish community advocates on a range of social justice issues?

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## Purdue University Jewish Studies Program Special Event

**Thurs., Mar. 21** ~ Steward Center Room 310 ~ 7–9 p.m. Pesach Roundtable: "Of Memory and Forgetting and the Passover Seder", Participants: Stella Setka, Daniel Frank, David Sanders, Sandor Goodhart, Rebekah Klein-Pejsova, and Rabbi Audrey Pollack.

Why do we drink wine during the Passover Seder? Is it to help us remember slavery in Egypt and the Exodus, to help us forget, or both? Please join us for a rousing roundtable discussion about the meaning of the Passover Seder.

All members of the Purdue University community and the public are cordially invited to attend this free event offered by the Jewish Studies Program. Check this site for more information: [www.cl.purdue.edu/jewish-studies](http://www.cl.purdue.edu/jewish-studies).

## Mimouna at Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

**Wed., Apr. 3**, at 6:30 p.m. Mimouna is the post-Passover celebration of friendship, brotherhood, and unity that is observed in Moroccan Jewish communities. It is a 24 hour celebration which begins immediately with the conclusion of Passover. For more information contact Jeff Sondhelm at 251-6220 and leave a message.

## Hadassah Sunday Brunch

**Sun., April 7** at 10 a.m. in the JCC Room A-25, our chapter invites you to join us for breakfast with Dr. Dale Marcus, Hadassah's Regional Advisor and Great Plains Region Past President. Dale will lead us in discovering our "hidden" skills, values, and motivation for reaching our potential as proud Hadassah leaders.

## Hadassah trip to Cincy for Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit

**Thurs., Apr. 11** don't miss your chance to experience the extraordinary Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum. If you are interested in participating or willing to drive on this trip, please contact Serane via email ([seranebd@gmail.com](mailto:seranebd@gmail.com)) by no later than **Friday, March 8th**. Feel free to visit the Cincinnati Museum website to learn more about this special exhibit.

## Yom HaShoah community observance

The JCRC and BJE are working in close cooperation, along with HHAI, the Board of Rabbis, and JFGI to plan, execute, and publicize these events.

- **Monday, April 8**, 6:30 p.m. – Community Yom HaShoah Observance at the Reuben Holocaust Memorial.

- **Wednesday, April 10**, Noon – State of Indiana Observance in the Rotunda of the State House.

- **Friday, April 12**, Noon – City of Carmel Observance in Carmel City Hall.

## Israel@65 – Celebrate Israel's Memorial and Independence Days with JFGI

**Sun., Apr. 14** at 4 p.m. in the Domont Auditorium of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Laikin Auditorium of the Arthur M. Glick JCC.

Commemorate those who have given their lives defending Israel while in active duty in Israel's armed forces through an Israel Memorial Day program. Then celebrate Israel's 65th anniversary of independence with food, music and dancing! More information can be found at <http://www.jfgi.org/page.aspx?id=261368>. Below is the schedule for the afternoon.

**Israel Memorial Day – Yom Ha'Zikaron**, 4:00 p.m., Domont Auditorium, Bureau of Jewish Education, 6711 Hoover Road. It is customary to wear a white top and dark bottoms.

**Walk the Land Procession**, 4:30 p.m., Domont Auditorium. Join worldwide Walks

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for Israel's 65th anniversary, and walk with us in honor of the many ways "Israel Celebrates Life." Sign up at <http://walktheland65.org/organization/indianapolis>.

**Israel Independence Day – Yom Ha'Atzmaut**, 5 p.m., Laikin Auditorium, Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Road. Featuring performers Shuli and Moshe Dayan from our Israel Partnership2Gether region.

**Israeli-Style Buffet**, 6 p.m., Domont Auditorium, Enjoy Israeli food for free!

**Writing Workshop with Dan Wakefield**

**Sun., Apr. 14** from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. No experience necessary! Acknowledgment and appreciation are offered, rather than criticism. RSVP to Shari at the synagogue office, [slevine@bez613.org](mailto:slevine@bez613.org). No charge.

**Music @ Shaarey Tefilla**

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, in Carmel, welcomes all for music up close for the 2012–2013 season. Join us on **Mon., April 15**, at 7:30 p.m. for "Music from Israel", with violist Atar Arad and clarinetist Eli Eban in honor of *Yom HaZikaron*, Israel's Memorial Day.

The series presents a broad range of musical styles and collaborative musicians uniquely focusing attention on a Jewish theme, composer, or performer. Artistic Director, violist Michael Strauss, crafts each program as you would an excellent meal, with the comfort of familiar composers and their masterworks balanced with the zest of new or little known pieces. Known for its intimate, casual setting and meet-and-greets with the performers at after concert receptions, this is the place to be. Congregation Shaarey Tefilla is located at 3085 West 116th Street, Carmel, Ind. Call 317-733-2169 for ticket and more information.

**2013 Earth Day Celebration at the JCC**

**Sun., Apr. 21** from 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m. This family-friendly, hands-on, "learn by doing" community event is designed to inspire good environmental stewardship and to reconnect people with nature. The JCC's mission has always been to enhance the physical, social, emotional and spiritual health of the Indianapolis community. The JCC's Earth Day Celebration fulfills this mission and more by promoting the health and well-being of our residents as well as our environment.

We are looking for volunteers, partnering organizations and sponsors. If you would like to be involved – in any way – please contact Jon at [jshapiro@JCCindy.org](mailto:jshapiro@JCCindy.org) or at 251-9467 ext. 2214. ✨



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# Call for objects of art by late Valpo sculptor Hermann Gurfinkel

BY TRENT D. PENDLEY

The late Valparaiso resident, artist, sculptor and jeweler Hermann Gurfinkel (1916–2004) received Germany’s highest civilian award in 2000, the *Cross of Merit*. Gregg Hertzlieb, director/curator of the Brauer Museum of Art at Valparaiso University met with a group of local citizens Feb. 24 interested in putting together a show of Gurfinkel’s work in the spring of 2015, hence a call for works and jewelry created by this talented artist.

Hermann escaped Hitler’s Germany and made a new life for himself in the United States. After years of working as a fine jeweler on Chicago’s fashionable Oak Street, he came to Valparaiso to pursue art for art’s sake in the 1970s. Several of his works grace public landscapes in north-western Indiana. Notably *Big Steel* in Hammond’s Harrison Park, *The Reader* at the Lake County Reference Library in Merrillville; *Mother and Child* at the LaPorte Hospital in LaPorte, and the seven branch *Menorah* on the facade of Temple Israel on Evans Avenue in Valparaiso. The Valparaiso congregation also has a *Lion of*



Detail of Hermann Gurfinkel's 2000 sculpture Mother and Child at the LaPorte hospital.

*Judah* sculpture that is a smaller scale of another on the former site of Hermann’s gymnasium in Cologne, Germany. Gurfinkel was commissioned by the German government to commemorate in sculpture, the other gymnasium classmates and principal that remained in Germany and that were murdered by the Nazis.

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society included Hermann Gurfinkel amongst a group of internationally or nationally famous Hoosiers to their Honorary Board in 2004. He signed his acceptance from his Chicago hospital bed where he died a few weeks afterward.

The Brauer Museum is anxious to know what works and jewelry by Hermann Gurfinkel remains in the local community that could be borrowed for the exhibit

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planned for the spring of 2015. Please contact Gregg Hertzlieb, Director/Curator [ghertzli@valpo.edu](mailto:ghertzli@valpo.edu) or 219.464.5365.

Trent D. Pendley is a past president of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and author of *The Jewish History of the Indiana Dunes Country 1830–1950* and a jeweler with Martin Binder Jeweler in Valparaiso. ☆



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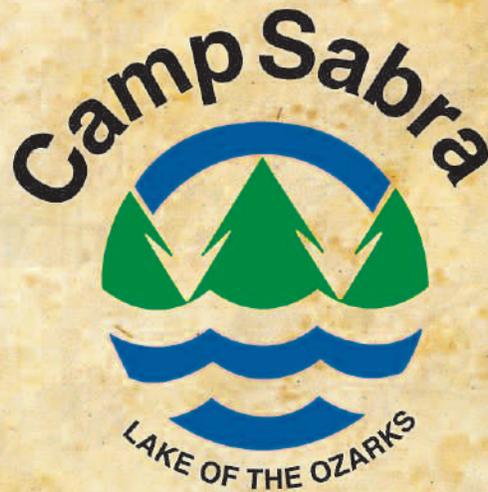
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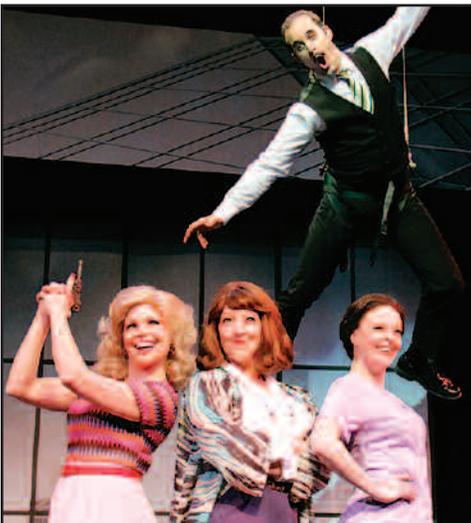
### 9 to 5 the Musical surprise hit at B&B

Who expected “9 to 5 the musical” to be such a great entertainment at the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre? Not me, I readily admit. I thought I knew the story, but I was wrong. I was thoroughly engrossed on what was happening on stage, just like the rest of the audience.

This show was snappy, vibrant and full of energy. It had a completely different feeling than what I expected. This show is different, wonderfully different. The music and lyrics are by Dolly Parton. The clever book is by Patricia Resnick. The show is based upon the 20th Century Fox motion picture, but is far more exciting.

So many deserve credit for creating such a wonderful atmosphere. In no special order I shall mention the crew. Director Eddie Curry pulled out all stops, leaving no dull spots at all. Ron Morgan’s choreography was interesting and imaginative. The scenic design by Michael Layton was just what this show needed. The lighting design by Ryan Koharchik was brilliant.

And now to the extremely talented cast headed by three incomparable ladies, Annie Edgerton as Violet, Crystal Mosser as Doralee and Sarah Hund as Judy. As magnificent as these three were there were two more ladies that deserve huge credit, Joanna Krupnick as Roz the lovesick secretary and Deb Wims as Margaret the drunk. Andrew Lebon played the maniacal boss with relish. He reminded me of the comic John Cleese



Fed up with their sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot of a boss Franklin Hart, Jr. (Andrew Lebon), center, secretaries (L-R) Violet (Annie Edgerton), Doralee (Crystal Mosser) and Judy (Sarah Hund) start taking care of business themselves in 9 to 5, The Musical.

with his long legs. I would love to see these marvelous six performers in more Beef & Boards productions. I was really impressed with these enormously talented people. In this production each one had the opportunity to shine and show off their enormous talent.

I cannot reiterate enough how unusual and different this show is. It runs through

to March 24th. I certainly would strive to see this wonderful entertainment. You will be surprised as much as I was.

Epstein, from Indianapolis, has been theater, movie and the performing arts critic for The Jewish Post & Opinion – Indiana Edition for more than 35 years. Read more of his work on his blog at: <http://charliethecritic.blogspot.com>. This one was posted on Feb. 13, 2013. ★

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# Obituaries

**Terry Ruth (Hazen) Ward, 68**, died Feb. 19, 2013. Born July 29, 1944, she was the daughter of Albert and Betty Gerbofsky Hazen who owned and operated Terry's Market and Terry's No. 2 Market, both on the south side.



Recently, she participated in the research group for the book "The Neighborhood of Saturdays", memories of a multi-ethnic community on Indianapolis' south side. She had recently retired from Bright House.

Terry is survived by her loving family; daughter, Nicole Ward; brothers, Allen and Marty Hazen; and three cousins.

A funeral service was held at the **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on Feb. 21. Memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com).

**Donald Lite, 88**, died Feb. 22, 2013. Born in St. Louis on Aug. 31, 1924, he served in the army's tank division during WWII and helped liberate camps in Germany and Austria. After the war he married the late Betty Walinsky and settled in San Francisco. After his marriage ended in divorce, he took on the sole responsibility of raising his children. He worked as comptroller for an import-export company, but always dreamed of becoming a writer.



Don will be dearly missed by his daughter, Susan (Charles) Lerner, and son, Steven (Miriam) Lite; his grandchildren Rachel Lerner, Becca Lerner, Samuel Lerner, Rebecca Lite, and Henri Lite; his sister, Barbara Mirowitz, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lorraine Braffman.

Don lived the last few decades of his life in Los Angeles, where he left many friends. He was inquisitive and philosophical, an avid reader and a seeker of answers to life's big questions. Into his 80s he remained an active and enthusiastic supporter of his grandchildren, traveling to their birthday parties and attending their performances.

Services were held in St. Louis on Feb. 25. Contributions may be made to the Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

**Ilya Liberman, 77**, died Feb. 27, 2013. He was born in Korosten, Ukraine on Feb. 4, 1936 to Benyamin and Klara Liberman. Ilya received a PhD in Engineering from

KHakov Engineering University and worked for over 40 years as a civil engineer in Ukraine.

Ilya was preceded in death by his wife, Dava Shvartsblat. He is survived by his daughters, Yelena (Simon) Mestetsky and Lana (Boris) Fridman; and grandchildren, Henry and Michael Mestetsky, and Clara, Emily, and Dina Michelle Fridman.

A graveside service was held in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on March 1. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hasten Hebrew Academy, Ilya Liberman Memorial Fund, 6602 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

**James "Jim" Ackerman, 88**, of Carmel, died March 2, 2013 with his loving wife of 65 years, Lois, and their children at his side. He was born March 12, 1924 in Lima, Ohio to Joseph and Miriam Ackerman. A longtime resident of the Indianapolis area, Jim was a pioneer in the cable television industry, a devoted family man, a U.S. Army veteran, and a philanthropist.



From 1971 to 1993, Jim was the CEO of Cardinal Communications, a cable television company headquartered in Indianapolis which ran cable operations throughout the state of Indiana. This company was sold in 1993 at which time it was the 70th largest cable operation in the U.S. In addition to successfully operating a cable television company, Jim had a long career financing cable companies with his first loan granted in 1958 while he was a Senior Vice President of Economy Finance and Executive Vice President of Indianapolis Morris Plan, an Indiana Industrial Bank. Jim spent 24 years with these companies before creating his own specialized cable investment firm in 1971. This firm was merged in 1973 and became Becker Communication Associates, a cable TV venture capital company.

In 1984, he became Vice Chairman of Communication Equity Associates, a media brokerage firm specializing in communication companies. Jim served in this role until 1988. He also served as an advisor to Merrill Lynch from 1984 to 1987, assisting them in taking five cable-related companies public.

He was involved in many business organizations throughout his career including the roles of President of the Indiana-Illinois Cable TV Association, Director of the National Cable TV Association, Vice President and Director of the National Commercial Finance Association, Director of TCA Cable

Corporation, and President and Director of the National Charge Account Bankers Association.

Upon the sale of Cardinal Communications in 1993, Jim created The Ackerman Foundation to help improve the welfare of our local and national community. For his long-term philanthropic efforts, Jim was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash in 1995 by then Governor Evan Bayh.

An avid golfer, he always referred to golf as his vocation and cable TV as his hobby. In 1994, he and his son-in-law developed one of the area's better golf courses, Prairie View Golf Club.

Fond of quoting that he could never give back to Purdue University what he received from his education, Jim created in 1994 the James F. Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship to improve the teachings of civics, ethics, and economics in schools across the nation. He also made significant gifts to the University to endow a chair in the department of Agriculture as well as to renovate the school's south golf course, now known as Ackerman Hills. In recognition of his long-standing support to the University and other causes, as well as his other leadership accomplishments, Jim was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Education degree in 2004.

Jim is survived by his wife, Lois; daughters, Barbara (Brian) Nicholoff and Leslie; son, John (Kathy); and four grandchildren, Philip James Nicholoff, Justin Nicholoff, Allison Ackerman, and Jeffrey Ackerman.

A funeral service was held March 5 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and burial followed in the IHC North Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (<https://secure.mdausa.org/donate/>) or to the James F. Ackerman Transplant Surgery Research Fund at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Please make checks payable to the "IU Foundation Ackerman Transplant Fund" and mail to Indiana University Foundation,

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## Holocaust Remembrance Conference opens April 7

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND. – “From living memory to historical memory: The Holocaust in transition” is the theme of the 32nd Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference (GLHRC), which will open on Sun., April 7, on the Purdue University campus. The conference, which coincides with Yom HaShoah, is chaired by Susan Prohofsky.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Room 214 of Stewart Center. The conference is free and open to the public. The conference website is [www.glhrc.org](http://www.glhrc.org).

Opening day of the conference continues to offer sessions with academic scholars who present their research or viewpoints of the Holocaust, as well as sessions with Holocaust survivors who share their stories. The committee also invites an expert to address a present-day issue related to genocide. In recent years, other conference events include a workshop on teaching about the Holocaust to grades 6-12, films on the Holocaust, related art or photography exhibits, musical concerts and related presentations to local K-12 schoolchildren.

Mayoral proclamations will open the event at 1 p.m., followed by a candle lighting ceremony of area residents who are Holocaust survivors and children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of survivors.

At 1:30 p.m., the keynote speaker, David Shneer, will present “Through Soviet eyes: Photography, war and the Holocaust.” Shneer is the Louis P. Singer chair in Jewish history, professor of history and director of the Jewish Studies program at the University of Colorado, Boulder. His presentation is based on his research into Soviet Jewish World War II military photographers and the photographs they took of Nazi genocide on the Eastern Front. Shneer was a finalist for the National Book Award for his 2011 book of the same title. He is the conference’s 7th Annual Rabbi Gedalyah Engel Lecturer, which is named in honor of the late Hillel Foundation director who founded the conference in 1981.

At 2:30 p.m., Alena Heitlinger, professor of sociology at Trent University in Ontario, will present “Connecting Holocaust memories and generational perspectives from postwar Czechoslovakia.” She is widely recognized for her scholarship and received the Trent University Distinguished Research Award in 2000. A Czech native, she has published widely on ethnicity, feminist movements, migration, health and illness and comparative analysis of public policy in the former Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and the post-communist Czech Republic. Her

most recent book (2006) is *In the shadows of the Holocaust and communism: Czech and Slovak Jews since 1945*.

At 3:30 p.m., former United Nations Ambassador from Iraq, Feisal al-Istrabadi, will address the “Current situation in Syria.” He is director of the Center for the Study of the Middle East at Indiana University and represented Iraq in the UN from 2004–2007. Istrabadi was the principal legal drafter of the nation’s 2004 interim constitution and principal author of its Bill of Fundamental Rights. He focuses his research on the processes of building legal and political institutions in countries in transition from dictatorship to democracy. Before contributing to the reconstruction of Iraq, Istrabadi was a practicing trial attorney in the United States for 15 years.

At 7:30 p.m., in the Krannert Auditorium on the Purdue campus, a panel of children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors will discuss the impact the Holocaust has had on their personal lives as “The next generation.”

Attendees may make reservations for a dairy dinner buffet between presentations at 6:00 p.m. at the Purdue Memorial Union.

Visit the conference website ([www.glhrc.org](http://www.glhrc.org)) for further details on all conference offerings, which span from a showing of the film, “Paragraph 175,” on Sat., April 6 to the play, “Anne Frank and me,” performed by students at Lafayette’s McCutcheon High School on Tues., April 16.

The conference is offered in cooperation with the Association for Jewish Studies; Bauer, Inc.; Diocese of Lafayette, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center; Hillel Foundation; Jewish Federation of Greater Lafayette; Purdue University: College of Education, College of Liberal Arts, Department of History, the Jewish Studies Program and the LGBTQ Center; the Sons of Abraham synagogue; Temple Israel; and the West Lafayette Public Library.

Funding for this free conference is from individual donors and conference sponsors: the endowment of the Sam and Edith Chosnek Memorial Fund and Purdue’s James F. Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship.

The GLHRC committee is publishing a commemorative book that includes an overview of the many conference themes, speakers and posters in its 32-year history. The release date is targeted for fall 2013. Those interested in purchasing the keepsake should send their contact information to conference chair Susan Prohofsky.

Susan Prohofsky, conference chair: [sue@glhrc.org](mailto:sue@glhrc.org); Sarah Powley, conference co-chair, Tippecanoe County Schools Corporation: [spowley@tsc.k12.in.us](mailto:spowley@tsc.k12.in.us); Carol Bloom, conference publicity chair, 765-429-4888: [bloomink@comcast.net](mailto:bloomink@comcast.net). ★

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P. O. Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266-0245. Please indicate “In memory of James Ackerman.” Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

**N. William (“Bill”) Weinstein, 89**, died March 7, 2013. Bill was born March 15, 1923 to Sidney & Miriam Weinstein and was a loving brother to Myron Hirsh Weinstein who all predeceased him. Bill attended Shortridge High School and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Indiana University.



He served as an officer in the Maritime service during World War II. When he came back from the service, he opened Lord Jewelers on Monument Circle. Several years later, he built residential homes as Kessler Boulevard Developers with his brother Mike and then became a land developer. He was President of the Bureau of Jewish Education; board member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck synagogue; board member of the Jewish Community Relations council; and served in several capacities for the Marion County Democratic Party. Bill created the Spring Mill neighborhood association where he served as board President for many years.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Bebe to whom he was married almost 50 years; daughter, Anne (Steve) Weiss of Elazar, Gush Etzion, Israel; daughter, Rachel (Geoffrey) Rotwein of Green Brae, Calif.; daughter, Gayle (Bruce) Loewenthal of Indianapolis; and son, David (Debbie) Weinstein of Naperville, Ill.. He was cherished by ten grandchildren, Joshua, Benjamin, Michal, Zachary, Eli, Sarah, Suzanne, Dani, Hillary, and Daniel; as well as nine great-grandchildren.

Bill was a devoted family man. He was loyal to Judaism and taught Sunday school, led many Passover Seders for gentiles and Jews alike and attended Congregation Beth-El Zedeck services regularly for many years. Bill’s true love was travelling throughout the world with his devoted wife, Bebe.

Funeral services were held March 8, at the Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary, with burial following at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck South Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Hadassah ([www.Hadassah.org](http://www.Hadassah.org)) or Congregation Beth-El-Zedeck ([www.BEZ613.org](http://www.BEZ613.org)). Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron** (see Obituaries, page IN 11)

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organization's goals.

Working together, both the students and I were amazed at how much we were able to accomplish in such a limited amount of time.

Their attitude was great and it was a genuine pleasure to work with them and I'd like to give them a quick shout out: Kirstie Gust, Kari Lengacher, Petar (Pero) Ogrizovich and Wes Terry. Thank you all so much!

To the rest of you I'd like to say that you don't have to wait until you get out of college to make a difference. Don't look at your client projects as just an assignment you need to get your degree. I encourage each of you to use your project to do something right now to make a positive difference in improving our world.

Working with client organizations is an amazing opportunity to obtain some real world learning while bettering yourself and contributing to a better future for us all.

It has been so special working with our students on this project, and while extremely important to our organization, it was also a wonderful and amazing experience.

I encourage you to make the most of your own projects by challenging yourself to learn and grow while being a part of something that will benefit people's lives and our world.

The world needs all of our efforts right now to improve our prospects of a healthier place for us all to grow. Non-profit client organizations are involved in addressing these needs. You can make a difference. Life is about choices. We all have to make choices constantly and our choices influence our future and the future of others.

For me, I had to make a choice about what is the most important thing I could

share with this many students to make the most of this opportunity here tonight.

I decided that the most important thing I could say is to let you know that how you choose to live your life is important to your future and the future of our world.

The first step in doing your part towards making a healthier, safer, saner world and a better future for us, our families, friends, and everyone else, is to make a better you. Your client projects can be a great step in this direction. Use your choice wisely. Thank you!

**Praise for Bruce David's work by Rabbi Ron Klotz:**

Bruce David is an amazing artist. His paintings and stained glass windows are wonderfully intricate collages of biblical and spiritual images. They are both mysterious and intriguing; labyrinths of Jewish and biblical symbols and images. One can look at a Bruce David work and always find something new and

inspirational.

Mr. David has been creating a curriculum of educational and spiritual experiences based on his artwork. I can only say that, as a Jewish educator, I find his work to be compelling and relevant... These programs will lend themselves to the classroom as well as the sanctuary. From "The Story of Jonah" to the "Mi Sh'Berach," Bruce David's assortment of video experiences is rich and beautiful.

*For 37 years Rabbi Ron Klotz was Director of the Union for Reform Judaism's Myron S. Goldman Union Camp Institute (G.U.C.I.) in Zionsville, Ind. ☆*



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