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Anne Frank sapling planting April 14 at TCM

By JENNIE COHEN

On Nov. 30, 2009, a sculpture depicting a page from the diary of Anne Frank (left, below) was formally dedicated at The Children's Museum (TCM) of Indianapolis. It was commissioned for the museum's new Anne Frank Peace Park. Read more and see photos about this at the following link: <http://jewishpostopinion.com/pdf/IN1-13.pdf>.

In our April 15, 2009 issue, I wrote about a permanent exhibit at the museum that is a replica of the Secret Annex where Anne Frank was in hiding with her family and others living with them during World War II. It is part of an exhibit titled *The Power of Children: Making a Difference*. Anne Frank's section is called "Facing Hatred: Daring to Dream" and it is subtitled "The Power of Words."

This is the only permanent Anne Frank exhibit in the U.S. approved by the Anne Frank Center USA in New York (www.annefrank.com) and the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam (www.annefrank.org).

Now, outside in front of the museum, something new is being established. One might expect this to be taking place in Los (see Cover Story, page IN 2)



Mary Fortney, Educational Resource Developer for The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, investigates the sapling. Photo credit (above and page IN 2): The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Miriam and David Ziskind on the birth of their son, Ezra Joshua Ziskind (below), born on March 18, 2013. They live in Dunwoody (Atlanta), Ga. His maternal grandparents are **Ivan and Marcy Ekhaus** of Indianapolis. His paternal grandma passed away several years ago. His paternal grandfather is **Les Ziskind** of Alexandria, Vir. ✨



Ezra (R) with his cousin Simon (L), son of Benjy and Inna Ekhaus of Carmel, Ind.



COVER STORY

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Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Denver, Detroit or Cleveland, but it is here in Indianapolis.

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, but before it died saplings were preserved. In the spring of 2009 the Anne Frank Center in New York contacted The Children's Museum about the incredible opportunity to receive one of just three initial saplings being grown in Holland from the dying Chestnut tree in Amsterdam.

In addition, TCM received a total of eight saplings to care for them during their three year "quarantine period" in their BioTech Lab up in ScienceWorks.

The other seven locations to receive these saplings are: Central High School – Arkansas; William J. Clinton Presidential Center – Arkansas; Holocaust Memorial Center – Michigan; Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial – Idaho; Liberty Park, Commemorating 911 – New York City; Sonoma State University – California; Southern Cayuga School District – New York; Washington State Holocaust Resource Center – Washington; The White House – Washington, D.C. – TBD; and The Anne Frank Center USA.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to receive and care for these world treasures," Jeff Patchens CEO



of TCM said during the dedication speech..."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."

Now that the quarantine period is over, one sapling will be planted on Sun., April 14 in the Anne Frank Peace Park next to the sculpture of her diary in front of the Museum. This has all been made possible through the generous support of local

Holocaust survivors Gerald and Dorit Paul of Indianapolis.

The words from Anne Frank's diary that are written on the sculpture are: "[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. ✨

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS

A sapling from the horse chestnut tree that Anne Frank wrote about in her diary will be planted in Anne Frank Peace Park at The Children's Museum.



The Children's Museum was a care and quarantine site for several of the saplings.



Dedication and planting ceremony—10 a.m.
Related activities throughout the day.

Shofar blasts a climate crisis alarm

BY MADI HIRSCHLAND

The following acceptance speech by Madi Hirschland of Bloomington, Ind., was delivered at the City of Bloomington "Be More" Awards Ceremony on April 2, sponsored by the Bloomington Volunteer Network. Hirschland won a "Be More Sustainable Award" for environmental sustainability.

A growing number of us are doing this work to curb our heat-trapping emissions because we are deeply concerned about climate change – about what our use of energy is already doing and will do to the Earth that is our home, to very poor people in countries far away, to the victims of increasingly severe and frequent storms like the ones that hit us in southern Indiana in 2011, and to our children and grandchildren – if we don't shift course.



Madi Hirschland

Climate change can feel remote. But, these storms that we've been experiencing are precisely what scientists tell us it looks like – and they're right here.

During my family's time in Africa, I witnessed how we can have many fewer things, use much less energy and live with great joy. In fact, I sensed that living more simply left us and others more connected with each other and more grateful for the things that count – health, enough to eat, fellowship and family.

In light of this crisis we face, I want to thank the many people in this room who are leading us forward. Your actions – from carpooling or biking to line-drying your clothes to insulating to donning a warm sweater and turning down the thermostat to using a fan instead of air conditioning – make a great difference, well beyond their direct impact. Many of us – myself included – change when we see our friends, neighbors, colleagues and family change. So, what you are doing is changing the culture of energy use in ways that will have a ripple effect across our state. What each of does is very important.

And we each can do a lot. My household has cut our energy use by 80%. It's been easy and cheap, has brought us many blessings and feels great. And that is wonderful news because, in fact, scientists tell us that we need to reduce by just that amount – 80% – to curb the climate beast. Truly, we can do this.

Rabbi Aaron Spiegel earns Doctorate of Ministry

Rabbi Spiegel, Information Technology director at the Center for Congregations, has earned his Doctorate of Ministry in Congregational Studies from Hartford Seminary/Hartford Institute of Religion Research. Spiegel is one of very few rabbis across the country who works in this field.

Congregational Studies is the scholarly examination of the dynamics of congregational life to facilitate a better understanding of the lived reality of faith communities. His doctoral dissertation explored the emergence of an emerging theology of synagogue that will hopefully enable synagogues to better engage American Jews in synagogue life.



Rabbi Spiegel

Spiegel works with congregations every day as a resource consultant. The Center for Congregations strengthens Indiana congregations by helping them find and use the best resources for their challenges and opportunities – and then shares its learning nationwide. Spiegel assists congregational leaders from across faiths in identifying their particular challenges and opportunities. He facilitates conversation, recommends resources and guides them through the Center's grants process.

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The other thing that we can and must do is to talk about this crisis – and what we are doing about it. Because, if we're not talking about it, how could it be so urgently important? And if we are talking about it – about what is happening to the heavens and the seas and our neighbors and our children's future, how could we not act? If you take personal actions and tell your colleagues and friends and neighbors what you're doing and why, do you have any doubt that some of them will follow your lead? So let us take one action and then another because it really matters – and then let's talk about it!

But now, enough with the talking. [She points to a shofar.] This is a ram's horn! In the scriptures of several faiths, it is used to issue urgent calls of warning: it blasts, "Awake! Danger! Act! Now!" And, when it's blown, "the walls come a tumblin' down."

Let's listen to the call of this ram's horn now – in recognition of the danger we are in, to stir us to act on behalf of our children, and to tumble the walls around

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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 *Simcha* section (see page 2). Submit photos and text to: jpostopinion@gmail.com. **Next Deadline: May 1, 2013.** All decisions on publishing, date of placement, size of photo, and length of announcement are at the sole discretion of the publisher.

Correction:

In our March 27 edition we congratulated Cy Orentlicher on winning the regional spelling bee and moving on to nationals in Washington, D.C. We incorrectly published that he is a fifth grade student at Hasten Hebrew Academy. He is a sixth grade student at HHAI. ✨



our hearts so we can hear the distress of our neighbors near and far. And then, when we hear the tornado siren's wail, perhaps we can let it remind us of this horn – this crisis we're in and that we can act and talk and make a real difference.

Please feel free to stay seated or, if you feel so moved, to stand. Thank you.

Blasts of the shofar (*teruah, teruah, teruah, tekia g'dola*).

Hirschland serves Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light full-time as its board vice chair and Seventh Day Program Manager. Concerned about the impact of climate change on the poor, she left her paid work in microfinance in developing countries to engage Hoosiers of faith to help "curb the beast". More information is available at: www.hoosieripl.org. ✨

Community Events

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,** 12:30 p.m. – State of Indiana Observance in the Rotunda of the State House.
- **Friday, April 12,** Noon – City of Carmel Observance in Carmel City Hall.

Hadassah Lunch & Learn

Lunch and Learn will take place on **Thurs., April 11** at 11 a.m., at Shapiro's in Carmel, 918 S. Rangeline Rd. This month will feature a discussion of the life of Ernestine Rose, a 19th century reformer and advocate for women's rights presented by Carol Vanaver.

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. No charge.

Sapling Dedication at The Children's Museum (TCM)

On **Sun., Apr. 14** at 10 a.m., a dedication ceremony will take place 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.

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.jfghi.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 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!

Music @ Shaarey Tefilla

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, in Carmel, welcomes all for music up close for the final concert of the 2012–2013 season. Join us on **Mon., April 15,** at 7:30 p.m. for "Israel Memorial Day and Israel Independence Day Celebration".

This concert has evolved because of some changes of personnel to now include **Prayer** (No. 1 of *From a Jewish Life*) by Ernest Bloch, **Trauermusik** (*Music of Mourning*) by Paul Hindemith, **Nigun** (from *Baaal Shem Suite*) by Ernest Bloch, Piano Quartet in E flat major, k. 493 by W. A. Mozart, and a special surprise encore.

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 or at 251-9467 ext. 2214.

Hadassah Book Club

Book Club will meet on **Mon., April 22** at 7 p.m. at the home of Marsha Rauscher (3529 Inverness Blvd., Carmel). Please RSVP to Marsha at 872-0066. We will discuss *The Arrogant Years* by Lucette Lagnado. Annette Gross will facilitate.

Israeli movie night

Join Marva Eden, our Israeli Community Shlichah on **Mon., April 22** at 7:30 p.m. in Room A25 at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. Movies are always free of charge, with popcorn and drinks provided.

About the movie *Noodle*: At 37, Miri is a twice-widowed, El Al flight attendant. Her well-regulated existence is turned upside down by an abandoned Chinese boy whose migrant-worker mother has been deported from Israel. The film is a touching comic-drama in which two human beings accompany each other on a remarkable journey, one that takes them both back to a meaningful life. Rating: PG

Bonnie Maurer Poetry Reading at Indianapolis Art Center

For her Creative Renewal Fellowship award, 2012, Bonnie Maurer invited the Arts Council of Indianapolis to support her as a poet on a creative journey unlike she has ever experienced before, a challenging journey to places of our collective history: Auschwitz and the Warsaw Ghetto, Krakow, Terezin and other Jewish sites in and around Prague. Bonnie will be reading her poetry on subject at the Indianapolis Art Center on **Weds., April 24** from 6–8 p.m. At that time, others will also be reading their writings and a musician will perform. It is free and open to the

public. Some of Bonnie's poetry is in our April National edition.

IndyCHAI

IndyCHAI is a fun, accepting community of Jewish young professionals who belong or who have reached out to IHC. Upcoming IndyChai events are **Thurs., April 25** IndyChai Meeting, and **Fri., May 10** Shabbat Services and Dinner at IHC.

Lubavitch of Indiana Lag B'Omer celebration

This year's annual Lab B'Omer celebration will be held on **Sun., April 28** at 5:30 p.m., at the JCC Sablowsky Pavilion.

Hadassah Annual Donor Brunch

On **Sun., May 5** at Broadmoor Country Club there will be special entertainment and an outstanding menu, and we will be honoring our Associates!

Second Edition of the Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts – May 6-9

Several authors were not able to travel to Indianapolis for the Festival last October due to Hurricane Sandy. Hence, we now the Second Edition of the Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts.

A former head writer and producer of *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* **David Javerbaum**, author of the satirical *The Last Testament: A Memoir by GOD*, will be on hand **Mon., May 6** at 7 p.m. Javerbaum will introduce the audience to his irreverent brand of humor by opening the evening, sponsored by NUVO, with his short video, *God – It Getteth Better*. "Jabber with Javerbaum," a Q & A with the writer, will follow the presentation. Cost: \$5 JCC members / \$8 general public.

On **Wed., May 8** at 7 p.m., journalist **Alicia Oltuski** will take the audience behind the shroud of the New York diamond district. Author of *Precious Objects: A Story of Diamonds, Family and A Way of Life*, Oltuski is a diamond-district insider. Her non-fiction account of the underworld workings of the district is a story populated with unusual and at times humorous characters, and unveils secrets of this generations-old family trade.

A drawing for a diamond ring valued at \$2,000, courtesy of Aronstam Jewelers, will add some sparkle to the event. Cost: \$5 JCC members / \$8 general public – First raffle ticket is only \$1 with purchase of entry. Additional raffle tickets available for purchase at the event: 1 ticket: \$5, 5 tickets: \$15, 10 tickets: \$25.

On **Thurs., May 9**, at 7 p.m., will be the screening of the award-winning documentary, *Besa: The Promise*, in partnership with **Heartland Truly Moving Pictures**. *Besa* is the untold story of the Muslims in Albania under Nazi occupation

Indiana Jewish Historical Society spring meeting

Are you or your family a clue in a scavenger hunt? Maybe...come find out on **Sun., April 21** at 1 p.m., when Temple Israel in West Lafayette, Ind., hosts The Indiana Jewish Historical Society's spring meeting. The program will feature Professor Rebekah Klein-Pejsova and students from her "Jews in the Modern World" history course at Purdue University. We will hear from students who have researched Lafayette's Jewish History through the "Great Greater Lafayette Jewish Scavenger Hunt" project, a unique hands-on way to explore local Jewish History. In this unusual assignment, the participants were supplied with a cryptic list of clues including addresses, acronyms, and names that were significant in area history. The students took pictures, conducted interviews, asked for directions

and created a wonderful set of projects based on their findings.

Please join us for this not-to-be-missed walk through Lafayette's Jewish history, as seen through the eyes of college students! This program is open to the community.

IJHS collects, preserves, and publishes material about the history of Jews in Indiana. (See one example in photo below.) Created over 40 years ago, the IJHS is the only organization in the state focusing exclusively on the history of the Indiana Jewish experience. The IJHS's archive collection at the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis contains more than 8,500 items.

Temple Israel's Sisterhood will host a reception following the presentation. Temple Israel is located at 620 Cumberland Ave., in West Lafayette. IJHS board members will be collecting archive material for our collections in the Indiana Historical Society. Please have all documents/photos identified and in a protective envelope. Call or email Temple Israel for directions: 765-463-3455 or templeisrael@templeisraelwlaf.org. ✨



From the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Archives

Sinai Temple, Michigan City 1941 Confirmation Class (L-R): Howard Lickerman, Pauline Kessler, Dorothy Ruby, Rabbi Bonheim, Anita Gluck, Elaine Kaplan and June Gole. For more information please visit www.ijhs.org or contact Eileen Batchler IJHS Director at Indiana.jhs@frontier.com or (260) 459-6862 or 6301 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, In 46804.



– their compassion, heroism and adherence to "besa," the Muslim code of honor. The film challenges our contemporary thinking about enmity between Jews and Muslims as it recounts the meeting of two sons,

one from a Muslim family that sheltered a Jewish family, and the other, the last surviving member of that Jewish family. The extraordinary story that unfolds is not
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Obituaries

Re-visiting Hebrew school days

Siyoon Solooki, 64, was born on Jan. 22, 1949 and died March 24, 2013. A graveside service was held on Sun., March 24, 2013 at Etz Chaim Cemetery. Services were held in the evening of March 24, and the morning of March 25, 2013 at the home of Ayooob and Anna Solooki.

Dr. Linda Dock Cohn, 60, was born June 24, 1952 and died March 27, 2013. She grew up in Indianapolis and graduated from North Central High School. She graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry with a major in Dental Hygiene and worked many years as a hygienist. Later, she completed her Ph.D. in Behavioral Medicine at the University of Hawaii and became a practicing psychologist in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Linda also owned Oral Health Management Publishing where she authored children's dental coloring books, and had created a puppet character named Mr. Choppers. She and Mr. Choppers would educate children in proper dental care. Grandma and Grandpa Choppers later followed.

She is survived by her mother, Gertrude Dock; siblings, Dr. Lainey Docque, Dr. Murray (Anita) Dock, Patti (Fred) Heldman, and Judy Kanter; and nieces and nephews. Linda was preceded in death by her father, Ben Dock.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah or Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation.

Funeral services were held Wed., April 3, at the **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. Online condolences may be made by visiting the online obituary at www.arnmortuary.com.

Howard Henry Wolner, 82, a resident of Indianapolis since 1954, died April 2, 2013. Born April 6, 1930 in New York City, he is survived by his wife and the love of his life, Elayne (Karp) Wolner, his older sister, Mrs. Genia Berk of Monmouth Beach, N.J., three children – Lori Wolner, Marc Wolner and James Wolner – and his grandson, Max Wolner. Howard was the great-grandfather to three grandchildren.

An accomplished architect who began his studies at New York's Cooper Union, he graduated from Carnegie Tech in architecture and pursued a masters degree in structural engineering studies at Drexel University. He launched his career in Indianapolis working with his brother Jack Berk, a home builder. Howard was President of Wolner Associates Architects, and Senior Vice President of Oxford Development Corporation. He was most recently consulting for The Architecture Studio.



1960s Hebrew school photos

The Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) formerly called the Jewish Educational Association (JEA) created a nice video of their history last year on the occasion of their 100th anniversary in 2012. These two, of many old photos in the video, were taken in approximately 1960. The eight minute video can be viewed on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-Pbuful4eQ or on the BJE's Facebook profile at: www.facebook.com/bjeindy.



Howard served in the Army, Special Services, attached to the 101st Airborne (Screaming Eagles.) He received the Sagamore of the Wabash award, recognition from the State of Indiana for distinguished service.

He was a devoted father and a doting

husband who loved his family and who treasured his friendships. For all of us whose lives were made fuller, happier, and more meaningful because of Howard, we thank him from the bottom of our hearts, forever. Funeral services were at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on April 5, 2013. ✨

David Wolf lands at world's largest children's museum

The Children's Museum (TCM) of Indianapolis is over the moon about its first Extraordinary Scientist-in-Residence – former astronaut (Indianapolis native, North Central High School graduate) Dr. David Wolf. Adding to the excitement is an additional announcement of a new partnership with Purdue University and future programs and exhibits that will be developed, which will focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) principles as well as space exploration, the International Space Station, the Shuttle program and experiments in zero gravity featuring the work of Indiana astronauts and Purdue University, Dr. Wolf's alma mater.



United States astronaut, Dr. David Wolf.

The new Extraordinary Scientist-in-Residence at TCM will bring the real-world experience of space and innovative science to millions of children and their families. "While Dr. Wolf is clearly a brilliant scientist who has logged 168 days in space over four separate missions, he has a charming way of communicating basic science principles in a down-to-earth manner that is fun and compelling," said Dr. Jeffrey H. Patchen, president and CEO, TCM. "That blend of intelligence and charisma is a rare combination that can be invaluable in helping to capture the interest of a child in science, medicine and technology. Where else can ordinary families go to have such an extraordinary experience?"

In addition to exploring space, Wolf is also a medical doctor, electrical engineer, and inventor who has received 17 U.S. Patents, published over 40 technical publications and received over 20 NASA

Space Act Awards. His rich and versatile expertise will complement that of the museum staff and partners as they develop a range of new museum programs designed to stimulate youth to discover their passions, and have fun in the process.

Already home to the nation's only biotechnology laboratory created especially for children and families, TCM will capture the intrigue of space and STEM-based learning first-hand. Families and children will be able to conduct hands-on science experiments and develop critical problem-solving skills modeled after experiments completed on the International Space Station. New programs dealing with cell growth, electronics, the impact of zero gravity and how GPS navigation works will be relevant to our changing world while piquing fascination in the naturally curious minds of the children and families who visit the museum.

"I am thrilled when I see young people light up as they wrap their mind around space flight, the cosmos and zero gravity," said Wolf. "This will be an incredible opportunity to help them think in different ways that are applicable to all problem-solving. When I look back, many of the skills I needed to be good as an astronaut were learned as a young person. I can't wait to help these young people realize what they do now will affect them for the rest of their lives."

The astronaut has big plans for reaching out directly to children and families at the museum through public events. It will be a rare opportunity for young people to meet face-to-face with a real astronaut as he ignites their interest in science, technology, engineering and math. "Curious young minds love to discover how gravity profoundly affects our bodies, changes how machines work, and enables research that is not possible on Earth," said Wolf, "We can take advantage of the instinctual attraction for space – its beauty, dangers, the marvel of accomplishments – to energize our young scientific minds right here on Earth. Yes, we are excited about the new programs and exhibits, but the powerful impact on our young visitors is what really sends us into orbit."

The museum is also pleased to announce a partnership with Purdue University to explore new opportunities in the space and engineering areas and collaborate on future programs and exhibits in conjunction with Purdue University Libraries and its Barron Hilton Flight and Space Exploration Archives, part of the Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for children to be inspired at the world's largest children's museum," said Purdue



David Wolf on one of his space walks.

President Mitch Daniels. "Young people can share the same dreams that touched astronauts and scientists like David Wolf and learn how to launch those dreams in the classroom, much as he did during his time at Purdue."

TCM would like to extend a special thank you to the Irwin Rose family for the lead gift, which made it possible for Extraordinary Scientist-in-Residence David Wolf to join our team.

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is a nonprofit institution committed to creating extraordinary family learning experiences across the arts, sciences, and humanities that have the power to transform the lives of children and families. For more information about The Children's Museum, visit www.childrensmuseum.org, follow us on Twitter @TCMIndy, Facebook.com/childrensmuseum and YouTube.

Purdue University, founded in 1869, serves its state, as well as the nation and the world, and has more than 39,000 students from all 50 states and 130 countries on its West Lafayette campus. Noted for its science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines, Purdue has 23 alumni astronauts.

Purdue Libraries is home to the Barron Hilton Flight and Space Exploration Archives, which includes collections from some of the most iconic names in flight and space travel. The flight archives house papers and artifacts from alumni astronauts Neil Armstrong and Eugene Cernan, the first and most recent persons to walk on the moon; Janice Voss, Roy Bridges and Jerry Ross; as well as the world's largest compilation of papers, memorabilia and artifacts related to Amelia Earhart. ★



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only personal for the two men, but also universal in bridging generations and faiths. The screening will be followed by

a discussion with the film's executive producer, **Bill Morgan**. Cost: \$5 JCC members / \$8 general public. A review of the film can be seen on page 2 at http://jewishpostopinion.com/Jewishpost/NAT_11-7-12.pdf.

Young Leadership Division (YLD) of JFGI Big Summer Kick-Off

When: **Sat., May 11**; Where: Rick's Boatyard; Kick off summer with YLD at the VIP cocktail bar at Rick's Boatyard overlooking beautiful Eagle Creek. ★



Etz Chaim Mimouna on April 3

Scrumptious food and some interesting costumes were part of the fun at Etz Chaim's Mimouna 2013 celebration that takes place after the eight days of Passover have ended. A Northern African Sephardic tradition, this 2nd annual party was attended by about 100 people, not only Sephardim, but many Ashkenazic Jews enjoyed it as well.

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Spiegel noted, "Over the last 15 years I've worked mostly with churches. While many of us in the Jewish world understand Christian theology, we have little understanding of church management and structure and we spend far too little time exploring the way churches operate. We can learn much from the vast world of church resources."

Spiegel is also campus rabbi of Butler University Hillel and is past board chair and CEO of Synagogue 3000, a catalyst for excellence, empowering congregations and communities to create synagogues that are sacred and vital centers of Jewish life. He is a member of the Synagogue Studies Institute Advisory Board and Faith Communities Today (FACT), the only comprehensive survey of all American religious communities. ★

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