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Weinstein-Bentley wedding

Beth Danielle Weinstein, daughter of Ellyn and Jay Weinstein of Woodmere, N.Y., granddaughter of Sandra Feld of Atlantic Beach, N.Y., married Daniel Max Bentley, son of Caryn Vogel Bentley and Richard Bentley, grandson of Agnes Vogel all of Indianapolis, on Nov. 26, 2013 at Temple Beth El in Cedarhurst, N.Y. Rabbi Moshe Schechter of Chicago officiated.

The couple met at Camp HASC. She was his waitress when he was working there as a counselor. Beth recently graduated Queens College and will be starting medical school in the fall. Daniel will be completing his undergraduate degree at Lander College for Men in June and will then pursue a PhD in Psychology. Currently the bride and groom reside in Kew Garden Hills, N.Y.

A very special thanks goes to the groom's aunt, Linda Vogel, for creating both the engagement and wedding rings. Another big thank you goes to all those who travelled from far to celebrate with the couple together in New York. ♦



Tina Homme, daughter of Steven and Randi Geneman of Crystal Falls, Mich., and Scott Levine, son of Norman and Cynthia Levine of West Bloomfield, Mich., are pleased to announce their engagement. A March wedding is planned. Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla will officiate. They will continue to live and work in the Indianapolis area after their marriage. ♦



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Editorial

I was fortunate, on Jan. 29, to meet and hear a speech by an amazing Jewish doctor just in time for our 17th *Focus on Healing* section. Similar to Maimondies, who after working all day would continue seeing patients all evening – while on his back because of fatigue – Dr. Rick Hodes (www.rickhodes.org) spends most of his waking hours working to heal those who could never afford his services.

Dr. Hodes is the Medical Director of Ethiopia for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) (www.jdc.org) – celebrating their centennial this year. It is an organization whose purpose is to help Jews in need around the world. For this speech, he was accompanied by their Director of International Initiatives Elizabeth L. Fine. The JDC is a partner agency of the Jewish Federations of North America.

Called “the Jewish Mother Teresa,” Dr. Hodes had worked at her Mission in India in the 1990s. I first heard of him two years ago when Marilyn Berger was in town to promote her biography of him, *This is a Soul: An American Doctor’s Remarkable Mission in Ethiopia*. It was a fascinating presentation with incredible stories and slides, demonstrating how one man can be responsible for saving many lives. It was exciting to meet him in person and to see that he is not slowing down.

Soon after Berger’s presentation, we published a book review of her biography. It says Dr. Rick Hodes is a Jewish American doctor from Syosset, Long Island who came to Ethiopia 28 years ago to help the victims of famine, and never left. The review, with a photo of the author, is on our website but below in italics is an excerpt of the review.

Berger went to Ethiopia to write about Dr. Hodes, not only, as she says, “because he has devoted his life to ministering to some of the poorest people on the planet, but...what had particularly grasped my imagination was the way he lives in this impoverished country. He has taken some 20 poor and sick children into his own home and officially adopted five of them. He cares for them, feeds them, and sends every one of them to private school.”

These children, suffering from TB of the spine, growth-hormone deficiencies, cancer, and malnutrition are given second chances by this amazing egoless doctor....what drives Rick Hodes’ to leave the comforts offered here in the U.S., for a life of difficult service as well as infrequent successes?

During the speech Dr. Hodes tells several stories. He begins one with,



Dr. Hodes

Need kidney for Drew



The wonderful, smart, ten-year-old granddaughter of Sharon Merin (the administrative assistant of the Hasten Hebrew Academy) is in need of a kidney transplant. Drew Taylor is suffering from a very rare disease called Alport’s Syndrome, which causes hearing loss and kidney failure, along with eye problems. She was diagnosed at age six. At this point, she is too weak to complete full school days (formerly at HHAI), and is therefore attending school only half-days.

Drew has been referred to a kidney transplant team, and her family is actively searching for a live kidney donor for her. She is expected to be in end-stage renal failure by this summer, and will need to begin dialysis if a kidney donor match has not been found.

Many people don’t realize that it’s possible to donate one of their kidneys to save a life. If you have type “O” blood and would like to be considered for kidney donation, please call (317) 944-4370, ask for Kelly, and tell her you would like to donate a kidney to Drew Taylor. She will ask several questions to ascertain whether you might be a possible match.

See www.facebook.com/kidneydrew and <http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-1081282>.



“Sometimes God helps me in funny ways.” He then shows the audience head x-rays of a woman who has had a tumor growing in her skull for ten years.

He continues, “Whether or not it’s cancer, doesn’t matter because it is going to squash her brain and she is going to die.” Although he networks with physicians in Germany, India, Israel, Ghana and the United States, he does not know if he will find one who can help her.

One morning on a trip to Minneapolis he overslept and didn’t have time to do *Shachrit* (the morning prayers). His alarm did not go off and he woke up ten minutes before he had to be out of the room. Dr.

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Hodes explains, “This happens to all of us at sometime so you throw your clothes on, you brush your teeth and run out the door. In my case I put my *tefillin* in my backpack.”

He wanted to do *Shachrit*, so after his first meeting, he says to Mort, the man from the Federation who is not religious but is taking him around, “Do me a favor and take me to a synagogue.”

Mort takes him to an Orthodox synagogue but as they enter, the morning prayer group is walking out so Mort starts talking to the rabbi. Dr Hodes ends up talking to the rabbi’s Talmud student, a 45 year old man who is getting a lesson.

Just to make conversation, Dr. Hodes asks
(see Editorial, page IN 7)

Community Events

Jewish Learning Institute class

This class titled “To Be a Jew in the Free World: Jewish Identity Through the Lens of Modern History” is being held on Tuesdays from 11–12:30 p.m. at the Schusterman Chabad House, 1112 Oakwood Trail or from 7–8:30 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. The remaining classes are **Feb. 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4, and 11**. For more information call Rabbi Schusterman at (317) 698-6423 or email jliindiana@gmail.com.

JCC Summer Camp Registration Day

On **Sun., Feb. 16** from 12:30–2:30 p.m., in the Laikin Auditorium for age 3 to eighth graders. Three new camps this year are Overnight, Jewish Theater and Bricks4Kidz, building with Lego Bricks.

Unattached Jewish Adults

On **Sun., Feb. 16** at 12:30 p.m., schmooze with old friends and make some new ones over Brunch at Tulip Noir, 1224 W. 86th St., north side of 86th near Ditch Rd. RSVP to jpostopinion@gmail.com or 317/405-8084.

The Green House Effect, Global Warming, and Goldilocks Planets

On **Thurs., Feb. 20** from 6:30–8:30 p.m., learn and understand the science behind these important topics. Senior Scientist in the Astronomy Department of IU Bloomington Dr. Thomas Steiman-Cameron is back with a one session class. He will place these issues in an entertaining and easily understood context. \$8/\$5 members. Register by phone, at the JCC, or online at www.jccindy.org.

YLD Shabbat Pitch-In

On **Fri., Feb. 21**, join us for a Shabbat pitch-in at the home of Matt and Leslie Tobe. RSVP www.jfgi.org with the Kosher-style dish (vegetarian/pasta/dairy) that you'll be bringing.

JFGI Super Sunday

On **Sun., Feb. 23**, shifts at the BJE Domont Auditorium from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 4–6 p.m., and at the JFGI offices from 6–8 p.m., on **Mon., Feb. 24**. Help us make the call. Join our team by volunteering, donating or both. Together we fight poverty, help Jews settle in new communities and strengthen Jewish life. More information about Super Sunday is available at www.jfgi.org, where you can sign up to volunteer at one of three calling sessions.

Play Performance with Bernie De Koven

“Play Performance” is based on De Koven’s new book *A Playful Path*, see book excerpt

on page IN 12. It will be held on **Sun., Feb. 23** at 11:30 a.m., in the Downey Avenue Christian Church located at 111 S. Downey Ave in the Irvington neighborhood of Indianapolis. Its purpose is to entertain, and to invite people to explore and appreciate their own playfulness. These performances are valuable for pre-school staff and parents, seniors and those who care for them, nursing staff in children’s wards, and any place where a little playfulness could go a long way. For more information: bernie@deepfun.com.

Lunch and Learn

Tues, Feb. 25, 1–2 p.m. at the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, 1100 W 42 St., Suite 125. Couldn’t make it to the first Lunch and Learn with Indianapolis *shaliach* Roy Swisa about diversity in Israel? He’s repeating the same discussion for anyone who missed it. Bring your lunch and discuss the different people and cultures in this small yet varied country. RSVP at www.JFGI.org. Questions? Contact Roy at shaliach@JFGI.org.

Simone Dinnerstein performs in West Lafayette, Ind.

On **Thurs., Feb. 27**, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., acclaimed pianist Simone Dinnerstein will give a concert presented by Purdue Convocations at the Loeb Playhouse (128 Memorial Mall). The performance includes the Indiana premiere of Nico Muhly’s *You Can’t Get There From Here*, George Crumb’s *Eine Kleine Mitternachtsmusik* (Ruminations on ‘Round Midnight by Thelonious Monk), Beethoven’s Sonata No. 32 in C minor, Op. 111, and J.S. Bach’s *Two-Part Inventions*. The *Inventions* are part of Dinnerstein’s newest Sony album, a recording of J.S. Bach’s *Inventions* and *Sinfonias*. Simone Dinnerstein Online: www.simonedinnerstein.com

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla’s 14th Casino Night & Silent Auction

On **Sat., Mar. 1** at 7:30 p.m., join Congregation Shaarey Tefilla for our 14th evening of fabulous auction items and Las Vegas-style gambling – plus the Wine Wall and exciting Raffles. **Advance Tickets on sale now:** \$15/individual, \$25/couple, \$30/couple after Fri., Feb. 21. Call 317-733-2169 for ticket and more information.

YLD Russian Shabbaton in Chicago

From **Mar. 7–9** The Russian Jewish Division of the United Jewish Fund in Chicago is hosting a Shabbat retreat for Russian Jewish young adults! They’ve pulled together a line-up of exciting speakers, workshops, entertainment and socializing into the night. Email Inna

Kolesnikova-Shmukler: ikolesnikova@jfgi.org for more information.

Jewish Influence on Jazz at CST

In conjunction with the Indianapolis Jazz Club, Congregation Shaarey Tefilla presents “The Jewish Influence on Jazz” on **Sun., Mar. 9** at 2:00 p.m., featuring the Big Cat Jazz Band, a six piece jazz band headed by Kirk Kuetemeier. From Shtetl to swing, we will explore the Jewish influence on jazz, the composers, the band leaders, and the singers. \$20 per adult and \$5 per student. Call 317-733-2169 for ticket and more information.

Music @ Shaarey Tefilla

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, welcomes all for music up close for the 2013–2014 season. Known for its intimate, casual setting and meet-and-greets with the performers at after concert receptions, this is the place to be.

Join us for the last concert of the season on **Mar. 17**, beginning at 7:30p.m, for solo pianist **Jerome Lowenthal** playing music by Mendelssohn and Rochberg.

The series presents a broad range of musical styles and collaborative musicians uniquely focusing attention on a Jewish theme, composer, or performer. Call 317-733-2169 for ticket and more information; also see www.shaareytelfilla.org.

JCC Business Network

The next meetings will be Wednesdays on **Mar. 19** at 6:30 p.m., at the Arthur M Glick JCC. RSVP to Larry Rothenberg lrothenberg@jccindy.org or call 317-715-9233. All are welcome. Free to JCC members and first timers. Others – it is only \$5.

Torah on the Road by CST

Lead by Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow, this discussion is open to our entire community. All are invited and are welcome to bring friends. Sessions take place from 12:30–1:30 p.m. on the **last Tuesday and Wednesday monthly**. Each month will hold a new topic. Please RSVP to Andrea Leopold at CST (733-2169) or at office@shaareytelfilla.org. Tuesday’s are in Downtown Indy at Katz & Korin and Wednesday’s in Zionsville at the law office of Bob Schuckit.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

One **Wednesday a month**, we offer lively discussions about the inspiring lives of amazing Jewish women. Everyone is welcome and we are always looking for topic suggestion and new presenters. All meeting take place at Donatos at 86th and Ditch Rd., at 11:30 a.m. For more information please contact the Hadassah office at 475-4278 or email: indianapolis@hadassah.org. *

Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Barry and Alla Litwack on their 20th wedding anniversary Nov. 26.

Michael and Vivian Aronson, and **Zach and Dr. Amy Herman** on the birth of their grandson and son, Yisroel Yehuda on Nov 18.

Bebe Weinstein, David and Debbie Weinstein, Zachary and Adrienne Weinstein on the birth of a great-grandson, grandson and son, William, in December in Naperville, Ill.

Rabbi Brett Krichiver who has accepted a five year contract to continue as senior rabbi at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Rabbi Shlomo and Yaffa Crandall on becoming grandparents through their daughter Odeya who had a daughter.

Jeff and Charlene (Schwartz) Gubitz on becoming grandparents through their son Ronnie who welcomed a baby girl (right, with Charlene and Aunt Jennifer).

Julie Sophia Sondhelm for her newest endeavor – becoming a teacher at IUPUI's Graduate School of Social Work.

Ken and Jaime (Glenn) Levinberg, along with grandparents **Milton Levinberg** of Wilmette, Ill., **Bob Glenn**, and **Ken and Karen Hecht**, on the birth of their son, grandson, and Brooke's baby brother, Zachary (right), on Feb. 3.

And **Yasher Koach** to **Carolyn Leeds** who retired at the end of 2013 after more than four decades at the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. She started working there in 1967. *



Alan Mordoh announces engagement

William and Nancy Kahn of Cincinnati are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Illycia Mallory Kahn to Alan Leon Mordoh, son of Elaine Mordoh Weiner (Dr. Jason) of Chicago, and Mallah Mordoh (Ilana) of Indianapolis.

Illycia is the granddaughter of Jule Gildenblatt (Sonia) and (the late Roslyn Gildenblatt) and Judith Kahn and (the late Sylvan Kahn) all of Cincinnati. Alan is the grandson of Alvin Mordoh and (the late Evie Mordoh) and Charlotte Goldstein and (the late Sidney Goldstein) all of Indianapolis.

Illycia is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and is a freelance photography stylist. Alan is a graduate of Arizona State University and is co-owner of Meridian Hills Apartments and controller/partner of Ron's Quality Auto Care in Indianapolis. A November 2014 wedding is planned in Cincinnati. The couple will reside in Indianapolis. *

Sylvia's 100th



Sylvia Silver celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 3, 2013. Currently living at Hooverwood, Sylvia spent 55 years in Knoxville, Tenn., doing volunteer work for multiple Jewish and secular organizations, and received numerous tributes for her efforts. She was president of the Knoxville

(see Sylvia, page IN 7)

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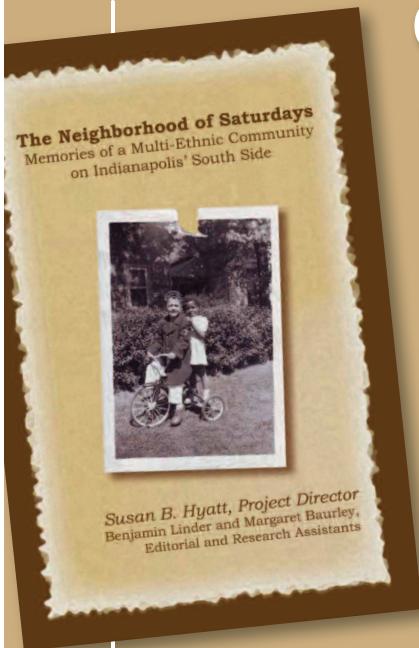
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Epithalamium

Let the bridal chamber be prepared, where East and West meet, and the sun stand still halfway around the world, bringing sweet Night and her attendant planets to the happy couple. Banish Care; give no thought to the morrow, for the morrow is half a world away, and over Europe.

Let the New World bring from its verdant forests the rabbit and the deer, to greet the bride; let flowers bloom beneath her happy feet, and let sweet sounds of harmony go with her to her bed. Let there be candles burning, and the scent of perfume in the air; let her unloose her hair, and feel the satin of the sheets, and on her finger the ring that binds her now to her beloved.

*By John Claiborne Isbell, Bloomington, Ind. He married Rita (Madanova) Isbell on Jan. 9, 2014. **

BJE receives Lilly Endowment Grant

The Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) in Indianapolis is the proud recipient of a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to support its Holocaust teacher training programs. They will use the grant to create teacher training workshops at locations throughout Indiana to help Indiana's middle school and high school teachers learn best practices in teaching about the Holocaust in Indiana's schools. The BJE will also use the grant to develop new easy to use multi-media materials to enhance the teachers' ability to engage their students in understanding this difficult topic.

Created in 1911, the BJE is the central agency for education for and about Judaism in Central Indiana. In addition to its Holocaust teacher training programs the BJE has a Holocaust speakers' bureau with survivors and descendants of survivors who present their personal stories at schools, churches and other public service organizations. The BJE also provides Holocaust trunks with many educational materials free of charge to schools. For more information about any of the BJE Holocaust programs or to receive information about the teachers' workshops please call: 317-255-3124. More information can also be found at: www.bjeindy.org. *

EDITORIAL

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him, "What do you do here in Minneapolis?"

"I'm a doctor," he replies.

"Oh, me too," Dr. Hodes responds.

"What kind of doctor are you?" the man asks.

"Actually I do tropical medicine in Africa," Hodes answers and then asks him, "What do you do?"

The other doctor explains, "It's something very special called skull based nerve surgery. I'm a neurosurgeon, but I only operate on the bottom of the brain."

Dr. Hodes perks up and remarks, "Oh, that's interesting, let me show you something." He opens his computer and shows him the x-rays of the woman with the tumor.

"Oh my gosh, I've never seen anything like that. I'd love to help her!" the neurosurgeon exclaims.

Dr. Hodes returns home, dresses his patient like a Muslim so she can wear a veil over her misshapen head and he gets her out of the country. Because of this meeting in the synagogue he ends up bringing her to St. Paul, Minn. Photos from six months later prove this neurosurgeon's successful operation.

Dr. Hodes concludes his story: "If you had said to me the day before, 'Rick if you put on tefillin tomorrow you will save the life of a woman,' I would have said, 'No, that doesn't happen, that's impossible.' However, it says in the Talmud one good deed (one mitzvah) leads to another."

*Jennie Cohen, February 12, 2014 **

SYLVIA

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chapter of Hadassah twice, and president of its Southern Region, serving on the National Service Committee board following her term. She worked with Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Women's Job Corps, PTA, Temple Sisterhood, served on the board of the Knoxville Jewish Community Center for many years and Temple Beth-El board, translated books into Braille for the visually impaired, and was honored by the Women's Zionist Organization of America. She received the Religious Service Award from the Knoxville board of directors of the National Conference Roundtable of Christians and Jews, and served on the Knoxville Symphony League.

One associate described her as the forerunner of the "Jewish Social Services Agency" of Knoxville – before there was one – because she helped those in need by connecting them with donors of whatever was needed. She also taught Sunday school. Additionally, she called the Knoxville Dept of Public Works about

Tribute to Jeffrey Frank

Standing on snow and ice, the 30 or so present on a blistering cold day is testimony to a particularly committed and caring B'nai Torah community. Those present came to pay their last respects to a congregational member, one who had no family ties or relatives currently in the city. He was the only son of German-Jewish parents who resettled in Indianapolis.

Jeffrey Frank was born with challenges – he stuttered and had a neurological disorder. His mother made sure that her son compensated for such as best as he could. And, Jeffrey did. Upon reaching adulthood he learned to provide for himself by grocery clerking and he learned to drive. He lived independently across from B'nai Torah, his "family".

The affiliation was important and Jeff consciously fulfilled his assigned congregational tasks and was an active member of the community. And, always with a watchful eye, Rabbi Gettinger was aware of his presence at services. In more recent years, Jeff was faced with cancer related health issues. Congregational members came forth to nurse and nurture him even through a bone marrow transplant approximately four years ago.

Having known Jeff's parents and being a quiet observer of Jeff's path in life, I am sure his parents, Hedy and Louis Frank would have been more than gratified to see the caring, committed and loving community that gathered to say their last farewells to their beloved son. What testimony to the B'nai Torah community who gathered to bury their family member!

*Written by a lifelong Jewish resident of Indianapolis who knew the family but is not a member of B'nai Torah. Name withheld upon request. **

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faulty traffic signals, burned out street lights and downed traffic signs so often that they knew her by name.

*Her son, Matthew is a contributing writer to the JPO. **

Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

The good life

I grew up in Indianapolis, Ind. My life was basically secular, 364 days of the year. I do remember praying one day every year, *Yom Kippur*. *Yom Kippur* is the holiest day of the year. Even though my life was rather devoid of spirituality, I still felt this holiness.

What were my goals? I wanted to have big muscles, succeed in sports, be popular and have beautiful girl friends. I spent a lot of time lifting weights and exercising, I took protein supplements, but nothing helped. My muscles just would not grow. I tried out for sports, but failed. I wasn't very popular and never had a beautiful girl friend. In those days I was quite frustrated, and jealous of those who did succeed. Now I realize that even those who had big muscles and succeeded in sports were not much happier than me.

When I was 17, I read a book about yoga. I decided to give it a try. I became a vegetarian, so as not to hurt animals. I did meditation and spent a lot of time in nature, in order to feel my soul and *Hashem* (G-d). I was careful not to hurt anyone or anything. After a few months I noticed that I was much happier. I was nicer to people, and they were nicer to me. I found friendship.

After doing yoga for a year I spent a Sabbath with *Chabad*. That day changed my life. In the Chabad community I found a lot of love and happiness. These were people who did not know me, yet they greeted me with a warm smile. When they finished praying, they danced.

All my life I had searched for happiness, in vain. In Chabad I found happy people. I decided to give it a try. I went to check out the Chabad Yeshiva for beginners. After a week I decided to stay. In yoga I had found some happiness, and in Chabad I found much more.

What is the secret of happiness? Chabad taught me that I am not just an accident. I was created for a purpose. What is that purpose? To make this world into a holy place, a fitting place for Hashem to dwell in. How do we make the world holy? By learning *Torah* and doing *Mitzvahs*.

One of the most important *Mitzvahs* is to love your neighbor. When I help someone, give them some love and cheer them up, then I am happy. Why? I have made Hashem happy by doing one of His *Mitzvahs*. And I have made one of His children happy. I have done something really worthwhile. What could be better. So I spend my day, doing *Mitzvahs* happily from morning till night.

While writing this I came to an amazing realization. All of the things I dreamed about while growing up I have accomplished, thanks to Chabad and the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

I wanted to be popular. Now I have a lot of good friends. Many here in Kfar Chabad, and many scattered all over the world, in each of the 5 continents. How did I make so many friends? If you truly love someone, they will eventually automatically love you. How do you learn to love everyone? It takes time and effort, but any Chabad Rabbi can show you the way. Many Chassidic teachings deal with this.

I wanted relationships with beautiful girls. After learning in Yeshiva for four years I was introduced to my future wife, a truly beautiful girl. Soon we were blessed with many daughters, daughters-in-law and granddaughters, all of them beautiful in many ways.

I wanted to succeed in sports. Hashem blessed us with a whole soccer team of children. When they were young, we would go to parks and play soccer. We would have a great time. And who was the best player on the team? You guessed, yours truly.

I wanted big muscles. Now I have five sons and many grandsons with a lot of big muscles.

I found the good life, and I hope that all of those who read this will be inspired to go in this direction, to live a happy life, a life of Torah and *Mitzvahs* – especially now, as we enter the month of *Adar*. It is a *Mitzvah* to be happy in the month of Adar, and to increase the happiness from day to day. And this year we have two months of Adar.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe asked that each of us should try our best to influence at least ten people to live a life of Torah and *Mitzvahs*. So please show this to a least ten people. This will certainly bring closer our true and complete redemption, at which time all of us will have a good and wonderful life. We want *Moshiach* now!

Rabbi Cohen lives in Kfar Chabad, Israel. He can be reached by email at bzcohen@orange.net.il. ♦



Yiddish for Everyday

BY HENYA CHAIET

Mein Mahmeh Dee Shneiderkeh

(My Mother the Dressmaker)

Ich haub geh kayft tzveh klayneh shticklach vareh vaus ich haub dos zayer gehglichen. (I had purchased two small remnants of fabric not really knowing why but just because I liked them so much.)

Dee Mahmeh iz geven balt finf un achtzick yor. (Mama was about 85 at the time and had been a dressmaker most of her life.) *Ich haub ear gebeten, "Effsher kenst do mir machen ah klayd fun dos shticklach vareh."* (I asked her if she thought she could make me a simple outfit from these small pieces of fabric.)

Dos haut ear nisht gehnumen lang tzu auskleren vaus tzu machen fuhn dos. (It did not take her long to put her ideas together and soon she was cutting out a pattern from the brown paper [cleaners] bag.) *Zee haut dos gehdrayt ahin un aher biz vanen zee haut dos gehmacht vee zee haut gevault.* (She twisted and turned the fabric on the paper pattern she had cut out over and over again until – Viola! – she made it work for her.) *Tzu mir haut dos geven ah vunder ahz zee haut nauch gehkent machen eppes fuhn gornisht.* (I marveled that her great enthusiasm for creating "something out of nothing" was still there as I remembered it.)

In ear gantzen leben fleckt zee dos tzores drayen ah hin un ah her biz vanen zee haut dos goot gehmacht. (The same twisting and turning played a role in every facet of her life. She lived through many wars and depressions in her lifetime of 98 years.) *Zee haut geh glichen altz tzu zein*

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Obituaries

Constance "Connie" Belle Braun

83, long time resident of Indianapolis, passed away Nov. 5, 2013. She was an active member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), serving as board President and a member and past president of the Temple Sisterhood.

She is survived by her beloved family; her husband, Dr. Stanley Braun; children, Lory (Allan) Wasserman, Steve (Jackie) Braun and Mark Braun; grandchildren, Daniel, Matthew, Max, Rachel and Jack and her sister, Judy Cohen.

Funeral services were held in the sanctuary at IHC on Nov. 8. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Humane Society. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Simon "Sam" Nediano, 67, passed away Nov. 10, 2013. He was born on March 14, 1946 in Bucharest, Romania to Rubin and Liseta Nediano. In 1959, he and his family moved to Israel. The year was 1972 when Sam came to Indianapolis to visit his aunt and uncle. This is where he met his future wife of 41 years.

Sam worked for RCA, previously worked as a supermarket manager and retired as a sales rep for Kehe Foods.

He is survived by his beloved family: his wife, Evelyn Frankovitz Nediano; devoted children, Michael (Jessica) Nediano of Brunswick, Ga., Michele (Jimmy) Oger of Charlotte, NC, and Jennifer (Derek) Voorhees of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Kristin and Kadence Nediano, Andrew and Mikayla Oger and Addeline Voorhees; and the sixth grandchild, Greyson, will arrive in December. There will be no funeral or graveside services. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Jane Halpern Zukerman, 91, born

Nov. 20, 1921, she passed away Nov. 11, 2013. Known for her style, elegance and class, Jane always lived life to the fullest. She began her life-long career as a superstar saleswoman at Rogers Jewelers, where she worked alongside her future husband of 64 years, Gene Zukerman. The first months of their marriage brought the fun and adventure of living together while Gene was stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California. When the war ended, the happy couple returned home to Indianapolis. Jane and Gene were the proud owners of "Gene's Jewelry" on Illinois Street until 1964, and Jane's career

later continued with Goodman Jewelers and Aronstam Fine Jewelers. Jane was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and various social clubs.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Gene; and sister, Adele Levie. She is survived by her loving and devoted daughters, Linda Trout (Paul) and Lesa Feeser (Bob); favorite granddaughter, Sabian Trout; favorite grandson, Craig Bracken; great-granddaughter, Sophena Trout; sisters, Barbara Davis and Chy Nach (Bill); sister-in-law, Natalie Zukerman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on Nov. 15. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Humane Society. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Boris Frenkel, 87, of Indianapolis, passed away Nov. 21, 2013. He was born to Haim and Hava Frenkel in Gomel, Belarus on Oct. 7, 1926. Boris managed a restaurant. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nina Ioffe Frenkel in 2009. Boris is survived by his children, Leonid Frenkel and Ada Mats; and three grandchildren. Graveside services were held Nov. 22 in the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Richard D. Pomerantz, 50, passed away Nov. 23, 2013. He was born May 30, 1963 in Philadelphia, the son of Richard and Jill Pomerantz. Rich earned a BA in Art History from the University of Pennsylvania and an MEd from Boston University. He enjoyed fishing, skiing, playing chess, hiking, traveling with his family, reading, and writing. He was an avid fan of crossword puzzles, completing and creating them.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Karp; son, Jeremy; sister, Abby Rothschild; and his parents. Burial was in Philadelphia. Memorial services were held on Dec. 8

at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Donations in his memory may be made to the Nature Conservancy or the Indianapolis Humane Society.

Willard "Bill" W. Gray, 77, of



Indianapolis passed away surrounded by his entire family on Nov. 24, 2013. He was born June 14, 1936 in Buffalo, NY. Bill graduated from the University of Buffalo and attended law school in Albany, NY. Bill's passion for sports led him to a rewarding career in sales with Champion and Collegiate Athletic Wear. He was an Army veteran and devoted member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck serving as president of Men's Club, a board member and congregation president.

Survivors include his loving wife of 56 years, Doreen, sister, Maxine Richards (Ed) and Children: Jamie (Ellen), Scott (Barbara), Jill (Jay), Mark (Monica), and Jennifer (Keith). Bill is also survived by 15 grandchildren who adoringly called him Papa. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Dr Phillip and Etta Ginsberg and sister, Bernice Golden.

The funeral was held on Nov. 27 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Camp Kesem, or the National Kidney Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Jack Hochman, a criminal defense attorney in San Diego, lost his battle with liver disease Nov. 26, 2013, and died surrounded by people who loved him.

Jack was born in Indianapolis, to Saul and Jacquie Hochman. He grew up in the city and attended Indiana University, where (see Obituaries, page IN 10)



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he graduated in 1972 with a degree in business. He completed his law degree at San Francisco Law School in 1976 and interned with the Public Defender in San Francisco, the beginning of his lifelong love of indigent criminal defense. He maintained a private practice in San Francisco for more than a decade before moving to San Diego in 1986. He began full time criminal defense practice with Defenders, Inc. and he became one of the first attorneys hired for the newly formed San Diego County Public Defender's Office in 1988, where he remained until his retirement in 2011.

In 2007, Jack received the Trial Attorney of the Year Award from the Board of Directors of the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association, an organization of which he had been president from 1999 to 2000.

In addition to his wife, Kay L. Sunday, Jack is survived by his brother David Hochman, sister Robby and brother-in-law Steve Greenberg, niece and nephew-in-law Eden and Dan Scanlon and great-nieces Helena and Ella Scanlon, all from the Fort Lauderdale area; and stepson Rob Winingear from San Diego.

A memorial service was held Jan. 10, 2014 in San Diego. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the UCSD Center for Transplantation.

Jeffrey Frank, 61, passed away Dec. 13, 2013. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, he was born on Oct. 2, 1952 to Louis and Hedy Frank. A graveside service was held Dec. 16 in B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to B'nai Torah Synagogue, Albert & Sara Rubin Senior Resource Center, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the Chai Lifeline Society. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Rosalie Helene Greenberg, 87, passed away Dec. 19, 2013. She was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to Sam and Bess Elkin on Jan. 18, 1926. After graduating from Butler in 1946 with a Bachelor's in accounting, she worked over 20 years for the State of Indiana's Disability Determination Service. Rosalie was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

She is survived by her husband, Harry; children, Joel, Dan, and Mark; grandchildren, Jason Greenberg and Sara Dean; and great-grandchildren, Braden and Aiden. Funeral services were held Dec. 22 at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish National Fund.

Bella Pekar, 92, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Bella passed away in Indianapolis on Dec. 20, 2013 surrounded by her family. She was born on Aug. 12, 1921 in Vinnitsa, Ukraine to Joseph and Leah Korchmar. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ilya Pekar, and daughter, Assia Fox. Bella is survived by her sister, Clara (Dmitri) Bogomolny of Boston, Mass.; son, Yefrem (Lina) Pekar of Carmel, Ind.; grandchildren, Irene Fox (Michael Voskoboynik) of Indianapolis, Eugene (Miroslava) Fox of Vernon Hills, Ill., Yakov Pekar of Chicago, Elizabeth Pekar of Carmel, Ind.; and six great-grandchildren.

Bella worked as a pediatrician for over 40 years while she lived in the Ukraine. She immigrated to Indianapolis at age 70 and learned English in order to become a United States citizen. She brought joy to everyone around her and will be greatly missed for her selfless, loving, and caring nature.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in Congregation Beth-El North Cemetery.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of

Hooverwood Nursing Home and of Home Services Unlimited. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hooverwood Nursing Home or to the charity of your choice.

Esther Lillian Klapper, 97, passed

away on Dec. 27, 2013. She was born on April 26, 1916, to the late Jacob and Minnie Roth. Esther was a twin whose twin sister, Ethel, preceded her in death in 1929. Esther was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis and graduated from Arsenal Technical High School. She had planned to attend Butler University after being awarded a musical scholarship, however, the Great Depression and economic conditions at the time caused her to rethink her college plans.

She helped her father as a cashier in his grocery business called Roth's Grocery, which was located in Broad Ripple. It was during this time that she fell in love with a frequent customer and her future husband, Rudolph (Rudy) Klapper, who had opened a package liquor store also in Broad Ripple. For the next 50 years before she retired, she juggled raising five children while working with and supporting her husband in his business interests. Esther enjoyed reading and playing Mah Jongg with her friends.

Esther was a member of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation prior to becoming a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. She was preceded in her passing by her late husband, Rudy Klapper; and her granddaughters, Risha Nurell and Julia Ratzman. Esther is survived by her children, Marlene (Lowell) Wohlfeld, Richard (Margery) Klapper, Gerald (Beverly) Klapper, Sheila Klapper Barrett, David (Betty) Klapper; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to send special thanks of gratitude to Esther's caregivers, Patty Bostic and Susan Pearson, for all the care, love and attention given by them throughout the years. Graveside services were held Dec. 31, 2013 in the Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, PO Box 78960, Phoenix, AZ 85062. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Florence Weinberg Gordon, 94, originally from Cincinnati, passed away Dec. 31, 2013 in Indianapolis. She was born Nov. 15, 1919. Her husband, Maurice Gordon and sister, Betty Fogle, preceded her in death. She leaves behind a son, Dr Steven Gordon (Barbara) of Fla.; daughter, (see Obituaries, page IN 11)



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Carol Safer Rodholm, of Carmel, Ind.; grandchildren, Jennifer Wells and Patricia Crane of Fla., Julie Wodock of Carmel, Ind., and Alan Safer of Chicago; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews will cherish her memory.

Many thanks to Hooverwood Nursing Home for the excellent care she received. A private graveside service was held in Cincinnati. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Jean (Joffe) Gurvitz, 92, died in San Diego on Dec. 25, 2013. She was a life-long resident of Indianapolis until age 79 when she went to live near her daughter Ferne McCuen in San Diego. She succumbed to congestive heart failure after a 12 year battle with Alzheimer's disease. Jean was born in Rochester, NY, on Dec. 30, 1920, to Hyman Joffe and Fanny Fishman. The family moved to Indianapolis when she was 18.

Jean was a gifted piano player and teacher. She studied piano in New York City. She was married to Leo Gurvitz in 1943. She taught piano for the JCC and JEA beginning in 1955 until she started her own school, the Indiana Performing Arts Academy, in 1985. She retired in 1995 at the age of 75.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leo and her sister Eleanor Abramson of Long Island, NY. Besides her daughter Ferne (Andy) McCuen of San Diego, she is survived by her son Howard (Jackie) Gurvitz of Chicago; three grandchildren, Becki, Randy and Debbie Gurvitz; three great-grandchildren from Chicago; her brother Irving (Pearl) Joffe of Indianapolis; and nephews and niece Jerome Joffe, Diana (Paul) Shapiro and Sandy (Alene) Abramson. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the Bureau of Jewish Education are welcome. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Dr. Martin "Marty" A. Linderman, 87, passed away January 7, 2014 at Hooverwood Nursing Home. He was born in South Bend, Ind., to Louis and Bertha Linderman on March 13, 1926. After his high school graduation he enlisted in the US Navy, serving in World War II. Following the war he graduated from Indiana University in 1950 and IU School of Dentistry in 1953. He practiced dentistry in Carmel for 51 years; Martin's devotion

to his family, Congregation B'nai Torah, his practice and family were the foundation to his life. All who knew and loved him will forever miss his kindness.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Mimi; sons, Dr. Jeffrey and Dan (Karen); his grandson Aaron, former daughter-in-law, Shawn and several nieces and nephews.

Marty was preceded in death by his brother and sister. In addition to B'nai Torah, he was a member of American Dental Association, Indiana State Dental Association, Indianapolis District Dental Society and Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity.

Funeral services were Jan. 9, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the nurses and aides of 2A at Hooverwood. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood.

Shoshana Kopp Brady, 35, of Carmel passed away Jan. 11, 2014. She was born in Syracuse, NY on May 19, 1978 to Joshua and Mabel Kopp. Shoshana received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Indiana University. She was

a member of Congregation Shaarey Tefila and Indiana Blue Star Salute. She was an Advocate for Relay for Life and both an Advocate and Ambassador for Susan G. Komen.

Shoshana is survived by her husband, Jason; children, Hailey and Joshua; and parents. She will always be remembered by those who knew her as a bright light that could always light up a room.

Funeral services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, on Jan. 16, 2013. Burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Golden Star USA Foundation.

Robert J. Sering 59, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away Jan. 23, 2014 in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was born March 4, 1954. He is survived by his sister, Elaine Edmonds, brother; Stephen Schwartz, two nieces and a nephew, Heather Edmonds, Amy and Daniel Schwartz. A graveside service was held Jan. 28 at the IHC Cemetery South. Memorial contributions may be made to Cantor Lowenstein Roger Music Fund. Arrangements entrust to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ♦

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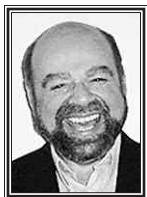
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Book Excerpt

BY BERNIE DE KOVEN

Nachas and mechaiyeh

In my attempts to understand fun, and especially to convey that understanding, I find myself very often using two Yiddish words: *nachas* and *mechaiyeh*.

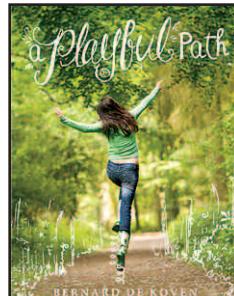
The word *mechaiyeh* describes the experience of soaking in a hot bath. Not too hot, of course. But perfectly hot. Quietly soaking. Not scrubbing. Not even necessarily soaping. Effortlessly afloat in the embrace of penetrating warmth. Finding yourself, from time to time, saying, to no one in particular, except maybe the entire universe: "ahhh, such a *mechaiyeh*!"

Of course you can have *mechaiyeh*-like experiences almost anywhere. A shower, maybe. Even, you should forgive the reference, on the toilet. Of course, you don't need water to experience a *mechaiyeh*. You can be lying in the sun, on the beach, on your porch. You can be having a massage. You can be sitting still on a hot day in a cool breeze. And then there's that first sip of tea or soup, especially in cold weather or in the morning. And then, in the evening, the simple acts of opening your belt, taking off your shoes and socks, putting on a bathrobe or a soft sweater.

Mechaiyeh comes from the Hebrew word *chai*, which means life. To experience a *mechaiyeh* is to experience yourself becoming more alive, your being being enlivened. Listening to music. Dancing. Holding hands with your spouse, your friend, your children or grands. Ah, such *mechaiyehs*!

So, if you understand the meaning of *mechaiyeh*, you understand something else about fun.

Then there's *nachas*. *Nachas* is fun of a very different kind. It's the kind of fun you have when you're watching your kids at a school play. A funny kind of fun, because you can have it even when you're not doing anything. Fun of the *nachas* variety is most often attributed to the fun you get from your kids and grandkids, and sometimes even your spouse and parents



Reviews of *And Then They Came For Me*

By students from the Religious School at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

By Sam Mervis

On Sun. Jan. 26, I along with my Sunday school classmates, Hebrew school friends, and family went to see the IRT performance of *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank* by James Still. The cast was made up of three high school students and one middle school boy, along with two adults. My brother, Joey played young Ed Silverberg. The story takes place in Europe during World War II at the time of the Holocaust. This play shows the lives of four young adults trying to make sense of what was happening during this tragedy.

Eva Schloss and Ed Silverberg were two of the teenagers whose stories were told during this play. Their interviews by director James Still were incorporated into the play, giving it a more descriptive feeling for the audience.

Being Jewish lets me connect better with the story of the Holocaust. Watching my brother and the other teens in the play showed us the discrimination during this time and it was sad to watch. I got to see how unfair it was for Germans and the Hitler youth who had to follow the command of Hitler and didn't have a say in anything. I found this play to be very informative and powerful. I thought the actors did a very good job of letting us see what happened during the Holocaust, especially to Eva and Ed.

Sam Mervis is the son of Mike and Julie Mervis. He is a 6th grader at The Orchard School.

By Tova Burton

My experience from watching *And Then They Came for Me* was overwhelming. I learned new things, such as Anne Frank was very giggly and such. I knew that over 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust and the play helped me visualize this terrible fact.



and friends. You can be playing a game with your kids, and get beaten, both fairly and squarely, and also totally and entirely, and feel good about it. Because it gives you such *nachas*.

Nachas is the kind of fun where you find yourself actually feeling happy for someone else. Because of someone else. It's the opposite of *schadenfreude*. It's *freudenfreude*.

There are many kinds of *nachas*. You can get a sense of *nachas* from walking into your kitchen after a particularly grueling (see De Koven, page IN 13)



Joey Mervis (right, Sam's brother) in *And Then They Came for Me*. Photo credit: Zach Rosing.

I recently watched a movie called *The Paper Clip Project* where a teacher wanted her students to know about the Holocaust and to know that it was a big deal. Some children said, "I didn't know there were 6 million Jews in the world" others said, "I heard about that."

What they did was to bring in a paper-clip for every Jew that lost his or her life in the holocaust. They sent letters to people and looked through a bunch of books. One girl never saw her grandfather after he went into hiding and they found him and she met him. He said it was a horrible experience being in a death camp. He said that some people pretended to die when they heard a bullet and they got thrown in a pit in order to try to escape.

Soon enough they collected a bunch of paperclips and they even got an entire box for Anne Frank. They did eventually reach their goal of over 6 million paperclips to represent each Jew. I couldn't imagine the horror and pain people had to go through. My sister's best friend's grandfather survived the Holocaust and he talked to me about it. I have learned many things from this incident. People lost their lives so that future generations could remain free to be Jews. This play helped to remind me how lucky we all are.

Tova is the daughter of Matt and Laura Burton. She is a 6th grader at The Orchard School. *

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Hasten Hebrew Academy eighth graders win first place in national contest.

By HANNAH GLAZIER & SAMMY BRUNS, GRADE 8

Hasten Hebrew Academy eighth graders were national first place winners in a contest they entered sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in conjunction with its Constitution Day program.

The contest theme was "Wall of Rights" and students were required to submit a 10X10 mural (see page IN 15) and written piece depicting the theme. Below is a description of the entry created by our students. Contest judges were not only impressed with the artwork our students created, but also with the educational content of their entry.

As responsible Americans, we must educate our youth in hopes of a better future. Students need to be educated on their rights, the sacrifices made to secure those rights, and how to responsibly participate in civil society.

The eighth grade created the centerpiece modeled after the flag made by Jasper Johns. The flag is made up of articles about civil rights from the 1950's. Around the flag are important rights, freedoms, and movements that helped to secure those rights.

A \$10,000 award has been granted to the Academy for support of educational programming, which will be used toward the 8th grade Israel trip, as well as educational materials and opportunities. *



DE KOVEN

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round of cleaning and putting away, and just noticing how everything is so clean, orderly. You can get nachas just from appreciating things – yourself, your spouse, your kids, your car, even.

Nachas comes from the Hebrew word *noach* – which means "rest" or "peaceful" or "comfort." It also means a sense of satisfaction, contentment, gratification, of feeling accomplished. It's a kind of fun that feels good, like a mechaiyah. But it's not the body that gets the good feeling. It's more like nachas is a mechaiyah for the soul.

So here we have two kinds of fun, both penetrating very deep into the core of being: the fun of great physical comfort, and the fun of great spiritual comfort. They are the kinds of fun that enrich our lives, whether we are young or old, healthy or not so much. They are gifts, and the more we receive them into our lives, the more

fun our lives become.

Bernie De Koven is the author of The Well-Played Game, A Playful Path, and Junkyard Sports. This is an excerpt from A Playful Path which is available at: press/etc.cmu.edu/content/playful-path. One can also purchase and download the book from aplayfulpath.com where one can also be entertained and learn more about the author. *



CHAIET

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richtig, ahz meh haut dos gehzen auder nisht gehzen. (She worked her problems twisting and turning them until she made them work for her.) *Zee haut unz gehlerent "ahz meh nemt tzeit machen eppes macht men vee goot mehken."* (She took great pride in her finished product; the inside had to be just as well tailored as the outside. "Anything you spend your time on should reflect your very best," she would say.)

Fuhn vaus ich haub gehzen in mein mahmehs leben haub ich zach aus gehlerent ahz der leben is amol nisht gring, dahf men drayen ah hin un ah her biz vanen ear mach dos goot. (I learned so many positive things from watching my Mama sew a garment. Life is not always

easy, just take the "fabric" and twist and turn it one way then another until you make it work for you.)

Zaugt nisht ken maul ahz ear kent nisht, haut haufening ahz ear velt dos drayen ah hin un ah her biz vanen ear vet dos machen goot far eych. (DON'T EVER GIVE UP HOPE – you can always make something out of nothing. Just use my Mama's formula: twisting and turning. I remember so many ways she had for making it work for her. Even when she had ample fabric she never wasted.)

Macht eppes fun gornisht dos iz ah gooteh zach far dos velt. (Remember to make something out of nothing. It's good for the environment.)

Note: Some of the English in this column is not a direct translation of the Yiddish, but is additional information.

Henya Chaiet is the Yiddish name for Mrs. A. Helen Feinn. Born in 1924 ten days before Passover, her parents had come to America one year prior. They spoke only Yiddish at home so that is all she spoke until age five when she started kindergarten. She then learned English, but has always loved Yiddish and speaks it whenever possible. Chaiet lived in La Porte and Michigan City, Ind., from 1952 to 1978 and currently resides in Walnut Creek, Calif. Email: afeinn87@gmail.com. *

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We oppose any attempt to amend the Indiana Constitution to define marriage in

the proposed restrictive ways. Enshrining a specific religious viewpoint on marriage would threaten an American value that the Jewish community holds dear – religious liberty.

We hold the affirmation of Genesis 1:27 – that all human beings are created “*B’tzelem Elohim*” (in the image of the Divine) – to be a sacred truth also upheld in the Declaration of Independence. All Hoosiers should be entitled to equal rights and protections under our state law.

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Rabbi Eric J. Siroka, of Temple Beth-El, South Bend

Rabbi Aaron Spiegel, of Butler Hillel, Indianapolis

Rabbi Heidi F. Waldmann, of Carmel

Rabbi Faedra Lazar Weiss, and

Rabbi Lew Weiss, of Indianapolis

Rabbi Paula Winnig, Co-Chair IBOR, of Bureau of Jewish Education, Indianapolis

Purdue Jewish Studies Program lectures spring 2014

Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series: Thurs., Feb. 6 ~ Stewart Center, Room 318 ~ 12:30 p.m., Harry Targ, Professor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, “Jewish Influences on Labor and Other Progressive Movements in 20th Century America: Chicago Examples”

Wed., March 5 ~ Stewart Center, Room 318 ~ 12:30 p.m., Stuart Robertson, Continuing Lecturer, Biblical Hebrew, School of Languages and Cultures, Purdue University, “The Hebrew Bible in Church and Synagogue”

Wed., April 9 ~ Stewart Center, Room 318 ~ 12:30 p.m., Deena Linett, Professor Emerita, Department of English, Montclair State University, “‘Seder’, a Reading by Deena Linett”

Klatch Jewish Arts Series Presentation: Mon., March 31 ~ RAWL 1062 ~ 8:00 p.m., Ruth Ellen Gruber, Award-winning American writer, photographer, editor, and independent scholar, “Holocaust Legacy: Empty Spaces, Fading First-Hand Memories, New Jewish Realities” (www.ruthellengruber.com)

All members of the Purdue University community and the public are cordially invited to attend these free events offered by the Jewish Studies Program. (www.cla.purdue.edu/jewish-studies) ♦

2013 Hasten Hebrew Academy Annual Chanukah Dinner

The annual Chanukah dinner at the HHAI was held on Sun., Nov. 17. Honorees were long-time supporters Herb and Linda Melrose (below, top).

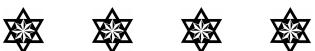
The keynote speaker was Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik (below, bottom) of Yeshiva University and Congregation Shearith Israel in NYC. He spoke on, *From the Maccabees to Menachem Begin – The Lesson of Jewish Leadership*. His speech is in conjunction with the centennial commemoration of the birth of the sixth Prime Minister of Israel, Menachem Begin. The Straus Center of Yeshiva University is honored to present an entire year of courses, lectures, and public events designed to perpetuate the legacy of one of Israel's most revered statesmen. This will include a biography of Begin authored by Dr. Daniel Gordis. More information at: <http://www.yearofbegin.com/YearOfBegin/Home.html>. 



(L-R) Monica Rosenfeld, Chairman of the Board of the Hasten Hebrew Academy, with 2013 honorees Linda and Herb Melrose.



(L-R) Standing: Susan Mitchell, Simona Hasten, Keynote Speaker Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik, Alan Secter, Associate Dean for Institutional Advancement at Yeshiva University, and Master of Ceremonies Marvin Mitchell; Seated: Laurie Hasten, Bernard Hasten, and Hart Hasten. Photo credit: Scott Romer.



HHAI eighth grade students prepare their contest entry. (L-R) Sammy Bruns, Koby Tavel, Isaac Segal, and Lauren Schwartz.



On Dec. 15, 2013, three of IHC's music groups performed at Hooverwood. The dining room was filled with residents and others who thoroughly enjoyed the sounds of IHC's Congregational Choir, Chai Notes (children's choir) (above), and The 65th Street Klezmorim (below). This was a collaboration which began with a request by Kira Shemesh in 2012 and continued in 2013.

ADL honors McRobbie and McKinney

McRobbie announces IU's withdrawal from ASA

Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie and Robert H. McKinney, an Indianapolis business and civic leader as well as a former IU trustee and chair of the board, have each been honored by the Anti-Defamation League with the agency's "Man of Achievement Award." The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to community, justice and equal opportunity for all.

McRobbie and McKinney, founding partner of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, former chairman and CEO of First Indiana Bank and the namesake behind the IU McKinney School of Law, will be formally honored by the ADL, the nation's leading civil rights and human rights agency, on April 24 in Indianapolis. (For more information, contact Ellen Shevitz at ellen.shevitz@gmail.com or call 317-253-0567.)

The awards to McRobbie and McKinney will be presented by Michael "Mickey" Maurer, the IU alumnus, Indianapolis community leader and 1997 ADL "Man of Achievement" whose name graces IU's other law school in Bloomington.

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"ADL could not have chosen finer honorees for its most important award," Maurer said. "Michael McRobbie and Bob McKinney have championed throughout their careers the values held dear by ADL, and they have done so with honor and grace."

In 2011, McRobbie gave the opening address at a pioneering international conference at IU to examine the "new anti-Semitism"—which was the inaugural conference of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism at IU.

On Dec. 23, 2013, McRobbie released a strong statement saying Indiana University joins other leading research

institutions in condemning the America Studies Association's (ASA) proposed boycott of Israeli institutions of higher education. "Indiana University will contact the ASA immediately to withdraw as an institutional member," McRobbie said.

The entire statement can be read at the following link: <http://news.indiana.edu/releases/iu/2013/12/israeli-academic-boycott-statement.shtml>

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