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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Samuel Noah Fang celebrated his *bar mitzvah* on April 11–12 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. He is the son of David Fang and Stephanie Fang, grandson of Leo and Myrna Fang and Ed and Carole Powell, and great-grandson of Ruth Ellen Hudelson.



In his speech Sam thanked the following teachers for his *bar mitzvah* preparation: BJE – Rabbi Paula Winnig and Cantor Judy Meyersberg; Beth-El Zedeck Congregation – Rabbis Dennis Sasso and Hal Schevitz and Cantors Melissa Cohen and Giora Sharon.

Out of town relative and friends in attendance were – Cousin Sonya Jo Graff and Dr. Jonathon and Janet Hodes from Louisville; Abi (Hodes) Sanders and Alan Sanders from Katonah, N.Y. ; Cousin Lorna Graff from Brentwood, Tenn.; Milton Goodman from Chicago; Cousin Floralov Katz and Marlene Tash Denis from Mississauga, Ottawa, Ontario Canada(outside of Toronto); and Dr. Melvin and Mrs. Pat Weinswig from Madison, Wisc.

Dori Bluestein catered a delicious luncheon for the Beth-El congregation after the service on Saturday and at David’s house for Sunday morning brunch. There was a party at Latitude 39 on Saturday evening for Sam and his friends.

Sam is a student at Creekside Middle School. He did his *mitzvah* project at the Julian Center. ☆



Correction:

In our March 26, 2014 edition we published a review by Matthew Silver of the play *Groucho* which was held at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Ind. The review included a photo of the star Frank Ferrante and an accompanist. The photo caption incorrectly identified him as A. Paul Johnson. Above is the correct photo of Johnson.

Martha Gelb’s 100th birthday

Editor’s Note: In my last editorial I wrote about a Holocaust survivor whom I had visited in our local nursing home. One correction is that the relative who sponsored her to come to the U.S. from Hungary in 1938 was from Minneapolis and not Detroit as I had written. I did not mention her name then, but since Martha Gelb will be 100 years old on May 23, 2014, the rest of this article is about her. The following is an excerpt of a tribute written on the occasion of her 99th birthday by her daughter Elaine Gelb. JC.

If living to be 99 years old isn’t mind-boggling enough, being born in Vienna at the start of World War I, living through the Influenza Pandemic of 1918, and then slipping out of Europe shortly before the Nazi machine was in full force, is nothing short of miraculous.

For those who don’t know, Mom was born to Sarah and Benjamin Schoenberg, on May 23, 1914 in Vienna. An only child, she grew up in a modern Orthodox home, attended the Chiam Gymnasium, and the University of Vienna, where she studied plant physiology and bio-chemistry.

In the spring of 1938, the German Anschluss foreshadowed menacing changes in her life. If one had a sponsor, the United States offered a safe haven for Jews. Mom found out she had first cousins living in Minneapolis, Minn. – the Schwartzbachs – but their address was unknown.

Undaunted, the enterprising Martha wrote a letter addressed only to: “Mayor of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States of America.” Written in perfect English, Martha asked the mayor for his help in locating her cousin Miriam Schwartzbach.

Amazingly, the mayor received her

letter, and then took it to his Jewish dentist for help in this matter. “Of course I know Miriam Schwartzbach”, the dentist said. “She is my wife.”

(see Gelb’s 100th, page IN 6)



Tina Marie Homme and Scott Ian Levine were married on March 30 at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla by Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow. Tina is the daughter of Steven and Randi Geneman of Crystal Falls, Mich. Scott is the son of Norman and Cynthia Levine of West Bloomfield, Mich. Attendants were sisters and brothers of the bride Misty Oleston, Frank Homme III, Amber Sherwood, Aaron Homme, Phillip Geneman, and brothers of the groom Adam and Shawn Levine.

The couple met at the Indianapolis Art Center and will reside in Zionsville. They enjoyed their honeymoon in Bali where they went scuba diving, explored the monkey forest, and climbed a volcano at sunrise! Photo credit: Lane Lewis with Laneybug Photos @laneybugphotos.com.



Mazel tov to Gadi and Michele Boukai on their 25th wedding anniversary April 10. From first meeting on a bus in Tel Aviv to building a family in the United States, each step of the journey has only strengthened their loving relationship. Together, the couple is actively involved within the Indianapolis Jewish community, co-leading events, sharing seats on committees and ceaselessly working to build a community as close as their marriage. ~ Submitted with love from their children.

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Editorial

I have an important announcement. All of my father's work for his first publication *The Chronicler Spokesman* which ran from 1930–1938, and the National and Indiana editions of this paper from 1933–2005, have been made available, searchable by anyone on the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) website.

At this point, all those 75 years of American and World Jewish history (with the exception of five years yet to be posted) have been uploaded to their website at the following link: www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalscholarship/collections/JPO. We also have a link to this IUPUI site from our website.

These years span a remarkable time in our 5,774 year history. Two monumental recent events – the Holocaust and Israel becoming a state – are covered in detail in these pages. One example of a notable historic achievement can be found in our April 22, 1955 National edition. An exclusive interview with the parents of Jonas Salk who discovered a vaccine to prevent polio can be found on page 12. On the front page of that edition is an article titled, "Heads of World Jewry Join in Tributes to Albert Einstein" who had passed away that week. Jewish "firsts" such as the first women to become rabbis are reported in these pages.

Regarding that subject and of special interest to our local readers, and because the Indiana State Museum is hosting a tribute event June 12, 2014 honoring Rabbi Sandy Sasso, below in italics is a news story from our July 3, 1970 *National Jewish Post & Opinion*. This was seven years before Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso moved to Indianapolis to become senior rabbis at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and four years before they graduated from rabbinical school.

Love Unites Female, Male Rabbinical Students By Harry Hoffman

Sandy Lynn Eisenberg and Dennis Sasso, both 22 and both studying to become rabbis, were married last Friday night in a wedding unique in Jewish history.

The ceremony took place at 6 p.m. in Congregation Keneseth Israel, in suburban Elkins Park, with Rabbi Bertram Korn officiating.

As Rabbi Korn said to the bride and bridegroom standing under the chupah: "Sandy and Dennis, this is an historic wedding. For the first time in the story of Judaism, two students for the rabbinate are being wed."

If she graduates, Mrs. Sasso will be the first woman ever to be ordained as a rabbi.

The bride and her husband are both second-

About the Cover

These stunning photographs were shot by Steve Schuster during his many trips to Israel.

Steve Schuster is a past-president of Temple Sinai in Worcester, Mass., and sits on the Massachusetts council of AIPAC, and the Jewish Vegetarians of North America board of directors. He and his wife Julie have four children, as well as multiple pets rescued from the streets of Israel. Steve is CEO and founder of Rainier, a leading public relations agency for B2B technology companies, including more than 50 Israeli firms. Steve travels to Israel every three months on business and is deeply committed to providing a voice in North America for Israel's innovation economy. Steve has BSEE and MBA degrees from Northeastern University and is an avid musician, vegetarian, hiker, photographer, gardener, and fitness enthusiast. Steve's *Liberation Haggadah* was published in 2009. ✨



Steve Schuster

year students at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College here.

Mr. Sasso is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Colman Sasso, of Panama City, Republic of Panama.

The wedding ceremony was liturgically an unusual blending of diverse rituals in that it combined reform and traditional aspects of both traditions.

The marriage certificate was, in this case, composed by the bridal couple in order to, as they said, "combine the spiritual essence of the old certificate with contemporary concepts of mutual respect between man and woman in marriage."

While it is customary for only the groom to pronounce the marriage vow, both said the ancient words, but in their own dialect.

"You are consecrated to me according to the laws of Moses and Israel."

Processional music played as the bride walked down the aisle was adapted from an old Sephardic melody from the island of Curacao.

Mrs. Sasso, who grew up in Congregation Keneseth Israel, is a graduate of Temple University. Her husband was graduated from Brandeis University.

It is important to note that in 1970 no women rabbis had been ordained in the United States. In 1972 Sally Priesand became the first one in the Reform movement after graduating from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Since Sandy did not graduate until 1974, she was the second woman rabbi but the first

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one ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. Also interesting is the phrase in the article: "If she graduates...."

I wonder if the reporter thought she would drop out of school now that she was married. To me it demonstrates how people felt back then about a woman being a rabbi. Sandy brilliantly achieved that role at the same time as she – with her husband's devoted support – raised two successful children. She proved those skeptics wrong by revealing the immense, versatile contribution one woman is capable of making!

Jennie Cohen, May 14, 2014 ✨

Community Events

New Perspectives on Genesis

The Binding of Isaac in Art. Exhibition dates: **May 2–May 30** at the Domont Studio Gallery in downtown Indianapolis at 545 S. East St. Gallery hours: Thurs. & Sat. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri. 11 a.m.–9 p.m. This is a program of Religion Spirituality and the Arts headed by Rabbi Sandy Sasso.

Unmasked Judeophobia Film Screening

On **Wed., May 14**, 6 p.m. at Hasten Hebrew Academy. This film presents a serious analysis of how antisemitism, often masked as anti-Zionism, has permeated modern life and discourse worldwide. This film is an urgent reminder that antisemitism is a menace not only to Jews, but to the human condition itself. Post-screening discussion with Professor Alvin Rosenfeld, Director of the Indiana University Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism (see Book Review on IN 17). For more information, contact JCRC Executive Director, Lindsey Mintz at lmintz@indyjrc.org.

Lubavitch of Indiana annual Lag B'Omer picnic

Sun., May 18 at 5 p.m., Food, fun and more at the Arthur M. Glick JCC Sablowsky Pavilion. Admission is \$12/Children under age 10 \$6/Family \$36. Prepaid admission \$10/\$5/\$30. Sponsor \$180. RSVP 251-5573 or event@lubavitchindiana.com.

JCRC Annual Meeting featuring U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly

On **Sun., May 18**, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Please join the JCRC for our 72nd Annual Meeting and welcome one of Indiana's US Senators, Joe Donnelly. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, Senator Donnelly has recently traveled to Eastern Europe, including the Ukraine, as well as to Israel and the Middle East. He will speak briefly about his current activities, and is particularly eager to have an engaging question-and-answer exchange with his Jewish constituents.

Jewish Learning Institute class

This six session class titled "Paradigm Shift" is being held on Mondays with third class **May 19** from 7–8:30 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, or Tuesdays **May 20** from 11–12:30 p.m. at the Schusterman Chabad House, 1112 Oakwood Trail. For more information call Rabbi Schusterman at (317) 698-6423 or email: jliindiana@gmail.com.

Course Overview: *Paradigm Shift* is an elevator ride to the heights of what is possible. Synchronize yourself with the mission for which you were placed on earth, and learn to recognize the inherent goodness and perfection in yourself, in others, and in every circumstance of your life. Distilled into six succinct lessons, this empowering course offers a revolutionary outlook on life, culled from the wisdom of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory.

PJ Library Play Dates

On **Wed., May 21** at Hasten Hebrew Academy Bring your children to the PJ Library's Play Dates! Siblings are welcome. We are joining with the Hasten Hebrew Academy's Play Pals for this Play Date! Join us as we create our very own tzedakkah boxes and read special stories. RSVP on JFGI's website www.jfgi.org.

JCC Business Network

The next meetings will be Wednesdays on **May 21** 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.

On Holy Ground

For two nights only, **May 20** and **21** at 7 p.m., The Phoenix Theatre along with Chicago-based theatre company, Genesis Theatrical Productions, present *On Holy Ground*.

It is composed of two one-act plays (performed back to back) including *Daughter of My People* – which follows the life of Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah – and *Jihad* – which examines the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from the stories of two mothers, one living in an Israeli settlement and the other in a Palestinian area. All tickets are \$22.

The Enduring Legacy of Islamic Antisemitism

On **May 22** at 7 p.m., at Congregation Etz Chaim, (317/251-6220), please join us for an informative and important lecture by Allon Friedman, M.D. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Jewish American Affairs Committee of Indiana (JAACI) www.jaaci.org.

As High As the Sky

On **Thurs., May 22** from 7–9 p.m., at Arthur M. Glick JCC, 317/251-9467, www.JCCindy.org, \$8 public / \$5 members. Tickets may be ordered online, by phone, in person and at the door. A taste of the Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts in Partnership with Heartland Truly Moving Pictures.

This first-time, independent feature,

from writer-director Nikki Braendlin, is a beautifully nuanced film that explores the fragile bonds between sisters. Made on a SAG Indie Ultra-Low budget, the film packs an emotional and memorable punch with stellar performances by Caroline Fogarty (*Big Love* and *Desperate Housewives*) and Bonnie McNeil (*Sympathy for Delicious*). A discussion via SKYPE with the film's director will follow the screening.

Eskenazi Water Park

At the Arthur M. Glick JCC opens on **May 24!**

Jewish Theatre of Bloomington

Performances of our upcoming play, *Sonia Flew* by Melinda Lopez will take place on **May 24, 29, and 31** at 7:30 p.m., and **May 25** at 2:00 p.m., at the Ivy Tech John Waldron Art Centers' Rose Firebay Theatre in downtown Bloomington. It is the story of Cuban born Sonia, a middle-aged attorney who as a child, was sent to the U.S. by her parents during the Cuban Revolution on Operation Pedro Pan a CIA rescue operation. The play bridges her life as an adult married to a Jewish man and her life in Cuba as a child. It is a story of immigration, family, and the impact that political forces can have on the lives of ordinary people. Three Indianapolis actors who will star in *Sonia Flew* are Bill Simmons, Stephen Hunt, and Jolene Moffatt. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Buskirk-Chumley box office, 812-323-3020 or online at <http://www.bctboxoffice.com/>

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington is looking for an actress between the ages of 25–35 who is a fluent Hebrew speaker to play a role in our fall, 2014 production of *Handle With Care*. Interested persons should contact Audrey Heller at hellera@indiana.edu or by phone at 812-336-3198. <http://www.jewishtheatrebloomington.org>.

Hadassah Annual Donor Brunch

We are thrilled to announce that Hadassah Executive Director Janice Weinman will be our special guest speaker on **Sun., June 1** at our 78th annual donor brunch. It will be held at Broadmoor Country Club beginning with cocktails at 11 a.m. and brunch at 11:30 a.m. Musical entertainment will be by The 65th Street Klezmerim. Please RSVP by May 16. If you have questions, call 475-4278.

JCC Farmers Market

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Indianapolis Early Music Festival

San Francisco's sizzling Baroque Ensemble kicks off the IEM Festival on Fri., June 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Historic Landmarks Center at 12th and Central. Musica Pacifica combines world-class musicianship with a spirited and communicative performing style, bringing exuberant vitality to the intimate chamber music of the Baroque. The concert spotlights the unique talents of each musician and combines them in diverse groupings, creating an ever-changing palette of instrumental color.

Rounding out the first weekend is Quicksilver, bringing together leading historically-informed performers in America today. Quicksilver vibrantly explores the rich chamber music repertoire of the early modern period, from the strange and extravagant trio sonatas of the Italian and German 17th century to the spectacular chamber music of the High Baroque. This Sunday event on June 22 at 4 p.m., will be at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center.

Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m., Pallade Musica will bring four of Montreal's most promising Early Music performers. Grand Prize winners at the Early Music America Baroque Performance Competition in October 2012, they play the Baroque violon, Baroque cello, theorbo, and harpsichord. Based on dedicated

research and continuous exploration, Pallade Musica's performances are acclaimed for their expressive and elegant interpretations.

Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m. is the popular Free Family Concert, where children of all ages can get up close and personal with the fore-runners of the instruments they hear today. Always a joy!

The Baltimore Consort, appearing on Sunday, June 29 at 4 p.m., has delighted audiences on both sides of the Atlantic and earned their CD's a place on the Billboard Magazine Top-Ten list. Their arrangements of early music from England, Scotland, France, Italy, and Spain speak to the heart as well as the mind, and their love for early music of English/Scottish heritage has led them to delve in the rich trove of traditional balladry and dance tunes preserved in the Appalachian Mountains and Nova Scotia.

The final weekend includes the highly acclaimed Peabody Consort at 7:30 p.m., on July 11 and Hesperus with the film *Mark of Zoro* at 4 p.m., on Sunday, July 13. Innovative, historically informed and multi-cultural, Hesperus brings history alive with silent movie scores, cultural fusions and single-genre early music programs from the Middle Ages through the American Revolution. Whatever the genre, Hesperus performs with creative energy, technical assurance and a sense of fun. For information and tickets: www.emindy.org; fms@iquest, or 317-577-9731. ✨

GELB'S 100TH

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Despite the fact that the cousins had never met, and Minneapolis, like every city, was in the midst of the Great Depression, Mom's American relatives encouraged her to immigrate to the United States as soon as possible.

By June, 1938, her cousins signed affidavits of sponsorship, and despite great misgivings, Mom left her parents in Vienna and arrived in Minneapolis in early 1939.

Before long, Martha met Amiel Gelb, her Bashert. She fell in love with him and his entire family. They were a large, modern, educated Jewish family with strong Zionist ideals. Mom not only found her love and soul mate, but she now had the brothers and sister she always longed for. Martha and Amiel were married Sept. 29, 1940, and honeymooned in Chicago on their way to a new life in Indiana.

But her family in Vienna was never far from her heart. As news of the war's growing horrors increased, I can only imagine how difficult it was for Mom to read her parents' letters. And then, how painful it was when their letters no longer arrived.

I believe that losing her parents in the Holocaust is what has driven Mom's fierce loyalty to family, her desire to help others in need and her unvarnished look at life's hardships. No matter what happens, through triumphs and disappointments, joys and pain, Mom has always been there to offer support and love.

Mom has always put family first. No question. But she has also been a champion of being independent-minded and self-sufficient. You may not realize it Mom, but in many ways, you were one the earliest feminists.

In the early 1960's, as she balanced the responsibilities of being a wife and mother, Mom completed her bachelor's degree and at age 47, began a long, successful career as an educator. She taught physical science and astronomy at Shortridge High School and then Northview Jr. High. She went on to earn a master's degree in education from Butler University.

Education, exploring new opportunities, and giving back to the community were core values my parents instilled in my brother Ted, of blessed memory, and me. Mom taught Sunday School at Beth-El Zedeck, was active in the Jewish Federation, Temple Sisterhood, and is a proud lifetime member of Hadassah. But most notable to me is how she freely opened her heart and home to those new to the community and in need of a friend. ✨

The 48th Indianapolis Early Music Festival

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The Peabody Consort presents Sephardic Romances in the second half of their "simply stunning" program *In the Circle of Henry VIII* on Friday, July 11 at the Indiana History Center.

The ensemble is joined by Emmy Award-winner Robert Aubry Davis, narrator. A pre-concert chat with the artists precedes all our concerts one half hour before curtain time (7:00 on Fridays/3:30 on Sundays) and our famous wine and cheese receptions follow each concert (except the FREE family concert).

All concerts at the Indiana History Center except the season opener (***)

***Friday, June 20 at 7:30pm
San Francisco's Musica Pacifica
At Indiana Landmarks Center***

Sunday, June 22 at 4:00pm
New York City's Quicksilver

Friday, June 27 at 7:30
Montreal's Pallade Musica

Saturday, June 28 at 11:00am
The Baltimore Consort
FREE Family Concert!

Sunday, June 29 at 4:00pm
The Baltimore Consort

Friday, July 11 at 7:30pm
The Peabody Consort

Sunday, July 13 at 4:00pm
Hesperus presents *The Mark of Zorro*

Chassidic Rabbi

By RABBI BENZION COHEN

I am writing this column in memory of a dear friend and relative who recently passed away, Rabbi David Avrahami, of blessed memory.

He was a first cousin of our mother Helen Cohen, of blessed memory. My mother's father and his mother were brother and sister.

He grew up in Israel, learned in *yeshivas* and became a respected *Torah* scholar and teacher. He served for many years as one of the heads of the yeshiva in Yerucham. Later in life he helped to establish and run a yeshiva in France. He helped thousands of students to learn Torah.

He authored a book, *Binyan Olam* (An Everlasting Edifice), about the importance of learning Torah. Out of modesty he published this book anonymously.

He lived in Jerusalem, so I did not see him a lot, but over the years we celebrated together many times. Whenever possible he attended our *bar mitzvahs* and weddings, and we attended his. He was always happy to see our family growing and living a life of Torah.

During *shiva* (the week of mourning), I went to comfort his family, and they told me a beautiful story.

One of their neighbors had come the day before me to comfort them. This neighbor told them how he had grown up in a secular home and lived a secular life. While studying in university he read the book *Binyan Olam*. It inspired him so much that eventually he went to learn Torah in a yeshiva. He became religious, married, and raised his family in a religious neighborhood. He was thankful for the beautiful life that he had found.

He had wanted to thank the author of this book that had inspired him, but no one could tell him who the author was. In reading the obituary of my dear friend and relative, he finally found who the author of the book was. It was his neighbor he had known all along.

Even though it was no longer possible to thank the author, he was able to at least thank his family and comfort them for their loss. This and other stories that they heard warmed their hearts in their time of grief and need.

We are now approaching the holiday of *Shavuot*, the holiday that commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. This is always a very special holiday for me. I know very well the importance of learning Torah.

I was born in Indianapolis in 1950. In those days the closest Jewish day school

was in Chicago, three hours away. My parents sent me to public school. I spent hours every day learning secular studies. My learning of Torah was extremely limited.

What were my goals in life? Have a good time. What was a good time for me then? Physical pleasure. I ate a lot of candy, got a lot of cavities, and spent a lot of money and time having my teeth fixed. I really wanted other physical pleasures too, but they were much harder to get. All I could do was read about them or dream about them. I was not very happy.

When I was 17, I read a book about yoga. There I was introduced to spiritual values. I gave it a try. I became a vegetarian and meditated every day. I was careful not to hurt anything or anybody. After a few months I came to believe in *Hashem* (G-d). I found happiness. Not from taking, but from giving.

Eventually I came to *Chabad*. I went to yeshiva and learned Torah 10 hours every day. Yoga taught me to avoid the physical world as much as possible. The Torah goes one step further. Our purpose is not just to live a good, happy and spiritual life, but to make the whole, physical world into a good, happy and spiritual place. How do we make the world holy? By using it for Torah and *Mitzvahs*. We use the stones to build yeshivas. We use the money to give charity. We use the food to make *Kiddush*. We use the internet to spread Torah and goodness.

Our Rebbe told us that we have almost accomplished this mission. It is up to all of us to learn more Torah and do more *Mitzvahs* to finish the job. Then our Rebbe and teacher, our righteous Messiah will finish his job to eradicate all evil, and we will live in a world completely good, happy, and holy.

We want *Moshiach* now.

Rabbi Cohen lives in K'far Chabad, Israel. He can be reached by email at bzcohen@orange.net.il. ✨



EVENTS

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Shavuot

Begins in the evening on **June 3!**

Indiana State Museum honors Rabbi Sandy Sasso

On **Thurs., June 12**, VIP reception at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner honoring Rabbi Sandy at 7 p.m. For additional information, tickets and registration, please call 317/234-8390 or www.indianamuseum.org by June 2, 2014.

Rabbi Sasso is this year's recipient of the Heritage Keepers Award bestowed by the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. This award recognizes "Indiana's greatest ambassadors for their embodiment of the Hoosier Spirit in their achievements, leadership and service to the State of Indiana." Last year's recipient was Senator Richard Lugar.

Rabbi Sasso is being honored as a "leader in her field and for her work in the arts and humanities, which has had an impact on the state-wide cultural landscape."

Proceeds will benefit the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites to develop high quality exhibitions and dynamic programming for visitors and school children across the state of Indiana. Tribute dinner and VIP reception presented by: David and Jackie Simon, Paul and Cindy Simon Skjodt & Deborah Simon.

Save the Date

Sun., Aug. 24 at B'nai Torah will be a dinner to honor Mark & Anna Ruth Hasten.

Torah on the Road by CST

Led by Rabbi Sendrow, this discussion is open to our entire community. Sessions take place from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. on the **last Tues. and Wed. monthly** – a new topic each month. Please RSVP to office at CST (733-2169) or at office@shaareytefilla.org. Tuesday's are in Downtown Indy at Katz & Korin and Wednesday's in Zionsville at the law office of Bob Schuckit. ✨

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Obituaries

Jeffrey Seth Yolles, 38, formerly of Carmel, Ind., passed away in Providence, R.I. on March 25. He was a tax attorney and a graduate of Carmel High School, Indiana University's Kelley School of Business and Washington University's School of Law. He lived in New York and Boston before settling in Providence. Jeff is survived by his son Zachary; Jennifer Zwirn Yolles; his parents Elliott and Jane and brother, Brian. Funeral services were held on March 30 at 10 a.m., at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** with burial in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Nursing Home.

Corinne Louise Bernstein, 87, of Indianapolis, passed away April 8. Survivors include her children, Gordon Bernstein, Beth Daupert (Daniel), Dale Bernstein, and Steve Bernstein. Graveside services were held on April 10 at IHC North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Nursing Home or The Hooverwood Guild. Special thanks to the staff at Hooverwood and St. Vincent Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Elias M. Feltenstein "Mickey", 93, of Munster, Ind., passed away on April 11. He is survived by his loving sister, Belle (late Kenneth) Rossman of Barrington, Ill.; many loving nieces and nephews. Preceded by his loving sisters: Esther Goodman and Rose Frieborn. Elias served in the US Army in WWII in the Pacific Theatre. He was the former owner and operator of Michael's Norman Furniture Store in Gary, Ind. He was former chairman of the Israel Bonds in Northern Indiana and former president of Zionist Organization of Chicago. Donations to Temple Bethel, Congregation Beth Israel,

or The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana in his loving memory. Funeral services were held April 14 at **The Burns-Kish Funeral Home**, 8415 Calumet Ave., Munster, Ind., with Rabbi Leonard Zukrow officiating. Burial took place at Elmwood Cemetery in Hammond.

Kathryn Kreppel Rosenberg, 92, passed away April 17 in Indianapolis where she had moved to be closer to her family. She was born on March 23, 1922 to John and Lucy Kreppel in New York City. She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Rosenberg. Surviving are her stepson Ron and her beloved 2 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Kathryn was laid to rest next to her husband in the Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale on April 25. Memorial contributions may be made to Carmel Education Foundation for the Amy Kline Fune, 5201 East Main Street Carmel, IN 46033.

Melvin Furchgott, Jr., 99, of Indianapolis, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., passed away April 20. A retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserves, Melvin had lived in Indianapolis since 2006. He worked as a manufacturer's representative of men's clothing for over 40 years. He was the beloved father of Joan (Albert) Rubenstein of Indianapolis and Carol (Thomas) Scott of Southport, N.C.; and brother of Maurice Furchgott of Baltimore, MD. Funeral services were held in Memphis with burial in Temple Israel Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Francine Marie Calderon, 61, of Indianapolis, passed away April 23. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio on April 13, 1953 to George and Zeldia Luklan. Francine was a graduate of Indiana Business College. She worked as a clerk for Irwin Mortgage for 10 years, retiring in 2006. Francine loved animals, was

a wonderful cook, enjoyed singing, and had a beautiful voice. She was a former member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and its choir. She is survived by her son, David C. Calderon; daughters, Lisa S. Calderon and Lorie L. Calderon; and granddaughter, Lucy J. Bennett. Graveside services were held April 27 in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society.

Milton Bluestein, 86, of Indianapolis, is mourned upon his passing on May 24 by the Bluestein family.



He was born Feb. 2, 1928 to Harry and Fannie Bluestein. He was an extraordinarily kind and loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle and friend. "Milt" knew no enemies, only friends. His love of family included his many cousins who he kept in close contact with throughout his life.

He married Muriel Wachter Bluestein in 1952 and they celebrated 62 years of marriage. They had 3 children.

In retirement, he and Muriel spent their winters in Hallandale, Fla., enjoying their many friends and love of golf. Milt was a graduate of Manual High School, attended Indiana University until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the beginning of World War II.

Milt along with his sister, Ida, were the second generation owners of Buyers Wholesale Company, a business that was then passed on to his children and survived 96 years of family ownership.

He was a member of the Jewish Community Center Association, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Men's Club, Etz Chaim Congregation Indiana Wholesale Marketers Assn., Broadmoor Country Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife Muriel, children, Jerome (Dori) Bluestein, Richard (Cassie) Bluestein and Karen Bluestein Hene. Also survived by grandchildren, Farrell Hene, Ashley, Harrison, Joel, Morgan, and Brooke Bluestein.

The funeral was held at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on May 28 and burial was in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Miracle Place, Beth El Zedeck Beautification Fund and the American Cancer Society.

Paul "Andy" Anderson, 60, of Indianapolis, passed away April 26. He was born in Greensboro, N.C., on Sept. 29, 1953 to the late Paul Anderson and Joan Kerr.

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Empowering people with Parkinson's Disease

BY MIRIAM KATES LOCK

The Dead Sea is known for its healing properties and the air at the Dead Sea is no less healing than the water of the sea itself. It is at the Dead Sea that the Israel Parkinson's Association (IPA) has been conducting its winter seminars for close to 15 years. This past February, 120 people in varying stages of Parkinson's Disease, together with spouses or caregivers, descended upon the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ein Bokek for the annual winter seminar. The five-day program offered workshops in dance and movement, Tai Chi, Feldenkrais and laughter yoga, along with lectures, art therapy, reflexology treatments, support groups and more. In the evenings there were musical performances, sing-a-longs, and dancing.

Parkinson's Disease is a complex, progressive disease, characterized by muscle rigidity, tremors, and changes in speech and gait. Typically diagnosed between the ages of 50 and 65, it gradually affects the way the patient moves and walks, making daily activities increasingly difficult. The progression of the symptoms is different for each person and there is no known cure, but there are various ways to relieve the symptoms.

Parkinson's not only affects the patient physically, but also emotionally and socially, and in later stages, the patient can also be affected mentally. It is a disease that has an effect on the whole family and its functioning. The more information the patient and his family have about the disease, the better prepared they are to face the challenges. The Israel Parkinson's Association, founded in 1993, was established in order to make this information

A Parkinson's patient paints in an art therapy workshop at the IPA Winter Seminar. Photo by Nehemia Bein.



more accessible. The IPA provides emotional support, social programming, exercise classes, and twice-yearly retreats for patients and their families. The IPA is a member of the European Parkinson's Association and the World Parkinson Coalition.

The exact number of Parkinson's patients in Israel is estimated as being between 25,000 and 28,000. Out of this number, 2,500 belong to the Israel Parkinson's Association, which has 20 branches throughout the country.

"The people who attend the IPA's twice-yearly seminars and activities in the local branches are the ones who are reaching out for help, for information," said Aviva (not her real name), the wife of Yossi, who has Parkinson's. She volunteers for the IPA and joins her husband at the seminars.

"We become friends and a source of support for each other," Aviva continues. "Some come alone but many come with a spouse. When we see each other at the seminars, it is like getting together with your family." The IPA actively tries to attract the people with Parkinson's Disease who have not yet joined the organization.

The participants of the recent IPA winter seminar were kept busy with a program that focused on physical exercise and alternative treatments. During a couples' reflexology workshop, the relationship between the spouse who has Parkinson's and the healthy spouse was supported as the ill spouse received a treatment intended to promote relaxation, improve circulation, and encourage natural healing processes. The workshop was taught by a woman who is a Parkinson's patient herself.

In another workshop, close to 50 people sit facing Chaya Wasserman, a lively woman who lost her husband in a terror attack in 2008. Chaya, who wrote a book about her own journey through grief after her husband's murder, explained to the group why laughter is so good for both your physical and emotional health. Chaya guides the group in deep yoga breaths, making sounds for them to repeat, "He, he, he, ho, ho, ho." She explains that your brain does not tell the difference between natural laughter and contrived laughter, and the benefits are the same. As they repeat the sounds, husband and wife pairs, people in wheelchairs and foreign caregivers alike begin to giggle. No one is left untouched by the laughter and when the session is over,

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Israeli Soldier Stories

BY ALESSANDRA RABELLINO



If you check the mailboxes of the average American 17-year-old, you might find birthday cards from relatives, high school report cards, and informational college brochures. In the United States, a high school junior has unlimited options and possibilities lying ahead. Travel 6,000 miles across the globe to Israel, however, and you'll find something quite different in the mailbox of a 17-year-old. Rather than preparing for college and exploring life's endless possibilities, high school juniors in Israel are receiving a draft notice from the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). At 18, Israelis must pack their bags, leave their homes behind, and learn to defend their country.

On Sun., March 30, two Israeli soldiers shared their experiences with attendees at Butler University in Indianapolis. Because the experiences of youths across the world are so inherently different from those of the Israelis, it is immeasurably important to hear directly from the soldiers themselves. The two soldiers, Iris and Anat, made their first stop on a tour of the Midwest sponsored by StandWithUs. An international educational organization dedicated to informing the public about Israel, StandWithUs puts on a yearly tour known as "Israeli Soldier Stories." As part of this program, Iris and Anat shared their upbringings, their experiences in the IDF, and their insights on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



(L-R) Iris and Anat at Butler University.

Iris, 30, is a 4th generation Israeli studying medicine in Ashkelon, just south of Tel Aviv. At 18, she joined the Israeli Air Force and soon joined an elite paratroopers unit. She was one of ten women in a group of 400 men teaching combat teams how to use high technology weapons and organizing operations against terrorist groups, such as Hezbollah and Hamas. Her job came with much responsibility: many terrorist groups run their operations in or near schools and places of worship,

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Seen on the Israel Scene

BY SYBIL KAPLAN

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The Pope is coming to Israel

Background of Papal Visits

Since the creation of the State of Israel, only two popes have visited Israel. In 1964, Pope Paul VI came to Jerusalem for 11 hours, although the Vatican had not yet officially recognized Israel. His purpose was to promote unity within the Christian community, although he did meet with President Shazar.

In 2000, John Paul II came on an official six-day visit and went to the Western Wall and Yad Vashem, and he paid respects to Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy sites. He met with the chief rabbis, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman, Yasser Arafat.

The visit of Pope Francis will commence on Sat., May 24, when he will visit Jordan. Sun., May 25, he will fly to Bethlehem for the day, then fly to Ben-Gurion Airport and spend the afternoon and evening in Israel.

On Mon., May 26, he will visit Jewish and Muslim sites and meet with the chief rabbis, the President and Prime Minister; lunch at the Pontifical Institute-Notre Dame; he will also meet with Christian religious leaders; and leave Israel that evening.



The Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center.

Background of the Notre Dame Center

The Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center was built between 1885 and 1904. It is the property of the Vatican in Israel acquired in 1970. Since 2004, it has been managed by the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ (a congregation of priests and seminary students who make Jesus the model for their lives).

The sections of the center include: a guest

house and interfaith center for pilgrims worldwide, an ecumenical and pastoral center for Jerusalem Christians; an auditorium and convention center; three restaurants; a permanent exhibition about the Holy Shroud; and a professional promotion hospitality center which provides post-high school training and education to Palestinians seeking a career in hospitality management, catering and food service.



View of the Old City from the Notre Dame rooftop.

Briefing by Father Juan Maria Solana

Father Solana presented a description of the activities of Holy Week, taking place April 13–20 culminating in Easter Sunday, “the most important celebration of the year for Christians.”

Regarding the visit of Pope Francis, he explained that it is “very, very symbolic” because the main feature of the visit is his private meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew I. Fifty years ago was the first such meeting and now, after 50 years, “this is a signal for Christians to continue fostering understanding, charity and love among Christians.”

The Pope will have lunch with his delegation, at Notre Dame and will bless a Tabernacle project, a symbolic event telling the center to continue with new projects. The Vatican delegation and press corps will be based at Notre Dame, while the Pope will stay at the Vatican Ambassador’s residence on Mount Scopus.

Other activities of the Pope include a courtesy visit with the Chairman of the Palestinian Authority; holy mass in Manger Square (center of Bethlehem, opposite the Church of the Nativity); a private visit to the Grotto of the Nativity (place where Jesus was born); and lunch with families in Bethlehem.

Once he arrives in Israel, he will meet with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople (spiritual leader of the Eastern Orthodox Christians, 300 million worldwide); and then with the Patriarch Athenagoras I in the basilica of the Holy Sepulchur (site where Jesus was crucified). He will then dine with Patriarchs and Bishops at the Latin Patriarch.

On the final day, after meeting the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, he will visit the

Western Wall, lay a wreath at Mount Herzl (Israel National cemetery); visit Yad Vashem (Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority); meet the chief rabbis, visit the President at his home and have a private audience at Notre Dame Center with Prime Minister Netanyahu.

After another visit with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, he will visit the Church of Gethsemane (where Jesus and his disciples prayed the night before the crucifixion) to meet with priests and people of religious seminaries; he will then celebrate a mass in the Room of the Cenacle (site of the Last Supper on Mount Zion). Finally, he will be transferred by helicopter to Ben-Gurion Airport.

An architect for Barcelona’s Jewish history

By definition, an architect is one who is trained and licensed to plan, design and oversee construction of buildings. But in Barcelona, Spain, a trained architect, formerly from Buenos Aires, took on a new role in 1999 because, as she says, she “became aware of the need and connection between the past and present.” And so she formed the Urban Cultours Project.

Dominique Tomasov Blinder is a very impassioned, dedicated and knowledgeable woman who offers tours of Jewish Barcelona.

One might know Barcelona is the port where Christopher Columbus (who may or may not have had Jewish roots) set sail in 1492; or if one is more Jewishly educated, one knows of Nachmanides (the Ramban) and the disputation with Pablo Cristiani before King James I of Aragon; one might also have read about Rashba, one of the greatest Middle Ages Torah scholars, and the most respected rabbi consulted on Jewish issues all around the Western world of the time. He was also one of the longest-serving rabbis of Barcelona’s Sinagoga Mayor.

Although records are known from the 9th century (mid 800s), Jews probably lived in Barcelona after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.

Why Jewish tours?

Dominique is the granddaughter of Russian Jews who left Belarus and the Ukraine in the first decade of the 1900s for Buenos Aires. Her grandparents were founders of that Jewish community. Her parents, both architects, spent some time in New York where she was born 59 years ago and then they returned to Buenos Aires when she was an infant. She grew up in what she calls “a very secular Jewish

home,” and became an architect. After traveling in Europe for a year, she landed in New York in 1979 where she lived for the next 12 years and worked as an architect.

Meanwhile, her mother relocated to Madrid and, by chance, Dominique came to Barcelona to work on a project and stayed. As the next few years passed, she began making friends and became involved with some families starting a Reform Synagogue. In 1997, they registered the first non-Orthodox congregation in Spain, Congregation Atid (meaning “future”).

She also became aware there was “another dimension to explaining Jews and there needed to be a Jewish voice to storytelling.” In 1999, she started the Urban Cultours Project, whose website says, their goal is: Revisiting Jewish heritage in Spain and the memory of Sepharad in Catalonia. (Catalunya comprises the four provinces of Barcelona, Girona, Lleida and Tarragon whose capital and largest city is Barcelona.)

“I am an architect specializing in Jewish heritage, to keep the Jewish voice alive and give another perspective in how we look at history,” says Dominique.

Montjuic – the cemetery

One obvious site, noticeable to the Jewish visitor to Barcelona, for example, is the towering Montjuic, which was home to the 1992 Olympic stadium. It was so named because at this site, in the Middle Ages, the Jewish cemetery occupied a small fraction of this hill and it was given the name, Montjuic, mountain of the Jews.



Atop Mountjuic, part of the unmarked Jewish cemetery.

Since 2006, Dominique and a member of her congregation have been working to preserve this cemetery which dates from at least the 9th century. Between 2008 and 2012, Dominique was instrumental in the formation of a research center of studies to find the borders of the cemetery. The Barcelona congregations (there is one Orthodox, one Reform and *Chabad*) presented a petition to the government of Catalunya to make the cemetery a landmark according to Catalan heritage laws, as it is



The architect/Jewish Barcelona guide, Dominique Tomasov Blinder stands next to an indentation on a stone entryway (to her right) where a mezuzah once hung.

meaningful to the history of the city and beyond. The landmark was approved in 2009.

On March 31, 2014, the anniversary of the signing of the edict of expulsion of the Jews by Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand in 1492, Dominique presented to the Architectural Association of Catalunya a lecture, explaining the results of the research and somewhat defining these borders of the cemetery which is now a grassy field with no markings.

A Quick Taste of Touring Jewish Barcelona

Why take a tour of Jewish Barcelona with Dominique? Jews lived in the city, for sure, since 800 CE. By the mid 1300s, they comprised between approximately 10 and 12% of the city’s population and there were five synagogues. After pogroms and an attack on the Jewish quarter in 1391, where 400 Jews were murdered, the majority of survivors converted or moved to other neighborhoods. By 1398, all of the Jews had left, and there was no Jewish life in Barcelona for 500 years.

A note of explanation: when the inquisition was created in 1478, one of the heresies was the hidden practice of Judaism (as well as of any other faith) if you had been baptized. *Conversos* or “new Christians” were those who converted to Catholicism. *Marranos* (meaning piglets) were those who practiced Judaism in hiding. *Anusim* is the Jewish term for those who were forced to convert.

Moroccan Jews and those from the old Ottoman Empire were the first Jews to move to Barcelona in the late 1890s. By World War II, when Hitler asked for lists of Jews in all countries, Spain claimed there were 6,000. If Jews were caught coming in illegally (without papers, through the Pyrennes or other borders, they were incarcerated and, many times, returned to their countries of origin. This was the case

of some German Jews in Barcelona. After the death of Franco in 1975, when democracies were being rebuilt, Jews came to Barcelona from South America. Today, Barcelona has about 5,000 Jews.

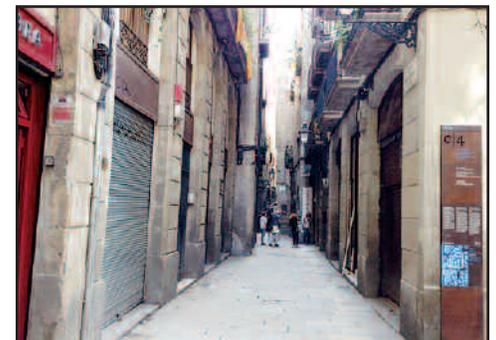
The Call

The Jewish quarter is called the “Call,” a Catalan word meaning cul-de-sac. To walk there with Dominique is an amazing experience. You can sense her enormous pride and deep feeling for this area. Walking through narrow streets, there is no sun coming through. You can feel the presence of the Jews who lived here through the chill of the stone buildings.

Like many Jewish buildings donated by benefactors today, you might laugh at the only artifact displayed on the street on the wall of a house. It is a plaque (a replica of the original) indicating that the rabbi and scholar, Shmuel Hasardi donated this property to the community in 1260.

Stepping down into the Sinagoga Major de Barcelona (or Barcelona’s Major Synagogue) feels like a true step into history as an Israeli guide from *Kibbutz Ketura* describes its history. Although they say it dates to the 3rd to 4th century, there are no references of any kind referring to that old past. Roman foundation stones are found in all the area that once was the Roman city, so that is not an indication. Rashba, a great Torah scholar, served as its rabbi more than 50 years; even King James I visited here at the end of the Barcelona Disputation.

Walking through the Call, Dominique points out another Jewish sign – an indentation by a building entrance where a *mezuzah* was once placed. The Museum of the history of Barcelona has a showcase which holds remnants of ceramic Sabbath and *Chanukah* lamps found in this Jewish quarter. Around the corner, a contemporary *Chabad* Store offers wines, books and giftware. Outside the Call, one can also see a wall with Hebrew letters on bricks, fragments of gravestones used for construction.



A street in the Call.

For the true Jewish history *aficionado*, there is the rebuilt King’s Palace. One can (see Kaplan/Israel, page IN 13)

BJE offers exciting summer classes

All classes take place from 7–8:30 p.m. Registration is \$10 per class or \$54 for the series. Register online at www.bjeindy.org.

June 18 – *Finding our Distant Cousins: Hebrews and Israelites*, taught by Rabbi Stan Halpern. All too often, we make assumptions about who the various peoples in Torah really are. In doing so, we can miss some interesting relationships as well as a clearer understanding of our history. The clues lie in a place we usually ignore – genealogies. But not tonight!

June 25 – *The Biblical Sisterhood*, taught by Rabbi Paula Winnig and Mrs. Miriam Gettinger. Will examine the lives of Biblical women who are known as sisters such as Lots’ Daughters, Rachel & Leah, Miriam, Dina, Daughters of Zelophehad and others and how they and their siblings shape our story today.

July 9 – *Jacob & Esau: The Stolen Blessing*, taught by Rabbi Ben Sendrow. One of the best known story lines in Genesis is Jacob and Esau. We know about the forced sale of Esau’s birthright and the deception of their father that led to Jacob stealing the blessing intended for Esau. Through a close reading of the story and related texts, we will learn the incorrect idea that is the basis of the stolen blessing, and how the Torah intended it to be understood.

July 16 – *Sephardic Jews in Muslim Lands*, taught by Prof. Yaron Ayalon. Learn about the Jews living among Muslims since the expulsions from Iberia in the 1490s. Jews and Muslims lived in great harmony and were equal under the rule of the Ottoman Empire. This coexistence was gradually undermined not by Zionism, as most people think, but by other processes that took place in the 19th Century.

July 23 – *21st Century Covenant: Soloveitchik and the Jewish Destiny*, taught by Rabbi Brett Krichiver. Are we held more tightly together by anti-Jewish, anti-Semitic, and anti-Israel sentiment that looms large in the modern world? Or do we embrace the promise of a better world, a vision of the kind of community we long to build? Together we will explore one of the last century’s greatest Jewish minds to discover, “Are we a people of fate, or of destiny?”

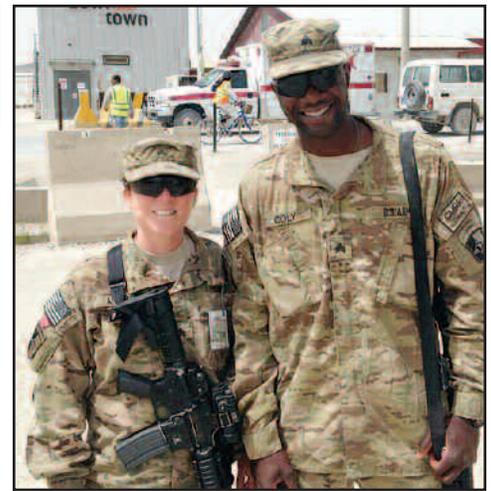
July 30 – *What Superman Can Teach us About King David*, taught by Rabbi Hal Schevitz. King David is the great hero of classical Jewish literature, but we find many different versions of David throughout Jewish literature. Using the model of Superman, we will see how

interpretations of David stayed true to his core, yet adapted to fit his literary and historical context, serving as an inspiration for the model of piety in that genre. ✦

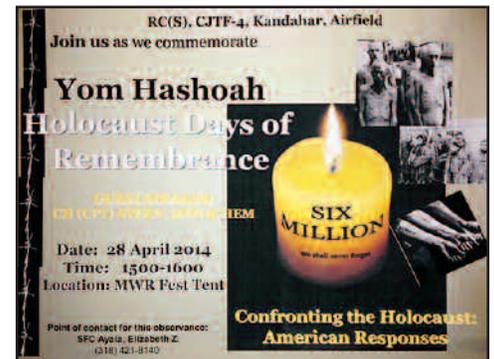
Sgt. Sirlen (Naomi) Arriazi is serving in Afghanistan



Sgt. Sirlen (Naomi) Arriazi (above) lights a memorial candle for the six million at a Yom HaShoah Commemoration in Kandahar. She is an Orthodox Jewish woman who was living in Indianapolis when she enlisted (former B’nai Torah secretary). Originally from Costa Rica, she is currently deployed in Afghanistan (program poster to the right).



Naomi Arriaza (L) with Niassarang Karpopy in Afghanistan.



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only say, "Wow!" as Dominique points out a building with some windows. The room beyond the large windows is part of a major renovation of the Palau Reial Maior (Major King's Palace) dating from the 1100s, which was the main hall of the palace and the room where the 1263 disputation between the Ramban (Nachmanides) and Pablo Cristiani was held before King James I of Aragon.

In addition to fascinating tours, Dominique also takes visitors to the local Holocaust Memorial and Montjuic. *B'nai Mitzvot*, visits to the synagogues, holiday celebrations, meetings with local Jews, lectures, *kosher* meals and genealogy research are also available—"anything that can add to a truly Jewish experience in Barcelona," adds Dominique. Website: www.urbancultours.com or email: info@urbancultours.com

Overland Park – our home town

Reprinted from the Jerusalem Post April 24, 2014.

As we were sitting in Barcelona, Spain, we were shocked to see the BBC News announcing the murders of three people in our home town of Overland Park, Kansas, on our Jewish Community Campus. Barry and I both grew up across the state line in Kansas City, Mo.

When he returned to the area, he resided in another nearby Kansas suburb. When we got married, we chose to live in Overland Park because it was near our synagogue (one of seven in town) where we both served on the board and were active and where I was librarian for 17 years and PR director for five.

Overland Park was also close to the Jewish Community Campus where I worked as a substitute teacher and special teacher for the day school for 11 years, as a teacher for the Jewish community high school for six years and for the senior citizen center as an ESL teacher for seven years.

My daughters attended the campus summer day camp, my youngest, Elissa worked at the pool kiosk one summer. Barry went to the athletic department to work out from time to time and we both enjoyed the pool and the many lectures and cultural activities offered there.

In short, the campus was very much a part of our lives, and we were active members of the 20,000-strong Overland Park Jewish community.

We were not blind to the fact that

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participants leave the room with smiles.

The Israel Parkinson's Association is entirely managed and directed by devoted volunteers. No one receives a salary. Many of the volunteers are spouses of people with Parkinson's or have lost spouses to the disease.

World Parkinson's Day is celebrated annually on April 11. In Israel, the day is marked a month later as it falls on or close to Passover. This year, the IPA is celebrating Parkinson's Day on May 14, with a day of fun and activities at Kibbutz Shefayam.

For more information about the Israel Parkinson's Association visit their site at <http://www.parkinson.org.il>.

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Overland Park may have had its share of PLO cells, white supremacists and even KKK, but they were all fairly low-key, at least in the 20 or so years Barry and I called OP home. For Jews, it has been a thriving, safe and secure environment. One of the major supermarket chains allowed their bakery to be made kosher and carried a large amount of kosher products and even meat. A Chinese restaurant koshered a room and its contents in order to offer a Sunday of kosher Chinese food once a month. A Subway franchise for some time had its place kosher.

To know that people of all faiths could enjoy the activities of our campus has always been special. To hear that well-meaning Christians were gunned down by a fanatic is not only disturbing but frightening to those relatives and friends who live there today.

The Jewish community is closeknit, with positive ties to the non-Jewish world around them. Regretfully, one of those connections turned out to be fatal to three non-Jewish individuals. It is ironic that the racist murderer could not even tell the difference between Jewish and non-Jewish individuals.

We are sorry that this is the way people will now think of Overland Park, because we still call it our "home town."

Sybil and Barry Kaplan are a journalist/photographer team of foreign correspondents who live in Jerusalem. Sybil is a food writer and cookbook author who leads weekly walks in English in Machaneh Yehudah market and is co-president of one of the English-speaking chapters of Hadassah-Israel. The Kaplans are also active members of Kehilat Moshet Avraham. ✨

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forcing soldiers like Iris to weigh the dangers of carrying out attacks against them. Nonetheless, Iris emphasized her desire to serve in the IDF.

Like most Israelis, she'd been personally affected by the country's conflict. Her great-grandfather, a prominent pre-independence physician, was murdered by one of his Arab patients; her childhood friend was the victim of a suicide bombing when Iris was just 13. Growing up, she knew she had the duty to try and achieve peace.

Nowadays, Iris is training to become a doctor in the reserve army, and as part of her training she tutors Arab women wanting to enter the medical field. Iris's story is a heartwarming and hopeful illustration of the motivations guiding many Israeli soldiers. Despite personal traumas, Iris wants nothing more than to reach a peaceful solution to the conflict.

Much like Iris, Anat also hopes for reconciliation for her country. At 24, she is studying social work at Ben Gurion University in the Negev desert. Her childhood experience was a pleasant one, in a rural village in central Israel. She recalled running barefoot in the orchards and making friends at summer camp. When it came time for her to join the IDF, she became part of the spokesperson unit, acting as the liaison between the IDF and the outside world. The difficulties in this job lie within the frequent misunderstandings and miscommunications in the outside media. On one assignment, Anat had to investigate an incident in which Israeli soldiers had allegedly shot a van of civilians waving white flags. She found out that the media had not reported the fact that the civilians were armed. This was just one of many instances in which the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was reported out of context.

Together, Anat and Iris, sponsored by StandWithUs, are working to provide the context that is so frequently left out of the conversation. By speaking at college campuses, synagogues, and churches, these soldiers can help put a face to the IDF uniforms, offer valuable insight into their experiences, and perhaps most importantly prove that despite their obligatory military service, they are at heart just like typical youths, optimistic about the future and hoping for peace.

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BDS is the new antisemitism & the college campus is the new battlefield

BY PROFESSOR TAMMI ROSSMAN-BENJAMIN

Boycotts of Israeli universities and scholars are the newest expressions of anti-Zionism and antisemitism. In the U.S., more than 1,000 scholars on more than 300 college and university campuses across the country have endorsed an academic boycott of Israel, including professors at IU Bloomington, IU South Bend and Purdue University.

The anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) campaign was established in response to a call by Palestinian organizations, including terrorist organizations Hamas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, to facilitate the elimination of Israel. Omar Barghouti, founder of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel, has publicly described his desire to "euthanize" the "Zionist project."

The American Studies Association's recent adoption of a resolution boycotting Israeli universities and scholars has been subjected to scathing criticism by several prominent academic associations, including more than 250 university presidents, hundreds of state and federal legislators, and virtually every mainstream Jewish organization.

These groups have argued that a boycott of Israeli universities and scholars violates the tenets of academic freedom and is discriminatory. Faculty members' unbridled use of the university for promoting the boycott of Israel has had dangerous consequences.

Corruption of the academic mission of the University: The political nature of the campaign to promote a boycott of Israel damages the educational endeavor that is at the heart of a university. When the focus of a professor or department is political advocacy, the quality of teaching and research is severely compromised. One-sided partisan teaching limits the access of students to vital information and violates their fundamental right to be educated, not indoctrinated.

Creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students: Professors who use their official positions and resources to promote campaigns to harm or dismantle Israel and who encourage students to do the same, contribute to the creation of a hostile and threatening environment for many Jewish students, who report feeling emotionally and intellectually harassed



Professor Tammi Rossman-Benjamin and Professor Alvin Rosenfeld, head of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism at Indiana University, and the conference organizer (see Book Review on IN 17). Photo by Gabriel Brahm.

and intimidated by their professors and isolated from their fellow students. Since no other racial, ethnic or religious group has been subjected by faculty to such pervasive harassment and intimidation, Jewish students experience this flagrant double standard as a kind of institutional discrimination that is antisemitic in effect if not in intent. Unfortunately, Jewish students who feel emotionally or intellectually threatened as a result of their professor's anti-Israel advocacy are often afraid to come forward and confront the professor or to complain to an administrator, because they are concerned about potential retaliation.

Giving academic legitimacy to global campaigns to harm Israel: American colleges have become a critical front in the war being waged against the Jewish state. The language and imagery used to demonize Israel and portray it as worthy of destruction, as well as the BDS campaigns intended to be the first steps towards that end, are the main weapons of this war, have caused significant harm to Israel's reputation. Moreover, when antisemitic tropes and campaigns are promoted by faculty, a cloak of academic legitimacy attaches to them, considerably enhancing their ability to flourish on

campus and contributing to the growth of global antisemitism.

What can be done?

The problem is a serious one and worsens with each campus-based boycott effort that goes unchallenged. Pressure must be brought from outside of the university.

• **Public Pressure** – Information about faculty who endorse BDS, should be published and circulated widely. Then, students, prospective students, alumni, parents, donors, and taxpayers should express outrage at the university's collusion with an antisemitic campaign. Potential loss of student or donor revenue and the erosion of goodwill of the taxpaying public send a compelling message to university administrators.

• **Legal Pressure** – When the behavior violates state or federal law, legal action may prove effective.

• **Legislative Pressure** – Virtually all universities are beholden to state and federal legislators for funding. To date, legislation which would withhold public monies from universities that engage in anti-Israel boycotts has been proposed in five states, as well as in the U.S. Congress. Such legislation could go a long way towards curbing the behavior of academic boycotters.

In the 1930's, thousands of Jewish professors were kicked out of German universities because they were Jews. Shamefully, today in the U.S., Jewish professors are threatened with being thrown out of scholarly conferences, prevented from publishing in scholarly journals, and denied research or employment opportunities, simply because they are citizens of the Jewish state. Although the problem is a global one, it must be fought locally, on each and every campus where the antisemitic boycott of the Jewish state rears its ugly head.

Professor Rossman-Benjamin is a lecturer at University of California Santa Cruz and the co-founder of AMCHA Initiative, (see Rossman-Benjamin, page IN 17)

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HHAI 43rd annual HAI-Life awards dinner

On Sun., June 1, at the Cultural Arts Center of the Hasten Hebrew Academy Cocktail reception 5–5:45 p.m., followed by program in the auditorium and dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Honorees are retiring school administrator **Mrs. Marcy Ekhaus** who has held the position since 1997, and distinguished Judaica teacher **Mrs. Shulamit Hasten**. Also being honored are the six graduating eighth graders: **Samuel Bruns, Hannah Glazier, Laruen Schwartz, Isaac Siegel, Ben Solomon, and Koby Tavel**. Master of Ceremonies is **Dr. Jack Cotlar**.



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Dinner Chair is **Gigi Marks Felsher**. Dinner committee is Meytal Ashkenazi, Dina Cohen, Dr. Jack Cotlar, Sally Cotlar, Ivan Ekhaus, Arthur Felsher, Fran Flaumenhaft, Judith Friedman, Miriam Gettinger, Mickie Gurvis, Benton Marks, Sandi Marks, Zita Nurok, Florence Reznik, Monica Rosenfeld, Estie Rotstein, Toni Scott, and Ellen Shevitz. Reservations must be received by May 23, 2014 to the office 317-251-1261. ★

At the left (L-R): HHA principal, Mrs. Miriam Gettinger, two Israeli guides (in back), HHA students Megan Schwab, Laruen Schwartz, Hannah Glazier, Ben Solomon, Koby Tavel, Sam Bruns, and HHA teacher, Mr. Netanel Edri (in front).

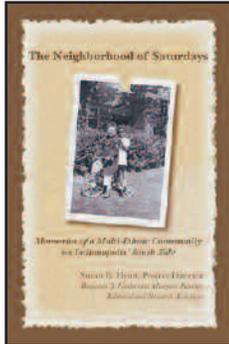
HHAI students in Israel



The Neighborhood of Saturdays

BY ISAIAH KUPERSTEIN

On March 30, I witnessed a phenomenal program at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. Gathered on a sunny Sunday afternoon were some 200 people coming together for a program featuring the project started by Professor Susan Hyatt in the anthropology department of IUPUI some years ago. And all those folks coming together were the very people and their families and friends who once lived together on the south side of Indianapolis. Others were there too.



The program featured a play written by Professor Hyatt's students, recreating the memories of African Americans and Jews who lived side by side for a generation around a six block area that is no more.



Professor Hyatt's students perform the play they wrote.

And then there was a panel discussion featuring some of the former neighbors – Bill Craig, Judge William Levy, Gladys Nisenbaum and Beatrice Miller (Miz Pete). And there was a video. And there was food. And there was even a well-known person – Erika Smith of the *Indianapolis Star*.



The panel discussion featuring some of the former neighbors led by Professor Hyatt.

But for me it was not just a program. Memories were gushing forth – a time

Yom HaAtzmaut celebration at the Indy JCC



Israel Independence Day music and dancing! What a blast! A fun afternoon of clapping, singing, and dancing was enjoyed by everyone on Sun., May 4 in the Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. The event was sponsored by the Shaliach Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Some of the performers were the Beth-El Zedeck youth choir with Melissa Cohen, The 65th Street Klezmerim from IHC with Andrew Lyon, and children from the Russian Sunday School presented Jewish dances on stage. Hooshir A Cappella Group, comprised of students from Indiana University in Bloomington sang mostly Hebrew songs. Israeli musician Lior Balavie and his teacher entertained with Israeli songs. Finally three young men from North Central High Schools Counterpoints, Kevin Melrose, Steven Auster, and Eitan Geller-Montague, led the national anthems of Israel and the United States. How wonderful it is when the community works together!

when African Americans and Jews shared schools, celebrations, worship, friendships, and tolerance. They shopped and worked for the same businesses in their neighborhood. They assembled on each other's porches. Kids played together and adults didn't mind scolding them when they were bad. And the stories never stopped. And the photos were there for all to see.

Even the highway system that destroyed that neighborhood in the 1970's could not stop the stories, or erase the life-long friendships that were formed. It was amazing to hear David Williams, a proud African American, talk about how he learned to count in Yiddish from a survivor of the Holocaust.

This program reminded me in a clear and vivid way how similar this sharing of memories and stories has been for us as

we've continued to develop our plans to preserve and restore Temple Beth El on 34th & Ruckle St.

These memories and experiences are similar to what we've experienced on the north side of Indianapolis, in Ligonier and Lafayette, Ind., and every group with which we've spoken. They reminded me of a High Holiday program at Beth El-Zedeck congregation when people reminisced well after the program ended.

People don't want to forget. People yearn to share their stories. People want to engage with each other in a spirit of tolerance, recognizing and appreciating the wonderful diverse fabric of our city and state. People recall strong neighborhoods and relationships. These memories remind us of what can be – diverse communities engaging with each other. ✨



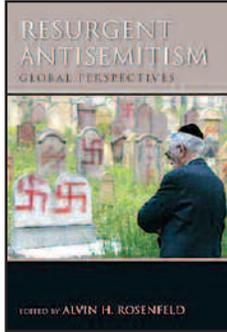
Book Review

REVIEWED BY
PROFESSOR ARNOLD AGES

Chilling anthology

Resurgent Antisemitism: Global Perspectives. Edited by Alvin H. Rosenfeld. Indiana University Press. 561 Pages.

I had originally intended to start this review with an anecdote about a Jewish civil servant in 1939 who sends a telegram to his New York office... After reading Alvin Rosenfeld's chilling anthology of current anti-semitism (note that the spelling of the word itself – without a capital – is designed to deflate its heinous toxicity) it is no longer appropriate to grin even ironically at the joke's punch line. [1]



Canadian newspapers have recently published an interview with a forensic psychiatrist who specialized in serial murderers and who was obligated in pre-trial exercises to view videos, some live, of the murder scenes. The accumulation of these violent scenes affected the psychiatrist so severely that he suffered post traumatic stress syndrome and found it necessary to undergo therapy. Despite his age (late 60s) and many years of experience, he was unable to neutralize the effect of what he was seeing.

I do not suggest that readers of Rosenfeld's anthology of hatred for Jews and the Jewish State will necessarily unbalance them but a cautionary note is necessary nonetheless. Reading this book should be done slowly and intermittently; plunging into it willy nilly will not be a profitable venture and may occasion moments of high anxiety.

Let us be clear: this has nothing to do with the quality of this collection of essays. The editor has culled articles from outstanding, thorough and sophisticated scholars representing diverse disciplines. The result is a brilliantly nuanced geographical and ideological atlas which analyzes the coordinates of antisemitism in its malevolent tentacles all over the world.

The breadth of the inquiry is astonishing – Britain, Spain, Norway, Hungary, Romania, Poland and Turkey are first monitored historically for the record (and there are some positive surprises here) and then subjected to a contemporary

audit of antisemitic rhetoric. The picture which emerges is not a comforting one as the essayists quote chapter and verse from the modern purveyors of what Maurice Samuel once called the non “filterable virus of antisemitism.”

Naturally there are vast swaths of inquiry about the current status of Islam's war against Jews and the State of Israel, a quagmire of incendiary threats of politicized and genocide thrown together. The ideological struggle against Jews, Judaism and Israel is examined on the American campus where all too often professors misuse the guise of academic freedom to launch anti-Israel verbal missiles with seeming immunity.

Perhaps the most painful chapter in this work is Ilan Avisar's measured disclosure that what the rabbis called the *av hatumah* – “the foundational impurity” that is to say a noxious form of anti-Zionism, can be found in a coterie of Israeli academics, many of whom teach outside of Israel, and who feed the international appetites for antisemitism and the boycott of the Israeli State.

Norman Cohen published a book many years ago called *Warrant for Genocide* an apt title to describe the nexus between preaching unbridled hatred for Jews and murdering them. One of the writers in this

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a non-profit organization that combats antisemitism on college campuses across the United States. She recently delivered the above remarks at Indiana University's Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism international scholars conference, “Deciphering the New Antisemitism.” ✪



volume uses a slightly different phrase to describe the same syndrome – “a licence to kill.” Lucy Dawidowicz, the eminent historian, wrote a book titled *The War Against The Jews*. She was referring of course to the Nazis genocidal war against European Jewry which they pursued independently from the war they waged against the allies between 1939 and 1945.

The Rosenfeld document is proof positive that the war against the Jews has been renewed. Let no one say that there were no warnings.

[1] The Jewish civil servant writes: “Start worrying – details to follow!”

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OBITUARIES

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Andy attended Darlington School in Rome, Ga., and graduated from the University of Georgia. He married Wendy Goldberg Anderson and they moved from Virginia Beach, Va., to Indianapolis where he spent the majority of his career at Thomson Consumer Electronics in corporate communications.



Andy is survived by his loving wife and two children, Jennifer Glare (Zachary) and Kevin Anderson, granddaughters, Sadie and Zoey Glare, and brothers Steven (Elyse) and Marc (Margaret) Anderson.

Andy was an avid photographer and loved biking and spending time on the ice as a hockey coach and referee. His favorite passion was hiking the peaks of Glacier National Park in Montana.

The funeral was April 28 at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. In lieu of flowers, donations in Andy's memory can be made to: Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, I.U. Simon Cancer Center, St. Vincent Hospice and Glacier National Park Conservancy.

Morris "Moe" A. Silverman, 77,

of Indianapolis passed away May 1. He was born on Christmas Day 1936, to Louis and Ann Silverman. After graduation from Indiana University in 1959, he entered the life insurance business with American United Life (One America) and was still actively involved in his career 54 years later. Among his many successes was his recent recognition by One America as a recipient of a lifetime achievement award.



He was a past president of the Indianapolis and Indiana chapters of the National Association of the Insurance and Financial Advisors and received recognition from the State Association as the Hoosier Life Underwriter of the Year. He was a past president of the Indianapolis CLU chapter and served on the national CLU Board. Moe was heavily involved in the community and was recently recognized by the United Way as "Volunteer of the Year." Additionally, he was the past president and board member of Pleasant Run Children's Home of Indianapolis. He was also a recipient of "Sagamore of the Wabash." Moe served on the boards of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

He is survived by his wife, Judi; five children, David, Laurie (Sean), Michael

(Amanda), Louis (Anita), and Amy; nine wonderful grandchildren; and most recently, a great-granddaughter, Celeste.

Moe always said the greatest sale of his life was to the love of his life, Judi, and he cherished the 55 years they spent together. "She was the wind beneath my wings; she was my reason for being." He was preceded in death by his brother, Myron; and leaves behind wonderful memories spent with his sisters, Phyllis Ackerman and Esther Silverman.

A funeral service was held at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on May 4. Burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Vincent Hospice, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Illene K. Maurer, 78, of Indianapolis, and formerly of Ft. Wayne and Terre Haute, died May 9. A proud graduate of Wiley High School and Northwestern University, Illene met and married the late Michael B. Maurer in 1956 and moved to Indianapolis, completing her college degree in 1957.

From 1957 throughout the rest of her life, Illene was a devoted volunteer and community leader. Among the many organizations of which she served as president were the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Women's Committee, Methodist Hospital Task Core, the Bureau of Jewish Education Auxiliary, and the Illinois-Indiana Region of Hadassah.

Illene was also the first woman elected as president of the Washington Township School District Planning Committee (forerunner of today's Parent Council) and the first woman chosen to be president of her synagogue, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Illene also served on the boards of the Hoosier Capital Girl Scout Council, the Indianapolis Opera, People of Vision, Alliance of the Indianapolis Museum of Art, and the Indiana University Board of

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Visitors, Jewish Studies Program, and was a trustee of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. In 2001, the Junior League of Indianapolis made Illene an honorary member, and she was currently serving on its Advisory Board.

While Illene received numerous awards from the Jewish and general community for her efforts, Illene really valued the lasting contributions she and her late husband Mickey made to the community through the Michael Ben & Illene Komisarow Maurer Young Musicians Contest, run by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and the Illene K. and Michael B. Maurer Children's Library at their synagogue.

Illene is survived by three children, Stacy Maurer, Betsy Maurer and Larry Maurer also five grandchildren, and tons of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and adoring friends.

A funeral service was held on May 12, at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Memorial donations may be made to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, or one of the many other organizations Illene served. Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. To share a memory or send a message of condolence, visit the online obituary at www.arnmortuary.com. ★



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This free event features 600 acres of fresh air and family fun, giving guests the opportunity to step off the beaten path with activities for all ages. Amenities include a lakefront aqua park, giant waterslide, climbing wall, zip line, canoes and kayaks. Plus, attendees can enjoy arts & crafts, sports, a s'mores cookout and much more! Lunch and snacks are included with advanced RSVP. Camp Livingston is located in Bennington, Ind., less than two hours from Indianapolis.

"Whether you went to camp as a kid, or

have never stepped foot in a cabin, much less a canoe, this event is for families looking for a fun, new way to enjoy an 'old school' day in the great outdoors!" explains Julie Robenson, Shalom Family Event Coordinator. "Thanks to the generosity of Camp Livingston, the entire 600 acre facility will be ours for the day. We are excited to be able to offer amazing amenities such as these to families for free that would easily cost hundreds of dollars a day anywhere else," she adds. "Plus, what could be a better way to introduce kids to overnight camp without having to stay overnight?"

Camp Livingston has been serving

Jewish families of all affiliations for nearly 100 years. It offers a safe and nurturing environment that incorporates Jewish identity and Israeli culture into daily life, all while fostering valuable communal life skills, self-confidence and an appreciation of the outdoors. There, campers can gain self-esteem and confidence, form lasting friendships and memories and gain a sense of social responsibility.

"We are excited to be partnering with Shalom Family to show why camp is such a wonderful place and why so many people call camp 'their home'!" says Brett Schwartz, Director of Camp Livingston.

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