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Happy Chanukah



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(see full painting on p. IN 5)

Hanukkah in old synagogue, Mea Shearim
By Eduard Gurevich

This artwork is oil on canvas and was done in memory of his parents, Lucy Givertsman and Mikhael Gurevich and his uncle and teacher Max Malovitsky. They fought against the Nazis in the Red Army, but his other relatives were killed by the Nazis.

Eduard Gurevich was born in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine in 1947 in the city of the illustrious Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson. He began



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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Mike and Sylvia Blain, Beachwood, Ohio on their 12th great-grandchild, a girl **Eliana Deborah** (in Hebrew, *Gital Devorah Eliana*) was born Nov. 4 in Cherry Hill, NJ. She weighed 4 lbs. The baby's parents are **Ezra and Melissa Blain**, Teaneck, NJ; maternal grandparents: **Seymour and Rona Kessel**, Edison, NJ; paternal grandparents: **David and Susan Blain**, Cherry Hill, NJ; the other paternal great-grandparents: **David and Rose Raduziner**, Hudson, Mass.



Ezra Blain with daughter Eliana Deborah.

Shirley Goldfarb on her 95th birthday Oct. 21. It was celebrated on Oct. 26 with her grandsons **Lee Goldfarb** who came from Israel and **Jon Goldfarb** who came from Phoenix.



Rabbi Levi and Adina Tiechtel with son Mendel.

Sid and Linda Dunn on the birth of their twin grandchildren (below) born to their daughter and son-in-law **Elias and Kari Dunn Saratovsky** who reside in Houston. **Ezra Samson Saratovsky** and **Dalia Peri Saratovsky** were born on Nov. 5.

Kari is a consultant on civic engagement specializing in millennial issues. She formerly was the Executive Director of the President's Council on Civic Engagement in the George W. Bush White House (2004–2006) and Vice President of the Case Foundation (2006–2010). Elias is the Regional Director of the Southwest Region of American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) covering a nine-state region. They have a four year old daughter **Liya Avital**.

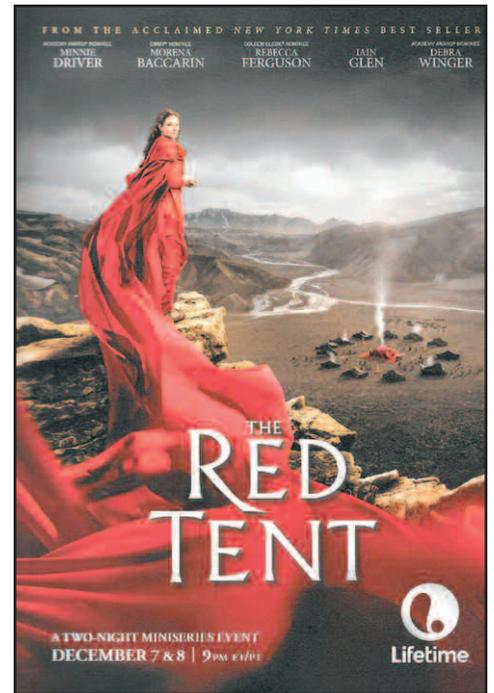


Linda and Sid Dunn (back) with their daughter, Keri, and her husband, Elias, and their children, Liya, Dalia, and Ezra.

Herb and Bobbi Frankovitz on their 49th wedding anniversary Nov. 28, which was also the day Herb turned 72.

Sylvia Silver of Hooverwood on her 101th birthday Dec. 3, and who was part of a program on WTHR TV on 10 centennials currently living at Hooverwood.

Lubavitch of Indiana for the establishment of Chabad in West Lafayette at Purdue University. It will be headed by **Rabbi Levi and Adina Tiechtel** (left). (For more information go to: www.JewishPurdue.com.) At least four of their rabbis, **Avrohom Grossbaum**, **Mendel Schusterman** (right), **Eliezar Zalmanov**, and **Levi Teichtel** were among 5,200 rabbis from 80 countries who were in New York for the International Conference of Chabad-Lubavitch Emissaries, an annual event aimed at reviving Jewish awareness and practice around the world.



Julian Isaac Lande (below) was born to **Jeremy and Samantha (Klein) Lande** of Chicago on Nov. 15, weighing 8.2 lbs. Grandparents are **Al and Noreen Klein** of Detroit, and the late **Julie Brooks, Phil and Cheryl Lande** of Indianapolis. **Ann Lande** of Indianapolis and Florida is his (see Simchas, page IN 5)



Jeremy Lande with newborn sons Julian Isaac and his big brother, Jack.



Rabbi Mendel Schusterman (back, 2nd from left) with six of his brother's and two of his brothers-in-law at the Chabad conference in New York Nov. 23.

Editorial

A big thank you goes to Lev Rothenberg and Lisa Freeman for a wonderful 16th annual Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts Oct. 28–Nov. 15 at the Arthur M Glick JCC in Indianapolis. No doubt many others worked to make it a success but every time I saw those two, they were working above and beyond the call of duty.

One exquisite program done in conjunction with Spirit & Place was titled, “Life Dances”. This began with a project involving local community elders who wrote down their life stories. For this event, 12 of those were first read aloud – one at a time – to a packed audience in the Laikin Auditorium at the JCC. Then after each reading, Dance Kaleidoscope did an interpretive dance performance of the story. The stories were moving and the dances were outstanding.

Before the program, I was wondering how a life story could be demonstrated in a dance lasting only a few minutes but the dancers dressed fittingly for their roles and with the expressions on their faces together with their postures, they were able to portray a variety of different emotions. In other words their acting was as good as their dancing.

Copies of a book of these life stories were available for purchase at the Book Fair. I highly recommend it, either for one’s own reading or as a *Hanukkah* gift for someone who “has everything”.

We receive a lot of books for review before they are published, but just before Thanksgiving I received something a little different. It was a DVD of the Lifetime TV miniseries, *The Red Tent* that will be broadcast in two parts at 9 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 8 (see poster art p. IN 2). It is based on the novel by Anita Diamant published in 1997. In the promotional material that came with the DVD, it says the book has sold millions of copies worldwide and has been translated into 28 languages.

I did not read the book but it, and now the miniseries, is about Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah in the Torah. It has an all-star cast including Minnie Driver as Leah, Morena Baccarin as Rachel, Iain Glen as Jacob, Will Tudor as Joseph, and Debra Winger as Jacob and Esau’s mother Rebecca. Rebecca Ferguson does a superb job portraying Dinah. On the upside, breathtaking sets, time period and location-appropriate costumes made the miniseries visually stunning. On the downside, it had more violence than I usually allow myself to watch. Read more at www.mylifetime.com/movies/the-red-tent.

In the bible Dinah is mentioned with only one line. This leaves us guessing what she was like. Diamant created a *midrash* about her, having her grow up to become a talented midwife who is wise and strong. Since Joseph was her younger brother, the series includes some of the same scenes about him – and Dinah’s other relatives – as written in the Torah, such as when Joseph was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers.

What the miniseries has in common with the Life Dances program is that in a very brief amount of time, the viewer gets to glimpse a whole lifetime or a good portion of it. Just as one studies the Torah over and over in order to learn from our ancestors, one can hopefully learn from the interactions and behaviors of our recent elders whose lives are more similar to ours so one will not have to go through the same challenges.

What I came away with after watching these two programs is that life goes by in flash. No one is free of struggles and everyone has some strengths and weaknesses. Holding onto emotions such as anger, jealousy, and bitterness because one feels mistreated, and seeking revenge because one is not able to forgive does not resolve anything. In fact – especially from watching the miniseries – it only leads to more of the same.

In our September editions we published a photo of Wolf Blitzer hugging Holocaust survivor Eva Kor. It was taken at Auschwitz where she had been severely mistreated for several months as a child. We have written here about her story and how 50 years after her liberation she was able to forgive the perpetrators of these heinous acts.

Recently I saw Wolf Blitzer in a news clip that aired on CNN. He was telling about this trip to Auschwitz and then to Israel as part of a whole segment he was asked to do on his family history.

Both of his parents were Holocaust survivors who had lost most of their family. After the war, before his parents met, they were doing what every other survivor did – searching in hopes of finding family members who had survived. They met on a train, fell in love and got married. Wolf and his older sister were born in Germany. When he was three he, his sister and parents immigrated to the United States.

Blitzer said his father was not bitter and he never carried a grudge. He had decided to move forward, letting go of the past. His parents had learned to live each day to the fullest because they never knew if they would have another day. By watching them, Wolf learned to make the most out of every situation in his life. This showed me that it is possible for one to let go of

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utterly unjust treatment and not seek revenge or be filled with resentment over it for the rest of one’s life.

We hope our dear readers have a light-filled *Happy Hanukkah!*

Jennie Cohen, December 3, 2014

Community Events

JFGI 10th annual Adopt-a-Family – Community Day and Blood Drive

On **Sun., Dec. 7** at 9:30 a.m., join us at Matt & Jill Burnett's home for breakfast. Then we will split up into teams and go shopping for local Jewish families in need. Meet back at Etz Chaim at noon for lunch, gift wrapping, kids activities, and the blood drive. If you can't join us but would still like to help, please contact Inna at yld@jfgi.org or 715-9264.

Hadassah Meet, Greet and Eat

On **Sun., Dec. 7** at 10 a.m., at the home of Brenda Freedman. Bring a friend and join us for brunch with Great Plains Region President Rita Shapiro. For more info call 317-475-4278 or email Indianapolis@hadassah.org.

Artisan Holiday Bazaar at the JCC

Leave the crowds, pressure, limited parking and mass-produced merchandise behind when you shop for this year's holiday gifts. The JCC's Artisan Holiday Bazaar on **Sun., Dec. 7**, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, will feature one-of-a-kind items in jewelry, glassware, textiles, wood crafts, ceramics and much more. There will be 24 artisans, including a majority returning from last year: • Boris Loved Natasha • Brenda Kessler Designs • Hazer Designs • Gayle Herrli Ceramics • The Handmade Society • Organic Ceramics • Reiberg Ceramics • Dan Vallesky Wood Designs • B. Skinner Glass • That's Sew Martha • Textilian/Ottoman Empire • Tattoo Dreams

Bring a friend or two for hassle-free shopping, free admission and free (and easy!) parking. Coffee bar and light lunch will be available for purchase. The event is free and open to the public.

HHAI Chanukah Campaign Evening

You are warmly invited to the Hasten Hebrew Academy Annual Chanukah Event on **Sun., Dec. 7** – featuring the Indiana-debut screening of the new documentary film *Body and Soul – The State of the Jewish Nation* by award-winning filmmaker Gloria Z. Greenfield. Delicious Buffet Reception at 5:30 before, and Dessert & Coffee afterwards. Contact HHAI office at 251-1261 for information and reservations (by Nov. 26). For more information on the film, visit www.bodyandsoulthemovie.com.

Israeli Movie night

On **Tues., Dec. 9** at 7 p.m., the movie *Yes, Miss Commander* will be shown at the JCC, Room A25. Movies are free of charge and popcorn and drinks are provided. A

discussion follows the movie. South Bend Community Shlichah Raz who was a commander in the program on the base featured in this movie will speak firsthand about her experiences and answer questions. Contact Roy Swisa for more info at shaliah@jfgi.org or 317-800-9350.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Join us at the JCC at 11:30 a.m., on **Dec. 10**, for Judith Resnick, Engineer and NASA astronaut, presented by Carol Vanave starting with a pitch-in luncheon. For more info call 317-475-4278 or email Indianapolis@hadassah.org.

Israeli Lunch and Learn

On **Wed., Dec. 10** from noon to 1 p.m., at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, Room A25, join Community Shaliach Roy Swisa for a discussion about the separation of religion and state in Israel and the Shabbat Protests. Protests began in Tel Aviv because stores and public transportation were closed on Shabbat. Bring your lunch and participate in engaging conversation. For more info contact Roy at shaliah@jfgi.org or 317-800-9350.

Zumba Gold class at Hooverwood

On **Tues., Dec. 12**, Hooverwood is sponsoring a Free Zumba Gold class (for ages 50+ only) and it's open to the public. From 10–10:15 a.m., our nursing staff will do free blood pressure checks in our Fireside Lounge. The class itself is from 10:30–11:15 a.m., in the Main Dining Room with instructor Ingrid Deer. Afterward, at 11:25 a.m., attendees can make their own free yogurt parfait in the Fireside Lounge. Attendees can also sign up to win a 6-month JCC membership! The drawing will be that morning (must be present to win). Attendees can also sign up for a Hooverwood "loyalty" card for future events and prizes. Tours of the building are available upon request. Please RSVP to 251-2261. Come by yourself or bring a friend!

Klezmer Shabbat

On **Fri., Dec. 12**, The 65th Street Klezmerim will perform at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. For more about the band, check their facebook page at www.facebook.com/65thKlez.

Saturday night lock-in at the JCC

Dec. 13–14, for this Saturday night lockin, the kids will be going to a Pacers game! Pizza, admission and breakfast are included. Pack sleeping supplies, toiletries and pajamas. Drop off at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and pick up at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. \$70/\$55 Members. For more info call 251-9467 or go to www.jccindy.org.

Second Sunday Concert at IHC

Sun., Dec 14 at 2 p.m. at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation "Jimmy and Janice sing the Great American Songbook". Jimmy Guilford, a local vocal legend, joins our own Cantor Janice Roger to honor the music of the Great American Songbook. *This concert is free and open to the public.*

JCRC Event – Iran update

Mon., Dec. 15, 7–8:30 p.m. at the JCC room A25. The community is invited to hear an update on Iran from Bob Feferman, Outreach Coordinator for United Against Nuclear Iran. Dessert reception to follow – dietary laws observed. For more info, go to www.indyjrc.org or contact lmintz@indyjrc.org or call 317-926-2935.

Hanukkah Candle lighting in Celebration Plaza

Hanukkah is **Dec. 17–24**, so the first candle will be lit on **Tues., Dec. 16**. As in years past, candle lighting will take place daily at the large menorah in Celebration Plaza located in between the JCC and the BJE. On weeknights it will be held at 5:15 p.m., *Erev Shabbat* it will be 4:45 p.m., and *Motzei Shabbat* (Saturday Night) it will be held at 6:45 p.m.

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The Immigration and Nationality Lawyers of Nachman Phulwani Zimovcak (NPZ) Law Group, P.C. (see ad below) welcome President Obama's Administrative Relief which offers protection for many individuals in the U.S. without status; Parents, Children, Entrepreneurs and many others.

As Immigration Attorneys, we see the results of our broken immigration system every day, and in the absence of Congressional action, the President had to act. While a lot of the details are still pending, we know that many of these changes will make a real impact. In various immigrant communities, we expect that the concept of "family unity" will be preserved. Included in the far-ranging plan are some key items:

1) **Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA)** for qualifying parents of U.S. citizen and lawful permanent resident children; and

2) An expansion of the **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** Program; and

3) Ensuring that job-creating **Foreign Entrepreneurs** have legal means to enter and operate and create jobs in the U.S.; and

4) **Other Qualifying Individuals.**

We are concerned that notarios and unlicensed law consultants will use Obama's announcement to scam qualifying or disqualifying individuals. Do not let someone ruin your chances for possible benefit; **SEEK QUALIFIED LEGAL COUNSEL** for these important decisions.

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great-grandmother. Julian's older brother **Jack** will be three in March.

Elyse Hershenson, daughter of **Dr. Marvin and Michelle Hershenson**, on her engagement to **Kenneth Freed** (of Houston, Texas) son of **Mr. Richard and Nancy Freed**. (photo below; see article p. IN 9)



Rabbi Audrey S. Pollack of Temple Israel in West Lafayette, Ind., completed extensive continuing rabbinic learning program. (see article p. IN 15)

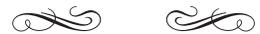
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learning to paint in childhood. Gurevich studied art in the famous art schools of Ukraine. In 1990 he made aliyah to Israel and currently lives in Beit Shemesh.

From his first days in Israel he devoted himself to painting Jewish themes. His paintings are full of his love for his Jewish roots, traditions and the grandeur of Judaism. His unique realistic style gives the viewer a sense of being there, in Jerusalem. He also has numerous paintings of the shtetls in Eastern Europe and of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

The dream of Eduard Gurevich is that people throughout the world could appreciate the beauty and wisdom of Judaism and Israel through his art. He participated in many international exhibitions and his works are in numerous private collections in Germany, Canada, USA, France, Russia and Israel. See more of his work at: www.artmajeur.com/eduard-gurevich and www.facebook.com/JudaicaLifeArt. ✨



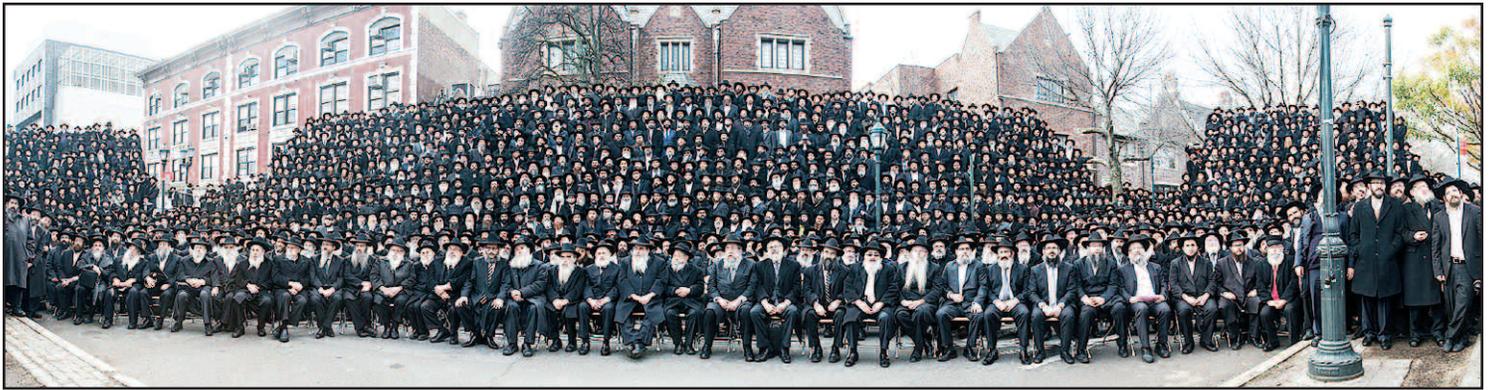
Kidney still needed for Drew

Drew, age 11, a Jewish child in Indianapolis, has been suffering from a very rare disease Alport's Syndrome, which causes hearing loss and kidney failure, along with eye problems, since age six. She attended the Hasten Hebrew Academy until she was too weak to complete full school days. Her condition worsened earlier this summer requiring her to start daily dialysis.

A transplant team is actively searching for a live kidney donor. If you have type "O" blood and would like to be considered, please ask for Kelly at (317) 944-4370. See www.facebook.com/kidneydrew and ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-1081282. ✨



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Chabad Lubavitch annual conference in New York on Nov. 23.

Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

International Conference of Chabad-Lubavitch Emissaries

Recently I had the privilege to attend the 31st annual International Conference of Chabad-Lubavitch Emissaries, which is held by the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Brooklyn. It was wonderful, amazing and inspiring. Just to go to the Rebbe at 770 Eastern Parkway is always a great inspiration. If you have never been there, go now. Your life will never be the same.

Attending the conference were 6,000 Chabad-Lubavitch rabbinic emissaries and communal leaders from over 80 countries, hailing from as far away as Bangkok and Congo (and as close as the Hamptons and the Bronx).

On the way I visited Moscow for the first time in my life. We arrived at 6 a.m., just in time for our morning prayers (*shachris*). Our connecting flight to New York was four hours later at 10 a.m.

According to *Chassidic* tradition you don't just go to the *Rebbe*. First you have to prepare yourself. You have to be ready to face the *Rebbe*. This means a lot of soul searching and a lot of *Mitzvahs*. I decided to organize a *minyan*, at least 10 Jews to pray together.

I looked around. Soon I found a religious Jew, and then another one, and another one. They joined me in my search, and soon we had a minyan. We put on our *tallis* and *tefillin*, and prayed together in the middle of the busy airport.

All of a sudden it hit me. What is going on here!? In the middle of the airport!? In Moscow!? Thirty years ago, before the fall of communism, this would have been considered a serious crime. We would have been arrested. Communism fought a bitter war against religion and belief in G-d. They called religion the "Opiate of the masses"

We are living in a special time. I grew up in Indianapolis 60 years ago. Some of our neighbors built bomb shelters in their basements. Why? They were afraid that Russia would attack us with atom bombs. Stalin and his comrades murdered over 50,000,000 innocent citizens, many of them religious Jews. What was their crime? They continued to practice Judaism underground.

Communism was also popular in America. Even some of my family joined communist organizations. Some went to communistic *Kibbutzim* in Israel. Many millions were influenced to be atheistic.

No more. Communism gradually waned, and finally died 25 years ago in Russia and in many other countries. Now the government of Russia is actually assisting their Jewish citizens to believe in *Hashem* and live a life

of *Torah* and *Mitzvahs*, and even move to Israel if they wish.

Who killed communism? The *Lubavitcher Rebbes* and their followers. They kept Judaism alive in Russia in the darkest of times with amazing self sacrifice. The light of holiness that they generated eventually pushed away the darkness of communism. This light is growing stronger from day to day. Almost every day we hear about a new *Chabad* house opening somewhere on our planet, or a new emissary going out. Many of these new faces were seen this year at the conference.

Now many other Jewish and non Jewish organizations are working together with Chabad to bring all of humankind closer to *Hashem*, to bring the light of holiness into the world. We are rapidly approaching the time when only good and holiness will be in the world. The entire world will be redeemed. Darkness and evil will be wiped out forever. This depends on each and every one of us.

We have to bring more light and holiness into our personal lives and into the world. How? By learning more *Torah* and doing more *Mitzvahs*, especially by learning *Chassidic* teaching, the deep inner secrets of the *Torah*. We have to pray every day for our redemption. When enough of us will pray, it will happen.

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Rabbi Cohen lives in K'far Chabad, Israel. Email him at bzcohen@orange.net.il. ✨

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Life & Legacy program launches in Indianapolis, plus seven more cities

Philanthropic program secures estimated \$70 million in afterlife gifts

AGAWAM, MASS. – To secure legacy funding for many Jewish organizations and institutions, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation is expanding its leveraged philanthropy-style campaign called, “Life & Legacy,” to eight additional communities across the country. Life and legacy offers programmatic matching grants and incentive grants to inspire Jewish leaders to encourage afterlife gifts for their organizations and loyal donors to make legacy commitments.

The results are impressive. In just two years an estimated \$70 million has been committed to 183 Jewish organizations in 12 communities across the country. In partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, local Jewish federations, and community foundations work closely with day schools, synagogues, and social service organizations to direct conversations about after-lifetime gifts for those organizations. To date, 2,000 such commitments have been made, totaling

an estimated \$70 million in future gifts.

“With the Baby Boom Generation expected to pass along sizeable wealth in the coming years, these commitments are vital life lines for sustaining Jewish organizations of all sizes across North America,” said Arlene D. Schiff, Life & Legacy’s National Director. “It’s very exciting to see this level of responsiveness to our efforts, and the cooperation that is developing among organizations is inspiring. The collaboration around legacy giving and philanthropic planning with an eye toward sustaining programs and services for the Jewish community as a whole in many communities has been transformative.”

Life & Legacy recently added eight more partner communities to its outreach efforts including: Phoenix, AZ; Cincinnati, OH; Delaware; East Bay, CA; Tampa, Orlando and Pinellas in FL; South Palm Beach/Boca Raton in FL; Houston, TX, and Indianapolis, IN. Over the last two years, the program has been underway in 15 communities: Charlotte, NC; Chicago, IL; Princeton/Greater Mercer County, NJ; Greater Washington DC; Memphis, TN, MetroWest, NJ; Miami, FL; Milwaukee, WI; New Haven, CT; Jacksonville, FL; Omaha, NE; Orange County, CA; Portland, OR; Sacramento, CA; and Southern NJ.

One of the hallmarks of Harold Grinspoon’s philanthropic strategy is to

inspire other donors. To encourage them, he offers incentive grants so they join in and ultimately support Jewish institutions of all kinds. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation is focused on building a vibrant Jewish future for day schools, synagogues, camps, and community programs through philanthropy. It’s a method that he successfully integrated into his Jewish camping program to help endow camps across North America. With Life & Legacy, his \$3 million investment has already resulted in \$70 million in future gifts.

Here is how it works: Life & Legacy partner communities are provided matching grants to support the implementation of the program as well as funds to incentivize their local organizations to be successful. Legacy commitment goals are established for each organization and the community as a whole. Matching grants are paid on an annual basis upon achievement of the community goal. Organizational incentives are granted each year as institutions achieve, or in many cases, exceed their individual goals. The receiving organizations have the discretion to use these funds as they see fit. With a return on investment that is more than 20 fold, it’s a formula that works.

“Life & Legacy is a way to secure our Jewish future,” Schiff said. For more information, visit www.jewishlifelegacy.org. ✪

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or contact Yossi Held at 317.721.3650 or yheld@bbyo.org



Temple Heritage Center campaign

BY ISAIAH KUPERSTEIN

With the help of dedicated individuals and the generous assistance of Printing Partners' Michael O'Brien, we've developed a brochure and pledge card for our fundraising campaign to save and restore the historic Temple Beth El on 34th and Ruckle Street.

We have already received significant contributions from the Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation and the Department of Metropolitan Development, the Efroymsen Family Fund, the Beth-El Zedeck Foundation, Indiana Landmarks and several key individuals who have led the way to make sure that this historical structure is preserved and used for a greater purpose.



Beth-El Zedeck Ruckle Street Confirmation Class 1937

Front row (L to R): Arthur Hollander, Bernice Kline (married Morris Simon or Pincus?), Marvin Borman, Emily Peltz (married Phil Smith), Melvin Ungar, Rabbi Elias Charry, Charlotte Solotken (married Chassin), Norman William Weinstein, Phyllis Maieron (married Justin M. Druck), Harold Levenson, Freida Witoff (or Wiloff?). Back row (L to R): Cantor Myro Glass, Leo Martin Klein, Miriam Shirley Sholansky (married Robert Careskey), Alfred Julian Dobrowitz, Lillie Mae Smith (married Seymour Schenkman), Saul Hochman, Estelle Grossman (married Herman Bernstein), Ed Fishman.

Mission statement: The Temple Heritage Center will play an integral role as an inclusive place to remember, learn, and connect our diverse communities in a spirit of inspired citizenship.

We have also received gifts from individuals throughout our communities who were moved to contribute upon hearing about our efforts. These institutions and individuals have concretely demonstrated a faith in our project and hopefully will inspire you to contribute as well.

We accept any size gift – large or small – to guarantee the success of our efforts. We hope, one day, to list every person who will contribute to the saving of the Temple on Ruckle Street on one of its walls.

Our Temple Heritage Center Board members have worked for many hours, deliberated at countless meetings, and contributed some of their own funds toward the stabilization of the historical building. I acknowledge them with much pride and gratitude. Without them our project would not have proceeded at all.

They are: Vice President Jackie Nytes, Treasurer David Resnick, Secretary Tyson Domer, Joseph Alpert, Mark Dollase, Leigh R. Evans, Alan Goldstein, David Kosene, Kevin Krulewitch, Phil Lande, Al Polin, Ellen Rosenthal, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Rabbi Sandy Sasso, and Elee (Elizabeth) Wood.

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BY PARISA KEISARI

A Channukah trip around the world

Channukah, oh Channakah come light the menorah... It's that time of year again. As we gather around the table maybe we are looking for some amazing new recipes to share with our family and friends. After all, the best gift we can give is the gift of sustenance. Try these recipes to go on a Channakah trip around the world.

Traditional Latkes

4-5 potatoes
1 onion
1/4 cup all purpose flour
Garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste
Oil for frying

Boil potatoes until they are fork tender. On the large side of a box grater, grate the cooked, peeled potatoes and onion. Add the egg, flour, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Thoroughly incorporate all the ingredients. Carefully spoon one patty at a time into hot oil. Fry until golden brown. Remove from pan and place on paper towels to drain excess oil. Continue with remaining batter until used up, adding more oil when necessary.

Persian Meat Latkes

1 lb. ground meat (beef, chicken or turkey)
2 potatoes
1/2 cup Matzah meal
1 carrot
2 eggs
1 onion
1 teaspoon curry powder
Salt and pepper to taste
Oil for frying

Boil potatoes until they are fork tender. On the large side of a box grater, grate the peeled potatoes onion and carrot. Add the meat, egg, curry powder, salt and pepper. Thoroughly incorporate all the ingredients. Scoop individually with your hands, roll each into a ball, then flatten into a patty. Shallow fry in oil. Remove from pan and place on paper towels to drain excess oil. Continue with remaining batter until used up, adding more oil when necessary.

Sufganiyot (Israeli Jelly Doughnuts)

1 package dry yeast
3 tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup lukewarm milk or soy milk

3-1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour (about)

1 large egg
1 large egg yolk (in addition to the whole egg)
Pinch of salt
Grated zest of 1 lemon
3-1/2 tablespoons butter or margarine, at room temperature
Oil for deep frying
1 cup of apricot jam (you can substitute strawberry or any flavorful jam, dulce de leche, Nutella, or lemon curd)
Confectioner's or granulated sugar for rolling

Dissolve 1 tablespoon yeast and 1 tablespoon of the sugar in the water, then add the milk (soy milk) and pour into a large bowl. Add the whole egg and the yolk, salt, lemon zest, flour, the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar, and the butter (margarine). Mix together with your hands, then knead dough on a pastry board until it becomes sticky yet elastic.

Cover the dough in a bowl, and let rise in a warm place for at least an hour. (If you want to prepare it ahead, place the dough in the refrigerator overnight, then let it warm to room temperature before rolling and cutting.)

Dust a pastry board with flour. Roll the dough out to a 1/2-inch thickness. Using the top of a glass, cut into rounds about 2 inches in diameter, and let rise 30 minutes more. Pour at least 2 inches of oil into a heavy pot and heat until it is about to bubble (360°). Drop the doughnuts into the oil, 4 or 5 at a time. Cook about 3 minutes on each side, turning when brown. Drain on paper towels. Using a pastry or cupcake injector, insert a teaspoon of jam into each doughnut. Dust the sufganiyot in confectioner's or granulated sugar and serve immediately.

Parisa Keisari is the owner and general manager of Keisari Catering Company. Keisari Catering Company is based in Indianapolis. They are available for all

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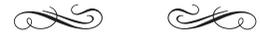
Prague Spanish Synagogue + Gershwin Concert = Elyse Hershenson's engagement to Kenneth Freed. (see *Simcha* p. IN 5)

While Elyse Hershenson was traveling in June 2013, with her parents, Dr. Marvin and Michelle Hershenson, on a Jewish Heritage tour of Eastern Europe, they met a delightful couple from Houston, Texas, Mr. Richard and Nancy Freed. On the third chance meeting of these couples at different venues in Prague, the Houston couple, who was not traveling with their family, asked Elyse if she had a "significant other."

Upon hearing her answer, they immediately declared that Elyse would be perfect for their son, Kenny! All are convinced these chance Prague meetings were *b'sheirt!*

After almost a year of cross-country dating and traveling between New York City and Houston, Elyse and Kenny decided his parents were correct. It was a perfect match! The couple announced their engagement Aug. 8, 2014. Elyse had a surprise engagement party in New York. Both sets of parents, plus Kenny's sisters and brother-in-laws, Joy and Michael Doustan (Houston) and Melissa and Andy Cohen (San Francisco) were present, along with one of Elyse's brothers, Evan and wife, Kimberly (NYC).

Elyse and Kenny are planning a small wedding near Hollywood, Fla., on March 1, 2015. The couple plans to live in Houston, where Kenny is a tax attorney and Elyse aspires to continue her career as a TV news reporter and anchor. ✨



occasions, ranging from executive meals to large, formal celebrations. For more information please contact Parisa Keisari at pkeisari@hotmail.com. ✨

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The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) annual meeting highlights

On Sun., Oct. 26, the 42nd annual meeting of the IJHS was held at Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis.

The 2014 nominating committee report: **Rosalie Gussow**, V.P. of Membership reported that the following members were elected by mail ballot to serve on the Board of Directors: **Kelly Farkas**, **Brandon Roger**, **Carolyn Leeds**, each serving a three-year term ending in 2017; **Stephanie Dlatt**, serving a one-year term ending in 2015; and **Ali Slocum**, who was voted on unanimously by the board of directors to serve a three year term.

President Sheila Greenwald announced that the 40th edition of *Indiana Jewish History* was mailed to the IJHS membership, Jewish organizations and libraries around the state. It took over 11 months from start to finish with the help of many, including *The Dog Ear Publishing Co.*, who were all very patient with the process. They have begun working on Bonds of Steel #2 about more scrap dealers from Indiana.

The IJHS has begun work on bringing the state of Indiana's Jewish organizations, congregations and federations together to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial in 2016.

Director Eileen Baitcher reported that the IJHS board has been working with **Cynthia Capers**, Director of Education and Community Engagement at the Indiana Historical Society. Together, they are exploring ideas to help grow the Jewish archives and create programming centered around the Jewish collections. The first program will be the *IJHS Family Research Day* with the tentative date of Thurs., July 16, 2015.

Paul Brockman, Director, Manuscript and Visual Collections at the Indiana Historical Society presented a guide to



accessing the IJHS archive collection. **Adam Cantor** (below, left), a GUCI song leader from 2006–2008, shared his experiences during those three summers and discussed how it has enhanced his life. He performed camp songs and explained how the songs help build the sense of community that is instilled in

2014 issue of Indiana Jewish History

The 2014 issue of *Indiana Jewish History* is available for Hanukkah gift giving. This issue highlights the following stories:

Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, Inc. *The History of the Jewish Funeral Home of Indianapolis*, by Max Nelson.

Werner Leo Loewenstein, M.D., by Miriam Lowenstein Zimmerman

The Singing Camp: The Musical Tradition of Myron S. Goldman Union Camp Institute, by Cantor Janice and Brandon Roger

Abe Silverstein: Father of the U.S. Space Program, by Norm Winski

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GUCI campers.

Adam also performed two original compositions from his CD. His performance highlighted the article in the 2014 issue of *Indiana Jewish History*, "The Singing Camp: The Musical Tradition of Myron S. Goldman Union Camp Institute" by Cantor Janice and Brandon Roger. ✨

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BY RABBI MOSHE
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How to make miracles

At the outset of our Jewish national existence, at the time of the Exodus, according to Rabbi Samson Rafael Hirsch (1808 – 1888), doubts about the presence of God in the world were the rule – as expressed in the question, *hayeish Adoshem bekirbeinu im-ayin* – “Is God in our midst or not?” (Exodus 17:7)

All of the *nisim*, the “proving acts” that God did then – the plagues, the escape from Egypt, the crossing of the Reed Sea, the manna, and more – seemingly were to establish certain conviction among the people that the Divine Presence was verifiably in the world. Rabbi Hirsch notes that, those *nisim* “...sufficed to raise the conviction of God and His presence on earth to a certainty beyond all possibility of doubt for all time.” (Comment on Deuteronomy 6:16) Consequently, according to Rabbi Hirsch, those *nisim* have come to an end.

The replacement of *nisim* as a source of miracles, to maintain the certainty that God is *bekirbeinu*, that is, among us, is us – each one of us at our “post,” fulfilling the *mitzvot* and thereby, simultaneously, projecting ourselves up into God’s intelligence that is masterminding the world, and drawing the *Shechinah* down into day-to-day human affairs.

But precisely what role do we have in making miracles? And what events in our history as a people give us insight into answering this question?

Just before *Chanukah* every year, we read in the *Torah* (Genesis 33:1–4) of the extraordinary, even miraculous, reunion of Yaakov and Eisav, the twin sons of Yitzchak. Yaakov, having acquired Eisav’s birthright and blessing, thus engendering a murderous hatred in his brother’s heart, had to flee for his life and then spend 20 years working for his uncle Lavan. And everything we know about Eisav tells us that this passage of time, by itself, would not have diminished his hatred and thirst for revenge. Then we hear that Eisav is approaching Yaakov with 400 men! (Genesis 32:7) And yet, when the two brothers meet they *embrace*, Eisav *kisses* Yaakov, and they *weep together*.

The *Chanukah* story also tells us about making miracles. That the Jews were able to fend off the might of the Syrian-Greek armies, defeat them repeatedly in battle, and then finally reclaim and re-consecrate the Temple is, seemingly, entirely implausible – miraculous.

But for us, “miraculous” has a far-away quality. Maybe we can acknowledge that something extraordinary happened with Yaakov and Eisav or with the Hasmoneans. But of course, we’re not them. We don’t experience miracles in our time – or do we?

In fact, the history of the Jewish people in the second half of the 20th century strikes one as so improbable, it seems surreal. How many pundits or prognosticators at the start of the 20th century would have predicted the Holocaust, the founding of the modern State of Israel, and Israel’s survival after a half-century of Arab rejection and wars, United Nations hostility, and calumny from world bodies such as the Red Cross and International Court of Justice?

All three of these stories – Yaakov and Eisav, the Hasmoneans, and the State of Israel – share an element of the miraculous. Something entirely unexpected happened. They remind us that the unexpected sometimes becomes transformed into something so seemingly ordinary that we regard it as commonplace.

But what was the miracle that occurred in each instance?

In the simplest terms, we may understand such miraculous events as the natural, even predictable outcome of our choosing to use fully all that God gives us, but of which we are typically unaware. When we choose to reach within ourselves for strength and courage that we do not believe we possess, when we choose to believe that God has given us more than we know, enabling us to live in the image of God, then with God’s help we create the possibility for extraordinary events.

This is no more or less than what Yaakov did with Eisav, what the Hasmoneans did with the Syrian-Greeks, or what the people of Israel have done in the last half-century. Of course, that’s not the end of the story.

For although Yaakov and Eisav were reunited, Eisav’s continuing evil influence in the world was the seedbed for what “Rome” ultimately came to represent – the values associated with conquest and empire, materialism and licentiousness.

And the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem was followed by another 25 years of war with the Syrian-Greeks, the death in battle of all five of the sons of Mattathias, and the usurpation of political power by the Hasmoneans who, as a priestly family, were barred from such pretensions.

And, of course, the challenges to the State of Israel will continue into the indefinite future. So what then, more precisely, is the “miracle”?

Repeatedly we see people who in biblical, rabbinic, and modern times refuse to give up, refuse to give in, when confronted with overwhelming odds, but instead go on from one battle to the next, generation after generation, standing at their posts. Certainly that alone is extraordinary.

But equally extraordinary is that this *am katon*, this little people, has had such an historic relationship with such a *sefer gadol*, such a great book that has made its history possible.

The Jewish people, miniscule in numbers, has carried, and thus been carried by, what is acknowledged as the greatest book in all of human history. And the *mattan Torah*, particularly the giving and receiving of the revelation of the *mitzvot*, has accounted more than anything else for that greatness.

We Jews have emerged as the extraordinarily unlikely bearers of the Torah vision of righteousness, truth, and justice, freedom, peace, and kindness for the whole world – which has not always endeared us to the rest of the world. The Torah, in turn, has miraculously borne us up against a world of implacable enemies and incalculable odds.

Now, in our season of light, when both light and darkness threaten the peoples of the Middle East and possibly the world, we must adamantly refuse to give up bearing that Torah vision.

We, Am Yisrael – through our faith in God and willingness to carry the Torah – must again show the world and ourselves how miracles are made!

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Rabbi Moshe ben Asher and Magidah Khulda bat Sarah are the Co-Directors of *Gather the People*, a nonprofit organization that provides Internet-based resources for congregational community organizing and development (www.gatherthepeople.org). ✨

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Book Review

REVIEW BY CHANA TOVA SOKOL

A refreshing look at Jerusalem

Welcome to Jerusalem, Adventures of a Newcomer. By Cyrelle Simon. 2014. Soft cover, 182 pages.

Come along with Cyrelle Simon, as she leaves her productive life, her many friends and her comfortable suburban home in small town, USA, to move into the Bayit Vegan, ultra-Orthodox section of Jerusalem. Join her as she, describes the pre-Sabbath hustling of the neighborhood residents, the same beggars who have staked out their territory and return each week and the sudden flower vendors who sprout up on each corner on Friday mornings. Continue to enjoy her adjustment as she gains kindness and contributes kindness to the neighborhood.

Be aware of the first time the author sees a prominent sign in the early spring hanging from the first blossoming of fruit trees. The sign posts the blessing to be uttered upon viewing that tree. Continue to remember current events such as the freeing of captured soldier, Gilad Shalit after five years in captivity. The author writes, "My great niece joined the throngs of young people who are celebrating the memorable occasion."

Travel to Hebron to see where our forefather Abraham negotiated for the sale of his wife Sarah's grave. Delight in the fresh healing air in the area of the Dead Sea. Learn about the "archeologist's Disney Land" in Ein Gedi, the only existing inhabited botanical garden in the world. Explore the world renowned underwater aquarium where the viewer descends to the fish's milieu.

No book about Jerusalem would be complete without a description of the Old City with its unique character. Often on Thursday nights, there is an informal "jam session" in the Jewish Quarter across from the *Kotel*. There, one evening, *yeshiva* student musicians comprising eight guitars, two bongos, three violins, and three flutes played impromptu

popular Jewish melodies. Simon reminds us that there are street musicians in the center of the city, who do expect donations for their performances.

Learn about the significance of the differences and symbolism in Chassidic garb. Gain insight into the details of life in the different style *Yeshivot*. Understand the customs of the devout as they travel to Mt. Meron to the caves of the Tzadikim and to participate in the ritual of shearing the locks of their three year old boys.

The reader can accompany the author as she treads the streets of Jerusalem with their evocative names of major scholars such as Rambam (Maimonides) or the founder of the modern State, Theodore Herzl (Boulevard) or Eliezer Ben Yehudah (pedestrian mall) the man who first introduced spoken Hebrew or Ha Chida, a famous Sephardic Talmudic redactor.

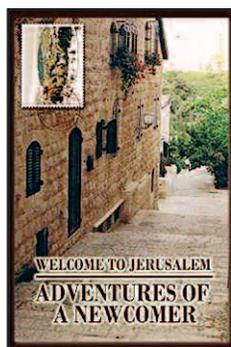
Feel the spunk, power and excitement as Simon relates her new experiences with amazing insights. Treasure the nuances and fascinating variations of Jewish life. Travel the length and breadth of Israel and return home to the author's beloved Jerusalem.

Cyrelle Simon lived in West Lafayette, Ind., for over 45 years where she and her late husband, Purdue Biology Professor Edward H. Simon held many volunteer

leadership positions in the Jewish community. She also taught Hebrew classes and gave piano lessons while contributing a regular column titled, "Lafayette Chit Chat" to *The Indiana Jewish Post & Opinion*. Throughout the years her husband wrote numerous *Haggadah* reviews and as well articles of general interest for the *Post & Opinion*. The Simons' two sons are Orthodox rabbis and their two daughters are married to Orthodox rabbis.

After making *aliyah* seven years ago, in an effort to maintain contact with her friends in the Sons of Abraham *shul* in Lafayette, Ind., and to share her enthusiasm about her new life in Jerusalem, Simon began writing a monthly "Letter from Jerusalem". This material was collected and edited to form this first book which includes an elaborate Yiddish/Hebrew/English glossary. It can be ordered from Amazon.com or in Israel by contacting simonec@smile.net.il.

Chana Tova Sokol is a resident of Jerusalem, giving classes and storytelling to young and old about the Holy Land of Israel and other topics. She was a teacher in New York and Israel, teaching English and history. Mrs. Sokol writes lyrics and composes music, performing in a woman's band. Email: chanatova2000@gmail.com. ✨



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Obituaries

Mildred L. Dansker, 90, died on Nov. 2, 2014. Mildred was born to William J. and Freda Dumes in Terre Haute, Ind., on Sept. 6, 1924. She was a loving mother of three children, Anita Dansker, Adrien Himm, and Alan Dansker (Kathy). In addition to her children, she is survived by nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; by her brother, Stan Dumes and by her son-in-law, David Himm.

A memorial service took place on Nov. 5 in Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Ind., followed by burial in Mt. Carmel Jewish Cemetery, Evansville, Ind. Arrangements by **The Funeral Chapel of Powell and Deckard, Bloomington** (www.pdcfuneralchapel.com). In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, or the donor's favorite charity.

David S. Coraz, 94, a life resident of Indianapolis, passed away on Nov. 14, 2014. David was born Feb. 23, 1920 to Sam and Nellie (Daniels) Coraz. He was a graduate of Shortridge High School and a veteran of World War II serving in the Army Air Corps.



David was an entrepreneur; first selling china through his business, Hoosier China; later owner C & D Trailer and Coraz Realty. He was a long time member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Men's Club; a Mason and a member of Hebrew Credit Union.

He will be deeply missed by his beloved family. His wife of 70 years, Frances; children: Tobi Weinstein and her husband, John Dick; Fred Coraz and his wife Sylvia Farahan-Coraz and Gerald Coraz and his wife, Jane; grandchildren, Lisa Weinstein, Bridget Coraz and Caitlin Coraz and great grandsons, Ethan and Nolan Edwards.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 16 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or to Indianapolis Humane Society.

Zeff Alan Weiss, 57, beloved and dedicated family man, accomplished attorney, active community leader, and friend to many, died peacefully with his family at his side on Nov. 17, 2014 after a heroic battle with brain cancer. He was born in South Bend, Indiana on Feb. 13, 1957 to Martin Weiss and Anne (Steinberg) Weiss. Zeff learned his entrepreneurial spirit during his formative years at his father's delicatessen.



He graduated from Indiana University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Accounting. He obtained his CPA in 1980 and practiced as an accountant with Price Waterhouse in Boca Raton, Florida. In 1983, he graduated from Indiana University Law School in Bloomington. Zeff spent his professional career at the law firm of Ice Miller LLP concentrating his practice in real estate and helping clients develop, negotiate and structure some of the nation's most complicated transactions.

The Indianapolis skyline has grown because of his involvement in a multitude of significant and high profile projects. He served for years as the Chair of the firm's Real Estate Group, mentored and trained generations of lawyers and led the legal team on the City's biggest projects on behalf of his many clients. Zeff was elected by his peers to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers, Indiana Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America, where he was named Indianapolis Real Estate Lawyer of the Year in 2010 and again in 2013. Zeff served on the Executive Committee of the Board

of Directors of The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Inc., where he served as Campaign Co-chair in 2011 and 2012 and as President-Elect in 2014. He also served as past President and board member of Park Regency and as a board member of The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. Among his many honors, Zeff received a Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Pence.

Zeff is survived by his wife, Zoe Urena Weiss; children, Miranda (Olivier) Bernadac, Reva, Alexandra and Martin Weiss; brother, Dr. Sheldon (Debra) Weiss; sister, Lynn (Danny) Castor; and father-in-law, Alphonse Urena. He is preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Robert Weiss.

A Memorial Service was held at Beth-El Zedeck on Nov. 20 interment followed at Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Inc. or The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.arnmortuary.com.

Michael Craig Glazer, 69, of Noblesville, passed away Nov. 20. He was born in Sioux City, Iowa on Sept. 4, 1945 to Julian and Betty Glazer. Michael graduated from Culver Military Academy, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Indiana University School of Science and a Masters degree in Education from Butler University. After graduation, Michael was a science teacher in Indianapolis. He then became a Real Estate Broker and Appraiser, working in the Indianapolis and Noblesville area for many years and retiring about ten years ago. In retirement, he taught Real Estate at I.U.P.U.I., Indiana University and Ivy Tech.

Michael was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), Rotary Club of Noblesville, Noblesville Chamber of Congress, and Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity at Indiana University. He also served as a youth group leader at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and was a former regional president of a realty organization in Central Indiana for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Felice Pearl Glazer; daughter, Michelle (Patrick) Glazer McMurray; grandson, Caleb Fliegel; and sisters, Linda (Mark) Glazer Ross and Mary Beth (William) Mullenholz.

Funeral services were held at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on Nov. 23, and burial followed in IHC North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be

(see Obituaries, page IN 17)



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Rabbi Audrey Pollack of Temple Israel completes continuing rabbinic learning program

NEW YORK, NY (November 19, 2014) – The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) proudly recognizes Rabbi **Audrey S. Pollack** of Temple Israel in West Lafayette, Ind., for engaging in rigorous sustained learning by participating in the CCAR's intensive *Keter Torah* program during the past year.



Rabbi Pollack

The program involves in-depth study in Jewish text and Judaic studies; counseling and practical rabbinics; worship, spirituality and ritual; congregation dynamics and leadership; education and social action.

"Rabbi Audrey S. Pollack demonstrated her commitment to her congregation and community and to Jewish life, overall, by devoting the time and intellectual energy to intensive continuing education. Congregation rabbis' lives are filled with multiple demands, around the clock. Those who add continuing learning to their agendas and commitments are exemplary in their dedication to their work and their quest to serve their congregants in the most comprehensive, sensitive way," said Rabbi Steven A. Fox, chief executive of the CCAR, the representative organization of nearly 2,000 Reform rabbis, the world's largest group of Jewish clergy.

About The CCAR

The Central Conference of American Rabbis, founded in 1889, is the oldest and largest rabbinic organization in North America. As the professional organization for Reform Rabbis of North America, the CCAR projects a powerful voice in the religious life of the American and international Jewish communities. Since its establishment, the CCAR has a rich history of giving professional and personal support to Reform rabbis, providing them opportunities for study, professional development and spiritual growth beginning while they are still in seminary, through mid-careers, and into retirement. The CCAR is uniquely positioned to meet the ongoing needs of its nearly 2,000 member rabbis (virtually the entire Reform rabbinate) and the entire Reform Jewish community. For more information please visit the CCAR's website at ccarnet.org. ✨

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Melavah Malchah at Congregation B'nai Torah

By Rick Bentley

A *Melavah Malchah* recently held by Congregation B'nai Torah was part of their annual Sarah and Sol Sacks memorial *Shabbaton*, now in its 10th year. Sarah and Sol were long-time dedicated B'nai Torah members. As Holocaust survivors they placed high value on Jewish education. This *Shabbaton* is sponsored each year by their children Marvin, Elsie, Nancy and Lennie.

Guest scholar in residence was Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt from the Agudath Israel synagogue of St. Louis. Rabbi Greenblatt's lectures included a powerful talk and discussion *motzi Shabbos* focusing on "The Torah's Perspective on Radical Islam." It was an intense and enlightening evening, especially in light of the horrible recent killings in Jerusalem. Rabbi Greenblatt's talk included in depth references to several commentators, including historical references by the renowned 11th century Jewish scholar (see *Melavah Malchah*, page IN 18)

Rabbi Tzuriel Gluck's second grade class (below) at The Hasten Hebrew Academy marked the auspicious occasion of receiving their Chumashim with an incredible dramatic presentation on the three pillars of the world – Torah, Avoda (spiritual service) and Gmillut Chassadim (extension of human-kindness). Each student received a new Chumash text with a personalized message of bracha (blessing) from their families. "Rebecca" (right) provides water to the "camels" showing her kindness.



Rick Bentley (left) with Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt's.

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OBITUARIES*(continued from page IN 14)*

made to the American Diabetes Research Foundation, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, Virginia, 22312. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.arnmortuary.com.

Sandra R. Wilson, 65, was born in the Poconos on Jan. 14, 1949. Sandy passed away on Nov. 22, 2014. She was from New Orleans, La. She was an R.N. and was working as a nurse during Hurricane Katrina. She is survived by a sister Candace (Robert) Vogel of Indianapolis, a brother Thomas (Sara) Wilson of Pa., and many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Elisheva Vanunu, 44, was born in Washington, DC, on March 27, 1970. She passed away on Nov. 25, 2014. She is survived by her husband Michael Vanunu, her mother Susan Dzurán of Texas and her father, and her brother Alphonso Patrick of Franklin, Tenn. She was buried in the Etz Chaim southside cemetery on Nov. 26. She will be remembered for her big heart and smile.

Dr. David L. Blumenthal, 88, an extraordinary man died on Nov. 29. David, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to many, was the only child born to Sol and Ida Blumenthal in Chicago on April 22, 1926. This gentle soul grew to be a passionate student of life and the human experience, as evidenced by his many scholarly accomplishments.

For the last 60 years, David has been in private practice as a Psychoanalyst and continued his work until the time of his passing. He was continually driven in the pursuit of seeking (his) "Truth". This evolved in a deeper exploration of spirituality as the source of healing in his work. And, from this, many lives have been touched.

David was a proud member of the Merchant Marines, serving in World War II in Italy.

In 1968 he married the love of his life, Patricia, the woman who provided the perfect complimentary style for them to fully explore their life's journey. Patricia also brought a bounty of loving in-laws to David's life; who have been a great source of love, support and comfort.

During David's final days, he was surrounded by his loving family and friends. Along with Patricia, his is survived by his daughter, Jill Blumenthal Wharton, his grandchildren, Elizabeth Chislom, and Larry Wharton (Pita-Gay),

many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, brother-in-law, Nathaniel Wright (Marilyn Jay), sister-in-laws Barbara Brown, Joyce Elliott and Sue Howard, cousins Norman Siegel (Barbara), Honorable Judge Ruth Miller of the Virgin Island, and Judy Miller Vogel, and many nieces and nephews.

Throughout his life, David exuded tolerance, inclusion, curiosity and wisdom, and had endless energy to be there for others; many of whom were brought into the fold of his family. He was a true "mensch". His love and wisdom will forever be with us.

In David's words – To my adorable, loving, attentive, supportive wife; we have journeyed together for over 47 beautiful years, but at this time I have to loosen your hands and take hold of my Creator's hand. Though I leave you in the flesh, our spirits are forever entwined. You can't follow me the rest of the way, but I leave you with eternal love.

Patricia gives thanks to all family and friends that have shown so much support and to those who provided for his medical care. In lieu of flowers, David would be pleased to have donations made to Lubavitch of Indiana, 1037 Golf Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Graveside funeral services were held Dec. 2 in Beth-El Zedeck South Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Florence L. Potash, 90, long-time resident of Lyndhurst, Ohio; passed away Nov. 30, 2014 in Indianapolis where she had come to live near family. She was born Sept. 11, 1924. Florence was the widow of the late Jack Potash. They were members of Fairmount Temple. She was a long-time member of the National Council of Jewish Women.

She is survived by her beloved son, Steve and his wife, Janice and their two children, Jamie and Daniel. Graveside services will be held on Dec. 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Solon, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.arnmortuary.com.

Sergey Gregory Kotlyar, 90 of Indianapolis, passed away Dec. 1, 2014. He was born in Odessa, Ukraine on Aug. 18, 1924 to Gregory and Esther Kotlyar. He was a former member of the Jewish Community Center.

Sergey is survived by his wife, Anyuta; children, Ellen Zagarzhevskiy and Alex Kotlyar; and grandchildren, Nick and Andrey Zgarzhevskiy and Yana (Robert) Bray. Funeral services were held at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on Dec. 3 and burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Beth-El Zedeck or the Jewish Community Center.

Sidney Nathan Sakowitz, 89, of Indianapolis, passed away Dec. 1, 2014. A lifelong resident, he was born to Louis and Nesha Sakowitz on July 8, 1925. Sidney attended Purdue University and received his Associate Degree from Indiana University. He was the Owner and Managing Partner of Grocers Supply Co., working there all his life until retirement.

Sidney was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and B'nai Torah Congregation. He was very community and civic minded, serving on many boards as a member and officer. Sidney also loved volunteering, and was especially fond of the Boy Scouts. He was an Eagle Scout and received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest scouting award for volunteer work.

Sidney is survived by his children, Marcia (Bruce) Sklare, Anita (Dr. Alan) Kramer, and Jeff (Amy) Sakowitz; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3, at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Popsie's Pantry, 6905 Hoover Rd, or the Sidney Maurer Feed the Hungry Fund at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. ✨

**TEMPLE HERITAGE***(continued from page IN 8)*

Historical Society; Efroymsen Family Fund; Beth El-Zedeck Foundation; neighborhood associations; and individuals.

We have raised approximately \$390,000 in cash and pledges but are short of the \$500,000 for phase one – stabilization of the building. Currently the repair of the roof is at long last underway.

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EVENTS

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Community-wide Israeli-style Chanukah Chagigah celebration

On **Tues., Dec. 16** from 5:30–7:45 p.m. at the JCC, this will include authentic Moroccan-Israeli food, sufganiot, menorah lighting, Rope Warrior Show, music and songs, candle making, crafts, and photo taken with Yehudah HaMaccabi. For more info go to www.lubavitchindiana.com or call 698-6423. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

Celebrate Hanukkah with Hadassah

On **Thurs., Dec. 18** at 10 a.m., at the JCC Room A25 will be the meeting and installation, brunch will be at 11 a.m. Bring your own sack lunch. Desserts and drinks provided.

Chabad at Purdue First Hanukkah event

On **Thurs., Dec. 18** at 5:30 p.m., please join Rabbi Levi and Adina Tiechtel for a public menorah candle lighting outside of the West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia St., West Lafayette, Ind. Afterward will be a celebration inside the library with music, kosher refreshments, arts & crafts, and a *Hanukkah Around the World* video presentation. Free of charge and everyone is welcome. For more information email them at JewishPurdue@gmail.com or call 765-429-7678.

INDYCHAI, 20s & 30s Young Adult Group: 3rd annual Vodka & Latkes Hanukkah Party!

Sat., Dec 20, 7:30–11:30 p.m., Marla & Adam Wald's home (address is on Facebook). It's one of our favorite events of the year! Join us for vodka tasting (plus other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages), delicious latkes, and other yummy snacks! Friend us "Indy Chai" on Facebook or check out our page, [Facebook.com/IHC](https://www.facebook.com/IHC) IndyChai Questions? Email us at ihcindychai@gmail.com.

BBYO Kentucky Indiana Ohio (KIO) Region Celebration

Sheila Greenwald will be honored on **Sun., Dec. 21** at the Indianapolis Marriot East. To RSVP for the event and view the sponsorship opportunities, please visit bbyokiocelebration.org. (see ad on p. IN 7.)

Chanukah Celebration with the Pacers

Tues, Dec. 23 join Lubavitch of Indiana at the Pacer game against the New Orleans Pelicans. A special pregame menorah lighting will be at approximately 6 p.m., and tipoff is 7 p.m. Cost \$18. Every

ticket purchase includes unlimited popcorn, a drink, special Chanukah treats and a t-shirt. For more information call 698-6423 or go to www.lubavitchindiana.com.

Beatles Concert

Sat, Jan 10 at 7:30 pm (Doors and cash bar open at 7 pm), The Mathew Street Band will be at the JCC Laikin Auditorium, recreating The Beatles' set list from their historic appearance at the Indiana State Fair 50 years ago. They'll throw in some other Beatles' favorites as well. \$20/\$15 members/\$10 students. For more info go to www.jccindy.org or call 251-9467.

Libby Fogle Lunch Bunch – Ongoing

Meets at noon at the Arthur M. Glick JCC **every Tues. and Thurs.** except on

holidays. Suggestion donation for kosher lunch is \$2. Reservations not required except for special holiday lunches. Transportation available within a limited area at a minimal cost. For more info call Ruthie Gal 557-2265 or Christy Morris 259-6822. ★

MELAVAH MALCHAH

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the Ibn Ezra.

A quote that summarizes Rabbi Greenblatt's message in his talk on the Torah perspective in response to the rise in radical Islam is: "*Chazel* (our sages) tell us at times like this it is important to redouble our efforts in *tefillah* (prayer) and acts of *chesed* (charity)." ★

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Indiana Board of Rabbis Supports Energy Conservation

Hanukkah, the upcoming Jewish “festival of lights,” celebrates the miracle of a small flask of oil. Containing only enough for one night, it nevertheless continued to burn for eight nights. The miracle derives its power from its implicit acknowledgement of the preciousness of fuel. The ancient rabbis codified the ethic of conservation in the principle known as *baal taschit*: the prohibition against the needless destruction or waste of any resource. The rabbinic principle of *baal taschit* has only grown in importance in modern times, as we have become acutely aware of the finite limits of our energy reserves. It is our sacred obligation to leave God’s great gift of Creation intact for our children and grandchildren and generations yet to come.

In keeping with these core Jewish values, the Indiana Board of Rabbis recently voted to support the work of energy conservation by *Hoosier Jews Till and Tend the Earth*. The Indiana Board of Rabbis (IBOR) represents rabbis throughout the State of Indiana serving congregations and communal agencies from diverse denominations. We constitute a collective rabbinic voice to advocate for Jewish interests and matters of ethical concern, on the statewide, national, and international arenas.

Hoosier Jews Till and Tend is a coalition of Indiana synagogues and Jewish organizations, each of which pledges to reduce energy use in its own institution by at least 25% and to reduce energy use in the homes of its members by at least 1/7th. Cutting energy use by 25% is easily achievable—in fact, one Hoosier synagogue recently reduced natural gas consumption by 61% over a period of just three years! IBOR is proud to note that numerous Hoosier churches and mosques joining in this endeavor in their faith communities, have accomplished similar savings in their pursuit of energy conservation.

Together, let’s reenact the Hanukkah miracle in our day by stretching our precious oil and energy reserves as far as we can—for the sake of God’s Earth entrusted to us, and for the sake of future generations.

To find out more about this initiative and to access tools on the web to learn how to conserve energy as a faith institution, go to www.hoosierjewstillandtend.org.

Rabbis Paula Winnig and Brian Besser

For more information contact: Rabbi Besser, Secretary, Indiana Board of Rabbis, rabbi.brian.besser@gmail.com, 812-334-2440 or Rabbi Winnig, Co-Chair, Indiana Board of Rabbis, pwinnig@bjeindy.org, 317-220-8999. ✨



Naomi Pescovitz (back center), a news anchor and reporter for WTHR Channel 13, visited Mrs. Cook’s (back, far right) fourth graders at Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (HHA). Naomi came to personally congratulate Maya Yaari (back, far left) for her captivating state winning essay on Hoosier Bicentennial Moments. Maya will read her essay on Dec. 11 at the Indiana State Museum. Naomi was the first place state poster contest winner in 1998 when she was a fifth grade student at HHA in Mrs. Cook’s class.

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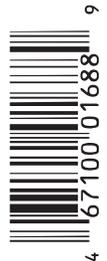
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