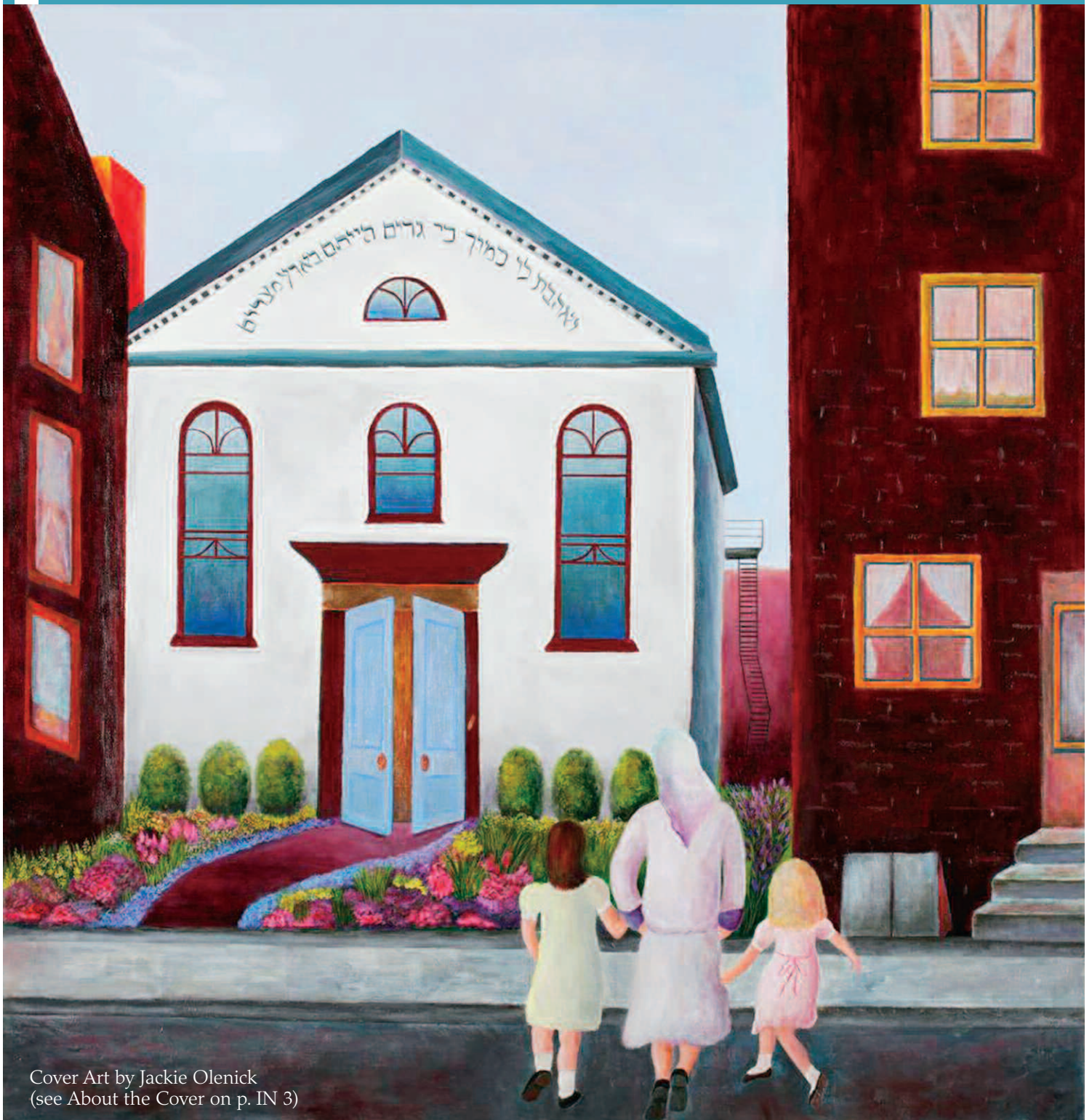


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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Tahlia Alkobi, daughter of **Saar** and **Shirley Alkobi** received the President's Education Award for outstanding academic excellence.



Jewish Family Service – pleased to announce the implementation of a Community Chaplaincy Program with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. **Cantor Janice L. Roger** will be working with the Jewish Family Services staff as the Community Chaplain.



"The mandate to care for others comes directly from *Torah*," Cantor Roger shared. "Many times our ancestors were reminded to be mindful of the needs of the widow, the orphan, the stranger and the poor. The rabbis translated that into the maxim '*Kol Yisrael arevim Zeh bazeh* – All Israel is responsible one for the other.'"



Cantor Roger

Cantor Roger was kept busy during her nearly 40 years at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), working with the Congregational Choir, Chai Notes Choir, 65th Street Klezmerim, and other musical groups. She also taught *bar/bat mitzvoah* students, and Kindermusik in the Early Childhood Center. Non-musical areas in Cantor Roger's portfolio included the Worship Committee, Task Force on Disabilities Issues, Heritage Committee, Library Committee and Cultural Arts Committee. She also writes a column for the *Indianapolis Star*.

Since retiring from IHC in 2017, Cantor Roger has done coursework in Clinical Pastoral Education and served as a chaplaincy intern in the IU Health system at Methodist Hospital. She is a member of the NAJC (Neshama Association of Jewish Chaplains) and serves on its Ethics

Committee. Cantor Roger is married to Indianapolis native, **Brandon Roger**. They have two sons, **Eddie** and **Miles**. If you're interested in having a clergy member visit you in your home, please contact Cantor Janice L. Roger at 317-496-4985 or email chaplaincy@jfgi.org.

Gavin and **Haley Rourke** on becoming the proud parents of **Josephine Mazal Rourke** (below) on Aug. 22, 2019. She weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19-3/4 inches at birth. Grandparents include **Lori Katz** and **Don Katz** of Indianapolis, **Judith McCallum** of Florida and **John Rourke** of Michigan. Great-grandparents are **Larry** and **Arlene** Weinberg of Indianapolis and **Evelyn Rourke** of Michigan.



Barb and **Dick Leventhal** on being honored with special recognition from the *Life & Legacy Community* at their annual celebration Sept. 12, 2019. They are both lifelong residents of Indianapolis and graduates of Indiana University. Barb earned a law degree from IU McKinney School of Law and worked in private practice, as well as the public sector in Marion County Superior Court hearing adoption and guardianship cases. Dick pursued a career in business, founding Top Value Fabrics, Inc., and he currently serves on the board of directors of Emmis Communications and WastePoint, LLC.



Both Barb and Dick have generously given their time to many organizations over the years. Barb has served on the
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Editorial

Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love. By Dani Shapiro. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, January 2019. 250 pages. \$24.95.

Dani Shapiro grew up an only child in a suburban Jewish neighborhood in New Jersey. Her father's family was Orthodox and her mother was Jewish but secular. Before marriage her mother agreed to follow Orthodoxy. Shapiro says her mother was a pathological narcissist who had a borderline personality disorder, which made it difficult for people (including Shapiro) to get along with her, and her father was depressed but Dani adored him.

When Shapiro was 23, and attempting to make sense of her life, her parents were in a car accident. Her father died from the injuries shortly afterward. Her mother was critically injured and Shapiro helped take care of her for the next two years.

Several times throughout her life Shapiro is told that she does not look Jewish. Frequently she felt out of place, as if she did not belong, did not fit in. Her pale blond hair and blue eyes amid many with dark hair and dark eyes probably did not help.

At age 25, Shapiro finds out the method of her conception was artificial insemination. Her parents had trouble conceiving but they had not spelled out the details and she had not looked into it herself.

Fast forward to when she is 54. Her husband Michael wants to find out more about his genealogy while his father is still mentally sharp to discuss it, and he decides to take a DNA test. On a whim she decides to follow suit.

On page 7 she writes: "The kits arrived and sat on our kitchen counter for days, perhaps weeks, unopened. ... Finally one night Michael opened the two packages and handed me a small plastic vial. 'Spit,' he said. ... Two months passed by and I gave little thought to my DNA test ... until one day an email containing my results appeared."

She is puzzled, to put it mildly: "According to Ancestry, my DNA was 52% Eastern European Ashkenazi. The rest was a smattering of French, Irish, English, and German." She eventually figures out she is not at all related to her father biologically.



Dani Shapiro



About the Cover

"Love the Stranger in Your Midst"

By Jackie Olenick

This is a "memory" painting of going to Shabbat services with my sister and Bubbeh. I'm on the left with dark hair. This is circa early 1950s. It was painted from a photograph of the Nationally registered historic Nezarim Synagogue in Queen Village in Philadelphia. It was built in 1805 and was originally a Baptist church which welcomed immigrants from Poland, Ireland, and Italy.

It became a synagogue in approximately 1903 and welcomed Jewish immigrants from the Polish town of Nezin where many settled together to be near this shul. I added the Hebrew to the top of the shul because of the current political crisis and because this shul welcomed immigrants, including my family, for over 200 years.

Jackie Olenick is a Judaic artist and jewelry designer residing in Bloomington, Ind. Her work can be seen on her website at www.jackieolenickart.com. Contact her at jackieolenick@gmail.com. ★



J. Olenick

This revelation is shocking to her, and the few remaining mostly elderly relatives and family friends that she asks about it have no answers for her. Although, she has a very loving exchange with her 93 year old aunt who on p. 136 tells her, "I'm not giving you up." When Dani starts weeping her aunt continues, "And you'd better not be giving me up." Now Dani is sobbing and her aunt finishes, "And you are my brother's daughter."

On p. 176 she writes, "The clues screamed in neon. But I had not seen them. After all plenty of people look or feel "other" than their parents or siblings. Biology doesn't promise similarity. Traits skip generations. Characteristics emerge, seemingly out of nowhere. Our parents seem alien to us."

The reason I loved this book might be different than why others like it. Besides being a riveting mystery and difficult to put down, it seemed as if the teachings in the book match our mission that we set forth when my father handed the publishing torch to me almost 20 years ago: "To protect, promote, and preserve time-honored Jewish values such as "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Scattered throughout the book Shapiro includes some of these Jewish values. She writes poetically about sitting with her father in *shul* as a young girl on pgs. 170-171: "I could feel the way his body relaxed when he *davened*, the way his

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voice became stronger and fuller within the plaintive melodies of the Hebrew liturgy. The synagogue was his home. When he shook his *tallis* from his velvet pouch and wrapped it around his shoulders, he became larger, almost mystical. Here in *shul*, prayer was our secret language, our way of connecting. We had the choreography down. We knew just what to do. Here we stand. Here we sit. Here we sway. Here we close our *siddurs*. Here we sing *Ein Keloheinu*. Here we kiss each other's cheeks and say: *Good Shabbos*."

I appreciate and benefit from the teachings of other traditions, but the parts of this book on Judaism strongly resonated with

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Community Events

Indiana Jewish Discovery Center: Rosh Hashanah Open House

Tues., Oct. 1, from 6–7:30 p.m. at 1112 Oakwood Trail for 2nd day of *Rosh Hashanah*. Join us for delicious *Rosh Hashanah* refreshments and hear the *Shofar* Blowing (every 15 minutes as needed). For more info and to RSVP email office@INJewishDiscover.org or 317-698-6423.

Cong. Beth Shalom Book Club

Sun., Oct. 6 at 3 p.m., at the home of Susan Meyers. October selection is *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn. Contact Sharon Karp at adult.ed@bethshalomindy.org for more information, and check the website for directions to Susan’s home. In case you can’t make this one, the selection for the November will be *Mrs. Everything* by Jennifer Weiner.

Hooverwood Guild Annual Raffle

Wed., Oct. 16 at Broadmoor Country Club at 11 a.m. The drawing will take place as part of the Guild’s annual luncheon. Tickets are \$10 each or 11 for \$100. Cash prizes are \$1,000, \$500 and two for \$250. The raffle raises funds to enhance the lives of Hooverwood residents. Need not be present to win. You can drop off payment at Hooverwood or mail your check to Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260. For more info call Sally Seidenstein at 317-441-9324. Reservations due by Oct. 9th. Cost of luncheon is \$36 for Guild members and \$46 for non-members.

Indiana Jewish Discovery Center: Family Sukkot Experience – Soup in the Sukkah

Wed., Oct. 16 from 4:30–7 p.m. Details to follow. For location, more info and to RSVP email office@INJewishDiscover.org or call 317-698-6423.

Parents Night Out (PNO)

Sat., Oct. 19 and **Nov. 16,** from 6–10 p.m., at the JCC. The PNO program aids in creating stronger family systems by offering parents of children with special needs a respite opportunity, as well as inclusive programming for children of all abilities in a safe, Jewish environment. Join us as we explore the world through a variety of activities, crafts, music and more! This program series is sponsored by Jewish Family Services. Contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfgi.org for more information. Cost \$5 per child ages 2–12. Advanced registration required.

Finding Your Place in B’nai Mitzvah

Sun., Oct. 20, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 from 9:45–11:15 a.m. A Program for Interfaith Families with Kids in the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah Pipeline*. This 3-session program helps interfaith families find their place in *bar/bat mitzvah* through learning about the lifecycle event, meeting with families who will share their prior experiences, and developing strategies to make everyone feel welcome at their child’s upcoming b’nai mitzvah celebration. All families are welcome to attend, regardless of prior involvement in the Jewish community. This program is supported by a generous grant from the National Center to Encourage Judaism and will be facilitated by Patti Freeman Dorson. To sign up go to: www.cognitofirms.com/JewishFederationOfGreaterIndianapolis/FindingYourPlaceInBnaiMitzvah. For more information, please contact Nina Price at nprice@jfgi.org or 317-715-6993.

Nice Jewish Brunch

Sun., Oct. 27 and **Nov. 24** 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Join Ami (LGBTQ+) Indianapolis Jewish Group for our monthly brunches. Each brunch seeks to provide a space for LGBTQ+ Jews and allies, and offers an opportunity for discussion around different topics that affect us all.

EDITORIAL

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me. Reading these stories such as Shapiro sitting in synagogue with her father left me feeling as if someone wrapped a heated blanket around me on a bitter, cold day. It gave me that sense of belonging for which Shapiro yearned.

Shapiro has written nine other books. Her journalistic pieces have been published in prominent newspapers and magazines. She has taught in writing programs in leading universities and cofounded a writer’s conference in Italy. See more at danishapiro.com. Hadassah book club will be discussing this book on Oct. 27th. (See details below).

We wish our dear readers a *Shana Tova U’metukah!* A good and sweet year 5780!

Jennie Cohen, September 25, 2019 ✨



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Hadassah Book Club


Sun., Oct 27 at 2 p.m., *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro. Hostess Esther Batelman. **Sun., Nov. 17** at 2 p.m., *The Wedding Song* by Farideh Goldin. Hostess Carol Arenstein. Facilitator MaryJo Erdberg. **Sun., Dec. 22,** 2 p.m., *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. **Sun., Jan. 20,** 2 p.m., *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaineh1@gmail.com.

Fostering Identity-Safe Spaces for Jewish Teens & Their Peers

Mon., Oct. 28 from 8:30–10 a.m., JFGI Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL) 6705 Hoover Road (enter through Door 1). JFGI has invited Amram Altzman, Youth Programs Associate at Keshet, to share his expertise and engage our community in an important conversation about how we support Jewish LGBTQ+ youth, their peers, and their allies locally. Keshet is a non-profit organization that works for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews in Jewish life and creates spaces for queer Jewish teens to feel valued as queer and Jewish. Contact Nina Price at nprice@jfgi.org or 317-726-5450.

Denial – Movie screening and conversation

Tues., Oct. 29 from 7–9 p.m., at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 W. 70th Street. *Denial* tells the true story of the libel lawsuit brought against Deborah Lipstadt in 1996 by David Irving for having called him a Holocaust denier. At the time, he was arguably the world’s leading denier. The movie stars Rachel (see Events, page IN 8)



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board of directors of JFGI, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, IHC Foundation, and Hooverwood. She was co-chair of the Endowment Committee and continues to be a member of the committee, as well as having been a JFGI vice-president and member of the Budget and Allocations Committee. In addition, Barb devoted 20 years as a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art and more recently, volunteered at Dress for Success.

Dick has been a dedicated JFGI board member for 30 years. He has served as President of the Board, campaign co-chair three times, and Endowment Committee co-chair two times. Dick was honored with the LL Goodman Young Leadership Award in 1994 and the Kehilla Award for commitment to the Jewish community in 2012. He is currently a national board member of IU Hillel and has chaired their annual fundraising event, Indiana Campus Superstar, for the past 15 years.

They are most proud of their growing family! Their daughter, **Lisa**, and her husband, **Adam**, have a daughter, **Sydney**. Their son, **David**, and his wife, **Sarah**, have a boy, **Jack**.

Dick's comments about the event:

"Barb and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and appreciate being honored, however, there are many other people who deserve honor and recognition for their tireless dedication to our local Jewish community."



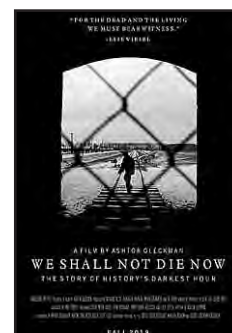
Matthew and Leslie Tobe on becoming the proud parents of **Dylan Caleb Tobe** (above) on Sept. 14, 2019. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz and was 21 inches at birth. Grandparents include **John and Diane Abrams** of Indianapolis, **Judith Tobe and Stephen Tobe** both of Pittsburgh. Great-grandparents are **JJ Abrams and Miriam Calderon** both of Indianapolis and **Phyllis Seidenstein** of Pittsburgh. Dylan has an older sister, **Bella**, age 2-1/2.

Ashton Gleckman, whose film, *We Shall Not Die Now* will be premiering as part of the Heartland Film Festival on Oct. 12 at 7:20 p.m., at AMC Castleton Square Theater 2 and Oct. 17 at 2:45 p.m., at AMC Traders Point Theater 10. Gleckman directed, edited, composed the music and filmed the movie.



The film explores the Holocaust, where between 1939 and 1945, over six million Jews and 11 million others were systematically murdered by the Nazi regime. Seventy-five years after the conclusion of the war, this film seeks to explore not only the horrific human tragedy and what we can learn from it, but the resilience of those that rebuilt their lives in spite of the unimaginable.

Ashton interviewed survivors here in Indiana, nationally, and internationally. (see Mazel Tov, page IN 6)



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Why Today's Surge in Antisemitism is Alarming

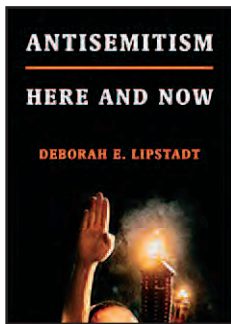
By DR. DEBORAH LIPSTADT

I would prefer to know far less about antisemitism than I do. I have been researching and teaching about the Holocaust for decades, and in 2000, after one of the world's leading Holocaust deniers, David Irving, sued me unsuccessfully for libel, I was compelled to spend close to three months in a London courtroom listening to him spew Jew-hatred.



Lipstadt

As I entered and left the courtroom, Irving supporters would barrage me with antisemitic epithets. Some left me anonymous notes with messages such as "Jew bitch. Die." (Irving lost his case.) And now I have spent the past three years writing *Antisemitism Here and Now*, a book that explores this deadly disease.



So why is today's surge in Jew-hatred different – and particularly alarming? Generally, antisemitism has come from either the right or the left. But today, it comes from three different sides at the same time.

From the right, Jews are being singled out by xenophobic populists who are increasingly setting the tenor of politics in many democracies. They also face emboldened white supremacists whose conspiracy theories have been given credence by political leaders and government officials – including in the U.S. – who use barely coded antisemitic language ("cosmopolitan," "globalist," obsessive talk of George Soros) that evoke a sinister, greedy, planet-running Jewish cabal.

These ultra-right extremists are part of increasingly sophisticated groups that make shrewd use of the online realm and have learned to shed the outer trappings of extremism. They may not know one another but they read the same websites, quote the same propaganda, and share the same views.

On the left, the intensifying attacks are becoming increasingly institutionalized. They often come from those who cannot distinguish legitimate criticism of particular Israeli policies from bigoted attacks on Jews. Some progressives deny Jews their

right to a national identity, accuse Jews of being puppet masters controlling governments' policies, insinuate that American Jews are disloyal to the U.S., and make such bizarre and evidence-free accusations as the fabrication that Israelis harvest the organs of dead Palestinians.

Some on the left deploy the right to criticize Israel as a cover for overt antisemitism. For example, Pulitzer Prize winning author Alice Walker, in a recent interview, effusively praised a book so laden with antisemitism that the publisher who had contracted to publish it refused to do so. (The book she enthusiastically endorsed describes the *Talmud* as a racist tract and contends that the world is controlled by lizard people – Jews – who engage in child sacrifice and control the economy.) Under fire, Ms. Walker employed the fallback tactic of many when accused of antisemitism: The attacks on her, she insisted, were attempts to "smear" her to prevent her from "speaking out in support of the people of Palestine."

U.K. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has tried similar deflections after saying that
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He also visited various concentration camps in Poland. **Frank Grunwald** of Indianapolis was one of the Holocaust survivors he interviewed for the film.

Ashton is the son of **Dr. Ari** and **Jennifer Gleckman**. See more on the movie's website at www.weshallnotdienowmovie.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/weshallnotdienow/>

Rabbi Avi and **Nini Grossbaum** on welcoming their children, **Dovid**, **Chana** and baby **Chai** (below), to Indy. They will be joining the Chabad staff, with emphasis on youth and young adults. ✨



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Rosh Hashanah

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The Power of the Spirit

More than 24 centuries ago a prophet in Israel declared that the most potent and enduring force in the world was not that of material wealth or physical strength, but the power of the spirit.

Supporting Jewish and secular institutions of caring and sharing affords us the opportunity to understand what Judaism is all about – what we humans are all about – that humankind is capable of good things, heavenly things, without regard for material gain or selfish motives.

And, approaching a maturing stage of life is no excuse for ignoring our responsibilities. *Tikkun olam*, the continuing repair in the tear of the fabric of humankind's journey, requires constant participation. It is not enough to acknowledge the problems. We are obligated, as partners with God, to ensure that the tear is repaired to the best of our ability.

Each tear and each repair brings us closer to understanding our place in this experience we call life. And the High Holy Day season – *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, and *Sukkot* – help remind us that we are nothing without deeds. We are nothing without purpose. Only when we lift a person who has fallen, can we with pride declare who we are and truly comprehend the connection of heaven and earth.

This time of the year enables us to recollect as well as plan for tomorrow. We will ask for forgiveness of the past and make wishes for a future more prosperous

in many ways, even though we don't know what the future holds. Will these wishes include more than just our desires and needs? Will these wishes encompass the action necessary to fulfill our mission of spiritual enlightenment?

Our lives are so temporary. A wind can come and blow us away. Rain can fall and soak our dreams and aspirations. Fire can consume our shelter and even destroy our lives. This is the challenge our season of renewal represents.

Our shelter from life's storms is the support we extend to those in need. Our comfort in the face of adversity is the helping hand we offer to our fellow human. The fire that burns should be inside of us as we fight injustice and poverty and famine and homelessness.

A story is told about an old man who sat outside the walls of a great city. When travelers approached, they would ask the old man, "What kind of people live in this city?" The old man would answer, "What kind of people lived in the place where you came from?"

If the travelers answered, "Only bad people lived in the place where we came from," then the old man would reply, "Continue on, for you will only find bad people here."

But if the travelers answered, "Only good people lived in the place where we came from," then the old man would say, "Enter, for here, too, you will only find good people."

There is no doubt that good people live everywhere. Humanity's record speaks for itself: the many agencies designed to ensure continuity and survival are a testament to the goodness. We don't ask, "Why?" Rather we ask, "How?"

How can we as a people respond to the bad things that occur every single day – not as punishment for some imagined sin, but rather because things are the way they are, and it is our responsibility to share in the creation process by doing what we can to alleviate the suffering that is part of the human experience. That is our partnership with God.

The prophet of long ago spoke the truth about the spirit being the most potent force in the world, and we are living proof. Our hope is that the year we are about to welcome will encompass a light that leads us from despair and will never be extinguished. And the sound of the *shofar* we hear as we usher in this New Year will stir in us a greater understanding of the partnership.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener is spiritual leader of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation near Phoenix, Ariz. He welcomes comments at raovitz@cox.net. He is the author of two books: Living with Faith, and a modern and contemporary interpretation of the Passover

ANTISEMITISM

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"Zionists" didn't "understand English irony" – a clear suggestion from a possible future British prime minister that Jews are not full Britons. (Yes he said "Zionists" but if you listen to his speech it's clear that he meant any Jew who has any affinity for Israel.)

But this hatred comes, not only, from the right and the left. Islamist extremists have made Jew-hatred a cornerstone of their ideology. Many of the physical attacks on European Jews – in Toulouse, Brussels, Copenhagen, Paris, Berlin, Istanbul, and on and on – have come from jihadists. Several recent studies in Europe have confirmed that radical *imams* in many European mosques regularly engage in virulent harangues about Jews; Jewish students in schools with large Muslim populations are often harassed.

Jews in many major cities in Europe routinely *eschew wearing or carrying anything* that identifies them as Jewish. Sadly, many European governmental agencies, fearful of being accused of *Islamophobia*, have been decidedly *reluctant to candidly identify the jihadist source of these attacks*.

To make all this worse, some Jews are prone to see antisemitism only on the other side of the political transom, even as they fail to see it within their own camp. Some on the right only see antisemitism on the left and ignore the white nationalism that is rampant on the right. Some on the left are easily and rightfully appalled by misdeeds on the right while remaining oblivious to the antisemitism in their midst.

They are quick to blame Mr. Trump but silent about progressives whose portrayal of the power and loyalties of the "Jewish lobby" drifts into the brackish waters of prejudice. They *excoriate Jews* who support Mr. Trump but stay silent on Ms. Walker or excuse the leaders of the Women's March. And when someone calls attention to the fact that Islamists have been responsible for so many violent attacks on Jews and others in Europe, some pundits on the left are quick to condemn that as Islamophobia.

Dr. Lipstadt is Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University. Her most recent book is, Antisemitism: Here and Now, which she will discuss during her visit to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on Nov. 4, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Afterward she will be signing copies of her new book. ☆



Haggadah titled, Why is This Night Different? This column was in a previous High Holy Day edition of this publication. ☆

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The History of a Global Religion

Thursdays Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Oct. 3, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19 from 1–2:30 p.m., at Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL), 6705 Hoover Road, Door #1. This ongoing class will be led by Carole Neuffer. The first lecture will be about Hinduism. For more information call Carol at 317-595-9192. No charge.

Women Sublime – The Feminine Point of View

Thurs., Oct. 17, depart JCC at 6 p.m., for Dance Kaleidoscope at IRT, 140 W. Washington Street. The work of 3 women choreographers: Keisha Lalama, Cynthia Pratt and Mariel Greenlee. Limited number of tickets. Payment and reservations must be received no later than September 27. RSVP to Ruthie. Transportation \$10.

Day Trip to The Apple Works

Wed., Oct. 23, depart JCC at 10 a.m., for Trafalgar, Ind. Featuring over 50 varieties of apples as well as peaches, pumpkins, pies and persimmons. 14 spots available. RSVP to Ruthie. \$50 Includes transportation, bus tour & lunch.

Anthem Coffee Pops Series Cinematic Symphony –

A Spotlight on ISO Musicians

Fri., Nov. 1, depart JCC at 9:15 a.m., for Hilbert Circle Theatre, 45 Monument Circle. This concert brings the accomplished musicians of the ISO front and center as featured soloists. Join us in celebrating the art of cinematic music and the extraordinary artistry of our own musicians. RSVP to Ruthie. Transportation: \$10.

Treasures of Ancient Greece

Thurs., Nov 7, meet at main entrance at 4 p.m. at The Children’s Museum, 3000 N. Meridian Street. Featuring more than 150 objects, including scientific inventions, sculptures, jewelry, armor, vases and more. Explore the history and mythology of the ancient Greeks. Discover how the ancient Greeks influence sports, government, entertainment and beauty, even today! RSVP to Ruthie. Admission \$5. Special

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Weisz and Tom Wilkenson and is based on Lipstadt’s book *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier* (Harper Collins, 2006). Movie screening will be followed by a discussion. Screening is in anticipation of Dr. Lipstadt’s talk at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on **November 4**. Free and open to the public. (See article by Lipstadt on page IN 6) Contact Jennifer Hodes at jhodes@bez613.org or 317-253-3441.

Coburn Place Halloween Party

Wed., Oct. 30 from 6–7:30 p.m. Come help the Cong. Beth Shalom Sisterhood bring its annual Halloween Party to the children residents of Coburn Place – a residential shelter for women and their children who have suffered domestic violence. For more information, contact Isabel Atlas at ieatlas@aol.com.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Award winning program that chronicles the lives of American Jewish women who have made a mark on American or world history. Meets at 11:30 a.m., at Donato’s at 106th and Michigan Road. Note new location. **Wed., Oct. 30 Gertrude Berg**, actress, writer, producer and pioneer of classic radio. Presented by Marion Garmel. **Wed., Nov. 20, Ray Karchmer Daily**, ophthalmologist and a leader in the fight for equal opportunities for women in Texas. She was the first Jewish woman to graduate from a Texas medical school and the only woman physician among the founders of the Texas Academy of Medicine. Presented by Rachel Nolan-Johnson. For more information contact Phyllis Russell at therussells46032@aol.com.

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla Israeli Art Exhibition and Sale

Thurs., Oct. 31 from 7 p.m.–10 p.m., **Fri., Nov. 1** from 9 a.m.–2 p.m., **Sat., Nov. 2** from 7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m., and **Sun., Nov. 3** from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Shaarey Tefilla, 3085 W 116th St, Carmel, Ind. The art is from the Safrai Gallery in Israel.

Celebrating with Curious George

Sun., Nov. 3 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., JFGI Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL) 6705 Hoover Road (enter through Door 1). The JFGI Center for



exhibit \$3. Transportation available for minimum of 7 people.

Indy International Festival

Fri., Nov. 8, depart JCC 10 a.m. for (see Seniors, page IN 13)

Jewish Engagement and Learning will host *The True Wartime Escape: Margaret and H.A. Rey’s Journey from France* exhibit from **Oct. 23 – Nov. 29**. As part of George’s visit, JFGI has partnered with CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center and WFYI to put on “Celebrating with Curious George,” a fun family-centered event. The program will focus on interactive learning activities relating to winter holidays and will even feature a visit from Curious George and the Man in the Yellow Hat! Feel free to drop-in to the Domont Auditorium anytime, and you can pick up a bite to eat from food trucks parked in front the building. Contact Amber Maze amaze@jfgi.org or 317-715-6976.

JEdI Council Day of Learning

Sun., Nov. 10 from noon to 4 p.m., at JFGI Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL) 6705 Hoover Road (enter through Door 1). All educators who work in Jewish settings in the Greater Indianapolis area are invited to join us for an afternoon of learning, sharing, and connecting. The theme for this year’s conference is Keshet: Making Connections. Come for an afternoon of enriching professional development and make connections with colleagues, teaching ideas, team building, learning through play, Judaism, and more. Please register by October 17 at <http://bit.ly/JEDI2019>. Contact Nina Price at nprice@jfgi.org or 317-726-5450 x 1245.

Bereavement support group

Tues., Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 at 6 p.m., in Room A-17 of the JCC. JFS and Ascension Health and Home invite you to a Jewish bereavement support group, co-facilitated by Brenda Kenyon LCSW and Paula Glanzman Goldberg. While everyone processes grief and loss differently, healing is enhanced by sharing with others who have experienced loss. Together, the group will address the social, emotional and (see Events, page IN 9)

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Purdue U. Hillel

Summer is over at Purdue Hillel and we have finished a few weeks of school. Boiler Gold Rush (BGR) *Shabbat* for freshmen and the Welcome Back Cookout were amazing starts to the new school year. We met many wonderful students of the Class of 2023. Our Freshman class comes to us from 17 States and 3 countries.

During September, we have been busy with our regular activities including the weekly Bagel Break, "Coffee with Philip" in the Union and *Shabbat* Services & Dinner. We are now recruiting for the December Birthright Israel trip and filling our 15 spots before the High Holidays begin. A highlight this month will be our annual visit to the Corn Maze at Exploration Acres, and its tribute to the 150th anniversary of Purdue, at the end of the month. Lastly, we are looking forward to the High Holidays on campus with Nachshon Carmi, our service leader and joining the community for *Tashlich*.

Parents and local community residents are always invited to join us for services



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spiritual dimensions of grief from a Jewish perspective. This program is free of charge, and no registration is needed. For more information please email Paula at pgoldberg@jfgi.org or Julie at 317-529-5497.

NEXTGen Happy Hour

Tues., Nov. 12 from 6–8 p.m. NEXTGen hosts a community Happy Hour for Young Adults to meet in a fun, social setting every second Tuesday of the month. For more info contact Matthew Kramer-Morning 317-715-9261 or mkmorning@jfgi.org, www.facebook.com/jfginextgen.

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS)

CBS Worship Services are held at 6:30 p.m., on the **second, third and fourth Fridays of each month** at 849 W. 96th St., Indianapolis. Direct questions to info@bethshalomindy.org, call 317-306-5644, or see our CBS website, www.bethshalomindy.org, for more information and programming.

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Jewish students gather at the Purdue Hillel for their annual Welcome Back Cookout.

and events. For more information on these and other Hillel programs please contact Hillel at hillel@purduehillel.org. Wishing you a Happy & Healthy *Shana Tova!*

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(Right) Students playing chess at Purdue Hillel before the Welcome Back Cookout.





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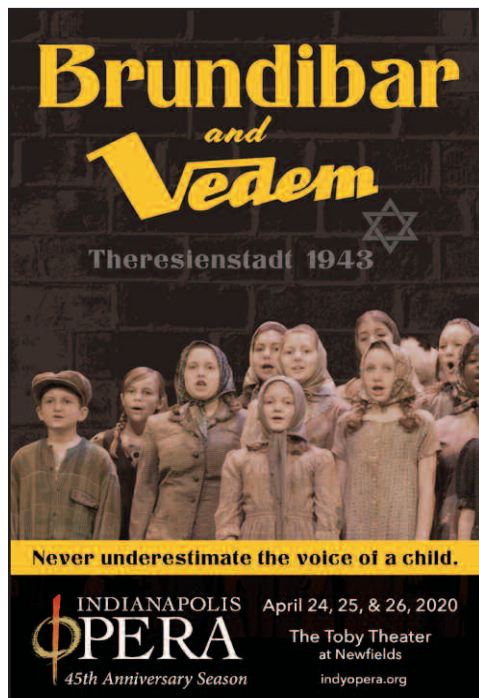
For their 45th anniversary season Indianapolis Opera is presenting *Brundibar & Vedem*, a project for April 2020 in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of Holocaust Remembrance Day. As part of our mainstage series, we are producing the opera *Brundibar*, featuring members of the Indianapolis Children's Chorus performing alongside our Spring 2020 Resident Artists on April 24, 25, 26 at the Toby Theater at Newfields.

This opera was written by Czech composer Hans Krása (1899–1944) in Prague at the beginning of World War II, and tells the story of two children who struggle to raise money to help their sick mother, and their journey to defeat the organ grinder bully, named Brundibar.

The opera was subsequently taken to the Terezin/Theresienstadt Concentration Camp; a propaganda camp where visiting dignitaries would be shown how "wonderfully" the Nazis were treating the Jews. It was performed 55 times by children in the camp during the war.

While *Brundibar* has no Holocaust-themed storyline, the circumstances surrounding its inception and performance are unique and essential to understand our history, particularly in combating anti-Semitism. For this reason, we will also present the theatrical oratorio *Vedem*, by prominent female American composer Lori Laitman, as a double-bill with *Brundibar*.

The text comes from *Vedem*, the underground newspaper that boys in the camp ran during their time at Terezin, and also features children's chorus. The combination of these two works brings together the art performed at Terezin with the historical circumstances surrounding its performance.



In order to advance the theatrical experience of art and music at Terezin, we are bringing a corresponding art exhibit to Indianapolis, "Vedem Underground" to enhance the educational component of this project. This series of 13 banners tells the story of the boys who ran the underground newspaper in Terezin, with excerpts of their artwork, political (see Opera, page IN 13)

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Tuesday, Oct. 1:
Rosh Hashana 8:30 AM

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Hooverwood Mezuzah Project

“And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and upon your gates” – Deuteronomy 6:9

The Hooverwood *Mezuzah* Project was held Sept. 22, 2019 and included a ceremony to affix 200 *mezuzot* to all the doors and public spaces at Hooverwood. These were donated by different members of the community. It was a final act of dedication to the renovation of Hooverwood and the addition of Kraft Commons, 26 assisted living units.

The *mezuzot* were designed by well-known Jewish artist Gary Rosenthal and crafted by an autistic artisan in his studio. Rosenthal’s art is inspired by the concept of *“Hiddur Mitzvah”*, which means to beautify a good deed or blessing.

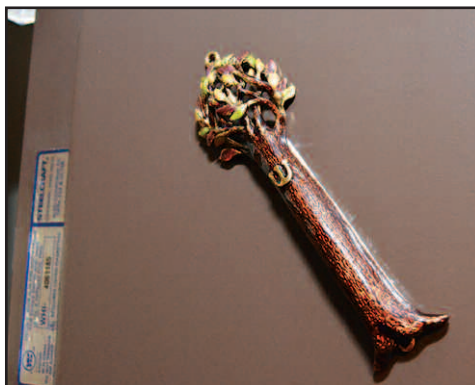
The following people on the *Mezuzah* Project Committee helped to make the event a huge success: **Caitlin Lubline, Rita Pitzele, Myrna Nelson, Brittany Scheidt, Marc Sigman, Jeannie Stein** and co-chairs **Shelley Kahn** and **Marcia Goldstein**. (photos by Doug Pritchard) ✨



President of Hooverwood Board of Directors Dr. Murray Firestone and Nancy Cuppy.



The 65th Street Klezmerim entertain all, and some are inspired to dance.



The beautifully designed mezuzah affixed in it's rightful place.



Many volunteers helped in affixing the mezuzot throughout Hooverwood.



Hooverwood CEO Evan Lubline addresses the gathering before the mezuzot were affixed.



Affixing a mezuzah with Rabbi Dennis Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

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The B'nai Torah BBQ Picnic, Aug. 25 2019



Newly inducted congregation president Saar Alkobi (L) and Israel Keisari called Bingo. (Photos by Tzirel Rutstein).



Lots of laughs, desserts, fruit, and prizes made it fun for all.



Shofar Making



Indiana Jewish Discovery Center, led by Rabbi Shusterman (above 2nd from right), conducted a shofar making workshop on Sept 11.



Broad Ripple H.S. 1969 Class Reunion



Where'd 50 years go! Classmates (L-R above) Howard Golden, Gary Hetherington and Dennis Weiss, and (L-R below) Barbie Leventhal and Dee Dee Frazin reminisce on old times and catch up.



The Rabbi, Board of Directors, and Members of Congregation B'nai Torah and its Sisterhood extend the best New Year's wishes to the entire Jewish Community!



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commentary, and personal histories. This exhibit will be displayed at the following locations: Jewish Community Center: January–February 2020; Indianapolis Artsgarden: March–Mid April 2020; Beth-El Zedeck Synagogue: Mid April–April 19, 2020; and Toby Theater at Newfields: April 20–26, 2020.

Additional outreach performances of *Brundibar* are scheduled for: Beth-El Zedeck Synagogue, April 19 and Toby Theater at Newfields, April 23.

For more information about this project, including updated educational offerings, please visit: <http://www.indyopera.org/brundibar—vedem.html>. Or contact Dr. Rachele Woolston, Education Director at woolston@indyopera.org, 317-283-3531.

Indianapolis Opera, 4011 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis IN 46205. www.indyopera.org. ✨

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Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th Street. Travel the International Festival and meet ethnic artists, shop for international goods, explore over 50 cultural displays, taste international foods, enjoy authentic ethnic entertainment and experience a naturalization ceremony. RSVP to Ruthie. Admission \$12. Transportation: \$10.

Veterans Day Concert

Sun., Nov 10, depart JCC at 2 p.m. Concert at 3 p.m., Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington Street. Honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces during this annual Veterans Day Concert featuring the Indianapolis Municipal Band. Hear rousing renditions of patriotic marches, traditional American songs and spirited folk tune arrangements. RSVP by Oct. 31 to Ruthie. Admission \$14. Transportation \$10.

Book Club

Tues., Nov 12 at 10:30 a.m., at Hasten Hebrew Academy, 6602 Hoover Road. All are welcome. Call Monica Rosenfeld at 317-255-3604 or 317-691-5907 for more info.

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah Lunches with Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch

Thanksgiving's lunch is **Thurs., Nov 21** with reservations due by Nov. 14, and *Hanukkah's* lunch is **Thurs., Dec. 19** with reservations by Dec. 12. Held at noon at JCC, 6701 Hoover Road. Reservations required. RSVP to Anne or Christy at 317-259-6822. Cost \$3. ✨

Obituaries

Mark Rozenberg, 68, of Carmel, passed away July 28, 2019. He was born to Monya and Reyza Rozenberg on Nov. 21, 1950 in Moldova. Mark worked for TransAmerica Insurance Company until his retirement in 2015. He was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and a life member of LUTCF. Mark is survived by his wife, Lyudmila; sons, Eric (Anastasia) Rozenberg and Gene (Ashley) Rozenberg; grandsons, Ariel Joseph Rozenberg and Eli Roman Rozenberg; and brother, Igor Rozenberg. Funeral services were held at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services** on July 31st, followed by burial in IHC North Cemetery.

Joan Jackson Stoner, 94, passed away peacefully at her home on July 30, 2019 after a long illness. Jodi was born Dec. 26, 1924 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, the second of two daughters in a warm and loving family. After attending Shortridge High School, she studied sociology at Indiana University and was an active member of Sigma Delta Tau sorority. After the war, she met and wed the love of her life, Morris Stoner, to whom she remained happily married for 37 years.



Jodi was fun, energetic, and generous. She always had a kind word for others, and she was the first to offer a helping hand to those in need. Her volunteer activities are legion: Gray Lady at Veteran's Hospital, women's division chairman and campaign chairman for Jewish Welfare Federation, past-president of IHC sisterhood and Hooverwood Guild, and many other service contributions.

She loved animals, and served as a board member for Spay-Neuter Services. She was past-president of both the Indianapolis and Indiana State dental auxiliaries. Her many friends who loved her will never forget her smile and warmth, her hearty laugh, and her playful nature.

Jodi is preceded in death by her loving husband, Dr. Morris Stoner (1985). She is survived by her three children Dr. Jesse Lyn Stoner of Berkeley, Calif., Dr. Robert Stoner of Indianapolis, and Dr. Bradley Stoner (Leslie) of St. Louis, as well as seven wonderful grandchildren (Jacob, Margaret, Ari, Michael, Noah, Meredith, Caroline), and three dear great-grandchildren (Vivian, Eliana, and Naftali).

A graveside funeral service was held on August 1st, at IHC South Side Cemetery. Contributions can be made to Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Dr. Morris M.

Stoner Fund, or Hooverwood Guild. Jodi was loved by many and all who knew her will miss her greatly.

Bruce Tishler, 64, passed away Aug. 7, 2019. He was born to Doris Kort Tishler and Melvyn M. Tishler on April 6, 1955. Bruce was a "natural born world shaker." No one had a quicker mind or greater gift of gab. He could meet anyone and not flinch, and take either side of a subject or debate and convincingly win over anyone.

Bruce attended North Central High School and then lived many happy, care-free years in Bloomington before moving back to Indianapolis and starting a company, Commercial Carpet Brokers (CCB). Bruce's innovative idea for CCB was to provide Realtors and their clients discount flooring, and it was highly successful. CCB was the blueprint for Tish Flooring, Inc., a company started in 1992 by his brother Fred who, along with Bruce's brother, Harry, and father, Mel, continue to operate it.

In the 1990s and 2000s, Bruce moved to his adopted city, Miami, Fla. In Miami, Bruce, ever the entrepreneur, started a carpet and high-end Oriental rug brokerage. Through this business, Bruce made more countless friends in Miami and around the world, literally. In fact, besides family, Bruce's greatest love was his vast network of friends – be they the old friends of the Camp Kiwaca or B-town days, to his friends in "the grove" days. Bruce was always in constant contact by phone, text or email all of his life. Bruce was a truly unique personality on this earth, and could sometimes test the limits of the patience and love of his friends, and if it ever slightly wavered, their love for Bruce and his for them was steadfast. Special gratitude to Sam Calderon and Karen Mishelov Thompson.

In 2015, Bruce moved back to Indy to be near family and friends, and the one time "rebel" and "wild child" had given way to a softer-edged, thoughtful, fine man. Bruce

(see Obituaries, page IN 14)



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loved music and, in recent quiet times, enjoyed plugging in his i-phone and listening to Dylan, the Beatles, Neil Young and Motown. He enjoyed going out with family and friends for sushi. He loved laughing and reminiscing about “The Dog” (inside joke.)

Bruce will be forever missed deeply by those who survive him. Besides his mother and father, Bruce leaves behind two brothers, Fred and Harry (Carrie); sisters, Nancy Tishler and Jennifer Tishler in Tampa, Fla., and Susan (John) in Chicago; uncle, Louis F. Kort, of Worthington, Ohio; nieces, Melissa Garth, Coby Tishler, Gabriella Tishler, and Tatum Tishler; nephews, Ryan Garth, Max Tishler and Kort Beckham Tishler; great-nephews Campbell Garth, Easton Garth and Landon Garth; and many loving cousins in Ohio, New Jersey and New York City.

We love you, Bruce, and miss you so much already. Bob Dylan said it best – “I’ll see you in the skies above, in the tall grass, in the ones I love, you’re going to make me lonesome when you go.” Funeral services were held August 11th at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Memorial contributions may be made to the Simon Cancer Center, 1030 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46202, or Riley Hospital for Children, Riley Children’s Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, 46204-35009.

Shirley Cohen Marks, 97, was born Oct. 1, 1921 in Detroit. She passed away on Aug. 14, 2019. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck for over 60 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold. Shirley worked as a sales associate for Engles Hosiery and Sophisticates. Graveside services were August 16th at Beth-El North Cemetery with Cantor Melissa Cohen is officiating. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Faina Voskoboynik, 89, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away on Aug. 18, 2019 surrounded by her loved ones. Faina was born on June 20, 1930 in Ovruch, Ukraine, to Moisey and Klara Veprinski. In 1941, Faina narrowly escaped the Nazi occupation and survived the Holocaust. After World War II, Faina studied to become a Russian language teacher and began an illustrious 40+ year career as an impactful educator.



Following her husband Boris’s untimely death when her sons were only 2 and 4

years old, Faina raised her children as a single mother and worked several jobs to support her family. She ensured her household was always filled with love, warmth, and of course, delicious food despite the difficult circumstances she faced.

Faina immigrated to Indianapolis in 1993 and poured herself into studying English and American history in order to become a United States citizen. She became a cherished member of the Indianapolis Russian community, often advocating on behalf of her fellow immigrants as they assimilated into their new lives in the United States.

A beloved teacher, Faina frequently corresponded with her students from Ukraine and enjoyed reminiscing about the fond memories they shared together. Faina also loved cooking and spending time with her grandchildren, regularly crafting clever Russian games and puzzles for them to enjoy after a three course meal. Faina’s sharp wit, selflessness, and indomitable spirit touched the lives of everyone she met and will be missed by all.

Faina is preceded in death by her husband, Boris Voskoboynik, and her brother, Peter Veprinski. Faina is survived by her sons, Michael (Irene) Voskoboynik, and Shlomo (Shula) Voskoboynik of Ashkelon, Israel; grandchildren, Katherine (Jason) Schwartz, Ellen Voskoboynik, and Anna Voskoboynik of Indianapolis and Sarit Voskoboynik and Benny Voskoboynik of Jerusalem,

Funeral services were held on August 19th at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Hooverwood Nursing Home and Home Services Unlimited. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Hasten Hebrew Academy Holocaust Memorial Fund (where Faina’s story is exhibited) or to Hooverwood Nursing Home.

Arnold “Buddy” Robins, 88, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and longtime resident of Indianapolis, passed away on Aug. 16, 2019.

Buddy was born in Bronx, New York to Julius and Etta Robins. He was a graduate of Virginia Tech College, class of 1953. From 1953–1955 he served in the United States Air Force in Alaska. Buddy moved his family to Indianapolis in 1956 where he built his family business, Delco Foods.

Buddy was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ), Temple Beth David and Tau Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He was an avid golfer playing at Ballen Isles Country Club in Florida and Broadmoor Country Club.

Buddy will be deeply missed by his beloved family who survive him; son, Michael B. (Julie) Robins; Dr. Starla Goldman and Dr. Helen (Steve) Nahmias; nine grandchildren, Eric, Erin, Reid, Rayce, Rohn, Randy, Audrey, Lucas and Benjamin; two great-grandchildren, Sadie and Mira; and his close friends in Devonshire in Florida. He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence Robins.

Graveside funeral services will be held on August 20th at BEZ North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or Palm Beach Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Norman Lefstein, 82, of Indianapolis passed away on Aug. 29, 2019. Norman was born in Rock Island, Ill., to George and Rose Lefstein on July 16, 1937. He attended Augustana College and earned L.L.B (University of Illinois, 1961) and L.L.M (Georgetown University, 1964) degrees.

Norman was a dedicated attorney, scholar, and teacher, who worked tirelessly in pursuit of justice in the nation’s legal system. Dedicated to legal education, Lefstein served as dean of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School (see Obituaries, page IN 17)

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Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) Honored 5 Hoosier Jewish Legends

On Aug. 25, 2019, the IJHS honored these Legends below at their annual lunch at Broadmoor Country Club.

Linda Cohen, West Lafayette; **Carolyn Leeds**, Indianapolis; **Joseph Levine**, z"l, Fort Wayne; **John Planer**, North Manchester; and **Betty Stein**, z"l, Fort Wayne.

The mission of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society is to collect, preserve, publish, and share the history of the Jewish experience in Indiana. ✨



Betty Stein



Joseph Levine



IJHS 2019 honoree, Linda Cohen (in front), and family from Lafayette, (L-R): Kurt, Jessica, and Ava Cohen, Alex Bluestein, Andrea Cohen, and Jacob, Ann, and Brad Cohen.



Other four honorees, (L-R): Carolyn Leeds of Indianapolis; Rena Black, daughter of Betty Stein, z"l, of Fort Wayne; Stanley Levine, son of Joseph Levine, z"l, of Fort Wayne; John Planer from N. Manchester.



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BY MATTHEW J. SILVER

“Lance Stephenson used me as a pin cushion when he would throw a no-look pass to keep the ball inbounds and land on me,” says Jeremy Rosenstein, speaking of the former Indiana Pacer player. “I sort of expected it after a while even though it made me nervous, but it is an interesting way to be part of a professional sports game,” he laughed.

Rosenstein is a freelance sports videographer who has developed a successful career in the sports world. A one-time special needs teacher and sports coach at Northview Middle School, he says, “I would leave school at the end of the day if I was not coaching, jump in my car and hustle downtown to shoot the Pacers game for the Big Screen, taking in the game action, the Pace-Mates, the kiss-cam, the dance cam, the fans.” (The Big Screen is the set of four large screens high above the arena, each facing a different direction, just for in house game attendees.)

Operating high above midcourt from an oscillating seat that covers full court



basketball action from left to right, he uses a hand cam. Also using the hand-held camera that sits on his shoulder and back, Rosenstein positions himself under the backboard for action shots. When he shoots closer to the bench, he says, “It’s interesting, I get to hear what the players are saying to each other.” He has shot Pacers and Fever games, as well as many Big Ten events.

“Last season I covered the Purdue Wisconsin football game for ABC with the cart-cam, a camera used for football games that is on a platform transported by a motorized vehicle that someone drives up and down the sidelines and I shoot the video,” says Rosenstein.

Hired by whichever station or network

is covering that game, he does not necessarily know his position each time. The equipment belongs to the company and he uses the appropriate gear for that spot.

The Pacers Big Screen is in house, so he is paid by Pacers Sports & Entertainment. For covering a broadcast game he is hired by FOX Sports Indiana, or ESPN, whatever crew is doing the video. “The broadcast setup is a lot tougher than the Big Screen. The director is in your ear telling you what to shoot, sometimes in split-second bursts. If the announcers are discussing a touchdown five minutes ago, the video director is yelling ‘find the guy who scored, now!’ You have to constantly be ready to move quickly,” he adds. “It can be really intense!”

“Last year I covered the Super Bowl in Atlanta for ESPN”, says the 41-year-old. He had also covered the first football game of the season, Cincinnati vs. UCLA in Cincinnati for ESPN. The night before he had covered an Indiana Fever basketball game and the press conference following, and then dashed to Ohio.

Rosenstein grew up in Indianapolis, attended Hasten Hebrew Academy for eight years and had his *bar mitzvah* at Beth-el Zedeck. Proud of his Jewish heritage, celebrating *Shabbos* Friday nights with his family here, he has worked in the

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of Law from 1988 to 2002. His earlier positions included faculty member at the University of North Carolina School of Law and director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

Dean Emeritus Lefstein received numerous honors and accolades, including the Sagamore of the Wabash Award (2002), the Champion of Indigent Defense Award (2005) from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Indiana University President's Medal (2019). Lefstein was a respected leader in the American Bar Association.

In 2011, the ABA published his last book, *Securing Reasonable Caseloads: Ethics and Law in Indigent Defense*. He authored numerous books and articles on fair legal representation for those who could not afford a lawyer – and remained passionate about this work until the end of his life. He was an active member of the ACLU and the National Association for Public Defense.

Norman was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Diane Lanman; his children, Lisa Lefstein-Berusch (Ken Zirm), Adam Lefstein (Sharon Gilad), and Susan Pretsky (Joshua Pretsky); his stepson, Jay Lanman; his brother, Stuart Lefstein; and his grandchildren: Elana, Margalit, and Joseph Berusch; Moriah, Sarah, and Eva Pretsky; and Ella Lefstein.

Funeral services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home** on Sept. 1st, and burial followed at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family and friends may make memorial contributions in Norman's name to Lefstein Legacy Scholarship at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (Please send to the Indiana University Foundation, PO Box 6460, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6460.) or the National Association for Public Defense

(online at publicdefenders.us).

Jenni Kleinman Berebitsky, 43, passed away on Aug. 29, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. She was born Feb. 10, 1976 to Joyce (Dannenberg) Kleinman and Elliot Kleinman.



No words can capture the extraordinary life and journey of Jenni Kleinman Berebitsky or her impact on family, friends, the ALS community, fans worldwide who know her through her book, *ALS Saved My Life... Until it Didn't*, and the award-winning documentary, *Grateful – the Jenni Berebitsky Story*. Jenni's adventurous life spanned countries and continents, but her signature achievements were closer to her Indianapolis home.

Jenni's life is celebrated by her immediate family, her husband Jeff and 11-year-old son Philip, her mother Joyce Kleinman, brother Rob (Gerri) Kleinman, her father Elliot (Afi) Kleinman, brothers Alec, Ari, and Asher, and the extended Berebitsky-Asher family, Barb and Charlie, Doug and Kim, Steve, Tammy, Kylea and David, Bonnie, and their families. "Jenni's Village," a network of friends and caregivers, helped care for, support, entertain and empathize with the family throughout Jenni's decade-long journey.

Jenni lived an extraordinary life. Diagnosed with ALS in March 2009, she was given 18–24 months to live. A naturopath by training and a strong, adventurous soul by nature, Jenni first mourned her diagnosis, then took it on as the challenge of a lifetime. She inspired thousands to walk, participate in triathlons, support the family and the cause, and did it all with charm and humor.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). 6501 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46260. Funeral Services were Sept. 1st at IHC, and burial followed in the IHC Congregation South Cemetery.

Hedda (Brand) Goldman passed away on Sept. 3, 2019. She was predeceased by her beloved parents, Isidore and Sally Brand. Hedda is survived by her sister, Diana Greene (Barry), daughter, Rori Goldman (Bashir) of Carmel, Ind.; son, Seth Goldman; grandchildren, Bella and Sam Birany and Benjamin Goldman; nieces; and her beloved Oliver.



Funeral services were held on Sept. 5th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Private burial services were held in New York. Donations may be made to Beth-El Zedeck, 600 W. 70th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

*In our next edition we will publish these obituaries: **Louise Litwack, 86**, who passed away Sept. 12, 2019 and **Shirley Halpern Mansbach, 85**, who passed away on Sept. 25, 2019. ☆*

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JCCs of Baltimore, Seattle, Cincinnati and Minneapolis as the sports camp director in the summers. As a child Rosenstein says his parents often went to sporting events, and he has wanted to work in the sports field as long as he can remember.

"People may think it's glamorous, but when I'm hired to work an event, we have to unload the equipment from ESPN's truck, and set it up cameras and support gear, top to bottom, from the announcers' box down to the field to cover all angles of the football game," he says. "It's a lot of work."

It's not just ball games he covers. "In 2002, I worked the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and the NFL draft in Nashville. He also covered a Ferrari race at the Speedway earlier this year, and videoed the U.S. Open in New York.

At pre-game meetings you learn the coaches and assistants, the roster of players for each team, and the officials. "It's riveting, it's a challenge, but as a forever sports fan it's something I relish."

Matthew J. Silver is a free lance writer, musician and repairer of wood furniture in Indianapolis. ☆



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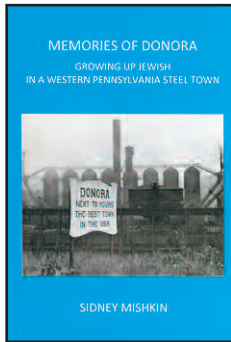
REVIEWED BY JERRY DELSON

Fond Memories of Childhood

Memories of Donora: Growing up Jewish in a Western Pennsylvania Steel Town. By Sidney Mishkin. 2018. 123 pgs. \$20.

Sidney (Sid) Mishkin did not return to live in Donora after he went away to college, but he wrote a lively and sincere memoir about his life growing up in his beloved hometown.

Donora's residents, he writes, were mostly immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe. This included his father, who had emigrated from Belarus at age 14 in 1924. His father worked long hours managing a shoe store to support his wife and four children. Although



his father was a man of few words, the mutual love between father and son comes through very clearly in this memoir.

In Donora, residents would gather together in their own social clubs to converse in their native tongues. The Jewish community had about 50 families and had an Orthodox synagogue. There, the children were taught by their rabbi, who was also their *shochet*, assuring a supply of *kosher* meat. After his *Bar Mitzvah*, Mishkin taught the eight-year olds in the Hebrew School. The children loved it when he called them "sardines" because they met in a crowded space.

During World War II, Mishkin was too young to enlist, but two of his mother's brothers served with distinction. This enabled Mishkin to refute the view that Jews were only out to make money and did not serve during the war. One of his mother's brothers fought the Germans in Europe, and the other fought in the Pacific. He was captured by the Japanese, and was forced to walk the Bataan Death March. He was a prisoner for 3-1/2 years.

The Donora steel mill was the town's economic mainstay, but it also created significant environmental problems. It and the adjacent zinc plant spewed out great quantities of black soot and noxious gas. During a five-day atmospheric inversion in 1948, nearly 30 people died from the air

pollution. A later medical study showed that the health of thousands was affected for years by this event. The Donora Smog Museum claims "clean air started here" because the terrible event in Donora heightened awareness of the health problems associated with air pollution.

The steel mill site is now an industrial park. Mishkin feels that union actions can help workers, but he also blames the union for closure of the mill. The union opposed automation, and the Donora mill became non-competitive with other steel mills that were also owned by United States Steel Company but located in other Pennsylvania cities. To Mishkin's regret, thousands of Donora jobs were lost.

Donora had vitality. Mishkin feels this was due both to its mix of cultures and to the vigor of its young people, many of whom he can recall by name. Its Jewish community was strong, and the town's schools and students treated everyone, including African-Americans, fairly. When Mishkin was elected president of his high school senior class, his campaign manager was an African-American friend.

Donora proudly produced national sport heroes, whom Mishkin idolized. These heroes include Stan Musial, a famous baseball player, who donated his team's used bats to his former Donora school.

When Mishkin was growing up, he observed that Donora was not a utopia, but a town where a basic decency prevailed. His peers generally did not share whatever racist and anti-semitic attitudes their parents may have had, and if they had them, those attitudes were not overt among the parents.

His memoir is so vivid that it could serve as a model for others who plan to write of their own life experiences. Mishkin's book can be purchased from the website of the Donora Historical Society, on Amazon.com and at the Beth-El Zedeck gift shop.

Jerry Delson has fond memories of growing up in Chicago with visits to his grandmother's farm near Plymouth, Ind. He also lived in Israel, where he taught engineering and economics at Ben Gurion University in Beer-Sheva from 1972 to 1979. The Delson family lives in Palo Alto, Calif. He can be reached at: j.delson@ieee.org

Editor's note: Sidney Mishkin graduated Donora High School in 1955, and made his career as a lawyer. He and his wife Sharon recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. They settled in Indianapolis in 1964 where their two daughters, a son and one grandson were born. Sid's previous book is, The Unvarnished Torah: Observations, Questions & Answers of a Jewish Lawyer. ✨

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RA'ANANA, Israel – More than 2,500 Jewish teens, staff and guests from 29 states, Canada, Israel, Argentina and the United Kingdom participating in summer programs operated by the Orthodox Union (OU) converged on Park Ra'anana to nibble on American barbeque and rock to live musical performances at Yom NCSY.

“Yom NCSY represents the very essence of what NCSY Summer is all about. At the event it doesn't matter what your religious background is, it's about a united non-judgmental, encouraging environment celebrating our shared connections in the home of the Jewish people,” said NCSY Summer Director David Cutler. “The palpable energy, cheering, singing and dancing has made this the highlight of the summer.”

In addition to the festivities, the event marked the end of a 72-hour teen-led initiative to fund scholarships for next year's summer programs as well as dedicate a United Hatzalah Ambucycle which will respond to emergency medical calls throughout the country.



Sara Lindow from South Bend, NCSY 4G Euro.

“The energy and enthusiasm of these young people was contagious. It was wonderful to see them all come together – from all parts of the world and from many different religious backgrounds – to celebrate their summer together, sharing in a love of *Torah* and Israel,” said Orthodox Union Executive Vice President Allen Fagin.

“The Orthodox Union takes enormous pride in NCSY's summer programs,” said Moishe Bane, President of the Orthodox

Union. “The incredible array of styles and approaches reflects the OU approach to Judaism – that religious, Jewish growth must be made accessible and engaging for every Jew, regardless of educational, religious or cultural background.”

NCSY, the international youth movement of the Orthodox Union (OU), is dedicated to connecting, inspiring and empowering Jewish teens and encouraging passionate Judaism through Torah and tradition. NCSY provides innovative, informal Jewish education, leadership training, retreats and summer programs that foster positive Jewish identity and connection to Israel, preparing the next generation of committed Jewish communal leaders. For more information, visit <https://ncsy.org/>.

Founded in 1898, the Orthodox Union, (OU), serves as the voice of American Orthodox Jewry, with over 400 congregations in its synagogue network. As the umbrella organization for American Orthodox Jewry, the OU is at the forefront of advocacy work on both state and federal levels, outreach to Jewish teens and young professionals through NCSY and Birthright Israel/Israel Free Spirit trip organizer, and Yachad, the National Council for Jewish Disabilities, among many other divisions and programs. For more information, visit <https://www.ou.org/>. ☆

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Since its earliest beginnings, the Indianapolis Jewish community has worked together to provide religious services for our members. Since 1935 Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary has proudly shared in this collaboration.

On October 24 at 7:30 p.m., A.R.N. will be holding a recognition reception for the many men and women who have lovingly participated as members of the *Chevrah Kadisha*, (Aramaic for Holy Society). These men and women volunteer to bath the body of a deceased Jew, and act as *Shomrim*, the religious guard or watchman over them.

Chevra kadishas have been in place since Talmudic times. Their duty is a laudable one, as tending to the deceased is a favor that the recipient cannot return. Its work is therefore referred to as a *chesed shel emet*, “a good deed of truth”.

Additionally, Aaron-Ruben-Nelson is asking anyone in our community who would like to learn about these traditions come and speak with the current volunteers. It is imperative we continue to have a vibrant, active *Chevrah Kadisha*, so please consider coming to this dessert reception. All dietary laws will be observed. ☆



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Nearly 50 people turned up for the Opening Meeting at Hooverwood on Sept. 8th. Tours of the renovated areas of Hooverwood and of Kraft Commons, the new assisted-living addition to Hooverwood, were followed by a dairy lunch, courtesy of Hooverwood, and a discussion of the aging eye by Dr. John Abrams, ophthalmologist, and his daughter, Dr. Leslie Abrams Tobe.

Together they talked about the Trifecta of eye diseases that attack our eyes as we age. Some short take-aways:

Cataracts – You will get them. Do not be afraid. The technology and methods of treatment are so much better than in the past, you can feel confident about having them removed whenever your eye doctor recommends it.

Macular Degeneration – There are two kinds, dry and wet. You will get them, if you live long enough. Dry comes first and there is no treatment. Wet can be treated by shots. The cause is UV Rays from the sun and since many of us were raised in a time before sunscreen and rarely wore sunglasses, we can be pretty sure we eventually will be diagnosed with Macular Degeneration. Some promising stem cell research is being done, particularly at Hadassah Hospital in Israel, to diagnose and treat macular degeneration.

Glaucoma – when pressure builds up, damaging the optic nerve that connects the eye to the brain. If left untreated, it can cause blindness. Dr. Tobe is an expert on Glaucoma and is involved in several Glaucoma research studies.

Dr. Abrams also discussed AdOM, an Indy-Israeli start-up company he has been involved with since co-founding the company six years ago. It should improve

the treatment of Dry Eye, for which there is no known cure today. Thank you Dr. Abrams and Dr. Kobe for a special afternoon. ✨



Barbara Herman talks with Dr. John Abrams at Hadassah opening meeting.



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