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Happy Chanukah!



Festival of Lights

Shirah Eliashiv, artist of this cover art, is an Indy artist glad to be living in Indianapolis, but with a chunk of her heart in Israel, where she lived for most of her adult life and raised a large family.



Shirah Eliashiv

Shirah enjoys doing small poster art on Jewish subjects because it connects her to both her Jewish faith and to Israel. The colorful posters are on a variety of themes from *ahava* (love) to the Books of Ruth and

(see Cover, page 6)

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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Dr. Steve and Sandy Steinkeler on their 40 wedding anniversary Aug. 19.

Dr. Allon and Judith Friedman on the *bar mitzvah* of the son **Eyal Friedman** on Oct 5.

Rabbi Yisrael and Mrs. Miriam Gettinger on the birth of their granddaughter on Oct. 8, through their son and daughter-in-law, **Rabbi Naftali and Adina Gettinger** of Lakewood, N.J.

Charlie and Stacey Bunes on their 20 wedding anniversary Oct. 10. And Stacey for her birthday on the 9th.

Joan Rosenfeld, Dr. Stephen and Monica Rosenfeld on the marriage of their grandson and son **Ephraim Rosenfeld to Tari Goldfarb** of New York on Oct. 13.

Rick Bentley and Caryn Vogel on the upcoming marriage of their son **Daniel Bentley to Beth Weinstein** of Woodmere, N.Y.

Charlotte Epstein who's 86th birthday was Oct. 23.

Beverly Bercovitz who had a special birthday on Oct. 27.

Jeffrey and Jennifer Cohen on their 10th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23, and on Jennifer becoming publisher of *Simply Living* magazine.

Hart Hasten who was interviewed by **Peter Weisz** about personal friend and confidant Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Read it at the following link: <http://www.yearofbegin.com/YearOfBegin/Testimony.html>.

Joanna Ross-Tash who was selected for 2013-14 cohort at Yeshiva University (see article p. 6)

Author **Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso** and illustrator **Joani Keller Rothenberg** on their new book, *Creation's First Light*, published by IBJ. (see article p. 10)

And **Yasher Koach to Gale Halperin** who will retire at the end of 2013 after 27 years as executive director of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis.



Halperin (2009)



Jessica Rose Gray, daughter of Ellen and Jamie Gray, granddaughter of Doreen and Bill Gray and Marilyn and the late Moe Schankerman all of Indianapolis married **Yoni David Serfaty** of Minneapolis, son of Meir and Karen Serfaty, grandson of Lillian and the late Max Weitz, and the late Shem Tov and Zehava Serfaty. The wedding was on Sept. 1, 2013 at the Alexander Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Jessica's maids of honor were her two sisters Abbie and Elizabeth Gray and Yoni's best man was his brother Elan Serfaty. Jessica and Yoni traveled to Hawaii for their honeymoon and live in Chicago. Photo by Angel Canary Photography. ✨



Ed. NOTES: Trader Joe's on West 86th St. sells organic, kosher Empire chicken.

Copies of this publication are available for FREE at the **Arthur M Glick JCC, Shapiro's** downtown Indy, **Kroger** in Nora, **Miri's Bakery** (formerly called Great Cooks The Bakery) and **The Shipping Store** both at 86th & Ditch Rd., **MorningSide of College Park**, and area synagogues. We are looking for a new Carmel location. Please let us know where in Carmel it would be convenient for you to pick one up. ✨



The 15th annual Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts opened on Oct. 28 with a blast – author and activist Letty Cottin Pogrebin (left) promoted her book, *How to be a Friend to a Friend Who's Sick*. She is well known as the cofounder of *Ms. Magazine* with Gloria Steinem, and working with Marlo Thomas on *Free to Be You and Me*, the classic, award-winning, bestselling collection of nonsexist stories, songs, and skits. Pogrebin has authored nine other books. Rabbi Paula Winnig introduced her, and rather than lecture style, Pogrebin was in conversation with local poet and psychotherapist Rusty A. Moe. This was a delightful event because besides learning how to be most helpful to those with health challenges, there were stories and anecdotes about Pogrebin's Jewish beliefs and practices, her family, career and famous friends. ✨



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TIME FOR A CHANGE?

Editorial

Our city of Indianapolis continues to be a “happening” place with exciting events going on.

The 15th Annual Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts is still in progress (see page 20). For the opening night of the Festival on Oct. 28, author and activist Letty Cottin Pogrebin was interviewed by local poet and psychotherapist Rusty A. Moe (see photos on page 2). Who would have expected a conversation on a book titled, *How to be a Friend to a Friend Who’s Sick* to elicit so much laughter?

And the 17th annual Spirit & Place Festival (Nov. 1–10; www.spiritandplace.org) also has a few days left to enjoy. This Festival brings together artists, authors, entrepreneurs, neighborhood organizers, storytellers and scholars in a true community conversation with a diverse population through a variety of “never-seen-before” programs. One of those scholars this year is Rabbi Arthur Green.

On Oct. 13, I attended Indy’s inaugural Festival of Faiths (see article and photos on page 15). This uplifting event demonstrates that, locally, members of many different faiths desire to learn about and improve relations with one another. We hope the Festival continues and grows exponentially every year.

On Oct. 27 were two entertaining events. One was a fundraiser by the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) with filmmaker Roberta Grossman who shared her delightful movie *Hava Nagila*. The



R. Grossman



other was the annual meeting of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) (see article and photos on page 18).

Hava Nagila had film clips of some surprising singers – a Who’s Who of well-known American entertainers – belting out the tune. These included Elvis, Bob Dylan, Harry Belafonte, Glen Campbell, Regina Spektor, Danny Kaye, Leonard Nimoy, and Connie Francis, who when asked if she has any Jewish blood in her replies with a grin, “ten percent on my manager’s side.”

Hava Nagila is much more than a song. A quote by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner sums it up nicely: “It is a melody that evokes new life and hope and joy. That’s a wonderful symbol for the Jewish people to have and for the rest of the world to think of as being a Jewish symbol.”

The movie is entertaining, educational and humorous, and because it covers some Jewish history going back to the *shtetls* of Eastern Europe and to Israel, it has some very old footage and famous entertainers, I expect it to become a classic.

At the IJHS meeting, Isaiah Kuperstein told a fascinating history of the old Beth-El building in Indianapolis. For example, once the money to build had been raised, “on May 15, 1923, an initial design was published in the *Indianapolis Star*...and that summer, the lot on the corner of 34th and Ruckle was purchased. Once the announcement was made, an immediate remonstrance by property owners in the neighborhood was organized.”

“The leader of this vehement remonstrance was the famous engineer Daniel B. Luten, who lived in the house (still standing) right next to the Temple’s site on 3357 Ruckle. This 54 year old engineer who invented the Luten Arch, which was used in concrete bridges all over the country, fought the Temple’s construction in every way he could. The main argument: there will be a drop in property values.”

Kuperstein explained that this strong opposition took almost a year to resolve. The cornerstone, still visible today, was laid in a small ceremony on May 5, 1924. The building was finished in the beginning of 1925 and dedicated the following Hanukkah (see Sidebar, right).

The building which later also housed Congregation B’nai Torah from 1958–1967 has been empty for the past four years and is in great need of repair. Kuperstein along with others would like to see the needed funds raised for its restoration.

“We have organized a non-profit organization called the Temple Heritage Center with a Board of dedicated individuals from both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities,” Kuperstein announced. “And, through the generosity of the City and the Mapleton Fall Creek

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1925 Beth-El Dedicated

“We dedicate Beth El Congregation to God and Country. In doing so, I am sure I express the feelings of my fellow congregants. In this act of dedication, it is our sincere hope that it will bring with it a revived interest in the ideals of the Synagogue. We need be quite conscious of the sacred trust we have inherited from our ancestors. We need become aware of our obligations in preserving the heritage, and passing it on to our generations, undimmed, undiminished, undefiled....We behold at Beth El a Synagogue building that is a delight to the senses and an encouragement to the soul. But we may not sit back and be content with this great achievement, for the work of our Synagogue must go higher and higherWe are conversant with the fact that it takes time for a tree to grow. So does it take time for an idea to take hold and stir us to sublime action...may the ancient glory of our people shine forth, as the rising sun, to give warmth and light to mankind.”

Dedication speech by Beth-El President Jack Goodman, Hanukkah 1925 ☆

CDC, we’ve been granted \$190,000 to help stabilize the structure. The grant comes to us with a catch, however – we have to raise an additional equal amount from other private sources. The City wants
 (see Editorial, page 10)

Community Events

Jewish Learning Institute class

This class titled "Life in the Balance: Jewish Perspectives on Everyday Medical Dilemmas" is being held on Tuesdays from 11–12:30 p.m. at the Schusterman Chabad House 1112 Oakwood Trail or from 7–8:30 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC Rm A15.

The remaining classes are **Nov. 12, 19, 26,** and **Dec. 10 OR Mon. Nov. 11, 18 and 25** from 1–4:15 p.m. at the ICLEF Building, 230 East Ohio St. Ste #300. (ICLEF classes are approved for CLE credits and are for lawyers only.) For more information call Rabbi Schusterman at (317) 698-6423 or email jlindiana@gmail.com.

Great Voices at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

This new music series will be taking place at CST offering programs on **Nov. 10 – The Great American Songbook; Feb. 9 – Back to the Theatre;** and **May 4 – Music and Film,** each at 2 pm.

Two of the Michael Feinstein Great American Songbook All-Stars, Sam Pomales and Grace Wipfli, return to Carmel in Congregation Shaarey Tefilla's Great American Songbook show.

Pomales and Wipfli's return features them as part of a lineup that includes the Director of Education of the Michael Feinstein Initiative, Chris Lewis, mezzo-soprano, Dana Goot, and jazz musicians Ken Fary - pianist, Fred Withrow - bassist, Sam Withrow - drummer, and Oliver Nelson, Jr. - flutist. The show will entertain with a Judy Garland Show feel and is sponsored by The National Bank of Indianapolis.

Tickets available at the CST office or by phone at 317.733.2169. General admission: \$20, CST members: \$15, Students: \$10.

Second Sunday Concert Series at IHC

On **Sun., Nov 10** at 2 p.m., will be the Shawn Goodman Jazz Quartet. All Second Sunday Concerts are free and open to the public. These concerts are made possible by the generosity of IHC's Brotherhood and Sisterhood and The Cantor Janice L. Roger Music Fund.

Souper Sundae 4 Ethan

On **Sun., Nov 10** from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. IHC is hosting a fundraiser lunch to raise much needed money for Ethan Kadish, who was seriously injured by the lightning strike at GUCI. Enjoy soup, mac & cheese and a terrific ice cream sundae bar! All donations will be given to HelpHOPELive's Great Lakes



Catastrophic Injury Fund, assisting with long-term medical care and major home renovations needed to bring Ethan home. If you can't attend, donations will be accepted. For more info contact Marcia Goldstein at marciag@ihcindy.org.

Conversations with Community Rabbis and Jewish Professionals

On **Sun., Nov. 10** from 9:30–11 a.m. in the Alpert-Solotken Library of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. "Future Trends in Jewish Identity, Education and Communal Life" with Rabbis Paula Winnig and Aaron Spiegel.

Sun., Nov. 17: "Life Cycle's Crises and Celebrations" with Rabbis Bruce Pfeffer and Heidi Waldman and Executive Director of Hooverwood Marc Penner. Join us for coffee cake and conversations moderated by Rabbi Dennis Sasso.

Symphony Meets Synagogue at IHC

On **Tues., Nov. 12,** beginning with a reception at 7 p.m., a program from 7:30–9:00 p.m. with Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra librarian, David Gruender, and Cantor Janice Roger, will present in a lecture/demonstration format, composer Ernest Bloch and his composition, *Trois Poems Juifs*, composed 100 ago.

ISO will be performing this composition on November 22 & 23. Join us, also, in welcoming Gary Ginstling, CEO of the ISO, to our community. This program is free and open to the public!

Reflections Memory Suites

MorningSide of College Park announces the opening of their new Memory Care suites – Reflections – offering 32 all-inclusive private suites. Call 317-872-4567 to learn how you can reserve a suite and save \$1,250.00. The Grand Opening Celebration is **Wed., Nov. 13** from 3–6 p.m., at 8810 Colby Blvd.

JFGI Young Leadership Division 90s Throwback Party

On **Sat., Nov. 16** at 8 p.m. join young Jewish professionals from all across Greater Indianapolis for the most fly party of the year! We're going old school and reliving the 1990s. Brush up on your rendition of "Ice Ice Baby," practice your boy band dance moves and don't leave your Doc Martens and flannel shirt at home. Bring your homies! The first 50 people to RSVP "yes" on Facebook get two free drinks! For more information go to www.JFGI.org or with any questions contact Inna, YLD Director at yld@jfgi.org.

PJ Library and BJE celebrate "A Colorful Chanukah"

On **Sun., Nov. 17** from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. get ready for Chanukah in the BJE

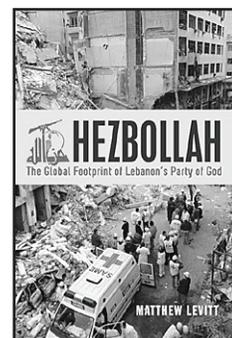
Early Childhood Lobby. Paint a menorah with Color Me Mine pottery studio! Cost is \$20 per family and includes one menorah, activities and snacks. Additional menorot \$16. Pick up finished menorot at the BJE the week of Nov. 25. Your menorah will fill your home with the light of Chanukah for years to come. Spots are limited. Register on the JFGI website.

Unattached Jewish Adults

On **Sun., Nov. 17** at 12:30 p.m., schmooze with old friends and make some new ones over a scrumptious kosher brunch at Miri's (formerly Great Cooks The Bakery) located in the strip mall on the southeast corner of 86th & Ditch. Available for purchase will be bagels and smoked salmon, omelets, French toast, pancakes, bread pudding tuna and egg salad, coffee, tea, juice and all kinds of sweets. All food is certified kosher IOBK. RSVP to jpostopinion@gmail.com or 317/405-8084.

Israel Bonds Indianapolis annual event

On **Sun., Nov. 17** at 3 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC featuring Dr. Matthew Levitt, author of *Hezbollah: The Global Footprint of Lebanon's Party of God*. This is in conjunction with the 15th annual Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts. Tickets are \$5 for JCC members and \$8 for non-members, or free with a 2013 Israel bond investment. For Israel Bond investments call (312) 558-9400. For event information call (317) 251-9467.



Hasten Hebrew Academy Annual Chanukah Dinner

On **Sun., Nov. 17** at the Cultural Arts Center of the Hasten Hebrew Academy will be a patron reception at 5 p.m., and cocktails followed by dinner at 5:45 p.m. The topic of the guest speaker, Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik will be *From the Maccabees to Menachem Begin – The Lesson of Jewish Leadership*. Honorees are long-time Academy supporters Linda and Herb Melrose. Please contact Marcy Ekhaus for information about the dinner and our Chanukah Campaign 5774 at mekhaus@hhai.org or 317-251-1261. For more information about the speaker or



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Soloveichik

honorees please go to the link on the Hasten Hebrew Academy website: www.hhai.org.

JFGI: An Evening with Micha Feldmann

On **Nov. 18** at 7 p.m. in the Laikin Auditorium of the Arthur M Glick JCC, join us in welcoming Micha Feldmann, the architect of Operation Solomon, as he speaks about the secret operations that Israel conducted to help Ethiopian Jews fulfill their dream of living in Israel. He will share stories about this important part of Jewish history from his book *On the Wings of Eagles: The Secret Operation of the Ethiopian Exodus*. What are the challenges, successes and failures for Israel of absorbing the Aliyah from Ethiopia today? RSVP to Cheyenne Burgess cburgess@jfgi.org or call 726-5450.

Hadassah Celebrates Hanukkah

On **Wed., Nov. 20** at 6 p.m., at the Arthur M. Glick JCC Room A-25. It is a pitch-in dairy dinner. A-M bring a salad N-Z bring a dessert. (Drinks and latkes provided). Bring a wrapped Hanukkah gift for our Grab Bag "grab" maximum value \$15. RSVP by Nov. 15 to Hadassah office 317/475-4278 or Indianapolis@Hadassah.org. To honor the spirit of

Hanukkah, please bring at least one item to be donated to Popsie's Pantry.

Upcoming Hadassah Board meetings will be held **Wed., Nov. 20** and **Wed., Dec. 18** at 7 p.m., in the Cook Board Room at the Arthur M. Glick JCC.

JCC Business Network

The next meeting will be on **Wed., Nov. 20** at 6:30 p.m. at the Arthur M Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. RSVP to Larry Rothenberg lrothenberg@jccindy.org or call 317-715-9233. All are welcome. Free to JCC members and first timers; others – it is only \$5.

INDYCHAI, Young Professionals

(The 2nd Annual) Vodka & Latkes will be **Sat., Nov 23**, 7:30–11:30 pm, Location to be announced. It will be your only chance to celebrate Thanksgiving (Thanksgiving & Chanukah). Ever! So pregame in style at our second annual Vodka & Latkes party! More details to come! Watch our Facebook event page for updates. Questions? Please contact Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky at nadiaz@ihcindy.org.

IHC Goes to the Symphony

On **Sat., Nov 23** at 8 p.m., we have reserved a block of tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

concert. On the program will be Ernest Bloch's composition *Trois Poemes Juifs* (Three Jewish Poems) as well as Beethoven's Symphony #2 and Mozart's Piano Concerto #23 in A Major with Ingrid Fliter, pianist. The tickets, which are located on the Main Floor, are \$37.50 for adults and \$12 for students. To reserve your seat and arrange payment, please contact Cantor Roger at 255-6647, ext. 208 or janicer@ihcindy.org

9th Annual Adopt-a-Family Community Day and Light Up a Life Blood Drive

On **Sun., Nov. 24** help a local Jewish family this Chanukah! Yep, that's right, Chanukah is getting close. Join us for the 9th annual Adopt-a-Family Community Day! We'll be buying gifts for local Jewish families in need. Breakfast starts at 9:30 a.m. on Community Day at the Burnett home, followed by shopping, then gift wrapping and lunch at noon at Congregation Etz Chaim (that's right by Hooverwood). To sign up go to www.JFGI.org and with any questions email Inna at yld@jfgi.org.

Can't join us on Community Day? No problem. Drop off items and gift cards at The Albert & Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center during the month of November.

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Nov. 27 - 4:45 pm	Dec. 1 - 5:15 pm
Nov. 28 - 4:45 pm	Dec. 2 - 5:15 pm
Nov. 29 - 4:45 pm	Dec. 3 - 5:15 pm
Nov. 30 - 6:45 pm	Dec. 4 - 5:15 pm

Mr. Blair's Open Mic Group

Blair Karsch and the On Your Level Youth Project will once again host Indianapolis's premiere youth open mic events. This is the largest all-city event with a focus on youth expression through spoken word. There's even room for adult performers as the evening allows. This event will be an open stage for all ages to perform and practice any form of spoken word entertainment. Poetry, prose, comedy, (see Events, page 7)

Yeshiva University's Presidential Fellowship in University and Community Leadership Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Joanna Ross-Tash of Indianapolis selected for 2013–2014 cohort

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013, NEW YORK, NY— With more than 150 alumni in an array of professional and communal careers and 15 stellar new graduates taking the reins this fall, Yeshiva University's Presidential Fellowship in University and Community Leadership is celebrating its 10th anniversary. **Joanna Ross-Tash** of Indianapolis has been selected for this year's cohort.

The highly competitive program was established by President Richard M. Joel in 2004, shortly after his arrival at YU, with the goal of transforming the University into a leadership incubator for the Jewish people. Under the supervision of YU Senior Vice President Rabbi Josh Joseph, the Fellowship places accomplished top-level YU graduates in



Ross-Tash

key departments and schools throughout the institution, where they develop and oversee thoughtful and innovative projects to improve the University. They also receive close mentorship from senior University staff and cultivate a broad knowledge base and skill set to engage with the larger Jewish community.

The Fellowship enables participants to hone professional career skills in a challenging but familiar work environment. Ross-Tash majored in art history at Stern College for Women, perfect preparation for her new role at the Yeshiva University Museum. "I loved my time at Stern and wanted the opportunity to highlight to the student community the cultural and educational significance of our museum," she said. To that end, Ross-Tash will work on a variety of projects in the Museum's education, administrative and curatorial departments, in addition to involving more undergraduates in the Museum and encouraging patronage. "I'm most excited for the seminars and to meet so many successful professionals," she said. "I also look forward to working the exceptional group of people in my cohort."

In addition to their departmental mentors and weekly graduate seminars with leaders from many backgrounds, including philanthropists Michael

COVER

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Esther. They are also affordable and easy to mat and frame.

Eliashiv received her BFA from The Herron School of Art and Design and is currently completing an MA in painting from The University of Indianapolis, where she is preparing an exhibition of oil on canvas works related to water and the oceans. Two of her paintings recently appeared in the Herron Alumni Exhibition at the Harrison Center in Indianapolis. Shirah's paintings and portraits in various media adorn homes in Indianapolis and Israel. She is equally at ease with graphite, watercolors, pastels, and acrylics. She can be reached by email at shirarte@gmail.com. ✦



Steinhardt and Ronald Stanton, author A.J. Jacobs and human rights activist Brooke Goldstein, Presidential Fellows benefit from the guidance of communal lay leaders as well.

"Even though each Fellow carves out his or her own experience, it's clear that both individually and collectively, this program shapes Yeshiva's present and our community's future," said Rabbi Joseph. ✦

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Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

Here is some *Good News*. A few weeks ago Friday night I walked to *shul* with four grandsons (ages 5–10). At one point they decided to have a race to a nearby light pole. They ran off. I said to myself “That looks like fun!” Then they decided to race again. This time I joined them. The good news?

1. I have grandchildren, *baruch Hashem*.
2. They love their grandfather, *baruch Hashem*.
3. They walk to *shul* with him Friday night, *baruch Hashem*.
4. I can still run, *baruch Hashem*.
5. My 7 and 10 year old grandsons can really run fast, *baruch Hashem*.
6. I came in third, and not last, *baruch Hashem*

The moral of the story? “Serve the Lord with joy!” Life is like a cup that is half full. If you look at the half that is full, you can always be happy. If you look at the half that is empty, you can easily get depressed. I could have said “*Oy vey*, I am getting old! My 7 and 10 year old grandchildren outran me.”

This is especially important now, as we celebrate the holiday of *Succos*, “The season of our rejoicing.”

We all need happiness. I consider myself very fortunate that I found it. Until the age of 18 I lived a rather secular life. I looked hard for a good time, for happiness, but could not find it. I tried, unsuccessfully, to be popular. I tried out for sports, but did not make the teams. (Now I realize that even those who were popular and successful at sports were not much happier than me.)

I finally found true happiness 44 years ago. I looked into *Lubavitch* and found there happy people. I decided to try it out. I started to learn Torah and do *mitzvahs*. As it says in Psalm 19: “The Torah of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul...The precepts of the Lord are just, rejoicing the heart. The mitzvah of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.”

One mitzvah that brings me a lot of happiness is “Love thy neighbor”. When I am able to help someone, to cheer up someone, they feel better. And I also feel much better, that I was able to help them. Now I go five days a week to the geriatric ward of our local hospital to help these people to pray, to give them hope and cheer them up. Their happiness is my happiness. And nothing makes me happier than giving one of my children or grandchildren a big loving smile, and getting an even bigger smile back.

Every mitzvah that we do makes the world into a better place. This is another

EVENTS

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hip-hop, rap, and acoustic music are some of the most popular forms. Come early to have a snack, get a good seat and meet the artists.

Tues., Nov. 26 from 4–6 p.m., Pike Library, Public Meeting Room, 6525 Zionsville Rd. Indianapolis; **Sat., Dec. 7**, 7–9 p.m. Brics, “The place to chill in Broad Ripple”, On the Monon Trail, 901 East 64th St.

Thanksgivukkah! Thanksgiving eve service/Hanukkah celebration

On **Wed., Nov 27** at 7 p.m., at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, come join in on IHC’s interfaith Thanksgiving service, which happens to fall on the first night of Hanukkah. What a great way to kick off “Thanksgivukkah” 2013!

PJ Library Kick-Off with Silly Safari!

On **Sun., Dec. 1** from 10am–12 pm, join us at the JCC Gym for a FREE visit from the animals with a LIVE Animal Show from Silly Safaris. Mammals, Birds, Reptiles will all be there to kick off a great year of PJ Library programming. Snacks and PJ Library storytime will follow! Registration will be up soon at www.JFGI.org. For any questions, email

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way that doing mitzvahs makes me happy. I know that I am making the world better for all of us.

It is now up to each of us to do more mitzvahs in order to complete the job of making the world better and thus bring our complete and final redemption. Then *Moshiach* will help us to make the world completely good and wipe out all evil.

Let us start by doing the mitzvahs of the festival of Succos and dancing and rejoicing with the Torah on *Simchas Torah*.

We wish all of our readers a happy holiday and a good and sweet and happy year. We want *Moshiach* now!

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

Inna PJ Library program coordinator at pjlibrary@jfgi.org. PJ Library is an initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and Alan & Linda Cohen Family Foundation that sends free Jewish children’s books to children ages 6 months through 8 years of age. To sign up, go to www.pjlibrary.org.

YLD and PJ Library Chanukah Celebration with Hooverwood

On **Thurs., Dec. 5** from 6–7 p.m., celebrate the festival of lights with the residents at Hooverwood. Join us for an evening of music, bingo, prizes and fun as we brighten up the holiday season of Hooverwood residents. To RSVP, email Inna at yld@jfgi.org.

HAI PTO Bingo Night

Save the date for **Sun., Dec. 8** from 4:30–6:30 p.m., for bingo, dinner and silent auction, fun for the entire family.

YLD Shabbat Dinner with Holocaust Survivor Meyer Bronicki

On **Fri., Dec. 13** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary & Jake Gorden, join us for a special Shabbat dinner with Holocaust survivor Meyer Bronicki. Dinner is limited to the first 20 who RSVP. Register in advance by emailing Inna at yld@jfgi.org. There will be a Q&A after dinner open to the first 40 people who register. A suggested donation of \$15/person will benefit the Holocaust Education program at the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Music @ Shaarey Tefilla

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

Join us on **Dec. 16**: Pianist Stuart Malina with Alexander Kerr, Zachary DePue, and Michael Strauss – *Music by Dvorak, Gershwin & Bloch* beginning at 7:30p.m.

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Meals on Wheels: Sustaining the Cause

BY MATTHEW J. SILVER

On the cusp of delivering their seven millionth meal, privately-funded Meals on Wheels of Central Indiana (MOW) will now coordinate the delivery of two daily meals to 500 homebound and elderly clients from their *very own building*. This is the culmination of a dream of this 42-year-old organization to develop sustainable ways of offering financial assistance for clients. Taking a page from private enterprise, MOW has acquired its own building and has begun leasing space to other like-minded not-for-profits.

Barb Morris, executive director for 20 years, says, "MOW realized five years ago that we had to pull out all stops and find creative but sustainable ways of taking care of our homebound elderly. What I have learned from dealing with business executives is, even as a not-for-profit, you must take calculated risks to succeed. You have to think like a business. I have seen many not-for-profits struggling because they thought their traditional funding would always be there."

Meals on Wheels was initiated in 1971 by Marge Jacobs, who delivered Kosher meals from Hooverwood Nursing Home to five Orthodox Jews on the south side of town as an innovative program sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). Marge's son, Steven, recalls his mother had recently been diagnosed with cancer, and his father told her, "You need to have a project to wake up to every morning, something bigger than life." Gladys Nisenbaum, who was then the NCJW president, said, "Marge spearheaded the drive. It meant a lot to her, and she really took the bull by the horns." Carole Stein was vice president of community service at the time, noting, "I remember going to Gladys' home to test a kosher TV dinner before it was instituted as final fare."

After delivering the organization's two millionth meal in 1989 (the seventh million meal will go out in 2014), Jacobs was quoted in an article in the *Indianapolis Star* on Jan. 29. After trudging up seven floors to deliver a meal at 16th and Capitol, she said: "What am I doing here? I'm not that young, and then I walked into this woman's apartment. 'Oh, here's Mary Sunshine,' the woman said. And then I remembered why I did it. I was someone coming into her life that day. I meant something to her."

Little could she have known how woven into the fabric of central Indiana life MOW would become. Today, 1600 volunteers deliver food Monday thru



A Meals on Wheels volunteer visits with a recipient as she delivers lunch and dinner.

Friday to 28,000 recipients annually, 500 daily, directed by a staff of 10, led by Morris, with "a wonderfully active and supportive board of directors," she smiles. Because Meals on Wheels is not a government agency and is privately funded, she estimates the program saves taxpayers close to \$900,000 annually in federal meal subsidies, plus even more in Medicaid costs for nursing home care.

In 2008, weary of office quarters so cramped the board of directors and committee meetings were held in coffee shops and borrowed boardrooms, MOW began planning for its own building, The Sol Center. The initial concept was to build a "green," energy-efficient facility designed to also house other not-for-profits.

At the beginning of 2013, MOW was fortunate to acquire what had been the Indianapolis Senior Center at 708 Michigan Street downtown, and is now leasing space to other not-for-profits. "Mysteriously and wonderfully, the building almost perfectly replicates the first design for new construction," notes Morris. Though completely remodeled in 2007, The Sol Center (see photo p. 9) will use help from sustainability experts to increase its energy savings and further the "green" concept.

Proceeds from rentals and other programming at The Sol Center will help fund the financial assistance program which provides nutritious, doctor-approved meals to those who cannot afford the \$6 a day for the two meals. And the numbers of seniors requiring financial assistance are apt to grow: Currently only 13.3 percent of the population is 65 or older, but 7,000 to 10,000 people turn 65 each day, and not everyone has sufficient resources to adequately sustain themselves as they age.

The MOW concept began during the Blitzkrieg of London during World War II when the Women's Royal Voluntary Service took food from their kitchens to homes where kitchens had been destroyed. It came to these shores in the early 1950's as inner-city children in Baltimore began taking food to their elderly neighbors.

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Here at home, food is prepared in the kitchens of local hospitals and extended care facilities and delivered to the clients' homes at lunchtime by volunteer drivers. It typically includes a hot three-course meal with drink and dessert, and a sandwich with sides and beverage for the evening meal, all approved by the client's physician. The average age of the recipients is 84. "It is not only nutritious food we deliver, but also contact on a regular basis, with sometimes frail individuals who may not see another human being for days on end. More than once our drivers have discovered clients in distress who needed immediate medical attention. Some of our deliverers are themselves retired and strike up a camaraderie with a client who may feel isolated," says Morris.

The program is currently funded by foundations, organizations, service fees, and individual donations (no taxpayer dollars, despite recent news reports). MOW is currently in a capital campaign to build programs, infrastructure and reserves, yet tenant and ballroom rentals will also support new programming and ensure the sustainability of MOW's mission: Make sure people have access to nutritious, therapeutic food regardless of their ability to pay. Three tenants have already signed on: Indiana Recycling Coalition, Indiana Wildlife Federation, and Down Syndrome Indiana. Morris adds, "Sustainability comes full circle when tenants realize that sharing space and services and turning off the lights when they leave a room becomes a bigger part of feeding people." MOW is actively seeking more tenants, more funding and more volunteers.

Just like 42 years ago, Hooverwood continues to prepare Kosher to Go meals twice a week under the Sidney Maurer Memorial Fund to Feed the Hungry. Although not part of the current Meals on Wheels program, the concept is the same: Physician-approved prepared food from the kitchen of an extended care facility delivered by volunteers to homebound recipients. Shari Levine, coordinator of the program, has been with involved for 12 years, and says they provide Kosher meals twice a week for up to ten recipients. Barbara Bohard has volunteered for Kosher to Go since it began as part of the Social Action Committee at congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Executive Director of Hooverwood Marc Penner says the Jewish nursing home has been providing the meals for about ten years.

If you want to sign up for Meals on Wheels, or would like to learn how you can support their mission, visit www.mealsonwheelsindy.org or call 317-252-5558.

Matthew J. Silver is a writer/reporter, researcher, and musician living in Indianapolis. ★



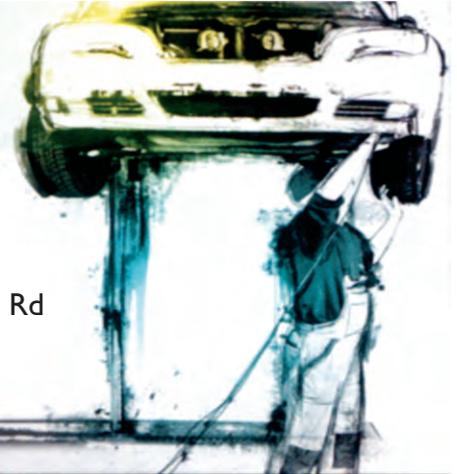
MOW headquarters is now in their own building, the Sol Center. "Sol" means "sun" in Spanish, which explains that the building is energy efficient.

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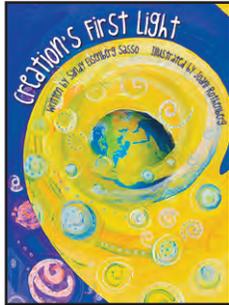


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Sandy Sasso – a new look at the light of creation

Multi-award-winning author Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso releases her latest non-denominational children's book, *Creation's First Light* (IBJ Book publishing, \$17.95).

Beautifully illustrated by Joani Keller Rothenberg, this book not only tells of the first light, but also where one can still find it.



Sasso notes that "Few, if any, creation books talk about the light of the first day and how it differs from the sun and the moon. This book opens up a conversation about that special light that is not an artificial illumination or the visible light of the sun, moon and stars, but that inner light, the soul."

Two of Sasso's previous works earned recognition as Best Books of the Year by *Publisher's Weekly*, while one received a special mention in the *New York Times*

Book Review. Her last children's book, *The Shema in the Mezuzah* was selected as the 2012 Best Children's Illustrated Book by the National Jewish Book Council. Sasso's appeal is wide ranging.

"Rabbi Sasso has a brilliant way of communicating the deepest notions of the Jewish experience in the simplest and most elegant terms," said Mayim Bialik, Emmy-nominated *Big Bang Theory* actress and neuroscientist. "The notion of the light of Creation as part of every fiber of our existence will delight readers of all ages, faiths, and backgrounds."

Recently retired after 36 years as senior rabbi of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Sasso wrote *Creation's First Light* to encourage children and their families to discover where the extraordinary light exists in their life.

Creation's First Light is available for purchase on IBJbookpublishing.com and creationsfirstlight.com. More information and interactive content is available on Twitter (@CFLbook) and Facebook (*Creation's First Light*). A book review is forthcoming. ★



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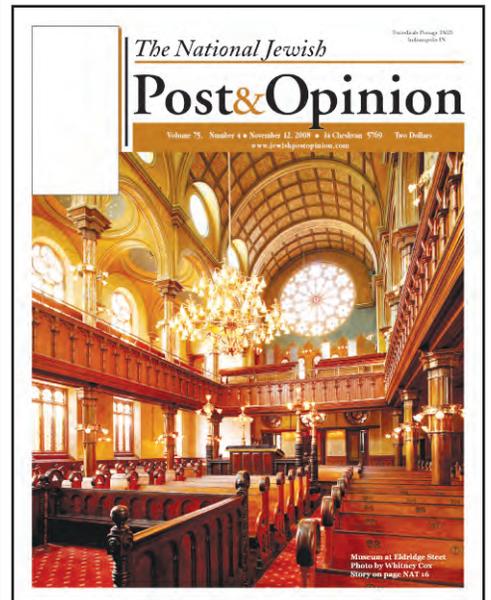
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to make sure that there is a group of stakeholders out there who will continue to support a sustainable use of this building."

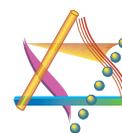
This reminded me of a front page story *JPO* published in our Nov. 12, 2008 edition about the Eldridge Street Synagogue (www.eldridgestreet.org) which opened in 1887 in New York City's Lower East Side (see photo below). The synagogue was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1996 and in 2010 after 20,000 donors and ten years of refurbishing, the rundown synagogue was rededicated. The restoration received nearly every major preservation honor and is now home to the Museum at Eldridge Street, which welcomes people from around the world for tours, school programs, concerts, lectures, festivals and other cultural events. What could be the possibilities for the Beth-El building?



Kuperstein has created a Dropbox site at www.tinyurl.com/templeheritagecenter with information about this Beth-El restoration endeavor that includes photos and a video of the building currently, along with an artist's rendering showing the potential of what it could look like if restored. He asks that if anyone can send or share photos or documents regarding the Temple, they can send them to: Temple Heritage Center, 2201 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205 or e-mail to hq@double8foods.com. (On page 17 is one that I found.)

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

Jennie Cohen, November 6, 2013 ★



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Jessie Etta Levin Bernstein, 96, of Indianapolis and Boynton Beach, Fla., died on Sept. 17, 2013. She was born Dec. 12, 1916 in Fargo, N.D., to Cantor Sam and Goldie Levin. She attended Manual High School, Butler and Michigan State Universities graduating with a degree in Food and Nutrition. She was a proud veteran of the United States Army serving during WWII in Europe as an officer in the Medical Corps. In honor of her service, Jessie received a bronze star cluster for her duty in the Italian Campaign. While in the army she met and married her late husband, David. In her later years she wrote her unpublished memoir titled: *Sir, I'm from Indiana: Tales of a Woman Officer in a Man's Army*.



Jessie worked as a dietician at St. Vincent, Methodist, and Winona hospitals and the Indiana State Board of Health. She was a former member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and Temple Sinai in Boynton Beach. She was active in various civic and cultural organizations in Indianapolis and Palm Beach, Fla., and maintained life memberships in Women's Overseas Service League and Hadassah. During Jessie and David's retirement they were active in the Elder Hostel program and traveled extensively throughout the world.

Throughout her life it was important to Jessie to maintain close and loving relationships with all her nieces and nephews. She was most proud of her special bond with her niece, Susan Pekarsky Gary. Jessie is survived by her three sons, Howard (Nora), Seth (Marsha), and Joseph (Sharon); grandchildren, Erikka (Jesus), Michael (Daphna), Jana (Jeremy), Adina and Melissa; and great-grandchildren, Sam, Eve, Alexandra, and Theo. Interment was held Sept. 22 at Ner Tamid, Eternal Light Memorial Park, Delray Beach, Fla., with a memorial tribute held on Sunday, Oct. 13 at Shanghi Lil Restaurant, Indianapolis.

Jessie's family wishes to give special thanks to the outstanding medical personnel at Indianapolis Veteran's Hospital, St. Vincent Hospital and Hospice, and Hooverwood Indianapolis Jewish Home. Contributions in her memory can be made to Hooverwood. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** www.arnmortuary.com.

Natalie Jean Stolkin Smulyan, 91, passed away surrounded by her family

Sept. 28, 2013. She was born in Indianapolis to Robert and Anna Stolkin on Dec. 26, 1921. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School and attended the University of Illinois, where she was a member of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority. She worked at L.S. Ayres and Giddings/Jenny for many years.

She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Beth-El Sisterhood, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Welfare Federation Lion of Judah, Hadassah and Broadmoor Country Club.

Natalie was predeceased by her husband Sam and grandson David. She is survived by her daughter Ms. Dale S. Friedlander of Indianapolis; sons, Jeff (Heather) Smulyan of Indianapolis, and Jim Smulyan of Beverly Hills, Calif; also survived by grandchildren Amy (Todd) Hoffman, Cari Smulyan, Brad (Leslie) Smulyan and Samantha Smulyan; great grandchildren Avery and Sophie Hoffman and Liam Smulyan as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was a woman who was loved and adored by her family and many friends. Natalie always had a smile and a remarkable sense of humor. She was a source of laughter and consolation for generations of family and friends. She will be missed but will live in all of our hearts forever. Her family would like to thank her many caregivers, her counselor, Elliot Levin and her Doctor, Mason Goodman who always was by her side.

Funeral Services were held at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on Oct. 1 and burial followed at Beth-El Zedeck Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Uncle Davy's Cabin or the Sam Smulyan Lecturship Fund both at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or to the charity of donor's choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Ben Reck, 99, born Sept. 6, 1914 long time resident of Indianapolis and South Bend, passed away Sept. 28, 2013.

Ben was active with B'nai Brith in the 1940's and 1950's and was an officer with the South Bend Bowling Association for over 20 years. He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and a 20 year member of the Indianapolis *Chevera Kaddisha*.

He is survived by his long time companion Eunice Goldshine and his devoted son Sam; his grandsons, Charles and Sean and great grandchildren, Samantha, Matthew and Isaiah. His wives Charlotte R. Reck and Bea Maltzman Reck preceded him in death.

Graveside serves were held in Hebrew Orthodox Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to City of Hope. He will be deeply missed by those that knew and loved him. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Eugene Biccard Glick, 92, one of Indiana's most successful real estate developers, died at his home Oct. 2. Featured in Tom Brokaw's bestseller *The Greatest Generation*, Glick was a WWII combat veteran who went on to build one of the country's most successful housing firms during the greatest construction boom in U.S. history. In the latter decades of his life, he was known as much for his generous philanthropy as his business success.

Together with his wife, Marilyn, he funded the Glick Eye Institute at the Indiana University School of Medicine, the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, the Indiana Authors Award, and a wide array of charitable projects benefiting the arts, education, public health, and aid organizations throughout Central Indiana.

Born in Indianapolis on Aug. 29, 1921, he was the older son of Reuben Glick and Faye Biccard Glick. Young Gene Glick spent his early childhood taking piano lessons, visiting Riverside Park, and playing baseball with his younger brother, Arthur, who died in 1937 as a result of

spinal meningitis. The Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center was named by Gene to honor his brother.

Gene showed early entrepreneurial instincts as an advertising salesman on the *Daily Echo* at Shortridge High School and later as the operator of a charter bus service at Indiana University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from its School of Business.

After graduating from IU in December 1942, he completed basic training with the Army and served as a combat instructor until June 1944, when he was deployed to Italy. When he learned he would be moved to the relatively static Italian front, visions of miserable WWI trench conditions prompted him to request a transfer to France. He was transported to Épinal as part of the 179th Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division, fighting to secure France in the months following the D-Day invasion of Normandy. As a German speaker, Glick often served as a front-line interrogator for Army scouts.

One day of the war would serve as the touchstone of his life. He and his fellow GIs were under heavy shell fire, and he dove into an ice-covered slit trench. He had to lay face-down in freezing water for what seemed like hours as shells and shrapnel rained down. He later wrote in his autobiography, *Born to Build*, "I said to myself, how much worse can it be? If I survive, I'm not going to forget this day. Any time I think I've got it tough or things aren't going well, I'm going to say to myself, 'Glick, how does this compare to Nov. 11, 1944?'"

After their marriage in 1947, Gene and Marilyn founded what would become the Gene B. Glick Company, one of the largest privately held real estate development firms in the country. By 1962, the company was the largest builder of single family homes in Indiana.

In 1982, the Glicks established the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Family Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the state. The pair also established The Glick Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation and The Glick Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI). The Glicks have been major benefactors of a number of Jewish causes, including JFGI and a number of its programs and services. One of Gene Glick's favorite philanthropic projects was the Pro-100 mentoring program, administered by the Children's Bureau. Created by Glick in 1981, Pro-100 offers paid summer internships for disadvantaged youth.

Throughout his career, Glick served on numerous professional, civic and philanthropic boards. He is in the

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National Housing Hall of Fame and is a Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame Laureate. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Butler University in 1989. He received Sagamore of the Wabash awards from Indiana governors Robert Orr (1982), Evan Bayh (1992), and Joe Kernan (2005). Glick was named an Indiana Living Legend by the Indiana Historical Society in 2002.

Gene was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Marilyn Koffman Glick. He is survived by his four daughters: Marianne Glick (Mike Woods), Arlene Grande (Thomas), Alice Meshbane (Andrew), and Lynda Schwartz (Mark). He is also survived by his many grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 4 at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute at Indiana University School of Medicine. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. (Unabridged obituary available at www.arnmortuary.com.)

Juli (Goldstein) Burt, 44, passed away on Oct. 5. She was born in Indianapolis on March 9, 1969. After graduating Carmel High School in 1987, she attended The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale. She was a member of IHC Temple and was a Girl Scout Brownie leader and head cheerleader for her daughter in swimming.

Juli is survived by her loving husband, Ryan Burt, of 13 years; their daughter, Aarin Rya Burt; parents, Todd and Sevrá Goldstein (Weiss); her brother, Brad Goldstein; sister-in-law, Jamie Goldstein; and nieces, Ava and Remy Goldstein.

Juli is lovingly remembered by everyone she encountered. She lived life to the

fullest and loved skiing and snowboarding. She was a competitive ice-skater and attended the US Olympic Women's Training Camp for Cycling in Texas. She loved boating and vacationing anywhere there was sun.

Juli had an amazing group of friends and people around her in life. The support she received from them was unprecedented. The love she had for them was matchless. She was the best mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend anyone could ever have.

Services will be held at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery on Oct. 8. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Pearl Rosaline Soloff Jaffe, 81, of Indianapolis, passed away on Oct. 11 following a valiant two and a half year battle with lung cancer. She was born Feb. 27, 1932 in Michigan City, Ind. Pearl was teaching in Indianapolis when she met Jack Jaffe, whom she married May 28, 1954. She was a caring, supportive and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who most enjoyed spending time with her family.



Pearl was a long time member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. She was very active in the IHC Sisterhood, and was a member and past president of Hadassah. She was a volunteer at Hooverwood and member of the Hooverwood Guild, serving as secretary of the Guild for five years. Pearl was also a musician. She attended and graduated from Indiana University where she played violin in the Indiana University Orchestra. Later, Pearl sang in the IHC Temple choir.

Pearl is survived by her devoted husband of 59 years, Jack; her loving children, Jay, Jan Broaddus (Kevin), Caren Goodwin (Mike); her grandchildren, Jason, Michelle, Julia, Cory, Rachel, Nolan and Cameron and five great-grandchildren.

The Jaffe family would like to express their sincere gratitude to all of the caregivers at Hamilton Trace, who provided Pearl with much comfort and support over the past two years. Services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on Oct. 15, with interment at Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to The American Cancer Society, The American Heart Association or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Indiana. Expressions of condolence and sympathy should be directed to www.arnmortuary.com.

Harold Greenberg, 75, of Indianapolis passed away on Oct. 15. He was born Jan. 19, 1938.

Harold was a distinguished professor of law at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law from 1978 to 2011. He served as the Director of the International Law program located in Lille, France for several summers and was a visiting professor of Law in Jacksonville, Fla. and Chicago. Professor Greenberg mentored many students during his distinguished academic career.

Harold served on the Board of Directors of Footlite Musicals and produced over 30 musicals at Footlite. He also was a member of American and Indiana Bar Associations.

Family services were held on Oct. 18 in **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. A memorial celebration of his life was scheduled at a later date.

Harold is survived by his sister Linda Greenberg of Somerset, NJ; his many cousins and by his special friend Ellie Sellars.

He will be deeply missed by those who knew him and who were inspired by him.

Memorial contributions may be made to Footlite Musicals or to the Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

I.S. (Sam) Lazerov, 83, of Indianapolis passed away on Oct. 19 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Sam was born on Sept. 24, 1930 in Memphis to Harry and Katy (Sandler) Lazerov. A graduate of the University of Miami with a degree in Business, Sam was a highly regarded builder and developer in the Indianapolis area for many years. He served honorably during the Korean War as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Navy.



Sam started his career in the building business working for Shelby Construction Company. He took classes in engineering (see Obituaries, page 15)

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and architecture and began building on his own. He was an award winning pioneer in real estate development. One of his projects was featured at the Indiana University School of Business as an early example of a successful condominium project.

He was an avid pilot and owned his own plane and served as president of the Indianapolis Aero Club. During his presidency he invited speakers from all over the world. Most of whom were war heroes such as Brigadier General Paul Tibbets; most noted for flying the Enola Gay over Japan. Sam was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor O'Bannon in 1999.

Sam is survived by his beloved family; his wife Fran Calderon Lazerov, his devoted children; David A. (Heather) Lazerov of Carmel; daughter, Florence (Doniel) Reznik of Indianapolis and grandchildren Gabriel and Karen Reznik and Blake Lazerov. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Dena Shapiro.

Sam was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, B'nai Torah Congregation and a former member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Funeral services were held on Oct. 20 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Sam's memory to American Diabetes Association, Chai Life Line or the donor's favorite charity. Friends may leave a word of condolence or share a memory with the family by visiting www.arnmortuary.com.

Leon Shorr, 78, a long time Indiana resident passed away Oct. 26 surrounded by his loving family.



Leon was born May 25, 1935 in Dayton to Samuel and Dora (Berman) Shorr. While attending Shortridge High School Leon began working at Kastle Recycling. Later he owned and operated Town and Country Tavern and in 1967 he became owner/operator of D&S Liquors (E. 10th Street). Leon retired in 1990.

He was a member of Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation and former member of Beth-El Zedeck.

He is survived by his loving family, his wife of 58 years Norma Meshulam Shorr; children Steven and Howard (Eileen) Shorr and Dori Ann (Edward) Diffley; grandchildren Joey, Samuel & Alyssa and sisters Phyllis Becker, Eddy Lynn Bortz and Harriett Kastor.

Funeral services were Oct. 28 in **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial was in Etz Chaim Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Etz Chaim. ✨

Indy's inaugural Festival of Faiths

Organizers of this event, the Center for Interfaith Cooperation headed by Charlie Wile, were blessed with a glorious day for the first Indianapolis Festival of Faiths. Held on Sun., Oct. 13 at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in downtown Indianapolis, inspiration for creating it came from some local faith leaders who had experienced an interfaith festival in Louisville.

Different choirs, drummers, and dancers from the different faith traditions performed and over 60 exhibitor booths were available for perusing. One could partake in yoga and meditation classes for all experience levels. Inside the Indiana War Memorial, interfaith dialogue with a panel discussion took place.

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communities were on hand. We hope to attend more annual Festival of Faiths.

More photos from Indy's Festival of Faiths are posted on Flickr at the following site: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/40191589@N03/> and on the *Jewish Post & Opinion* Facebook profile. ✨



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Yiddish for Everyday

BY HENYA CHAIET

Daus Yiddish vort far heint

(The Yiddish word for today.)

Der zummer gait avek un balt vet shane veren kalt. (Summer is over and soon we will be getting cold weather.)

Ahz ich haub geven ah clayneh ven der vetter is gevoren kalt flegen mir gain yehder mitvauch in shvitz baud. (When I was a little girl living in Chicago, as soon as the weather was cold every Wednesday we went to the Turkish bath house.)

Mir flegen zach tresen dorten mit mein baube un mine mutters fear shvester un zayereh maydlach. (We would meet up with my grandmother and my mother's four sister and their little girls.)

Mir flegen zach goot oys varehmen in der hayser shvitz. Dee mahmeh fleckt unz vashen fuhn kaup biz dee fiss mit zayfik bletter fuhn ah baym. Klop, klop in playtzeh. Zee fleckt zaugen daus is goot far dee bluten. (We would get our bodies nice and warm in the hot steam room. Mother would wash us from head to toe with soapy oak leaves tied together. Smack, smack she would go on our backs. She would say it's good for your circulation.)

Nauch daus baud flegen mir zach laygen ahf klayneh betlach in ah sinstereh tzimmer un shlafen far ah halbeh shpundeh. (After the bath we would all lay down on cots in a dark room and sleep for about a half hour.)

Nauch der rue flegen mir alleh eppes essen un trinken ah glehzeleh chai. (After the rest we would have something to eat and a glass of hot tea.)

Ich haub daus zayer gehglichen un heint ahz ich bin alt kumt mir daus alleh maul in zinen ahz daus vert kalt. (I loved this very much and today when I am old I always think of this when the weather gets cold.)

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



A function of Beth-El, in approximately 1946, when it was located on 34th and Ruckle Street includes Cantor Myro Glass shown seated with his wife (first two from right) – if I remember correctly, he was a Holocaust survivor and would have come to the U.S. at about that time. The only other two people I recognize are my parents, Gabriel, z"l, and Helen Cohen, z"l, who are the second and third from the right standing in the back. If you recognize anyone else, please let me know. ~ J.C., editor. (See end of Editorial, p. 10, and Indiana Jewish Historical Society, p. 18.)

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The Indiana Jewish Historical Society 41st annual meeting

BY EILEEN BAITCHER

The 41st annual meeting of The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) took place on Sun., Oct. 27 at Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis. Nominating Chair, Judy Koor, announced that the following members were elected by mail ballot to serve on the IJHS Board of Directors: Dan Appel of Fort Wayne; Steve Bulloff of Indianapolis; James Mulis of Peru and Stanley Steiner of Marion, all serving a three year term ending in 2016. Ron Cohen of South Bend was elected to serve a one year term ending in 2014. Earlier that morning the Board of Directors elected the executive officers for 2013–2014 fiscal year: President, Sheila Greenwald, Indianapolis; First V.P., Rosalie Gussow, Indianapolis; Secretary, Mary Tilden, West Lafayette and Treasurer, Barbara Goldman, Indianapolis.

President Sheila Greenwald honored all IJHS past presidents: Max Einsteadig, Mary Fink, Charles Fine, Marty Schwartz, David Kleiman, David Fogle, Earl Brenn, Wynn Robin, Arthur Meyers, Richard Friedman, Paul Bloomberg, Judy Koor, Trent Pendley, and Alan Gilbert. IJHS Original Board Members were also recognized: David Bucove, Mrs. Arthur Cassell, Armand Cohodes, Mary Fink, Betty Fleck, Arthur Friedman, Melvin Goodman, David Kleiman, Mrs. Walter Lichtenstein, Frank Maidenber, Flo Mary Mantel, Illene Maurer, Louis Pearlman, Jr., Morris Polis, Irvin Rose, Meyer Ruchman, Maurice Schankerman, Marty Schwartz, Ervin Weil and Rose Weinraub. Sheila announced that the IJHS website at www.ijhs.org was updated.

The featured speaker Isaiah Kuperstein (photo at top; read more in Editorial p. 3) presented a history of the old Beth-El Temple (photo of original shown) on 34th and Ruckle St., starting with its dedication, on Dec. 11, 1925. He explained that Beth El Temple was a magnificent structure. "It was regarded as the leading Orthodox synagogue in the State of Indiana and the largest synagogue on the city's north side." After Beth-El moved further north to its current location in 1958, B'nai Torah used the facility until 1967, and from the late 1960s until about four years ago, the building was used by several Christian churches until the building was abandoned.

Isaiah Kuperstein expressed "that this magnificent building cannot be destroyed and must be preserved and shared by everyone. The heritage that this building



represents must be remembered, celebrated, and passed on to future generations. The old Beth-El Temple at 34th and Ruckle is the last remaining historical synagogue structure in the city of Indianapolis."

Isaiah and others have formed a non-profit organization called the Temple Heritage Center with a board of dedicated individuals from both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. They have already

received grant money from the city and the Mapleton Fall Creek CDC, as long as an additional equal amount of money is raised from other private sources. He asked for the community's participation and support in this important project. ✨



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2nd Hoosier – Israel Reunion

BY MICHAEL BLAIN

The second Hoosier-Israeli Reunion took place in Jerusalem at the end of September. The Reunion was organized and hosted by Cyrelle Simon in her Jerusalem home. She and Judy Epstein co-chaired the event. Some 40-plus attendees included former Hoosiers now living in Israel, and also former and current Hoosiers visiting Israel.

Cyrelle Simon, formerly of West Lafayette, made *aliya* and lives in Jerusalem. Other former Hoosiers included Judy and Ed Epstein (Ed was the first and founding principal of the Hasten Hebrew Academy and *chazzan* at B'nai Torah); Ira and Fran Schnall (Ira was also *chazzan* at B'nai Torah and is now professor at Bar-Ilan University); Harry Goldstein and his daughters Lisa and Suzie; Dorothy and Simmy Friedman; Chaim and Alice Weissmann; former Hebrew Academy teachers Tanchum and Rachel Raybi, Hadassa and Shmuel Atsmi. Also Gal Shifron (Bloomington); Judy (Goldberg) and Shabtai Herman; Walter Klatch (Lafayette); Sharon Weiss; Rabbi Zvi Leshem (son of Sylvia and Michael Blain).

Hoosiers or former Hoosiers visiting Israel included former B'nai Torah Rabbi Ron and Rachel Gray (now Lakewood, NJ); Sylvia Blain (Cleveland); Esther and Joe Epstein; Judy and George Tanner (Eugene, Oregon). The Tanners were in Israel to attend their granddaughter's wedding. From London came Rabbis

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Rabbis Gray and Hillel Simon delivered *divrey* Torah and Eddy Epstein described the early years of the Hasten Hebrew Academy in Indianapolis. The gathered visitors were especially appreciative of Cyrelle's hospitality, the delicious

refreshments, and for hosting the Reunion a second time.

Michael Blain retired after 33 years with *Israel Bonds* in Indianapolis. An occasional contributor to Jewish periodicals, he now resides in Beachwood, Ohio with his wife Sylvia. ✨



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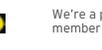
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