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*Happy Passover*



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(see About the Cover, p. IN 3).

# Simcha Announcements

## Mazel Tov to...

**Rabbi Mendel and Fraidel Schusterman** on the birth of their twin boys. **Yakov** and **Betzalel** (below) were born on Februray 18.



**Dr. Stephen and Monica Rosenfeld** on the engagement of their daughter **Rachelle** (below) to **Adam Stern** of Edison, New Jersey. *Mazel Tov* to the grandparents **Mark** and **Anna Ruth Hasten** and **Mrs. Joan Rosenfeld**.



**Mina Farahan and Sam Shorr** (below) on their engagement. Mina is the daughter of **Rakhel** and **Farid Farahan** and the granddaughter of **Habibeh** and **Solomon Mottahedeh** and **Julet** and **Shalom Farahan**. Sam is the son of **Eileen** and **Howard Shorr** and the grandson of **Rachel** and the late **Stanley Albert** and **Norma** and the late **Leon Shorr**. An August 2, 2015 wedding is planned.



**Dovid Schwartz** (below), son of **Robbie Schwartz** and the late **Esther Schwartz** on his engagement to **Anna Kerzner** from Houston. Anna is the daughter of **Mark** and **Helena Kerzner**. A June 21, 2015 wedding is planned in New York where they both reside.



**Alex and Marcella Slabosky** on the birth of their grandson **Leo Marcial Jara-Almonte** (below) born January 27, 2015 to their daughter and son-in-law **Ann Slabosky** and **Geoff Jara-Almonte** of Brooklyn. The paternal grandparents are **Cyndi** and **Jim Jara-Almonte** of Kenosha, Wisc., and the great-grandparents are **Helen** and **Wayne Culbertson** of King George, Virginia.



**Rabbi Michael and Shulamit Hasten** on the engagement of their son, **Yonatan**, to **Rachel Helfgott** of New York. *Mazel Tov* to grandparents **Mark** and **Anna Ruth Hasten**.

## Kidney still needed for Drew



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

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



*Rabbi Avrohom and Nini Grossbaum with daughter Chani, c. 1981 when they arrived in Indianapolis. More details in the editorial on page 3.*



**Edward Hasten** and **Dora Hasten** on the engagement of their daughter **Amanda** to **Jared Goldwasser** of Dayton, Ohio. *Mazel Tov* to the grandparents **Mark** and **Anna Ruth Hasten**, and **Mrs. Sarah Katz**. ★

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# Editorial

The dedication of the new Chabad Center for Jewish Life by Lubavitch of Indiana on 96th Street just west of Townshipline Road took place on *Purim*. Overcoming several obstacles to make this new building become a reality, it was a long time in the making. (See page 10 for photos or on our Facebook profile: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jewish-Post-Opinion-newspaper/191424237534424?ref=hl>.)

Where nothing previously existed, this beautiful new building in Carmel, Ind., and more importantly the community, (many on hand for the occasion) was created by one couple. When he was ready to begin his career, Rabbi Grossbaum knew he wanted to go to a city with no established Chabad Center. At that time three choices were available – Syracuse, N.Y., Calgary, Canada and Indianapolis. The couple came here not knowing anyone.

Rabbi Avrohom and Nini Grossbaum came to Indianapolis in 1981 when their oldest, Chani, was six weeks old (p.2). To give an idea of what can take place in that span of time, now she and her husband Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov who head the Chabad Center in Munster, Ind., have six children.

At the dedication Rabbi Grossbaum praised the builders whom he said had put their *neshama* (soul) into creating this building. They in turn said, "Hilliard Kosene General Contractors and the Kosene Family are happy and honored to have assisted Rabbi Grossbaum in the construction of the beautiful Chabad Center for Jewish Life. May it be a source of enrichment for future generations!"

The following are other accomplishments of the Grossbaum's and Lubavitch of Indiana. Purchase of a facility on the Indiana University campus in 1988 in Bloomington, Ind., to serve as a Jewish student center. In 1991 the current leaders Rabbi Yehoshua and Zlata Chincholker came on board. The Northwest Indiana Chabad Center in Munster, Ind., was founded in 1995 to serve that Jewish Community. In 2001 Rabbi Mendel and Fraidel Schusterman joined the Grossbaum's in Indianapolis and have been head of the Gan Israel Day Camp and directors of adult education. (See a photo of their new twin boys on page 2).

In our Dec. 3, 2014 edition, we announced the newest addition to Lubavitch of Indiana. Rabbi Lev and Adina Tietchel with their son Mendel established a Chabad Center in West Lafayette, Ind., to serve Purdue University and that community.

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# About the Cover

## Tradition in first-person plural

By Steve Schuster

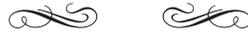
Keeping Judaism Alive is a multidimensional, multifaceted and sometimes even a multimedia proposition. But no event instantiates the concept of Keeping Judaism Alive more personally and with such universal participation than does our Passover *seder*.



S. Schuster

Wherever in the world we Jews are on each 15 of *Nissan*, we make or we find a *seder*. In late March of 1980, for example, my friend Kenny and I walked into *Shabbat* services at the *Tempio Maggiore di Roma* – The Great Synagogue of Rome, which, from its perch on the banks of the Tiber River, overlooked the former ghetto where the city's Jews were required to live until 1870. Before the evening ended, Rome's Jews had settled their quarrel over the honor of hosting us for *seder* two nights thereafter, setting our stage for an indelibly memorable *seder* adventure that year.

(see Cover, page IN 17)



ways that Lubavitch of Indiana has enriched the community besides day camps for children and education for adults, is by helping Jewish prisoners, and holiday awareness and celebrations. We hope this new Center will enable them to build on their past successes and continue for many years to come.

In our January editions we published two readings from the book *Jewish Prayers of Hope and Healing* by Alden Solovy. He has also written a small book with 18 readings to help infuse more meaning into the holiday of Passover, the *seders* and springtime. It is titled, *Haggadah Companion: Meditations and Readings*.

The four chapters are "Freedom", "Social Justice", "Praises", and "Past and Future". The book also includes an "Introduction" and "Seder Overview" to point out potentially meaningful places in the *seder* where one could include these readings.



After reading the book, I felt that anyone could benefit from these readings at any time, not only during this season.

Like the four sons (and daughters) in the *seder*, I am thankful for four things. (1)

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the opportunity to review this book (2) the author leading me down a path toward freedom (3) learning that one does not have to wait to have this because I experienced it while I was reading it, and (4) being able to share with my dear readers new ways that words can be put together to help enlighten us. Below is an example of one reading.

(see Editorial, page IN 16)

# Community Events

## Israeli Movie night – Alex is Lovesick

On **Thurs., Mar. 19** at 7 p.m., at the JCC. Movies are free of charge. Popcorn and drinks are provided. A discussion follows the movie. This film is a romantic comedy that takes place in Israel during the 1950s. Alex is about to turn 13 and celebrate his bar mitzvah. He comes from a poor, dysfunctional Polish Jewish family. Alex falls in love with Mimi, the new girl in his class. Everything changes when his Aunt Lola arrives in Israel from Poland in search of a lost love who vanished after the Nazi invasion. Alex falls for his aunt and she responds by providing him with more than familial love.

Reserve your seat at [www.jewishindianapolis.org](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org). For more information contact Roy Swisa at [shaliah@jfgi.org](mailto:shaliah@jfgi.org) or 317-800-9350.

## Movie – Deli Man

Exclusive Indy showing of this movie at Landmark Theater **March 20–27**. Jewish culture reflects the heart of a vital ethnic history. As that culture continues to shift and adapt alongside mainstream America, delicatessen food – as its name suggests – remains a beloved communal delicacy. In Houston, third-generation deli man Ziggy Gruber has built arguably the finest delicatessen restaurant in the U.S. History – augmented by the stories of iconic delis such as Katz’s, 2nd Avenue Deli, Nate ‘n Al, Carnegie, Shapiro’s and the Stage – embodies a tradition indelibly linked to its savory, nostalgic foods. Website: [www.delimanmovie.com](http://www.delimanmovie.com).

## Popsie’s Food Pantry Passover Food Drive

**Sun., March 22**, 3:30 p.m.–6 p.m., at Hooverwood located at 7001 Hoover Rd. Fill the shelves of Popsie’s Food Pantry with Kosher for Passover food items for local families in need. Join the residents of Hooverwood to assemble Passover food packages. Can also drop off food items at Popsie’s Pantry by **Fri., March 20**. For more information and for the shopping list, go to [www.jewishindianapolis.org/passover-food-drive](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/passover-food-drive)

## HHAI Trivia Night

You’re invited to Trivia Night on **Sun., March 22** at 7 p.m., at Hasten Hebrew Academy’s Cultural Arts Center. Join us for a fun filled evening with nosh and wine! Open to the community. The cost is \$20 per person/\$36 per couple. RSVP by March 18 to Sandy Nachlis: [b.nachlis@comcast.net](mailto:b.nachlis@comcast.net) or call 840-2167.

## Lunch and Learn – Israel 101 – The many faces of Israeli society

**Tues., March. 24**, at noon at the JCC in room A-17. Bring your lunch box and join us to talk about Israeli society. If you feel like you need to get a grasp on the basic information about Israel, this talk is for you. It is open to all and feel free to bring your friends. We will be together with the Nurses from Anderson University. RSVP to Roy Swisa at [shaliah@jfgi.org](mailto:shaliah@jfgi.org) or call 800-9350 for more info.

## HHAI art project for Galilee Medical Center

The Medical Center in Nahariya in northern Israel is building a new wing which will service the needs of woman in the area. Artists Joani Rothenberg and Yael Buxbaum painted three panels which will be tiled with glass mosaic to create a work of art that will hang in the new wing. The two side panels will be completed in the U.S. and sent to Israel in support of the hospital. The middle panel will be tiled at the hospital in Israel.

On **Tues., March 24** at 10:00am-3:30pm, Joani Rothenberg would like to invite students, as well as their families, to join her in tiling one of the panels at HHAH in the art room. This project can help break down barriers and provide a space for all people to come together and work towards a common and beautiful goal.

## NextGen Conference on Israel

**Sat. & Sun., Mar 28–29** Midwest NextGen Conference on Israel at the Omni Hotel downtown Indy. This 2-day conference is designed for young adults ages 22-40 from throughout the Midwest who are eager to learn how best to advocate for Israel. Here’s the registration link on the Federation’s web site: [www.jewishindianapolis.org/midwest-nextgen-conference-on-israel](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/midwest-nextgen-conference-on-israel).

## Unattached Jewish adults

**Sun., March 29** at 12:30 p.m., enjoy *chametz* one last weekend before Passover

at the new Shapiro’s Twisted Traditions in the Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing. RSVP to [jpostopinion@gmail.com](mailto:jpostopinion@gmail.com) or call 317-405-8084.

## Heartland Film presents Above and Beyond

**Mon., Mar. 30** from 7–9 p.m., in the Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M Glick JCC. Heartland Film presents *Above and Beyond*, the untold, true story of the foreign airmen in the War of Independence. Cost \$9/\$6 for JCC members. To find out more, go to <http://jccindy.org/event/heartland-film-presents-above-and-beyond/> or call 317-251-9467.

## Community Passover Seder

Join us at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life for a delightful traditional *Seder* with hand-made *Shmurah Matzah* and a full course dinner on **Fri., April 3** at 7:30 p.m., 2640 West 96th St., Carmel. Please reserve early; space is limited. Adults – \$36; Children under 12 – \$20; Seder Sponsor – \$180.

No payments at the door. No Jew will be turned away due to lack of funds. Please call us for reduced cost. For more information or to make reservations call us at 317-251-5573.

## Burn Your Carbs Cycling Meet Up at CST

**Sun., April 12** at 9:30 a.m., in the Shaarey Tefilla parking lot, 3085 W. 116th St., Carmel. 5, 20 and 40 mile suggested routes provided. Ride open to adult and children. Helmets required.

## Movie – Beneath the Helmet

**Mon., April 13** from 7–9 p.m., at the JCC. From High School to the Home Front: An inspiring coming-of-age film about five Israeli soldiers. Contact Lev Rothenberg 317-715-9233 or [lrothenberg@jccindy.org](mailto:lrothenberg@jccindy.org). Free. Donations accepted.

## Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Join us at 11:30 a.m., on **Wed., April 15** for a discussion of Gilda Radner, comedian who starred on SNL, presented by Phyllis

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**Community-wide Yom HaShoah Service**

**Wed., April 15** from 7–9 p.m. at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis.

**Reading of Names of Victims of the Holocaust**

**Thurs., April 16** from 1:45–3 p.m., Indiana Statehouse Rotunda, 200 West Washington Street in downtown Indianapolis. If you would like to read names of victims, you must contact the JCRC to sign up. Email Lindsey Mintz at lmintz@indyjrc.org or Lauren Morgan at lmorgan@jfgi.org.

**Hadassah Book Club**

This month's Book Club will be held on **Mon., April 20** at 7 p.m. Hostess: Carol Arenstein. The book is *The Orphan Train* by Cristina Baker Kline. For more info call 317-844-4309 or email therussells46032@aol.com or the Hadassah office at 475-4278.

**Israel Memorial Day – Yom HaZikaron**

**Tues., April 21** at 6:30 p.m. in the Laikin Auditorium of the JCC. Guest

speaker: Jake Steinberg, brother of Lone Soldier Max Steinberg, z"l, who was killed during Operation Protective Edge in Israel. It is customary to wear a white top and dark bottoms.

**City of Carmel Holocaust Observance Program**

**Wed., April 22** from 12–1:30 p.m., at the Monon Center, 1235 Central Park Drive East, Carmel, Ind.

**2nd Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival**

Begins **April 23** through **May 3**. (See more details on page IN 12.)

**JCC Earth Day Community Celebration**

**Sun., April 26**, 1–4 p.m., FREE. The JCC's 4th Annual Earth Day Community Celebration sponsored by Citizens Energy Group attracts more than 2,000 visitors to the JCC's 40-acre campus. More than 45 organizations will offer family-friendly, environmentally-focused activities, including Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab at Marian University, Green BEAN Delivery, the Purdue Solar Racing Team, Purdue Extension Marion County and Girl Scouts of Central Indiana. Participants of all backgrounds and faiths are welcome to join in the spirit of making our neighborhoods, and our city, a better place.

**Israel Independence Day Celebration**

**Sun., April 26** at 4 p.m., at the Sablosky Outdoor Pavilion (rain location: Domont Auditorium BJE). Picnic-style celebration with bounce houses, arts and crafts, Frisbee competition, and musical performance by Hallelujah, a group from our Partnership2 Gether region. *Kosher* barbecue will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket and chairs. Come early and enjoy the JCC's community Earth Day Celebration from 1–4 p.m.! For more information, contact Roy Swisa at 317.800.9350 or shaliach@JFGI.org or visit [www.jewishindianapolis.org](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org).

**Hooverwood Guild annual luncheon and card party**

**Thurs., April 30** at 11 a.m., at Broadmoor Country Club, 2155 Kessler Blvd. West Dr. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your games and cards to play after lunch. Cost \$22. Your check mailed to Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Rd., is your reservation. Home baked desserts. Door prizes \$1 per ticket. Get your friends together and come.

**The Four Firsts – Women Rabbis in American Judaism**

**Thurs., April 30** at 7 p.m., at Beth-El Zedek, you are invited to witness the unfolding of a historic moment in Indianapolis: The four first women rabbis from each of the religious movements in American Judaism will engage you with their stories and their unparalleled struggles for acceptance, inclusion, recognition, and equality. Rabbi Sally Priesand, Reform; Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, Reconstructionist; Rabbi Amy Eilberg, Conservative; Rabba Sara Hurwitz, Orthodox moderated by Dr. Gary Zola, director of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati.

This program is free and open to the public. Dessert reception to follow. Made possible through the Judaism, Arts, Interfaith and Civic Engagement Fund in honor of Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso. Sponsorships include additional events with the four rabbis. Contact Jennifer Hodes (253-3441 ext. 209 or [jhodes@bez613.org](mailto:jhodes@bez613.org)) for more information.

**Libby Fogle Lunch Bunch – ongoing**

Meets at noon at the Arthur M. Glick JCC **every Tues. and Thurs.** except on holidays. Suggestion donation for *kosher* lunch is \$2. Reservations not required except for special holiday lunches. Transportation available within a limited area at a minimal cost. For more info call Ruthie Gal 557-2265 or Christy Morris 259-6822.

**Sunday morning Tefillin Club – ongoing**

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# Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

## The Torah

When you buy a car, it comes with an owner's manual. The people who made the car tell you how to take care of it. If you follow these instructions, you have a good chance that your car will last a long time and serve you well.

*Hashem* (G-d) made us and all of the world. And He provided us with an owner's manual, the *Torah*. How do we know that the *Torah* is from *Hashem*? The Lubavitcher Rebbe suggested a simple proof: the *Torah* works! The more *Torah* that you learn, the more *Mitzvahs* (commandments) that you fulfill, the better your life will be.

This has been my personal experience. I was born in Indianapolis in 1950. In those days there was no Jewish day school nearby, so I attended public school. I only learned a little *Torah*, and fulfilled only a few *Mitzvahs*. Did I have a happy life? Not especially.

At the age of 18 I dropped out of Hebrew University and started learning *Torah* full time in the *Lubavitcher Yeshiva* in Kfar Chabad. My life took a dramatic turn for the better. I remember sitting with my fellow students in the dining room of the *Yeshiva*, enjoying the *Shabbos* (Sabbath) meal. I said to myself "Wow! This *Shabbos* is worth more than all of the 17 years that I spent in Indianapolis!"

How can one *Shabbos* be worth more than 17 years in Indianapolis? The *Torah* teaches us that there are different levels of pleasure and enjoyment. The lowest level is physical and material. This is the pleasure that we get from eating tasty food and indulging in other material pleasures. A higher type of pleasure comes from music. This is more refined and spiritual in nature. These were the only types of pleasures that I experienced in the first 17 years of my life.

Level three is spiritual pleasure. This comes from doing *Mitzvahs*. If I help someone, he feels better, and so do I. If I cheer someone up, he is happier, and so am I. These are pleasures that I discovered in Kfar Chabad. In Indianapolis I learned to take. Take as much as you can. I was told that I was smart. Therefore I could learn a good profession, earn a lot of money, and buy a nice house and a fancy car. Have a good time. If someone gets hurt in the process, that is not my worry.

In Kfar Chabad I learned to give. The *Torah* teaches us that *Hashem* created us, and part of our purpose in life is to give, to

help. This is a very important lesson. Take marriage for example. If two people get married, each dreaming about what they can take and will get for themselves, sooner or later there will be conflicts. The marriage will go sour or even break up. But what if they get married planning to give to each other, to help each other, to make each other happy? They will certainly be able to live happily ever after.

This is how one *Shabbos* in Kfar Chabad is so precious. The Sabbath is a day of holiness. When I came to the *Yeshiva* I started to observe all of the laws of *Shabbos* and got a big dose of this holiness. This holiness came

with a lot of wonderful spiritual pleasure. All of the pleasures that I experienced in Indianapolis paled in comparison.

We are now approaching *Pesach*, the holiday of our freedom and redemption from exile in Egypt. Our Rabbis taught that in *Nissan*, the month of *Pesach*, our fathers were redeemed. And in *Nissan* we too will be redeemed from our present exile. Let us learn more *Torah* and do more *Mitzvahs* to find real freedom for ourselves, and our small corners of the world. All of these *Mitzvahs* together will bring our complete and final redemption, right now.

(see Benzion, page IN 8)

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## Seniors in Place

### Classic Movie Club – rescheduled

**Mon., March 30** at 2 p.m. Showing *Unsinkable Molly Brown*. This event has been moved from March 23. RSVP to Janet at 251-8881.

### Beef & Boards matinee – Crazy for You

**Wed., April 1** at 11 a.m. meet in the lobby. *Crazy for You* is a singing, dancing romance celebrating the magic of the theatre featuring an incredible Gershwin score. \$49 includes buffet lunch and show. RSVP to Janet at 251-8881 to reserve seats.

### Vera Bradley Outlet Store

**Wed., April 8** leaving the JCC at 10 a.m. It is time to go to Ft Wayne for this yearly sale. \$25 includes admission and transportation. Lunch, your expense at Casa Italiano Ristoranti before going to the sale is extra. RSVP to Janet, 251-8881, to reserve your seat on the van.

### Knitting Club

**Thurs., April 9** at 10 a.m. Meet at Pleasant View Lutheran Church, Room 114. For additional info call Dorothy Kerrigan 254-1123.

### Bay Street Horns on Fire at IHC

**Sun., April 12** at 2 p.m. Meet in lobby of IHC at 1:30 p.m. This group is a funky jazz ensemble that performs new, exciting arrangements of familiar jazz, classical, Dixie and rock tunes. No Charge. RSVP to Janet at 251.8881.

### Hole in the Wall – Binkley's Kitchen and Bar

**Mon., April 13** at 11:30 a.m., at the Corner of Kessler Blvd. and North College Ave. This event was postponed from April 6 due to the Jewish holiday of Passover. Binkleys serves a variety of delicious food. RSVP to Jackie Hayden, 253-7268 to let her know you will be there.

### Book Club

**Tues., April 14** at 10 a.m., Meet at the BJE. Call Monica Rosenfeld 255-3604 for additional info.

### Bingo at Harcourt Terrace

**Wed., April 15** at 10 a.m., at 8181 Harcourt Rd. Brunch will be served from 10–10:30. Bingo is from 10:30–11:30. There is no cost. RSVP to Janet at 251-8881.

### Plant Club – Garfield Park Conservatory

**Fri., April 17**, leave JCC 10:30 a.m. We will have an enjoyable guided tour

viewing many different plants including orchids. After the tour we will have lunch, your expense, at Sisters Place. They have done some extensive remodeling. Let's go see what changes they have made. \$15 for transportation and tour. RSVP to Janet at 251-8881.

### Campus Super Star

**Sun., April 19**, leaving from the JCC at 6:30 p.m. The Helene G Simon Hillel Center at Indiana University Bloomington presents this event at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. This is an incredible show where singers vie for the title of Campus Super Star 2015. Talented students from different universities and colleges compete for prizes and recording sessions. Event is the Helene G Simon Hillel Center's biggest fundraising event. Cost \$15 for show and transportation. RSVP to Janet at 251-8881. ★



### BENZION

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## A Playful Path

BY BERNIE DE KOVEN

### Gamifying Pesach

Gamification. You know that word? Basically, the idea is that since games are so much fun, we can make things that aren't so fun more fun if we make them more like a game. I, personally, don't like that idea so much. But I do like the idea of making things more fun. So I came up with a couple of game-like things you can do during the *Seder*. And, like I said, this isn't what you'd traditionally consider "gamification." But neither is this how you would traditionally celebrate Passover.

So here are two ideas. And all you have to do is play.

First: You know the "Magid" part of the *Seder* when you're supposed to tell the story of how we escaped from Egypt? So this is how my father-in-law of blessed memory used to gamify it:

He'd take the *Afikomen*: the piece of *matzah* that's already wrapped in a napkin or something clean and lovely – the very piece that you can eat only when the meal is over. Not what you'd call a dessert, but a traditional way for indicating that the meal is over. Also, there's already a game-like event that happens right before, when someone has to "steal" the *Afikomen* and hold it for ransom before the meal can officially end.

So, what he'd do is take the napkin-wrapped *Afikomen* and sling it over his shoulder, and, while telling the story, he'd dramatize it by trekking through the house like someone trying to escape the Egyptians with his meager treasure of half-baked bread. All through the house he'd go, sometimes a couple times, so far away that sometimes you couldn't even hear what he was saying. But he'd keep talking. And then, finally, he'd come back to the *Seder* table, still telling the story. Except, he wouldn't have the *Afikomen* with him anymore! Which would be a signal for all the kids to run around the house and try to find the *Afikomen*.

Second: The gamified version of the traditional song "Dayeinu," or "it would have been enough for us."

Given how hungry people get, it's probably best to wait until after dinner for this one. Basically, people take turns, each one adding something else that is "miraculous" about the *Seder*.

P1 (the Bubbie): If all we did was eat together like this, and sit together for the whole meal, it would have been enough of a miracle already.

## Pickleball

BY ELLEN SHEVITZ

Several years ago, some friends and I were playing paddle tennis in Los Angeles. Some gentlemen on the court next to us, asked our group to come on over and try out a new game that they were developing. Pickleball is a game that is a combo of several other racket games with a few twists. Played with a whiffle ball that slows the game down quite a bit, it is played on a smaller court than tennis, with wooden rackets. When played well it is very fast.

Thirty years later this game has swept the nation, particularly in the southern



P2 (the Dad): If all we did was sit together for a whole meal and have such delicious food, that would have been enough of a miracle.

P3 (the Zeida): If all we did was sit together for a whole meal, eat such delicious food, and read such an important story, that would be more than enough already.

P4 (the big sister): If all we did was sit together, eat such delicious food, read such an important story and sing together,

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belt, where it is played mostly by active baby boomers. The web site of Pickleball states that once you have played this game, it is very likely you will come back to play again and again. In other words, you can play well enough to have fun and get exercise, and then of course your skills will continue to improve. That's when the real fun begins.

It is played at the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center, every Tues. and Thurs. from 1–3 p.m. in the Schloss Gym and some Sundays from 1:30–3:30 p.m. There is no fee and the equipment is provided. Four people play at a time and instruction is available. Give it a try. You will be very pleased with the experience you have, being a part of the newest court game that provides you with too much fun and exercise at the same time. Hard to believe? See you on the court. Questions? Call Ellen Shevitz: 317-253-0567 or 317-730-0939. ✨



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# Dedication of the Chabad Center in Carmel, Ind. on Purim 5775



Rabbi Avi Grossbaum leads the community in a dedication ceremony of the new Chabad Center celebrating Purim – and his birthday – as its first event. (See more information in the editorial on p. 3.) Photos by Scott Romer.



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# The 2nd Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival

A live, real Jewish wedding will be featured as The 2nd Season of the Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival brings a collection of films ranging from Ingrid Bergmann's starring role in *A Woman Called Golda*, to *The Chosen*, starring Robbie Benson, now a film production professor at Indiana University. *Above and Beyond* relates the story of unbelievable Jewish *chutzpah* of Jewish-American war pilots who smuggled aircraft out of the US and flew them during the 1948 Israeli War of Independence.

These are three of the nine Jewish movies of this year's Festival which presents topics that raise significant issues, touch the heart and demonstrate true heroism. The Festival begins April 23 and concludes May 3. The feature-length films will be shown in five locations. The Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival joins about 60 other Jewish film festivals in the US.



"Our committee, made up of members of Congregation Beth Shalom and non-Jews, selected films that are entertaining and thought provoking. All of the films offer new insights into the human condition and especially the Jewish heritage and living in the Mideast," said executive producer and founder of the Festival, Indianapolis community leader and attorney Robert Epstein.

### Relight your wedding vows at a real Jewish wedding

The movie *Crossing Delancey* tells the romantic story of a New York City bookstore owner (Amy Irving) who eventually finds her true love. You can find or reaffirm your true love in a real Jewish wedding ceremony during the Festival's Gala, Sun., April 26 at the Indianapolis Central Library. The wedding will be officiated by Rabbi Stanley Halpern. The ceremony and Gala includes a *klezmer* band and *kosher*-style food. *Crossing Delancey* will be shown following the wedding ceremonies.

### Nancy Spielberg tells how *Above and Beyond* was produced

Nancy Spielberg, producer of *Above and Beyond*, will join the Festival to tell the

story of the *making* of the story of Jewish-American war pilots who smuggled war planes from the US and flew them in the 1948 Israeli War of Independence. The film combines interviews and stunning aerial footage. Nancy Spielberg is the sister of renowned film producer Steven Spielberg. *Above and Beyond* will be screened Wed., April 29, at the Indiana History Center.

### *The Jewish Cardinal* – A contradiction in terms? – discussion follows

*The Jewish Cardinal* tells the amazing true story of Jean-Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish-Jewish immigrants, who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew even after converting to Catholicism at a young age and later joining the priesthood. Quickly rising within the ranks of the Church, Lustiger was appointed Archbishop of Paris by Pope Jean Paul II – and found a new platform to celebrate his dual identity as a Catholic Jew.

Following the film, Father Rick Ginther and Rabbi Aaron Spiegel will lead a discussion of Vatican II which opened dialogue between the Catholic Church, Jews and other religions. The film will be shown with discussion at Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd St.

To review the entire film schedule go to [www.indianapolisjewishfilmfestival.com](http://www.indianapolisjewishfilmfestival.com). ★



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# Obituaries

**Ruthie Haber Rifkin, 71**, a long time Indianapolis resident, passed away Feb. 11. She was born on March 1, 1943 in Zomba, Malawi Africa to Kalman and Lily Haber, Holocaust survivors who had been forced to flee Austria during World War II.

She was a graduate of Cornell University with a degree in child development and education. Ruthie had a lifelong dedication to Jewish education and Jewish causes. She served as Director of the Early Childhood Education Program at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) for many years while also establishing and serving as the Director of Camp K'ton, the day camp program at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI). Previously Ruthie taught elementary school in Chicago and ran a recreation program for children who had been burned in Minneapolis at the Hennepin County General Hospital.

Ruthie and her husband, Rob, were instrumental in implementing the local Russian Resettlement Program through National Council of Jewish Women, which recruited and trained volunteers to help welcome the new Jewish immigrants to Indianapolis.

She is survived by her beloved family, her husband Robert, of 46 years, daughter Danielle (Juan) Weksler of Boulder, Colo.; son Jordan Rifkin of Indianapolis; mother Lily Haber; grandchildren Bella, Gabriel, Eve Weksler and Kalman and Owen Rifkin and sisters Debbie and Suzanne Haber.

Funeral services were Feb. 15 at IHC. Memorial contributions may be made to GUCI, 9349 Moore Road, Zionsville, IN 46077 or IHC Early Childhood Program. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

**Rickie Sue Star, 60** of Indianapolis, passed away Feb. 17. She was born in Syracuse, NY Dec. 1, 1954 to Nathan and Gladys Cornfeld. After graduating Phi

Beta Kappa with a degree in Mathematics from Indiana University, Rickie worked with her husband for over 30 years in their lawn and garden business, Henthorn Mower. She was a member of SDT Sorority, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, and a founding member of the M.O.R.O.N. Club of Indianapolis.

Rickie loved antiquing and garage sale shopping, earning herself the moniker "Junk Queen". She also liked riding scooters, but most of all; she enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene; daughter, Jennifer (Russell) Colburn; brothers, Michael (Melissa) and Arthur (Haydee) Cornfeld; and father-in-law, Alex Star. Rickie was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service were Feb. 22 at the **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Every Dog Counts or FACE Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic.

**Illanea M. Solomon Fishman 88**, of Indianapolis, passed away Feb. 19. She was born Jan. 9, 1927, in Chicago to John and Alice Solomon. Illanea was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Edward H. Fishman; and her mother, Alice Solomon Wise. Illanea worked as an event coordinator for several non-profits early in her career. Later she became an antique dealer and the owner of Illanea's Antiques and Gifts in Broad Ripple.

She is survived by her son, John Fishman (Vickie); daughter, Sandra A. Milne; sister, Jacqueline Gershman (Mort); grandchildren, Josh Fishman (Jennifer), Nicole Milne, and Erica Olivetti (Jordan); and 4 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Feb. 27 in the IHC South Cemetery, 100 W. Kelley Street. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

**Gail Londe Tate, 69**, passed away Feb. 22. She was born in Indianapolis to Arthur and Shirley Londe on Nov. 8, 1945. After graduating from Broad Ripple High School, Gail attended Indiana University. Since 1980, she and her husband co-owned M.G. Tates, an award winning home accessories and stationery store. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and the Board of Lakes of the Crossing.



Gail is survived by her husband of 43 years, Mark Tate; son, Peter (Tweedey) Zaft of Franklin, Tenn.; step-son, Hunter (Liz) Tate of Laguna Beach, Calif.; two grandchildren; and sisters, Ann (Neil) Kerwin and Lisa Londe. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Maury Zaft in 1969.

Funeral services were held at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on Feb. 24 and burial followed in the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Daisy Baker Zaft Children's Library Fund in care of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com).

**Lois S. Tarshes, 82**, of Indianapolis, passed away Feb. 23 at St. Vincent Hospice, after a brief illness. She was born March 9, 1932 to William and Rose Sneider in Asbury Park, NJ. Lois was a homemaker and volunteer for several philanthropic causes. She enjoyed traveling, knitting, and dancing. She graduated from Indiana University.

She is survived by her husband, Seymour "Sy" Schwartz; son, David (Deborah Kerdeman) Tarshes of Seattle; daughter, Debra (Steven) Catton of Indianapolis; grandchildren, William and Jamie Catton; stepchildren, Mark (Arlene) Schwartz of Dallas; Steven (Sharon) Schwartz of St. Louis; Helene (Mark) Rosen of Charlotte, NC, and Marla (Doug) Rubenstein of Indianapolis; and step-grandchildren, David, Lauren, Trevor, Jeremy, and Trey Schwartz, Adam, Kayla, and Jenna Rosen, and Julia and Ryan Rubenstein. Lois was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Leonore Sager; and brother, Robert Sneider.

A funeral service was held at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on Feb. 26. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Prevail Inc. or St. Vincent Hospice. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com).

**Alan I. Rubenstein 90**, of Indianapolis, passed away Feb. 23. He was (see Obituaries, page IN 14)



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born July 16, 1924 to Joe and Lillian Rubenstein. He graduated from Senn High School in Chicago. Alan proudly served in the U.S. Army/Airforce in the 492 Squadron in the China Burma India Theater during WWII. Alan was a long time member of Etz Chaim.



He married his sweetheart, Sally Franco, on Sept. 8, 1946. In 1957, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Monroe Alt, he founded Crown Plastic Cover Company. Later in 1971, together with Sally and his sons, Alan owned and operated Alan's Jewelry and Loan in Anderson, Ind.

He is survived by his sister, Marilyn Arrove; his children, Jerry (Pam) and Steven (Carolyn) Rubenstein, and Robin (Rick) Weiss; grandchildren, Joe (Jen) and Alan Rubenstein, and Haley and Alayna Weiss; great-grandchildren, Alex (Morey) and Maggie Rubenstein; several nieces and nephews; and his much beloved canine companion, Max. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Sally; and brother, Earl Rubenstein.

Funeral services were held at the **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on March 1. Burial followed in Etz Chaim Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choosing in lieu of flowers.

**Sandra "Sandi" (Perk) Friedson, 70**, of Louisville, passed away Feb. 26 at her residence. Sandi was a native of Indianapolis and a graduate of Indiana University, where she completed her undergraduate and master studies. She was an educator with the Indianapolis School System for 32 years, teaching elementary school levels and academically talented children. Sandi was very active in the Jewish & Louisville communities and organizations where she received many commendations and awards.

She is survived by her husband, Barry Friedson; her brother, Bill Perk (Carol) of Eaton Center, NH; her children, Jeff Friedson (Christine) of Aberdeen, NJ, Ilene Currier of Tampa, Fla. and David Friedson (Debbye) of Collierville, Tenn.; and a grandson, Jason Friedson.

Funeral services were March 1 at **Herman Meyer & Son** with burial following in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Cemetery North. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus, P.O. Box 35425, Louisville, KY 40232-9892 or JFCS, 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205.

**Rav Emanuel (Mendel) Gettinger zt"l**, father of Rabbi Yisrael Gettinger of

Congregation B'nai Torah, passed away *Shushan Purim* in Chicago where he had been residing at his daughter's home.

He was the first Rabbi of Young Israel of the West Side in New York City and served the Congregation for almost 60 years. He also served with great devotion as the president of Ezras Torah and led the Derech Chochma Yeshiva Education Network.

In his youth, he learned at Yeshivas Rabbeinu Chaim Berlin in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was a student of the Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Yitzchok Hutner zt"l. Rav Gettinger studied astronomy at Columbia University and was expert in music as well.

Rav Gettinger was married to Rebbetzin Rochel Gettinger, a daughter of the famed Rav Naftali Zvi Yehuda Riff zt"l and a great-granddaughter of the Netziv (Rav Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin of Volozhin.)

Rav Gettinger, a brilliant Torah Scholar, authored his magnum opus, *Menach Yoma*, which has groundbreaking insights into the opinion of Rabbeinu Tam regarding "bein hashemashos" (twilight.) Rav Gettinger spread Torah for many decades and impacted the lives of numerous people who were influenced by his wide-ranging Torah knowledge and depth of his caring heart.

The funeral took place March 8, at the Young Israel of the West Side in New York City. Burial was in Israel.

He is survived by his wife, Rebbetzin Rochel Gettinger; his sister, Rosilyn Eichen; his three children, Rav Refoel Moshe Gettinger, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Medrash Chaim in Lakewood, NJ; Rav Yisrael Gettinger, Rav of Cong. B'nai Torah of Indianapolis; and Mrs. Sarah Ungar; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Florence K. Sendrow**, of Philadelphia, passed away on March 5. She was the mother of Rabbi Benjamin (Arlene) Sendrow of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla in Carmel, Ind. Other survivors include her husband Arthur Sendrow; son David (Lisa Coco) Sendrow; grandchildren Lauren, Evan, Sam and Rachel; and sister Ada Bentman. She was preceded in death by her brother Morton Kaplan.

Arrangements entrusted to **Platt Memorial Chapels, Inc.**, Cherry Hill, N.J. Funeral services were held March 8 and burial followed at Crescent Memorial Park. Contributions can be made to firstbook.org and Congregation Shaarey Tefilla.

**Annette Wides, 87**, passed away March 13. She was born in Indianapolis to Max and Rose (Yourman) Klein on June 11, 1927.

Annette is survived by her son and

daughter-in-law, Jerry and Susan; grandsons, Ryan and Sam; and sister, Helen Smith. Annette was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; and sister, Sylvia Levinsky. Graveside services were March 16, in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Arrangement by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

**Klaudia Bukhvostova, 77**, of Indianapolis, passed away March 13. She was born in Vinnitsa, Ukraine to Rosa Surisman and Mikhail Kurtzman on July 25, 1937. A graveside service will be held Monday, March 16th at 2 PM at the Indianapolis Hebrew North Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

**Marcia Anne Klapper, 53**, of Carmel, passed away March 13. She was born in Indianapolis to Margery and Richard Klapper on Dec. 3, 1961. Marcia was a graduate of North Central High School. She also earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Early Education from Indiana University. Marcia spent 17 years working as the Director of Early Childhood Education and Summer Camps Program at the Jewish Community Center. She was also active in the AYS After School Programs in Hamilton County.

Marcia is survived by her parents; siblings, Jon and Michael (Denise) Klapper; nephews, Jordan and Drew Klapper; and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

A funeral service was held at the **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on March 15. Burial followed in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to IHC or the charity of the donor's choice. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com). ✨

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As Rose Fell said when asked about what the Bloomington Jewish community needed, "We're different from other groups. They are often interested in the physical things – swimming pools, basketball courts – while our activity is on the religious and intellectual level."

In May 1965, the Fells and several prominent Jewish residents of Bloomington formed the University Jewish Community (UJC), affiliated with the Indiana University Hillel. That was the beginning of what today is a vibrant 200-household congregation, known since 1982 as Congregation Beth Shalom, with three different *minyanim* (prayer groups), *Gan Shalom* (a pre-school attended by Jews and non-Jews), a religious school, varied adult programming, and an active social justice component, and more.

Beth Shalom, located on Third St. and Smith Rd., between University Baptist Church and St. Thomas Lutheran Church, has become prominent to the city's 1,000 or so Jews as a house of learning, prayer, and friendship. It has faced many challenges, including a devastating fire bombing by neo-Nazis in 1983. It is a remarkably diverse community, with Jews of very different backgrounds and practices who celebrate holy days and lifecycle events, and support each other during times of death and mourning. Board of Directors President Sue Swartz, a Beth Shalom member for 19 years, calls Beth Shalom "big tent Judaism!" As Rabbi Brian Besser, the congregation's spiritual leader since 2012, puts it, "all of our programs and activities combined are not what make Beth Shalom so special (and they are multiple and varied, especially for a community the size of ours). It's the underlying love that we bear for each other – the way we come together to support each other in times of need and to share our *simchas* together in times of joy."

The culmination of the celebration will be a Gala, May 15–17, weekend honoring  
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EDITORIAL

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Egypt Inside

This I confess to myself:
I have taken Egypt with me.
I've kept myself a slave to grief and loss,
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I have set myself up as taskmaster,
Driving my own work beyond the limits
Of reasonable time and common sense.
I've seen miracles from heaven,
Signs and wonders in my own life,
And still wait for the heavens to speak.

God of redemption,
With Your loving and guiding hand,
leaving Egypt is easy.
Leaving Egypt behind is a struggle.
In Your wisdom,
You have given me this choice:
To live in a tyranny of my own making,
Or to set my heart free to love You,
To love Your people
And to love myself.

God of freedom,
help me to leave Egypt behind,
To hear Your voice,
To accept Your guidance
And to see the miracles in each new day.

Blessed are You, God of wonder,
You set Your people on the road
to redemption.

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• A 1960s theme party that took place
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Beth Shalom's 50th anniversary events,
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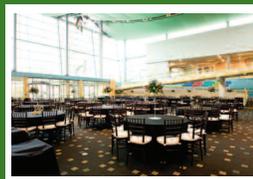
Eric Goldsmith and his daughter, Reed,
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At whatever table we find ourselves reclining, the object of and commandment fulfilled by each seder experience is, of course, the vivid retelling of the grand Exodus pageant. And whereas unbiased narrative historiography is the customary method of chronicling bygone events, critical historical analysis is *not* the principal medium through which the collective memory of the Jewish people is kept alive. Indeed, while scholarly historiography always recounts in third-person plural terms – *they, them, theirs* – our Passover *seder* is a unique observance in its first-person plural *reliving* of a group-memory. *We. Us. Ours.*

Surely no other historical occurrence has been kept so *personally* alive as our Exodus, and we owe the infinitely renewable vitality of our story to ourselves, having never failed to ardently nurture our first-person plural genetic memory.

As we learn through *Torah* study, our Hebrew Bible is unambiguous in commanding memory. Its injunctions to remember are unconditional and the Hebrew word *zachar* (remember) appears in various forms no less than 169 times. And just in case we fail to be absolutely

clear on the concept, the *Torah* often complements the “remember” imperative with its partner command, “do not forget.”

But as Columbia University’s Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi wrote, “collective Jewish memory is not about the historicity of the past, but its eternal contemporaneity.” Our tradition, in other words, is *not* a dusty obsession with antiquity, but rather our unique ability to personalize and *contemporize our memories*, thereby constantly *remaking* and *reforming* Judaism as a living thing.

At *Pesach*, we exemplify this by observing the Mishnaic command *b’chol dor vador* – in every generation we Jews must see ourselves as if we went out of Egypt. For in that phrase lies the latent power of the *Haggadah* to move our hearts. Through *seder* ritual, liturgy, and even culinary elements, we internalize our Exodus with personal ownership of the pain of slavery, the struggle for liberation, and the ecstasy of freedom. Through *seder* magic, we effortlessly reach across millennia to slip our feet into Israelite sandals as one unified people. And through our *seder* tradition, wherever and with whomever we observe it, we again demonstrate to ourselves our stubborn determination to keep this Judaism of ours very much alive. *Chag sameach!*

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in Hebrew even, that would have been miracle enough.

P5 (the baby brother): If all we did was sit together, eat so much, read and sing in Hebrew even, and if I had found the *Afikomen* this time, that would have been a miracle.

P6 (the guy from *Shule*): If all we did was sit together, eat so much, read and sing in Hebrew even, with our little *Barrele* finding the *Afikomen*, that would have been enough, but with me getting to be part of this whole thing, that is what I call enough a miracle.”

And on, and on, round the table, each person repeating the last appreciation and adding yet one more, hitherto unmentioned appreciation-worthy something...until it’s enough, already.

It’s a loving competition. So, if someone doesn’t remember all the things that were recounted or has too much trouble finding the *Afikomen*, everybody can help. Next year, may we all find the *Afikomen*.

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## 34th Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND. — Opening April 11th on the campus of Purdue University is the 34th Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference (GLHRC) with a film about Irena Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker who saved the lives of 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw ghetto. This year the conference centers on what Jews and non-Jews remember about the Warsaw ghetto and what ruins and artifacts remain.

The conference theme is “What Remains,” and all events are free and open to the public. **The conference website is [www.glhrc.org](http://www.glhrc.org).** All weekend conference events will be held in the Krannert Auditorium on East State Street in West Lafayette, Ind.

### Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Presented by the GLHRC Committee is the free showing of *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*, a Hallmark film about the Polish Catholic social worker. The film will be shown in the Krannert Auditorium. A discussion will follow. The film was released in 2009, and is 95 minutes.

### Sunday, April 12 – Sessions throughout the day

Registration for the conference’s traditional opening session on Sun., April 12, will begin at 1 p.m. in the Krannert Auditorium. Convenient and free parking is available in either the Grant Street or Wood Street garages.

At 1:30 p.m., proclamations by the mayors of Lafayette and West Lafayette open the event followed by a memorial candlelighting ceremony with area residents who are Holocaust survivors or their children. The conference co-chairs, Sarah Powley and Lowell Kane, will then present two local educators with grant checks as recipients of the Rabbi Gedalyah Engel Education Award. The award is named in honor of the late Hillel Foundation director who founded the conference in 1981.

At 2:30 p.m., the conference’s 9th Annual Rabbi Gedalyah Engel Lecturer, Prof. Michael Meng, will present, “Layered Memories in Postwar Warsaw as a Ruin.” Meng is an Associate Professor of History at Clemson University. He is the author of *Shattered Spaces: Encountering Jewish Ruins in Postwar Germany and Poland*. Prof. Meng will discuss, from 1945 to the present, several important attempts among largely non-Jewish Poles to remember and reflect upon the history of

Warsaw’s obliterated Jewish past in the prewar district of Muranów.

From 3:30–3:45 and 4:45–5 p.m., during the breaks between speakers, attendees may move to the Krannert Drawing Room to view an exhibit of World War II artifacts, the Nazi Postal Collection: Holocaust materials related to stamps, covers, postcards, letters, bank-note forgeries, and manuscripts from concentration camps and Jewish ghettos. Danny Spungen, a collector and philatelist, hosts this exhibit, which is owned by the Florence & Laurence Spungen Family Foundation of Santa Barbara, Calif.

At 3:45 p.m., Norm Conard and Jack Mayer from the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in Ft. Scott, Kansas, will present, *Life in a Jar – The Irena Sendler Story*. Norm Conard is an educator and the executive director of the Irena Sendler Project and the Milken Center. Jack Mayer is a pediatric physician who has written short stories, poems, and essays about his years in pediatric practice and hiking the Long Trail in Vermont. He is the author of *Life in a Jar*. They will discuss the “discovery” of Irena Sendler by Norm’s students, the research for and publication of the book, *Life in a Jar*, and the impact of the Life in a Jar Project on education in Poland.

From 5–6:35 p.m., the film, *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*, will be shown again in the Krannert Auditorium.

At 7:30 p.m., the Sunday session traditionally concludes with Holocaust survivors sharing their personal stories. A panel of Holocaust survivors and philanthropist Danny Spungen will share the impact the Holocaust has had on their personal lives.

### Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

A local high school’s drama club members are presenting *Life in a Jar*, directed by Stella Schafer. McCutcheon High School students first presented *Life in a Jar* in 2009 and collaborated with some of the original cast members in 2011 to present *Life in a Jar* at the Children’s Museum in Indianapolis – an unprecedented production combining the original cast and students from another high school. As a result of the collaboration, Norm Conard invited the McCutcheon students to tour the Midwest to present Irena’s story. With a rotating group of students who are committed to help repair the world, the McCutcheon cast, *Life in a Jar*’s “second generation,” has presented in several areas of Indiana. This presentation is open to the public. Voluntary donations to the Life in a Jar Foundation to benefit the elderly in Poland who risked their lives to save Jewish children will be appreciated. The play will be presented in the Dan Kinsey Auditorium at McCutcheon High School,

4951 Old U.S. 231, Lafayette. Enter the front entrance of the building.

### Tuesday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m.

The conference typically includes a workshop for educators on teaching about the Holocaust. This year the workshop will be held in Purdue’s Discovery Park in the Discovery Research Learning Center. It features a special presentation of *Life in a Jar* and a discussion of Holocaust education led by Jack Mayer and Norm Conard. The 2014 recipients of the Engel Education Award for Holocaust Education will also discuss their projects. This workshop is supported through funds from the James F. Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship at Purdue University and is presented at no cost to participants. Box dinners will be supplied by Roger and Cathy Bauer and Michael Bauer of SUBWAY of Lafayette, Bauer, Inc. Limited seating. Contact Conference Co-Chair Sarah Powley for more information, [powleys@comcast.net](mailto:powleys@comcast.net).

A major priority of the conference committee is to encourage and fund the teaching of the Holocaust in today’s schools in Tippecanoe County. This is the second year that educators could apply for grants up to \$2,000 to support classroom projects that address issues related to genocide, discrimination, bullying, human rights, the Holocaust or lessons to be learned from the Holocaust.

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For more detailed information, visit the conference website at [www.glhrc.org](http://www.glhrc.org).

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### Saturday, April 11, 7:30PM

Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University, 403 W. State Street, West Lafayette, IN

**Film: The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler**  
Hallmark, TV-PG, 2009 | 95 min.

### Monday, April 13, 7:00PM

McCutcheon High School (Front Entrance), 4951 Old U.S. 231, Lafayette, IN

**Performance: Life in a Jar**

### Tuesday, April 14, 4:30PM

DLRC, Purdue University, 207 S. Martin Jischke Dr., West Lafayette, IN

**Workshop for Educators (Life in a Jar)**  
Preregistration is required.  
Contact Asta Balkute, [abalkute@purdue.edu](mailto:abalkute@purdue.edu).

### Sunday, April 12, 1:30PM

Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University, 403 W. State Street, West Lafayette, IN

#### Opening Session

**Rabbi Gedalyah Engel Lecturer: Michael Meng**  
Layered Memories in Postwar Warsaw: Muranów as a Ruin

**Norm Conard and Jack Mayer**  
Life in a Jar / The Irena Sendler Story

**Spungen Exhibit: Postal Evidence of the Holocaust**  
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**Film: The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler**  
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7:30 PM, A Conversation with Local Holocaust Survivors

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Sidney Mishkin's book, *The Unvarnished Torah: Observations, Questions and Answers of a Jewish Lawyer*, has been published by IBJ publishing and is available for sale in the Gallery of Judaica at Beth-El Zedek.

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