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The Bureau of Jewish Education Dalet Class of 2015

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The Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis eighth grade class of 2015

Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...



Sidney and Lois Eskenazi (above) for receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash Awards from Governor Mike Pence. Sidney and Lois are recognized philanthropic leaders in Central Indiana. In 2011, they contributed one of the largest gifts ever made to a public hospital in the United States, when they contributed \$40 million for a new hospital and medical campus now known as the Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Hospital and Eskenazi Health. The hospital and health campus opened in December 2013. The couple has donated to other causes such as the Indiana University Herron School of Art and Design. Herron School's Eskenazi Hall dedicated in 2005 honors that gift. Sidney and Lois learned early the importance of philanthropy from Sidney's father **David Eskenazi** and uncle, **Naphtali Eskenazi**. The Sagamore of the Wabash is one of the state's highest individual recognition awards and is given to those who have rendered distinguished service to the state and contributed greatly to Hoosiers statewide.

Jeff Linkon on being named the new Regional Director of KIO – BBYO.



"I am humbled and honored to have been recently named the new Regional Director for BBYO's KIO Region, serving teens in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. As a former local, regional and national teen leader, and college campus activist, I know firsthand, the incredible impact BBYO has on its participants. Whether fostering individual leadership skills, strengthening connections to the Jewish community via participation in meaningful Jewish programming, or facilitating opportunities to establish strong friendships with other Jewish teens that often continues beyond high school and into their college and young adult years, BBYO plays a signifi-



Martha Gelb on turning 101 on May 23.

cant role in helping to ensure the future continuity of the Jewish people. I look forward to the opportunity to mentor BBYO teens throughout the KIO Region as each one navigates his/her own personal journey towards making Judaism meaningful in their lives."

L'shalom, Jeff Linkon, jlinkon@bbyo.org



Sheila Greenwald (L), Liebert I. Mossler Award winner, with outgoing JFGI President **Paul Kraft**.

Sheila Greenwald (above) for being honored with the Liebert I. Mossler Community Service Award at the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis on June 10. It was presented to her by Paul Kraft.

Sheila was recognized by International BBYO for her dedication and service to the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization of over 50 years of service to Indianapolis BBYO with the KIO inaugural Distinguished Service Award at the Regional BBYO-KIO Convention held in Indianapolis this past December. This came with a special surprise as the local BBG chapter was named in her honor. **Sheila Greenwald B'Yachad BBG #43**. It was a wonderful evening spent with many alumni and friends joining in this celebration.

Cy Orentlicher (right), son of **Judy Failer** and **David Orentlicher** tied for 22nd in this year's National Spelling Bee

Drew got a kidney!

In late May a kidney match was identified for Drew and she underwent successful transplant surgery. Her family reports that their prayers have been answered because she is doing wonderfully. The surgery has made a complete difference in her life.



Drew, age 12, a Jewish child in Indianapolis, had been suffering from a rare disease since age 6. Alport's Syndrome causes hearing loss, eye problems and kidney failure. Drew had attended Hasten Hebrew Academy until she was too weak to complete full school days. Her condition worsened last summer requiring her to need daily dialysis.

On dialysis, she was still feeling tired and low on energy. Now she is able to play with her friends without tiring and is much happier.

The family wants to stress the importance of organ donation and to encourage others to put this on their Driver's License. Because of the generosity of a young man (see Drew, page IN 3)



The Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Confirmation Class of 2015.

in Washington, D.C. A recent graduate of the Hasten Hebrew Academy, this was Cy's second time to compete at Nationals.

Naomi Farahan, daughter of **David** and **Victoria Farahan** who is one of only 14 students accepted into the Ernie Pyle School of Journalism at Indiana University for this fall.



(see Mazel Tov, page IN 5)



Editorial

Recently I received a request from our longtime columnist Miriam Zimmerman, a Holocaust educator who has lived her adult years in the San Francisco Bay Area but was born and raised in Terre Haute, Ind. She thought she began writing her column in 1985 which would make this year her 30th anniversary of writing for us, but she wasn't sure. She wanted to know if there was an easy way to check on this.

Since we have all of the old editions published on the IUPUI website: (www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalscholarship/collections/JPO), it was pretty easy to type "By Miriam Zimmerman" in the advanced search box. The result was 72 places that had those exact words, and it showed her first column was published Aug. 28, 1985. The headline was "Jewish Singles Computer Matchmaking". After reading that column, it seems as though nothing has changed.

In the column, Rabbi Peter J. Rubenstein, of Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo is quoted. What is needed is a place, like a "coffee house, where singles can meet without social pressure," he says. "Singles don't necessarily want to be in situations where they meet only other singles, Rubenstein says. "There is tremendous anxiety about being perceived as 'here to meet someone' that occurs in 'singles only' groups...." He said his congregation has been successful offering programs for young professionals both singles and couples in a setting that is not competitive and not purely social.

The next issue that had a column by Zimmerman was Dec. 11, 1985. When looking through that issue, I came across my father Gabriel Cohen's, z"l, editorial page that had the following subjects: Jonathan Pollard spy case, genetic testing, 15 Lubavitch rabbis serving Orthodox congregations in the U.S., and how to respond to anti-Semitism. Again I'm thinking, 30 years have gone by but nothing has changed.

Below in italics is an excerpt from his Editor's Chair about responding to anti-Semitism. If one wants to read about the other subjects mentioned above, go to page 14 of the following link: <http://in.diamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/JPO/id/48075/rec/30>

OUR MANAGING EDITOR, Gregg Birnbaum, was upset. He had an encounter with anti-Semitism, and he wanted to talk about it. At a local boxing match, someone directly behind him, accused the referee of being a "f—ing Jew!" You don't at a boxing match say things under your breath – you call them out as loud as your lungs will permit.

In any event we discussed how one reacts

DREW

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who had agreed to be a donor, Drew received the gift of a full life. Most likely, other's lives were saved by those who received his other organs. The family believes that according to Jewish law it is okay to donate an organ to save a life, but not for experimental purposes only.

We here at the *Jewish Post & Opinion* wish Drew and her family mazel tov on this special blessing and wish Drew continued improvement in her health – *bis a hundert und zwanzig*. ☆



to situations like this. They happen today less often than in the past, but still they happen. Our suggestion was that he turn politely and say something to the effect, please forgive me, but I happen to be Jewish, and whether the referee is Jewish or not is not important. You are maligning a whole people without any real knowledge. The reaction of the shrieking person could be anything, but what is important is to confront him. He probably could be taken aback, and if not apologize at least feel guilty – especially if he was any kind of a person at all.

We have some background in this particular area. In our halcyon days (so long ago) we were a professional boxer, having fought as a youngster as an amateur, and then on the boxing team at the University of North Carolina. The fight promoters in Louisville wanted to be sure that the Jewish fans would come out when we entered the ring, so they bill us not as Gabriel Cohen, which certainly should have been enough to identify my religion, but insisted that I take the name of Abie Levy, and that is the name my boxing license showed.

At the fights, the women especially would call out "Kill that Jew." Well, they didn't kill this particular Jew. We won nine straight fights, and only the 10th when they put in a ringer against us, an opponent who was 15 pounds over the weight limit for my class – featherweight – ended in a draw.

Now the question is, were those who were enjoying themselves enough to want to see me knocked out, and hollering "Kill that Jew," really anti-Semitic. We doubt it, I certainly wasn't bothered. We enjoyed disappointing these fans. But they paid their money, and if this was the way they got their money's worth, we couldn't care less.

In any event all of us are nonplussed about how to respond when we heard a wayward anti-Semitic remark. We know what to do when someone facing us deliberately attacks our integrity by bringing up our religion – then you either confront the situation or walk away. But the indirect remarks not aimed at you individually – do not ignore them, but take them in stride and try to

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respond in a way that might teach your adversary a lesson.

I trust that one would not hear "Kill that Jew" at a boxing match today, but I don't know. One reason that might not be heard currently is that boxing now has very few Jewish contenders. Hopefully there has been some improvement in the past 30 years so there would be less need for the advice above.

Jennie Cohen, June 24, 2015 ☆

Community Events

Jewish Lawyer's Luncheon Group

This group meets for lunch at noon usually on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Shapiro's downtown. The next meeting will be **Wed., June 24**. Judge Margret G. Robb will be the speaker. Other upcoming lunches will be held **July 22** with Judge, Gary Miller; **Aug. 26** with Greg Silver; **Oct. 28** with Rick Kammen on Guantanamo; and **Dec. 16** with Professor Rob Katz on The Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Zeff Weiss was the founder of the group. For more information email: marvinm@mhdmlaw.com

Heartland Film at the JCC

Thurs., June 25, at 7 p.m., in the Laikin auditorium of the JCC. *Frank vs God* was a favorite at last fall's Heartland Film Festival. \$9/\$6 for members. For more info go to www.jccindy.org or call 317-251-9467.

Rotstein family farewell Kiddish luncheon

On *Shabbos*, **June 27** at Congregation B'nai Torah after davening. Rabbi Mordechai Zvi and Esti Rotstein and their family are moving to Denver. In order to show them our appreciation for all that they have done for the community over the years, the *shul* is hosting a goodbye luncheon.

Shalom Baby Shower

Sun., June 28 from 2–3:30 p.m. We're welcoming the newest and youngest members of our Jewish community – the babies! You provide the babies ages newborn to 2 years old. We'll provide the snacks, baby baskets filled with cool swag for your little one, a crowning ceremony, and a guaranteed good time. This is an opportunity to meet other new parents who are just as exhausted and have just as many photos on their phone of their little ones as you! RSVP by Friday, June 26 at www.jewishindianapolis.org. For more info contact Patti Freeman Dorson at 715-9273 or pdorson@jfgi.org.

PJ in the Park Play Dates

Mondays at 10 a.m., at Holliday Park **July 13, August 10**. Your children will love PJ Library's Play Dates in the Park! Fun activities include story time, music, and snacks. Siblings are welcome. RSVP to Inna at pjlibrary@JFGI.org.

BJE Adult Education Community Summer Series

From 7–8:30 p.m., on three Wednesdays beginning **July 15**: Mrs. Miriam

Gettinger, teaching *The Ethics of Our Ancestors: Pithy Quips for Life Practices*; **July 22**: Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow and Brett Krichiver will team up to teach *Tisha B'av: Remembering, Lamenting and Learning for Today*; **July 29**: Rabbi Paula Winnig and George Kelley teaching *Forgive and Forget? What is the Jewish Obligation?* The series costs \$25 for all three classes or \$10 for each class. No pre-registration is necessary. For more info contact Rabbi Paula Winnig at 255-3124 or Pwinnig@bjeindy.org

Indiana Jewish Historical Society Family History Research Day

Thurs., July 16 from 9:45 a.m.–noon and 1–4 p.m., at the William H. Smith Memorial Library at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. Get a 'how to' on family history with time to research IJHS and other archives in our library. Staff from IHS will be on hand to help you and give behind-the-scenes tours of the Archives and Conservation Lab. This special day is open to ages 12 and up with a special interest in genealogy and collections related to Jewish life in Indiana. This program is free, but seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register in advance at tickets.indianahistory.org or call (317) 232-1882 for more information.

Hadassah Book Club

This month's Book Club will be **Mon., July 20** at 7 p.m., hostess is Freddie Kasseff and facilitator is Myrna Fang. The book will be, *The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure*. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com or the Hadassah office at 475-4278. New office administrator is Leslie Barrick and new office hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri., from 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Hadassah's summer trip

Thurs., July 23, leaving the JCC at 10 a.m., returning 2:30 p.m. Trip to the Indiana Historical Society Museum to view the L.S. Ayres Exhibit with a behind the scenes tour. Cost \$25 for transp., admission and special tour. Lunch on your own and we will be stopping at BRICS ice cream in Broad Ripple on the way back to the JCC. Space limited so reserve your spot now. Call the office 475-4278. Payment is due by June 30.

Israeli Movie night

On **Mon., Aug. 10** at 7 p.m., the movie *Gett: The Trial of Vivian Amsalem* will be shown at the JCC, Room A25. An Israeli woman (Ronit Elkabetz, one of Israeli cinema's most acclaimed actresses) is seeking to finalize her divorce from her

cruel and manipulative husband. She finds herself effectively put on trial by her country's religiously-based marriage laws, in this riveting drama from sibling directors Shlomi and Ronit Elkabetz (*Late Marriage* and *The Band's Visit*). Movies are free of charge and popcorn and drinks are provided. A discussion follows the movie. Reserve your seat at www.jewishindianapolis.org. For more information contact Roy Swisa at shaliach@jfgi.org or 317-800-9350.

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.

Pickleball at the JCC

Tues. and Thurs. from 1–3 p.m., and **Sun.** 1:30–3:30 p.m. in the Schloss Gymnasium (small gym). Stop by for open play to try out this latest sport. It's a cross between table tennis, tennis, and badminton. We'll go over the rules and some preliminary teaching. Feel free to bring your own paddle and balls. Some will be available for checkout at the East Desk.

Saturday morning services followed by Kiddish and luncheon and Sunday morning Tefillin Club – Ongoing

Starting at 10 a.m. on **Saturday** for services and lunch follows. Starting at 9 a.m., on **Sunday**, get your week off to a great start! *Tefillin* – feed your soul; Breakfast – feed your body; Study – feed your mind. No experience necessary. Women are welcome too!

Both located at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 W 96th St, Carmel. For more info contact 251-5573 or www.lubavitchindiana.com.

JCC Farmer's Market summer hours

Every Sunday from 10 a.m.–1 p.m., outside in



the front parking lot of the JCC, until Sept. 27, 2015. Shop Indy's only regularly-scheduled SUNDAY market for fresh local produce, baked goods and dairy products. Vendors include Weber Farms, Wild Alaska Salmon, Shamrock Farms, Humboldt County Tea, Indiana Microgreens, Anna Belle's Garden, Lucy's Bakery, Pastries Chef and a dozen others. ✨

MAZEL TOV

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Noah Steiman-Cameron (below), son of **Debbie** and **Tom Steiman-Cameron**, grandson of **Shirley Efroymsen-Kahn** for graduating from Chapman University in southern California with a BFA in Film Production and a minor in Computer Science.



Rabbi Audrey Pollack

who will be leaving Temple Israel in West Lafayette, Ind., after 13 years and relocating to the Solel Congregation in Mississauga, Ontario, following their founding rabbi and Rabbi Emeritus, Lawrence Englander.



In a span of one week, **Moriah Atlas** (below) graduated from University High School with Highest Honors, her brother **Ari Atlas** graduated from Hasten Hebrew Academy and their parents **Debra Luffer Atlas** and **Pierre Atlas** celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary May 31. Moriah is also a former graduate of The Hasten Hebrew Academy.



Congratulations to Cum Laude Society member Moriah Atlas. L to R: Moriah, brother Ari, father Pierre Atlas, grandmother Cindy Luffer, mother Debra Luffer Atlas and grandmother Nicole Treves.

Ivan and **Marcy Ekhaus** on their new grandson, **Micah Gabriel** (right) born on April 23 to their daughter, **Miriam**

Ziskind and her husband, **David** who live in Atlanta. He has an older brother Ezra who turned 2 in March.

Max Harp (below), son of **Charlie** and **Cindi Harp** played Nick Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the spring play put on by North Central High School (NCHS) Theatre. It was directed by Nathan Shewell and assisted directed by NCHS Senior Allie Wineland. William Shakespeare wrote the play. Max also got the Digital Media Arts Department Outstanding 2nd Year Student of the Year Award from J. Everett Light Career Center at NCHS. Max is off to the Honors College at Ball State to study Telecommunications.



Max Harp as Nick Bottom in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

JoAnn Morris for being honored with the William Van Osdol Eminent Healer Award for her work with the homeless.



Micah Gabriel Ziskind with older brother Ezra who is 2.

JoAnn is a nurse practitioner who works for HealthNet in the Homeless Initiative Program. She provides healthcare to the homeless of Marion County by going into the alleyways, doorways and under bridges to meet with her clients. She was nominated by her peers and chosen from the other nominees by Dr. Van Osdol who will be giving her the award at a dinner on June 24.

Alex Lande (below) graduated from the College of Technology at Purdue University with a degree in Building Construction Management and a concentration in Health Care Construction. He will be working for Walsh Construction and living in Chicago. Walsh has him assigned to a hospital project as a Project Engineer.



Back row: aunt Cheryl and uncle Phil Lande, and cousin Marty Lande. Front row: aunt Joan Slavin, mother Beth Lande, sister Jen Lande, Alex, father Jerry Lande, grandmother Ann Lande, and uncle Rick Slavin.

BRICS owners **David Vonnegut-Gabovitch** and **David Dubow** on the 5th anniversary of Broad Ripple Ice Cream Station which they celebrated on May 31st by giving away free ice cream. The two David's met at a Bar Mitzvah party and have been friends ever since. Their ice cream comes from Sherman Ice Cream, a 100 year old company located in South Haven, Mich. Deliveries are made fresh every week, and there are always 24 permanent flavors and 12 rotating ones. (See ad below.) ✨

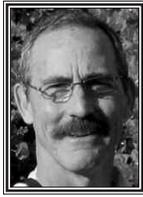
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Jewish prayer wheels of compassion



BY BILL STRUBBE

To the east of the dining room on Kibbutz Ein Hshofet, just below the cylindrical grain silo in one of the old chicken runs, Micah and Ayelet are busy making prayer wheels; Micah works on a lathe in the back room, while Ayelet concentrates etching Hebrew lettering onto one nearly completed. Prayer Wheels are not something one would expect to find being produced on a highly secular *kibbutz*, but times have changed over the decades with several kibbutz members now wearing *kippas*, weekly yoga classes and *Torah* studies, and several practicing Buddhists, Micah and Ayelet among them.

Micah Strauss, in his early 40's, and his partner Ayelet Cohen, from Kibbutz Yechiam both believe it was destiny for them to create prayer wheels together. In early 2009, the Tibetan Buddhist teacher, Garchen Rinpoche, was conducting a seminar in Israel and, explains Ayelet, "Garchen held a prayer wheel that was effortlessly spinning, with gold lettering and a crystal on top. Micah and I both looked at each other and knew we needed to make one." Within several months they had constructed their first wooden one; the inception of their home business.

"Making prayer wheels is among the holiest thing a Buddhist can do; to spread joy, love and compassion," Micah explains. "For seven kilometers in every direction, all beings are freed from the lower levels and from seven rebirths. Just to see a prayer wheel is a huge blessing."



The workshop tables and shelves display their hand-held models, table-top prayer wheels, small necklace versions, as well as wooden *dreidels*, bowls, candle holders, boxes, rings, and wall ornaments. The table-top versions are particularly striking, some egg shaped with delicate spires; others cylindrical of plain wood, etched, or



Micah Strauss and Ayelet Cohen with their hand made prayer wheels.

stained with color. The necklace prayer wheels run about \$25-\$30; hand-held and table top ones are priced from \$100-\$300.

A variety of woods are employed, including local olive wood, cherry, walnut, mahogany, African walnut, scrap wood from the nearby forest, and purple heart wood with a lovely lavender tint. In one corner of the shop stand pieces of wood, which take about two years to fully dry.

Micah explained the curious synchronicity of how shortly after they began making prayer wheels, a friend from the neighboring *kibbutz* Mishmar H'Emek, approached them to ask if they would like some copies of microfilm printed with Buddhist mantras of compassion. Within one frame of film are some 11,000 seven-line mantras.

"It was such stroke of luck, or karma," Micah says as he showed me the large roll of microfilm. Pieces of the film are cut, rolled up tight and placed inside each prayer wheel. Inside each Buddhist prayer wheel are about 10,000,000 to 50,000,000 mantras.

Among the prayer wheels, I spot several etched with crosses, others with Hebrew or Arabic lettering. A couple years ago, Micah and Ayelet made the decision to expand the concept into other faiths, where prayers wheels were not historically part of the tradition. Inside the Jewish prayer wheels is written the Shema or Ana B'koach prayers. In the Christian ones, it's the Lord's Prayer in Greek and Latin. They will create a prayer wheel for any spiritual faith requested.

Non-Orthodox Jews have reacted well to the prayer wheels; a woman in Caesarea has made multiple orders for gifts; many are shipped to New York. Micah showed a Jewish man of the

Breslever tradition the prayer wheel and he loved the idea, but said they must not write anything holy on the outside, and that the prayer inside the necklace version must be properly sealed and protected so

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Obituaries

Nelly Kagan, 72 of Indianapolis, passed away May 21. She was born in Siberia to Arkady and Leah Kagan on September 15, 1942. After graduating as a Registered Nurse from the Medical College of Kishinev, Nelly worked as a surgical nurse throughout the Soviet Union in military hospitals. She attended Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

Nelly is survived by her sons, Vadim (Irina) Averbukh and Max (Jane Charney) Averbukh; grandchildren, Ron and Yayel Averbukh and Lina and Natan Averbukh; sister, Svetlana (David) Weinstock; and sister-in-law, Rakhel Averbukh.

Funeral services were held May 24 at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Fannie "Frances" Gross, 86, of Munster passed away on May 21, 2015. She was born Oct. 3, 1928 to the late Sarah and Harry Greenbaum. She is survived by three devoted children: a son Howard (Kathy) Gross, and two daughters, Barbara (Robert) Green and Rosalie (Terry) Zarowny. She was blessed with 10 loving grandchildren: Dr. Allison (Drew) Dupont, Michelle (Matt) Debevec, Adam Gross, Jared, Jason, Dr. Steven and David Green, and Eric, Jordan and Evan Zarowny; five great-grandchildren; two sisters: (Sylvia Rothfeld, Lillian Sladnick); and one brother, (Sol Greenbaum). She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Alex "Blackie" Gross; and brother, Will Greenbaum.

Grave side services and burial were May 26 at Temple-Beth El Cemetery in Portage, Ind. Donations can be made to Hooverwood Nursing Home Guild (Indianapolis) or Alzheimer's Association. Fannie was a member of Congregation Beth Israel, Hammond Ind. She was actively involved in CBI Sisterhood and Hadassah. Arrangements

by Burns-Kish Funeral Home in Munster, Ind., www.burnskish.com.

Joseph (Joe) Smith, 89, of Indianapolis passed away May 23 at his residence. Born in Indianapolis Aug. 30, 1925 to Louis and Ethel Safrin Smith, Joe grew up in Noblesville, Ind. He graduated from Noblesville High School and served in the U.S. Army during WWII. After he was honorably discharged from the army in 1945, he returned home and went to work with his father in the family business. They owned and operated Louis Smith and Son, a scrap metal company in Noblesville, now re-named Lusco Corporation, where he served as President for many years. Joe worked there his entire life. He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Beth-El Zedeck Men's Club and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Helen Klein Smith; daughter, Marla Schneider; son, Karl (Ilene) Smith; and grandchildren, Andrea and Jason Schneider, and Gabriella R. Smith. Funeral services were at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on May 26. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in memory of Joe. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Anyuta Rak, 91 of Indianapolis, passed away May 25, 2015. She was born in the Ukraine to Michael and Ida Kaiser Rak on Feb. 2, 1924. After receiving her Bachelor's degree in literature from The University of Uzbekistan, Anyuta taught high school students and tutored them in preparation for college.

She is survived by her daughter, Ellen Zagarjevski; son, Alex Kotlyar; sister, Maria Rak; grandchildren, Nick and Andrew Zagarjevski, Yana (Robert) Bray; and Gregory and Vera Kotlyar; and five great-grandchildren. Anyuta was preceded

in death by her husband, Sergey Kotlyar.

Funeral services were held at the **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on May 29 and burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood.

Dottie Newman, 92, a kind and loving wife, mother and grandmother died on May 26. Born in Ligonier, Ind., on Dec. 3, 1922, "Dottie" was a graduate of Ligonier High School and the Moser Business College in Chicago.

Dottie worked in the jewelry business and was a department manager and oversaw many of the company's operations. In Indianapolis, she was a hostess for Welcome Wagon, welcoming new residents to Indianapolis. Her early business experience was instrumental in founding Guides and Gals, a touring company in Indianapolis. The company allowed her to use her creativity and business acumen. Guides and Gals served a niche in the Indianapolis hospitality industry.

In addition, she was an active volunteer in the Gary and Indianapolis communities where she was a board member and officer in the local chapters of the National Council of Jewish Women, Temple Israel and IHC Sisterhoods.

Dottie was affectionately called "St. Dot" as she was always there to support her husband with his career as the Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Indianapolis. Her proud roots in Indiana and her kind and sweet disposition served her well. She was a wonderful matriarch of her family and showered her children and grandchildren with love and support. She will be remembered for her clever Rummikub skills and her loving and caring personality. A special thank you to her "friend" Sherry Mays who cared for her and loved her for several years.

Dottie was married to Frank (d 2011) for 65 years and is survived by her children, Robert (Jan) Newman of Hillsborough, Calif., Terry (Richard) Bernstein of St. Louis and Nancy Reiter of Indianapolis. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Lauren, David and Julie Bernstein and Jessica Reiter (Brent) Gottlieb and Katie Reiter.

Funeral services were held at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) on May 28 and burial followed in the IHC North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions appreciated to Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence at www.arnmortuary.com.

Jerome "Jerry" Tamler, 87, life resident of Indianapolis, passed away May (see Obituaries, page IN 9)





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Jewish Lawyer's Luncheon featured Judge Margret Robb

Judge Margret G. Robb was the guest speaker at the next Jewish Lawyer's Luncheon Group on Wed., June 24 at Shapiro's downtown. She was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana in July 1998 by Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Judge Robb graduated Magna Cum Laude J.D. from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and is a graduate of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges. In 2011 she began a three year term as Chief Judge; the first woman to hold that position in the Court's more than 100 year history.



She has been an officer of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Fellows of the Indiana State Bar Foundation, Tippecanoe County Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis Alumni Association and the Bankruptcy Section of the Indiana State Bar Association. She has also been a Board member of the Appellate Judges Council of the American Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Foundation, the Senior Council Section of the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association and the Appellate Judges Education Institute.

She is a member of the American Bar Foundation, American Judicature Society, a Master Fellow of the Indiana State Bar Foundation and a Senior Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation. She is a frequent speaker on legal topics for attorneys, other judges, and professional, civic and community organizations.

Judge Robb authored "Reflections of Baseball, Life and the Law" in the Indiana State Bar Association's journal, *Res Gestae* and "Running Bases, Winning Cases: Why the Grand Old Game of Baseball is like the legal profession" in the ABA's journal. She also authored a chapter on Supreme Court Justice Leonard Hackney in, *Indiana Supreme Court Justices*, and co-authored a chapter, "From Juvenile Courts to Family Courts," in *Essays on Indiana Legal History*. ✨

Cantor Emeritus Zalkin to present program at Indiana Historical Society

Cantor Bob Zalkin has been awarded the 2015 Frank Basile Storytelling Fellowship, to research, develop and present his new program "The Golden Land", the stories and songs of 2 million Jewish immigrants to the USA, 1880-1924, at the Indiana Historical Society on Nov. 7, 2015. Cantor Bob is planning this as a multimedia production, with klezmer music and images from the period, as wells as his stories and songs.



Cantor Bob's other recent storytelling achievements include: Indiana State Fair Liars Contest, 2014, First Prize; Becoming the first, and probably the only professional storyteller to have performed on all 7 continents of the world: North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and yes, Antarctica, as part of his service as Jewish clergyman on cruise ships.

On Oct 10, 2015, as part of the *Shabbat* service at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck,

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he will present "Songs and Stories for *Shabbat B'rayshit*". *Shabbat B'rayshit*, the Shabbat on which we again begin the yearly cycle of Torah readings, is indeed a special time. The opening statement of "Let there be light" is replete with paradox and hidden meaning. Cantor Bob will explore these using the deep intuition of story and song, an exploration aimed primarily at the heart, as well as the brain. Come and be stirred by stories and songs of the Baal Shem Tov and Levi Yitschok of Berditchev. Cantor Bob will be accompanied by Charles Manning. ✨

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30 with his beloved family by his side. Born Dec. 13, 1927 to Nathan and Anna Tamler, he was a graduate of Manuel High School, attended Indiana University, was a US Navy veteran and a member of: Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, B'nai B'rith, Monument Masonic Lodge, Beth-El Men's Club and Jewish War Veterans.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Gabrielle (nee Finkel) Tamler; his children, Lisa (James) Bales of Westfield and Nathan (Joey) Tamler of Northbrook, Ill.; grandchildren, Alex, Colby Bales and Mara, Anna Tamler; sister-in-law, Gail (Victor) Clark and nieces, Laurel Clark and Abra (Nick) Johnson.

Funeral services were June 2 at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**; burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or to a favorite charity of the donor.

Evelyn "Lynne" Claire Waldman, 77, passed away May 31, 2015 after a battle with cancer. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Lynne was born April 11, 1938 in New York. While she spent more than half of her life in Indiana, Lynne's heart never really left New York. She was quick to tell a new friend that she might live 'here', but she's from New York. "You can take the girl out of New York; but you can't take New York out of the girl!"

Evelyn met the love of her life, Edward Waldman, for the first time when she was 13 years old. Their love was destined, because they reconnected again when she was 20 years old. Ed and Lynne married in 1961 and had three boys. Ed was a jeweler and he and Lynne owned Waldman Jewelers (across from North Central High School) for many years before Ed's retirement. Lynne worked very hard through the years helping her husband with the jewelry business and working as a realtor and broker/appraiser in Indianapolis. Lynne also loved life and lived it to the fullest. She had a passion for acting and was very involved in local theater, including Theater in the Woods, when it was open. She also wrote and performed Mystery Plays in Nashville, Ind.

Lynne was a Cub Scout leader for her sons. Some might call her legendary, because 40 years later her scouts still talk about how much fun they had with her. She was the 'cool mom.' Lynne was also a devoted swim mom, spending 12 hours on the pool deck cheering on her sons and turning around to do it all again the next day.

She and Ed were world travelers, having traveled to every continent in the world. Their travel brought them both much joy. They also traveled the United States

and enjoyed more than a few tailgate parties at Indiana University in their RV. Most recently, Lynne was involved in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation's Mitzvah Stitchers, knitting hats and scarves for the homeless. She could also be found each week at her aqua-jog class at the Jewish Community Center.

Lynne is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Waldman. She is survived by her sons Scott Waldman (Toby Stark), Doug Waldman (Debbie) and Mitch Waldman (Daniel Troppy); Becky Waldman; as well as her grandchildren Monya, Chase, Joshua, Joseph, Sammy and Reyna. Services were held at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** on June 3, and graveside services were at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge, N.J. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.

Louise R. Levine MD, 70, was born June 8, 1944 and passed away on June 6, 2015.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Neil Levine MD; children, Michael (Melissa) Levine, Jonathan (Angie) Levine; grandchildren, Danielle, Meredith and Charlotte Levine; and brother, Martin (Florence) Richman. Louise was a clinical research physician with Eli Lilly for 31 years, retiring in 2006. Funeral services were held on June 8 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). Memorial contributions may be made to IHC or to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Theodore "Ted" A. Shonfield, 81,

passed away on June 7. Ted was born in Muncie, Ind., on May 16, 1934 to Raymond and Pearl Shonfield. He was a graduate of Muncie Burriss High School and a 1956 graduate of Indiana University, where he received his degree in psychology. Ted served in the US Army, where he was a First Lieutenant.

During his long career Ted worked for Howard Sams Co. in New York and Chicago. Later, he started IIT Institute, which was originally named Sams Technical Institute and his last position was for National Chemsearch, an industrial chemical company, where he worked for 47 years.

Ted loved cars, music and playing piano. He was a member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity and a long time member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. He is survived by his loving family; his wife, Deanna Mae Phillips Shonfield; daughters, Julie Stachovic of Dallas, and Laura J. Emery of Fishers, Ind.; and grandson, Theodore Emery. Ted was preceded in death by his first wife, Nyla Kay Shonfield; and his



sister, Amelia "Amy" Fisher.

Funeral services were held on June 10 at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton County Humane Society or to American Cancer Society.

John "Jack" S. Green, 96, of Rushville and Indianapolis, passed away on June 7. He was born Oct. 17, 1918 to the late Daniel and Frances (Sexton) Green in Rushville. John graduated from high school in Chicago in 1936 and then from Purdue University. He then joined the Army and was a World War II veteran.

John married Barbara Blacklidge after the war on Aug. 14, 1948 and she preceded him in death. John married Joan Carmichael Ludington May 26, 1989 and she survives.

John and Barb raised four children: Daniel Green of Rushville, Robert (Barbara) Green of Indianapolis and members of Congregation B'nai Torah, David (Susan) Green of Rushville, and Patricia (Dean) Dearing of Rushville. John also had ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by step-sons Tim Ludington of New Mexico and Jim Ludington Rushville.

Throughout his life, John had attended St. Paul United Methodist Church and Main St Christian Church. He was a member of the Elks Lodge. He was also a member of the Chicago Club, Racket Club, and member of the Rushville City utility board many years. He also worked for the Rush County National Bank for 50 years. John was an avid photographer, hunter, fisherman, golfer and sport shooter. John would go on to win two state championships shooting skeet.

In addition to his first wife Barbara, he was also preceded by his daughter-in-law Betty Busald Green. A Celebration of Life was held on June 11 at **Todd Funeral Centre & Crematory**, with pastor Sam Davenport officiating. Burial followed at East Hill Cemetery in Rushville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rush County Community Foundation 117 N. Main St Rushville, IN 46173, "Betty" Green & Barbara Green Scholarship Fund. Online condolences at: www.ToddFuneralHome.com.

Leonard Jay Weiss, 66, life resident of Indianapolis, passed away June 13, 2015.

Jay was born to Ben and Eunice Weiss on Feb. 23, 1949. He worked in his family's business, Lee's Package Liquor, located at 811 N. Illinois, for many years. Jay is survived by his three sons, Shane Labuzan, Justin Weiss and Jeremy Weiss; sisters, Myra Riley and Gloria Harris and a large loving extended family. His wife Nancy preceded him in death. Funeral services were held on June 18 in **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. ✨

Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

The Final Redemption

What does the *Torah* tell us about the coming of *Moshiach* (our righteous Messiah) who will usher in the complete and final redemption?

We will live forever. Even those who are no longer with us will come back to life. We will all lead good lives. No more evil. No more hatred, no more crime, no more war. If we look carefully, we can see already signs of this. One hundred years ago people lived for an average of 40 years. Now people live for an average of about 80 years. Crime rates are going down. The great majority of the nations of the world are working to bring peace and end war.

The *Torah* tells us that *Hashem* created the first man to live a completely good life and live forever. All of this changed when he sinned and ate from the Tree of good and evil Knowledge. As a result, from then on, until our final redemption, our lives are a mixture of good and evil. Instead of living forever, we grow old and die.

Modern biology is actually backing up what the *Torah* tells us. Science now holds that our bodies are capable of living forever. However, certain genes in each cell cause us to grow old. All of this will soon change with the coming of *Moshiach*. *Hashem* will remove the genes that cause us to age. We will all become young again and live forever.

In many areas we see now more good and less evil. For thousands of years the stronger nations of the world went to war to conquer the weaker nations. Their greed for power and wealth knew no bounds, and caused untold destruction and suffering. The Persian Empire tried to rule the world forever. They were followed by the Greeks, the Romans, and so forth. Seventy-six years ago the Germans and Japanese tried to conquer the world. World War II cost about 50,000,000 lives. I don't know how many were injured, and how much property was destroyed. World War II was followed by the Cold War. For 45 years the communists tried to conquer the world.

The great turning point was 25 years ago. We were witness to many miracles. Communism fell, with almost no bloodshed. Hundreds of millions woke up in the morning as free people, no longer slaves to communism. Today none of the superpower nations of the world want to conquer their neighbors! Even more amazing, the strong countries today are making big efforts to really help the weaker nations!

True, there is still fighting in several

places in the world. But here also we see a big difference. There is now a civil war in Syria. This war was not started by people greedy for wealth and power. It was started by good people willing to sacrifice their lives in order to overthrow a terrible dictator and his regime.

Who gets the credit for all of these amazing positive changes? First and foremost, all of our ancestors who lived a life of *Torah* and *Mitzvahs* for the last 3,800 years. Not only did they lead good lives, but they were a good influence on all of the other nations of the world. Three thousand eight hundred years ago all of the nations worshiped idols. Now most of them believe in *Hashem* (the one G-d) and try to live good lives.

The *Torah* teaches us that good is eternal. All of the good ever done has added up, and brought us very close to the finish line. The world is now ready for the final redemption, and it is already beginning to happen.

We believe that The Lubavitcher Rebbe is our long awaited *Moshiach*. The Rebbe and his followers have helped billions of people all over the world to live better lives, do more good deeds and come closer to *Hashem*. It is like a chain reaction. One person is influenced to live a better life. When he sees that his life is so much better he will work hard to pass on the good word and help others to lead better lives. Over time he will influence 100 more people to lead better lives. They will in turn influence 10,000 people to live better. These 10,000 will then help 1,000,000 people to live better lives, and so on. Soon another billion people will be leading better lives, doing more good deeds and coming closer to *Hashem*!

It is really happening! Our final redemption is really happening! And all of the *Torah* that we learn and good deeds that we do will make it happen that much faster and sooner. We want *Moshiach* now!

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

Seniors in Place

Early Music Festival

Sun., June 28, leave JCC 3 p.m. The Rose Ensemble. The land of Three Faiths: Voices of Ancient Mediterranean Jews, Christians, and Muslims. The result of years of intensive research and training, the program is at once sacred, secular, folk, and classical, embarking on a fascinating exploration of language, spirituality, and cultural exchange. RSVP to Janet, 251-8881. \$24 transp., program and refreshments.

Conner Prairie Star Spangled Symphony

Sat., July 4 leave JCC 5:30 p.m. Celebrate America's birthday with the ISO's annual patriotic performance and salute to our military service members. All the traditional favorites return including a spectacular fireworks show to cap off this concert. RSVP to Janet 251-8881, \$55 includes transp., dinner & show. Tables in front.

Concert on the Canal

Thurs., July 23, leave JCC at 5 p.m. IUPUI: David Mannell and friends Laura Hammer-Erhart, Becky Barton and Heather Hinton with special guest John Alvarado. Classic guitar music of Spain and Latin America/Disney Favorites. You may bring your own dinner or purchase food from the grille or café. RSVP to Janet 251-8881. \$16 includes transp. & seats at tables in front.

Beef House Dinner Theatre – 9 to 5

Wed., July 29, leave JCC 9 a.m. This is a new venture for us. The Beef House is in Covington, Ind. The play we will see is *9 to 5*, the musical. This is a hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era all the while being outrageous, thought provoking, and even a little romantic. RSVP to Janet, 251-8881. \$55 includes transp., lunch buffet and play.

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American in Israel

BY SIGAL TAVEL

My job in Israel

I once believed that high school would be the last time I had to wake up regularly before seven o'clock. How wrong I was.

At four in the morning, the only thing accompanying me on my way to work in Kibbutz Maagan Michael is the distinct sense that I shouldn't be awake. In fact, I am usually not fully awake until hopping on my bike to head down to the Refet (dairy farm), where the cool air of northern Israel at night punches me into alertness.

One might think it would be the smell that hits me every morning and wakes me up, but the scariest thing about working in a dairy farm is the apathy that develops in regards to cow excrement. Not only do I not notice it anymore, I now actually notice differences in the smell on different days. I've gotten my leg stuck in it and fallen into it. A cow pooped on my head as I was putting the milking machine on, but I just kept working. When I told my fellow



Tavel (R) and fellow kibbutznik on Kibbutz Maagan Michael.

Ulpanists later about the incident, they asked if I had been allowed to go home to wash the it off, and I found the idea so ridiculous that I laughed in their faces. No one is clean during milking time. Our heads are directly below the cows' anuses as long as the milking lasts. I've gotten so accustomed to cow poo that when a pigeon roosting on a beam in the ceiling pooped on me I was actually upset, despite the fact that the rest of my sweat-shirt was completely covered in feces.

Work in the Refet at Maagan Michael isn't just about cow poo. It's about every kind of cow-related malady imaginable. The amazing thing about working in the Refet, though, is that regardless of the work, you just do it. Chase young cows to divide them up while ankle deep in excrement? Done. Milk all the cows by yourself? Someone has to do it. Believe it or not, the fact that cow poo is such an important part of my life here hasn't

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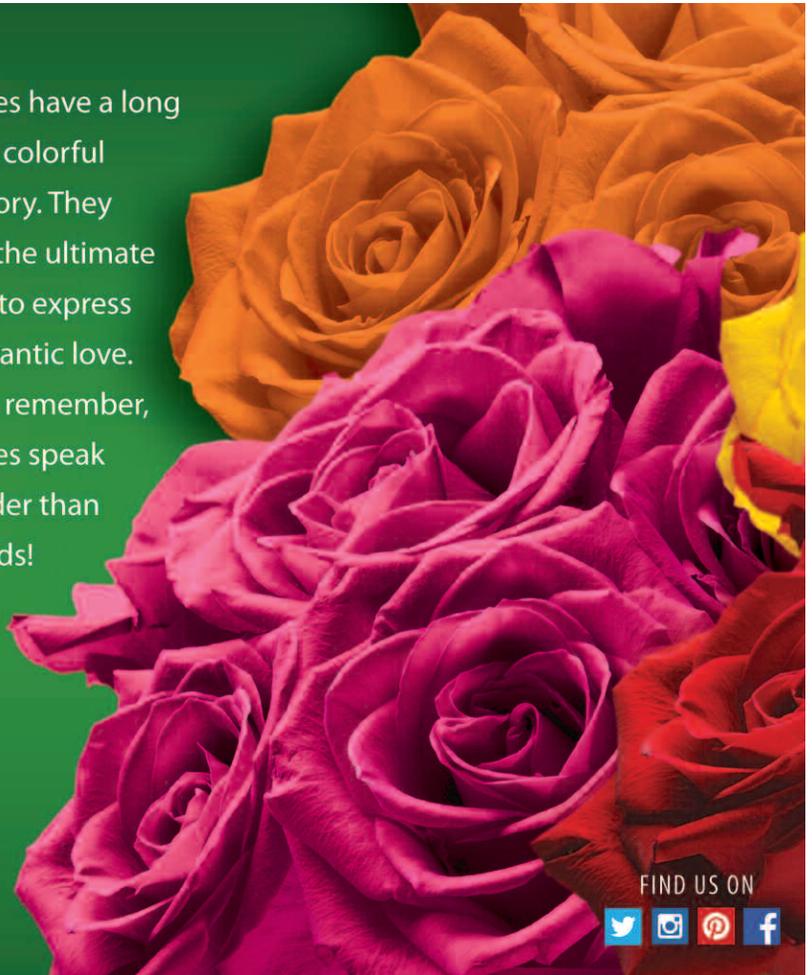
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Spirituality vs Religion

BY RABBI ALAN ALPERT

Over the years, many people have expressed a desire to be spiritual or more spiritual. They have made a distinction between spiritual and religious. They have defined religious as organized religion – rituals, practices, and beliefs. Spiritual is defined as something that is within me that I can feel with other people of different faiths. For them religions divide and spirituality unites.

For me religious and spiritual are synonymous. For me religion is a way of life. It is a way to organize our lives in a harmonious relationship with the self, the world, and with God. Religions are different because people are different. Even within Judaism we reflect a rainbow of concerns, beliefs, and actions. Over the centuries the problem is that many religious groups have declared that they have a monopoly on the truth. While there is religious extremism in the twenty-first century, there is a widespread belief that there are many paths to God. In fact, if we believe that God is infinite, how can we possibly try to limit God?

Rabbi David Hartman has praised finitude. He argues that no one can master all the knowledge and wisdom in the world. Since we are finite and limited we need to concentrate on our particular gifts, talents, and insights. Since we are Jews, we need to look into our traditions as our foundation. We join with other peoples and faiths and learn from one another.

So, how do we become spiritual, more spiritual, a better Jew, or a better human being? First, to be intentionally spiritual or religious is not a one-time event. Rather, it is a life long journey with peaks and valleys, certainties and doubts. It is not necessarily difficult or easy. It simply is. To realize our longings to be closer to ourselves, the world, and God, we need to begin anew. Even within Judaism there are many suggestions on how to fulfill our inner desires.

I have a simple suggestion. It starts with gratitude. We thank our Creator for our souls that are unique and beautiful. It recognizes that we have fears. They are the fears that when we go to sleep we may not wake up or may not wake up as ourselves. To deal with our fears and gratitude there is a simple prayer that many Jews say when they wake up in the morning:

“Modeh/modah ani lefaneicha melech chai v’kayam shehechezarta bi nishmati bechemlah – rabbah emunatecha.” I would translate this prayer as “I offer my deepest gratitude to the Living God who lovingly restores my soul to me when I awake. I am overwhelmed by God’s great faithfulness.”

It is very simple and takes less than a minute to say but it can be very powerful. From the beginning of the day we set the mood of humility, gratitude, hope, and trust. We start the new day acknowledging God and God’s love for us.

Moses ibn Ezea wrote, “Words from the heart enter the heart.” If we continually begin our days with *Modeh/modah ani*, I believe that these words from the heart will enter our hearts. We can feel our soul pulsating with invigorated life and purpose. With the restored soul we can struggle unafraid with all the challenges of life, and we can bring even greater blessings to ourselves, to the world, and to God.

Rabbi Alan Alpert serves Congregation B’Nai Israel in Muskegon, Mich. Reprinted from 6-24-09. ★



TAVEL

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ruined any aspect of the experience for me. It might even have improved it. There’s something satisfying about leaving work covered in what could be mud if not for the smell. If someone at breakfast after I leave work jokingly says “Sigal, you have a little bit of sh-t on your face”, it’s actually true. It’s something I’ve become proud of.

I’ve been in Israel for five months now. The Israel that I have experienced so far has not been the same Israel as the one I have heard described. The image I received in the United States of Israel is one of constant chaos and bloodshed. Instead, I have had one of my most rewarding life experiences being here. My life on the kibbutz has consisted of working in interesting environments, Hebrew learning and the creation of friendships. I have learned new skills and have worked at times of day that I would have never considered functional hours before. I’ve met new people and improved my language skills.

I look forward to my next stage of living

in Israel as I begin volunteer work on an ambulance with the Magen David Adom in Haifa. I’m making some big changes in scenery – from poo to blood. It seems that this is my year of new experiences, particularly regarding bodily functions.

Tavel is currently on gap year and will be attending Indiana University starting this fall. She can be reached at: sigamt@gmail.com. Submitted Feb. 27, 2015. ★



SENIORS

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Indians Baseball vs Toledo

Back by popular request. **Tues., Aug 11**, leave JCC 6 p.m. It’s time again for America’s Favorite Pastime. We’ve got our favorite seats. RSVP to Janet, 251-8881 to reserve your seat. \$29 includes transp., dinner, and game. ★



STRUBBE

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that it can be worn in the bedroom and the bathroom, as is in keeping with Jewish law. Micha also met with a *Chabad-Lubavitcher* rabbi who was encouraging and said that if one had one they “must never stop spinning the prayer wheel.”

When I asked how to keep making prayer wheels from becoming boring, Micah replied, “I try to remember beginners mind, what it was like when I made the very first one. It was so sacred and holy. I try to keep that attitude alive, and also remember that the prayer wheel I am making will be with one special person for many years.” Check out their website at: www.galgamaniartproject.com

Bill Strubbe is an international travel writer, journalist and photographer based in California. He has been visiting Israel for 40 years, and three years ago converted – twice! but that is another story – to Judaism and is making aliyah in September to live on his kibbutz. ★



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Temple Heritage Center Update

By ISAIAH KUPERSTEIN

It's been a long road since that first glimmer of an idea in October of 2011. And while we have much to celebrate, we still have some distance to travel.

I personally appreciate the work and dedication of many individuals who have all made our success possible. And, I personally want to thank the Board of the Temple Heritage Center whom I humbly serve as its president. Our current Board consists of the following individuals:

President Isaiah Kuperstein, Vice-president Jackie Nytes, Treasurer, David Resnick, and Secretary Tyson Domer. Board: Joseph Alpert, Mark Dollase, Leigh R. Evans, Alan Goldstein, David Kosene, Kevin Krulewicz, Phil Lande, Al Polin, Paul Richard, Ellen Rosenthal, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Rabbi Sandy Sasso, and Elee (Elizabeth) Wood.

The Temple Heritage Center, Inc., in partnership with Indiana Landmarks, has been leading efforts to rescue the endangered Beth-El Temple. The following is a brief update on our progress to date, and challenges we are addressing in the coming year. Here are a few of our important accomplishments:

1. Site control of the property and building was secured by Indiana Landmarks, with support from Temple Heritage Center board;

2. Completion of an architectural analysis and feasibility study for rehabilitation of the building by architectural firm Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf;

3. Raised matching funds of \$195,000 (\$110,000 from Efroymsen Family Fund of CICF, \$75,000 from individuals, \$10,000 from the Beth El Zedeck Foundation) to release \$100,000 committed by the City and Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation. These funds were used to complete a new roof and drainage system for the building this spring;

4. Developed a sophisticated fundraising piece titled Save This Sacred Space, including restoration renderings of the building completed by Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf;

5. Identified an end use for the building, including development of a mission statement, vision statement and initial goals. Our goal for the building is to serve the city's Mid-North area as a vocational training facility which we have named the Beth-El Center for Learning;

6. Secured non-profit and 501(c)3 status for the Temple Heritage Center organization, which allow for charitable, tax-deductible gifts from donors.

As we continue to address issues such as the building's condition, fundraising and

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Eric became a business owner after having worked off and on for several years at Goldsmith Group. Eric bought that business from his father in 2007 and started his own entity. In 2012 Indy Tech Pros moved to their current location at 5080 W. 38th St. 46254, behind the Red Lobster, 317/586-Tech (8324). It is in the International Marketplace in the revitalized Lafayette Square area. (See their ad below.) ✨

securing partnerships to implement a new use, the Board of Directors is committed to keeping you informed. If you are interested in contributing to our ongoing efforts to stabilize the Temple or implement a new vision, please contact Indiana Landmarks at 317/639-4534. Or you can communicate directly with me as well on any matter whatsoever. We appreciate your support for a landmark which is so symbolic of the diversity and heritage of the Indianapolis community. ✨

Rabbi Tiechtel gives invocation and benediction at Purdue graduation

On May 17, Rabbi Levi Tiechtel, the Chabad rabbi at Purdue University had the honor of delivering the invocation and benediction to the Purdue graduates of 2015. There were 12,000 people present. He received much positive feedback from faculty and students alike, and it increased Jewish pride in West Lafayette. Youtube has a video clip of the speeches. He can be reached at jewishpurdue@gmail.com or on their website: www.jewishpurdue.com. ✨



Host families needed for international students

By SHARON MOLTER

I am a LC, or Local Coordinator for CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange.) This coming year will be my fifth year hosting International Exchange Students here in America while they attend High School. My position as LC is to recruit warm, loving families to host these students hailing from countries such as Spain, Japan, China, Italy, Germany, Africa, Australia and many more.

Personally, I started hosting because my family nest was empty. If you have interest in loving and sharing your life with any of these spectacular young people, contact me at the address below.

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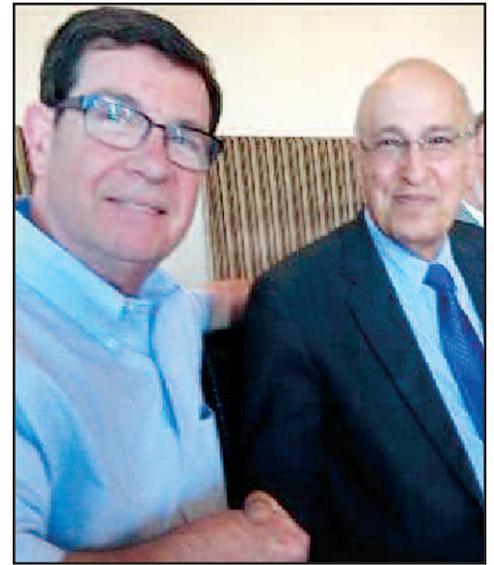
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Ali Abu Awwad (L) by Bishop Catherine Waynick and Shorashim Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger to left of Rabbi Dennis Sasso.



Rabbi Sasso with Nabil Saath, a senior Palestinian official.

Rabbi Sasso in Israel for peace

A few photos of Rabbi Dennis Sasso's trip to Israel with the **Partners for Peace Mission To Israel/West Bank**. Ministers and rabbis from 14 American cities and 10 faith traditions gathered in Israel to learn together about efforts to build the foundations for shared society, peace, and reconciliation among Israelis and Palestinians.



(L-R) Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Dr. Ruth Calderon educator and former Israeli MK, and Bishop Catherine Waynick, the tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis.



Yossi Klein Halevi, scholar and journalist, with Rabbi Sasso.

JCPA in Interfaith Partner for Peace Mission to Israel April 27–May 4, 2015

Bishop Catherine Waynick of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis and Rabbi Dennis C. Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck recently participated in the first cohort of "Interfaith Partners for Peace," a new initiative to explore ways to foster Israeli – Palestinian reconciliation and peace building.

The group consisted of 28 paired rabbis and Christian clergy from diverse denominations and was escorted by Rabbi Leonard Gordon, Chair of Interfaith Concerns for the Jewish Council of Public Affairs (JCPA).

The religious leaders travelled to Tel Aviv, the Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Ramallah and Bethlehem, meeting with top Israeli and Palestinian leaders, negotiators, educators and clergy, as well as with young leaders of grass roots organizations working to build peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.

Serving as Scholars in Residence for the group were the Rev. Peter Pettit, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian

Understanding and Associate Professor in the Religion Studies Department at Muhlenberg College in the Lehigh Valley, Pa., and Rabbi Yehiel Poupko, Rabbinic Scholar and Director of interfaith activities at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

In addition to conversations with more than three dozen Israeli and Palestinian scholars, political and religious leaders, the group encountered ordinary Israeli and Palestinian Jews, Christians and Muslims as they toured Christian and Jewish holy sites, studying scriptural texts related to the rich and ancient geography and history of the Holy Land. The Jewish and Christian Sabbaths were observed at a synagogue and church in West and East Jerusalem.

Rabbi Dennis Sasso commented, "I have visited Israel and the West Bank in the past, but this experience was unique because of the depth of sharing among the participants and the open and genuine engagement with Israelis and Palestinians across the political and religious spectrum. Even in the midst of a difficult geopolitical reality, we witnessed signs of hope for reconciliation and peace."

Bishop Waynick remarked: "We encountered a spirit of courage, revealed in grass roots efforts, which provides hope that these people will learn not only to tolerate each other, but to respect and care enough for each other to live in the peace they all desperately want for themselves and their children. My hope and prayer is that efforts such as Interfaith Partners for Peace can help cultivate a climate of support and encouragement for their efforts."

The trip was coordinated and staffed by Ethan Felson, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the JCPA and Hanna Dershowitz, Senior Policy Fellow and Director of Legal Affairs for the JCPA. ✨

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Honorees Dr. John Abrams (L) and middle school math teacher Matt Tucker (R). (This and group photo to right by Scott Romer.)



Arthur and, Dinner Chair, Gigi Marks Felscher.



Boris and Lana Fridman with Hart Hasten.



HAI technology teacher and volleyball coach, Michael Voskoboynik with Michelle Hershenson and Dr. Karen Vogel.



Israeli shaliach, Roy Swisa with Itamar Cohen and Diane Abrams.



Dr. John Abrams (standing) with some members of the Pacers' organization and other guests.

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