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Multi-cultural mosaic

The finished three-paneled Tree of Life mosaic (above) was created by local artist Joani Rothenberg and her Israeli cousin, Yael Buxbaum. They started it by making a gorgeous painting, and 4,000 people of diverse backgrounds and locations completed it by spending thousands of hours gluing matching glass tiles to it. The mosaic panels were dedicated on June 30, 2015 and are hanging prominently in the new maternity wing of Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya in northern Israel.

Previously, we have promoted the therapeutic (see Cover art, page IN 10)

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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Liz and Jack Firestone on the birth of their son **Morrison (Mo) Thomas Firestone** (below) on July 9. He is the first grandchild for maternal grandparents **Jamie and Ellen Gray** of Indianapolis. Paternal grandmother is **Mary Firestone** of Lafayette, Ind. **Doreen Gray** and



Marilyn Schankerman of Indianapolis are maternal great-grandmothers and **Wayne Firestone** of Lafayette is paternal great-grandfather. Mo is named after his great-grandfathers **Maurice Schankerman** and **Bill Gray**. He is happily welcomed by all family members, including aunts and uncles **Rachel Firestone, Jessica and Yoni Serfaty** and **Abbie Gray** and **Marty Lande**.

Dorit and Gerald Paul (right) on receiving prestigious German Government award. The Federal German government recognized their work with the Bundesverdienstkreuz or the Federal Service Cross. This award was presented in a ceremony held in Indianapolis in late March. The ceremony preceded a dinner given by the Indiana University Borns Jewish Studies Program in honor of the Pauls. The dinner was followed by this year's lecture in the Dorit and Gerald Paul Program for the Study of Germans and Jews. The Federal Service Cross recognized the Paul's wide-ranging charitable work, and specifically, their contribution to German-Jewish understanding represented by the Paul's unique lecture series, the only one in the U.S. devoted to German-Jewish history. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the series. In addition to recognizing the Paul's contributions, this



was the first time the award was simultaneously presented to a husband and wife. Both Gerald and Dorit came to the U.S. from Germany as young refugees from Nazi rule.



Rose Neubauer (left) turned 100 on Sept. 10.

Dina David-Smith on becoming the first Program Director for the new Holocaust Education Center of Indiana (see article p. IN 14). She has been a part of the BJE family since 1992.

(see Mazel Tov, page IN 9)



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Editorial

On Sept. 10, I got some surprisingly sad news. The sad part is someone I had known well when I was an impressionable age had died. The surprising part is that his passing was more than a year ago but I did not find out until now.

Rabbi Mark Shrager, z"l, had been the director of the Indiana University (IU) Hillel in Bloomington, Ind., from 1973–1989. He was a big influence on shaping the direction of my life as a Jewish adult, because that was when the foundation for my Jewish practice was being laid.

My parents had taken me and my seven siblings to synagogue every Saturday morning. That was before Indianapolis had a Jewish day school so we all had to also attend Sunday school and Hebrew school after school three days a week.

During my years in Bloomington, I was deciding whether or not I would continue on my own how I was raised or go in another direction. This was a time of student unrest on college campuses with ashrams and many other paths available for students to explore.

As soon as I read Rabbi Shrager's obituary, I emailed it to a few others who had become my friends from Hillel all those years ago. What I heard back were the same feelings as I was having. Here's one example:

*Dear Jennie, I was saddened to hear about Mark's death. I had not been in touch in recent years. He has often been in my thoughts though. He had a huge impact on my spiritual journey. He was a kind and generous man. His various congregations were fortunate to have him serve them for all of these years. I will remember him with great fondness. Bruce Ruben**

*Cantor Bruce Ruben recently stepped down after nine years of serving as director of The Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

As you can read in Rabbi Shrager's obituary on page 17, no mention of him serving in Indiana could be found anywhere. Wanting more details, I was able to connect with his sister Sara Beth Shrager on LinkedIn, by sending her a message with my phone number. She called me right away and was able to dictate information in italics below, originally published in the memorial book for the Rabbinical Assembly Convention held May 14, 2014 in Dallas.

Rabbi Mark Shrager was born Oct. 3, 1941 in Philadelphia and he died there on March 4, 2014. He graduated from Central High School in 1959. During high school he received a Jewish education at Gratz College in Philadelphia. He graduated University of

Pennsylvania in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Studies. For eight summers he was a staff member at Camp Ramah in the Poconos serving as a counselor and then overseeing camp counselors.

He was ordained from the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in 1969, when he also received a Masters of Hebrew Literature. He won prizes in Talmud at the seminary, and completed a special program in Pastoral Psychology.

After ordination, Rabbi Shrager served for a year as the assistant rabbi of Tifereth Israel in Columbus, Ohio. From 1970–1972 he served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force (USAF) at Kadena Air Force base in Okinawa, Japan. He attaining the rank of captain and on completion he received the commendation medal for meritorious service from the USAF.

Upon returning to civilian life he served as assistant rabbi of Adath Jeshurun Congregation in Minnetonka, Minn., from 1972–73. From 1973–1989 he served as rabbi and director of B'nai Brith Hillel in Bloomington, Ind.

While in Bloomington, Rabbi Shrager was well known for outreach to Indiana University (IU) and beyond, frequently giving guest lectures in a variety of courses, invocations at university ceremonies and speeches at area churches. He also began pursuing a Ph.D. in Folklore. He had completed his coursework and passed all the exams but was still working on his dissertation at the time of his death.

From 1989–1993 he was the rabbi of Beth Israel Congregation in North Adams, Mass. From 1993–2010 Rabbi Shrager served B'nai Abraham Synagogue in Easton, Pa., becoming rabbi emeritus upon his retirement in 2010. While in Easton, Rabbi Shrager was beloved by the congregation as well as the larger community. He joined different denominations of Judaism together in song and prayer in the Lehigh Valley by spearheading the establishment of a Jewish choir with members of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations.

He was a regular writer to the local newspaper, The Lehigh Valley Express Times and an editorial was written by their staff at the time of his retirement. It reads in part:

"During his 17 years as spiritual leader of B'nai Abraham synagogue, Rabbi Mark Shrager has used the sanctuary, the social hall, the classroom, interfaith meetings, and just about any venue available to bring insight to his worshippers – and to other members of the greater Easton/Lehigh Valley community. He understands the power of words and takes great pains to make sure he delivers every message clearly, responsibly and compassionately. And with love. Always with love."

Rabbi Shrager was known for his interfaith work in every community in which he

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served, making friends of clergy of all faiths and incorporating them and their church members in synagogue programs and other community programs. He also loved working with college students. In addition to serving as Hillel rabbi at IU, he worked with students at Williams College and Lafayette College when he served in North Adams and Easton respectively.

Rabbi Shrager was known for his sense of humor and was always ready to share a joke or humorous story. His sense of humor kept him going during his serious illness. In fact (see Editorial, page IN 13)

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 meetings will be **Wed., Sept. 30** with Fred Pfenninger on Reefer Madness and Marijuana/Cannabis/Hemp; **Oct. 28** with Rick Kammen on Guantanamo; **Nov. 18** with Jim Shella, Senoir Political Observer; and **Dec. 16** with Professor Rob Katz on The Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act. For more information email: marvinm@mhdmlaw.com.

Young Leadership Division (YLD) of JFGI Game Night with Hooverwood

Wed., Sept. 30 from 6–8 p.m. Join the residents of Hooverwood for their monthly game night. Contact Inna Kolesnikova-Shmukler at 715-9264 or YLD@JFGI.org for more information.

AARP Smart Driver Course

Thurs., Oct. 1 at the JCC from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., with a break for lunch. Refresh your driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver course. Participants will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and rules of the road and proven safety strategies. No tests, just a sign up and learn class. Some insurances allow a multi-year discount on car insurance upon completion of the class. For more info contact Christy Morris at 536-1475 or cmorris@jfgi.org.

Newcomers Dinner in the Sukkah

Thurs., Oct. 1 from 5–7 p.m. Weather permitting, the entire dinner will take place in and round the BJE *sukkah* in Celebration Plaza on the Max and Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus at 6705 Hoover Road. (If it is raining or exceptionally cold, dinner will be in Laikin Auditorium inside the Arthur M. Glick JCC.)

We would love for you to be our guest so that we might get acquainted by breaking bread and sharing in conversation with each other, our community rabbis and professionals, and with other newcomers to our community. If you were a newcomer last year, please join us again to help welcome those new since last September. We were all newcomers once! RSVP by going to the JFGI website at www.jewishindianapolis.org or by contacting Patti at connect@jfgi.org.

Hooverwood Guild Fall Luncheon and Raffle

Weds., Oct. 7 from 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Broadmoor Country Club, 2155 Kessler Boulevard West Dr. Fashion Show introducing cabi presented by Ilene Smith,

independent cabi stylist. Fabulous Raffle Prizes! Tickets are \$33. Vegetarian meals available upon request. For more information contact Babs Cohn at 844-9001.

Cantor Emeritus Bob Zalkin at Beth-El Zedeck

On **Sat., Oct 10**, as part of the *Shabbat* service at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Cantor Bob Zalkin 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.

Tot Havuarah

Sun., Oct 11 from 9–11 a.m. at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla 3085 W 116th St. in Carmel. New program for parent and kids not yet in religious school. Open to the entire community. For more info contact Andrea Leopold at office@shaareytefilla.org or 733-2169.

Second Sunday Concerts at IHC (Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation)

Sun., Oct. 11 at IHC, at 2 p.m. The first program of the year is Shawn Goodman Jazz Quintet. **Sun., Nov. 8** same time and place, Peggy Reich, piano will perform, "Travesia Musical". Free and open to the public. For more info call 255-6647.

Hadassah Book Club

Mon., Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. The book is *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. Hostess is Shirley Aprison. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com or the Hadassah office at 475-4278. Office administrator is Leslie Barrick and her office hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri., from 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Wed., Oct. 21 at 11:30 a.m., at the MCL in Carmel, 1390 Keystone Way. Learn about Jean Nidetch, founder of Weight Watchers. Presented by Rachel Johnson. For more info call Leslie Barrick at 475-4278 or email indianapolis@hadassah.org.

IHC Scholar in Residence Weekend with Dr. Joel Hoffman

Fri.–Sun., Oct. 23–25, Dr. Joel M. Hoffman focuses on bringing the Bible to (see Events, page IN 13)

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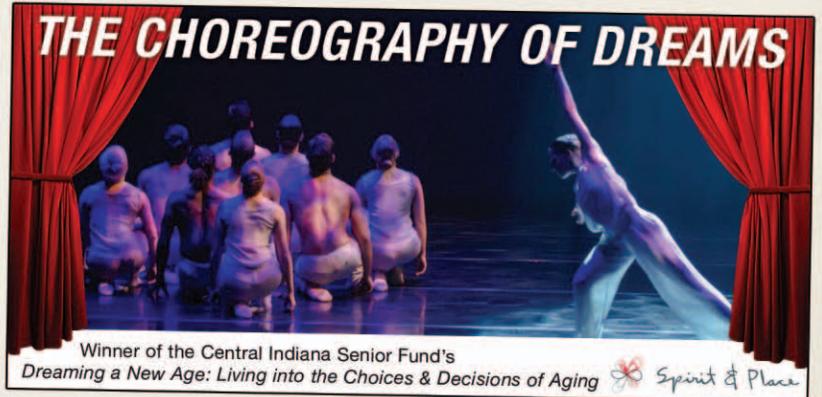
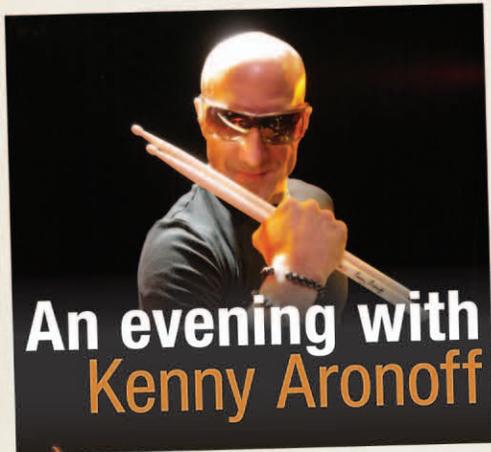
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Israel built a 9/11 memorial from Ground Zero wreckage

Israel's memorial to 9/11 is located in the 9/11 Living Memorial Plaza. Completed in 2009 for \$2 million, it sits on 5 acres of hillside, 20 miles from the center of Jerusalem.

The memorial is a 30-foot, bronze American flag that forms the shape of a flame to commemorate the flames of the Twin Towers. The base of the monument is made of melted steel from the wreckage of the World Trade Center, and includes an engraving in Hebrew and English. It was sent to Israel by the city of New York. This metal piece – like the entire monument – is a manifestation of the special relationship between New York and Jerusalem. Surrounding the monument are plaques with the names of the victims of 9/11. It is the only memorial outside the U.S. that includes the names of all who perished in the terrorist attacks, including 5 Israeli citizens. The site solemnly overlooks Jerusalem's largest cemetery, Har HaMenuchot. The monument is often used for memorial and commemoration services. It is a powerful memorial from a powerful ally.

Photos and story submitted by Rivka Rose Horowitz, Houston. ☆



Butler University Lecture Series presents Eva Mozes Kor

On Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall proudly presents Auschwitz survivor and founder of CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, Ind., Eva Mozes Kor.



Mrs. Kor emerged from a trauma filled childhood to become a vivid illustration of the human spirit's power to overcome. Her display of fortitude, forgiveness, and hope for future generations to never forget the past makes her a shining example of humanity at its best.

Eva was Butler's 2015 Commencement speaker and was awarded an honorary Butler degree. Tickets are free but must be picked up in advance at the Clowes Memorial Hall Box Office. For more information call or email Jennifer Dewitt at jdewitt@butler.edu or 317-940-6475. ☆

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Poem for the New Year

BY REUVEN GOLDFARB

Jews! Yidden!

What if *Pesach* came on *Rosh HaShanah*,
and we had to clean out our *chumatz*,
do *t'shuva*, and eat *matzah*,
all at the same time?

What if *Purim* ever fell on *Shabbos*,
and we were commanded
to drink so much *Kiddush* wine
that we forgot the distinction
between friend and enemy,
then had to get up early
and *daven Shacharit*, read *Torah*,
drink lots more, and
then remember the difference
between day and night,
the seventh day and the other six days,
Jews and other people,
the sacred and the profane –
it would be hard! –
not to mention sacrilegious
to invade the *Shabbos* with
revelry and role reversals.

Suppose *Tisha b'Av* came on *Tu b'Sh'vat*,
and we had to plant a tree while weeping,
inaugurate new life
in the midst of sadness –
why, it might make us...ambivalent –
and aren't we Jews divided enough as it is?

Suppose *Chanukah* came on *Tu b'Av*,
and we bid goodbye to the longest nights
while feeling the drafts
of the looming Autumn...
we'd be so twisted
backwards and forwards we'd fall over
and forget to stop dancing
to light candles;
we'd look for our soul-mates
in a spinning *dreidl*!

So how many are the good things
the Almighty has done for us...
He gives us *Pesach* in Springtime
and *Rosh HaShanah* in the declining
balance time of the year;
Purim at the end of Winter
and *Shabbos* every week;
Tisha b'Av at the height of Summer
and *Tu b'Sh'vat* when the almonds
blossom in Berkeley and *Yerushalayim*;
Chanukah in the midst of Winter
but *Tu b'Av* in the soft glow of Summer.

*To everything there is a season
and a time for every purpose under Heaven.*

First published in *AGADA*, issue Dalet,
Winter 1983. Goldfarb co-founded and edited
this illustrated Jewish literary magazine
(1981–88); www.reuwegoldfarb.com. ✨

Jewish Theatre of Bloomington

"Influence is simply a transference of personality, a mode of giving away what is most precious to one's self, and its exercise produces a sense and, it may be, a reality of loss. Every disciple takes away something from his master." - Oscar Wilde

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (JTB) presents *Collected Stories*, by Donald Margulies, a Pulitzer Prize finalist, telling the story of Ruth Steiner, a prominent short story writer and professor of creative writing, who mentors a young student, Lisa Morrison. From the very beginning, Ruth sees great promise in Lisa as a writer. Lisa becomes Ruth's protégé, disciple, colleague, friend and ultimately, a threat and a rival.

The play takes place in Ruth's Greenwich Village apartment, and spans 6 years, from 1990–1996. During this time, we see the relationship between the two women grow, blossom and then struggle to exist as Lisa becomes more and more independent as a person, and writer.

Collected Stories is not only an interesting
(see JTB, page IN 8)

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Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

The Year of Assembly

We have celebrated *Rosh Hashanah*, the beginning of the new Jewish year. This year is a very special year. It is called the year of *Hakhel*, (Assembly). According to the Jewish calendar, we work the fields in Israel for 6 years. The seventh year is a Sabbatical year. The farmers and the land get a whole year of rest. The eighth year is the Year of Assembly.

What is the Year of Assembly? The main event of this year would take place in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. All of the Jewish people would assemble there on the holiday of *Succos* – the men, the women, the children, and even the babies. The king would then read for them certain portions of the *Torah*. This would help the Jewish people to learn and to fear *Hashem* (G-d), and be careful to observe all of the words of the *Torah*. (See Deuteronomy chapter 31, verses 10–13.)

As I am writing this, we don't yet have the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. It was destroyed almost 2,000 years ago, but we pray every day that it should be rebuilt

already. A lot of good things are happening that point in that direction. Jerusalem is being rebuilt. So too, the heart of Jerusalem, the Holy Temple, will soon be rebuilt.

However, The Lubavitcher Rebbe tells us how we can still fulfill this commandment. We don't yet have the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, but we do have many smaller holy houses of prayer in every Jewish community all over the world. We also have many holy Jewish schools and *yeshivas*. We don't have a king, but we have many rabbis and teachers and community leaders.

Each of us has to become a substitute "king" and gather and assemble all of those with whom he or she has contact, and tell them about the special year that we are in, and give them words of inspiration that will help them to fear *Hashem* and observe all of the words of *Torah*.

Each rabbi can assemble and make a special gathering of his congregation. Every principle and head of a *yeshiva* can make a special gathering and assembly of all of their students. Every parent can make a special *hakhel* gathering of all of their children.

I will try to use my column in *The Jewish Post & Opinion* to gather together all of those who read it, and give them words of inspiration.

Those who want to experience this

wonderful *Mitzvah* (commandment) to the fullest can go and spend all or part of the holiday of *Succos* in 770 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, the house of study and the house of prayer of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

Seven seventy is the world headquarters of the Chabad Lubavitch movement, which is devoted to inspiring all people to fear *Hashem* and fulfill all of His commandments. If you can't go to 770 for *Succos*, at least go there sometime this year. This whole year is a special year.

We pray that this year *Moshiach* will bring our complete and final redemption. Then we will all merit to assemble and gather together in Jerusalem, in the Holy Temple. It is up to each of us to learn more *Torah* and do more *Mitzvahs* to bring *Moshiach* now!

To learn more about this special *Mitzvah* and special year, Google "*Hakhel*". We wish all of you a happy holiday.

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



JTB

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character study of these two women, but it also provides insight into the inner world of writers, and it presents a major moral and ethical dilemma instigated by a crushing event in the play.

The director, Darrell Ann Stone, is excited to direct this work that she describes as "compelling and intelligent, richly layered with myriad dynamics, and with a repartee that expertly pings and pongs its way through drama and humor."

Stone, JTB's Artistic Advisor, has directed three previous JTB productions. Paula Gordon, cast as Ruth Steiner, was last seen in JTB's production of Jason Odell Williams' delightful *Handle with Care*. Andee Schray will make her debut with JTB as Lisa Morrison. Andee is a graduate of the University of New Mexico's Theatre Department and a newcomer to Bloomington.

The curtain goes up Oct. 24, 29, 31 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 25 at 3 p.m., at the Rose Firebay at the Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center, 122 S. Walnut, Bloomington, Ind. Talk backs after the performances on Oct. 24 and 29.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Buskirk-Chumley Box Office – 114 E. Kirkwood, Bloomington, by phone (812) 323-2030, or online at buskirkchumley.org.

A \$2.00 discount per ticket will be offered to writers, members of writers' groups, book clubs, and teachers of creative writing. For the discount, contact Audrey Heller at hellera@indiana.edu or 812-336-3198, www.jewishtheatrebloomington.org. ✨



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



MAZEL TOV

(continued from page IN 2)

Originally from B'nai Brak, Israel, Dina earned her bachelor's degree in English linguistics & Literature from Seminar HaKibutzim in 1989. She then earned her masters in telecommunication arts from Butler University in 1996. She started off as a Hebrew School Teacher and quickly realized her passion for education extended beyond that of educating Jewish youth, becoming an adjunct professor of Communications at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis.



David-Smith

Michelle Cotlar (below), daughter of **Dr. Jack** and **Sally Cotlar** married **Evan Kracoff**, son of **Wendy** and **Howard Kracoff** of Manalapan, N.J. They were married in Indianapolis at the Columbia Club on Sept. 6, 2015. They reside and work in Chicago. Michelle works at the Jewish Federation in Chicago and Evan works in the communications field. ★



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Our new Jewish Community *Shlich*

BY INBAR NADIR

SEPT. 5, 2015 – Exactly one week ago, in a place called Kfar Warburg, a Moshav in southern Israel, I was finishing packing my very last suitcase, saying goodbye to my beloved family. I got on a plane heading towards the USA for the first time in my life. Twenty-four hours later I landed in the Indianapolis airport to a warm welcome, and I have been hugged by everyone ever since!



Inbar Nadir (center) is greeted upon arrival by Larry Turow and Stacy Segal.

Roy Swisa (the outgoing community *shaliach*) escorted me and kindly shared his wisdom. I am grateful for that! He did



COVER ART

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benefits of art to help heal emotional wounds. Rothenberg said that even though the finished art project is beautiful to behold, the process of making it turned out to be even more important because it was not only therapeutic to survivors of cancer and their loved ones, but it also helped unite many people who do not always get along.

The artists have already been asked to create a new one and they are starting the process again. On the cover of our May editions is a photo of the painted panels before the glass tiles were attached. ✨



Artists Joani Rothenberg and, her cousin, Yael Buxbaum.



Inbar reviews transition with Roy.

a wonderful job here in Indy and hopefully I will be able to follow in his footsteps. Settling into a new place is always challenging, though the warm, embracing,

Hoosier reunion in Jerusalem

We are planning another reunion for Hoosiers living in Israel for Sun., Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Cyrelle Simon. RSVP to her at 02-642-6746 or Judy Epstein at Judithepstein88@gmail.com. ✨



terrific people I meet every single day are making the move so much easier and Indianapolis into a home away from home. I wish us all a fruitful year! *Shana Tova!* ✨

Be happier with your reflection.



It's Rosh Hashanah—the time when we all need to take a deeper look.

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Torah surfaces in Israel

On Aug. 27, we received an email from Richard Markowitz who lives in Yishuv Tzufim in the Shomron. In it he wrote that just after the first Gulf War in 1991, his father-in-law brought him a *Sefer Torah* from a synagogue in Miami. The Torah was in need of repair. He arranged for a scribe to look into repairing it but lost track of it until 2 years ago, when said scribe contacted him and said he had recovered that *Torah*.



He wrote, "Now we are in the age of internet and I easily discovered that Gilbert Mordoh, Ensign USN was killed at a naval base near San Francisco in 1944. He was survived by three brothers: Al, Leon, and Solomon." He continued that the family should have this *Sefer Torah* that was written for their brother by their parents.

"Considering that Ensign Gilbert Mordoh died in the service of his country, I don't think that I would like to put this holy *Torah* written to honor his memory, in the *genizah*," he concluded.

We spoke to Leon Mordoh and found out that his parents Mallah and Lora Mordoh had started a congregation in Miami Beach on 8th & Collins St. As the Jews moved away from that neighborhood, the congregation folded and whatever they had was donated or sold. In the early 1980s his parents moved back to Indianapolis.

Currently the Mordoh family is looking

REMEMBRANCES: A Ballet in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

BY BRIAN HONIGBAUM, CHOREOGRAPHER

Growing up in a Jewish home, I was always aware of the Holocaust but never truly understood its importance and meaning. That is, until I met Michael and Agnes Vogel, both Holocaust survivors.

I met Agnes at Jordan School of Dance. After she shared the story of the faded blue numbers on her arm, I knew that I had to create something that honored the six million Jews killed and let those that survived the Holocaust know my generation would keep their story alive. I



into whether or not the *Torah* can be repaired. If so, they will do that and if not, they will have the *Torah* cover brought back to Indianapolis.

*The *genizah* is a storage area in Jewish synagogue or cemetery where worn-out Hebrew language sacred books and such are stored prior to receiving a proper cemetery burial. ✨

spent most of my teen years educating myself about this horrific story of hate and murder in order to convey the emotions, the people, and the events of the Holocaust through the artistic medium of dance.

The result is *REMEMBRANCES: A Ballet in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust*, which will have its Indianapolis premiere on Fri., Oct. 16, at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University. The ballet, performed by the marvelous Dance Kaleidoscope with the Indianapolis School of Ballet, follows a single family through the terror of the Holocaust, from Kristallnacht to Auschwitz.

Every day there are fewer survivors, fewer witnesses. With many people around the world continuing to deny that the Holocaust took place, the preservation of the story through dance becomes even more important. It is important to keep their stories alive, especially in the face of the hatred that still exists in the world today.

In addition to the public performances, we will perform for more than 5,000 school children. It is my hope that audiences – especially the children – will leave the ballet as new witnesses for those who endured the Holocaust through *REMEMBRANCES*. It is my hope that my dance will better prepare them to make sure it never happens again. ✨

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IU Borns Jewish Studies Program

Fall Events:

Oct. 7: Lecture & Concert with Composer & Musician John Zorn

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3 p.m., Jorgensen Guest Lecture by composer and musician John Zorn, in IU Cinema

8 p.m., Loud Intense Double Bill Rock Concert with Bladerunner – featuring John Zorn (sax), Bill Laswell (bass), and Dave Lombardo (drums) and Simulacrum – featuring John Medeski (organ), Matt Hollenberg (guitar), and Kenny Grohowski (drums)

Ticket price \$50. Part of the Wounded Galaxies Festival of Experimental Media.

Oct. 11–12: Jewish Commercial Cultures in Global Perspectives

Workshop with advanced graduate students and early career scholars. Guest speakers include Professors Jonathan Karp, Matthias Lehmann, Derek Penslar, and Francesca Trivellato, 10 a.m., in Dogwood Room, IMU.

Oct. 11: “Difference,” and the Making of Europe’s Commercial Society: Jewish-Christian Credit Relations before Emancipation”

Keynote lecture by Francesca Trivellato, Frederick W. Hilles Professor of History, Yale University, 5:30 p.m., in Oak Room, IMU.

Oct. 14: “Die Wahrheit ist nun mal nicht verkäuflich: Zum Konnex von Schuld und Scham in Filmen über die Shoah”

Lecture by Bettina Bannasch, Professor of Modern German Literature, University of Augsburg. Lecture in German. 5:30 p.m., in Oak Room, IMU.

Oct. 18: “The Comfort of Strangers: Hospitality Between Jews and Non-Jews”

Joan and Samuel New Institute for the Study of German and Jews. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, Ind. Email mdeckard@indiana.edu by Oct. 2 to register.

Oct. 19: “The Origins of the Blood Libel”

Lecture by E.M. Rose, 7:30 p.m., in Swain East 010. Cosponsored with Helene G. Simon Hillel Center.

Nov. 5: “American Jews and The Russian Revolution: A Romance Lost”

Lecture by Tony Michels, George L.

Mickey’s Corner is returning

On Thurs., Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., the Indianapolis JCC presents Mickey’s Corner, live in the Laikin Auditorium. Cost is \$10. Mickey Maurer’s guest at the Emmy-Award Winning talk show will be Elizabeth Kraft Taylor. There will be a meet-and-greet at the end of the interview-format talk show.



Maurer, local business leader, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Kraft Taylor is a retired senior staffer at Simon Property Group

and author of a memoir, *Three Jews Walked Into a Shopping Center*.

In her book, Kraft Taylor recounts her experiences working for the late Mel Simon, one of Forbes’s top billionaires, sharing her own story of overcoming poverty and abuse along the way. “...we are all born with handicaps and blessings. Our job in life is to figure out which is which,” she writes. Simon Property Group is one of the top commercial real estate companies in the United States, known for its shopping centers.

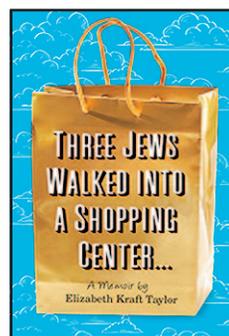
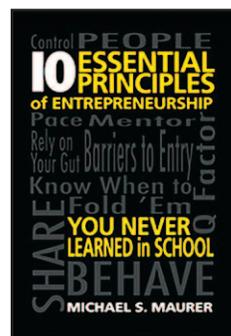


Kraft Taylor will sign copies of her book (\$20) and Maurer will join in to sign copies of his book, *10 Essential Principles of Entrepreneurship You Never Learned in School* (\$20). ☆

Mosse, Associate Professor of American Jewish History, Department of History, University of Wisconsin, 5:30 p.m., in Dogwood Room, IMU.

Nov. 11: “Antisemitism and its Opponents from the Kaiserreich to BDS”

Lecture by Professor David Feldman, Department of History, Birkbeck, University of London, 5:30 p.m., in Dogwood Room, IMU. ☆



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life and is known for his “fresh insights and interpretations about religious life in the 21st century.” He presents to churches, synagogues, community groups, and university audiences across the world. Dr. Hoffman holds a Ph.D. in linguistics and has served on the faculties of Brandeis University and Hebrew Union College. For more info contact IHC at 255-6647.

YLD fun volunteer opportunity

Sat., Oct. 24 from 5:15–9 p.m., help volunteer with Jewish Family Services for a special night of fun with children with special needs. Please email Julie Sondhelm JFS Social worker at jsondhelm@jfgi.org.

JCRC and Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Sun., Oct. 25 from 4–8 p.m., location to be announced. The Indy JCRC and the Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis will celebrate – and commemorate – the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the Second Vatican Council, which repudiates the charge of Jewish deicide and decries all displays of anti-Semitism. For more info contact Lindsey Mintz at lmintz@indyjrcr.org or call 926-2935.

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

Starting at 10 a.m. on **Saturdays** for services and lunch follows. Starting at 9 a.m., on **Sundays**, 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.

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 – Ongoing

Tuesdays and **Thursdays** from 1–3 p.m., and **Sundays** 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

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's fundraiser

Andrea Leopold, a 28 year survivor of Hodgkin's disease has joined the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team in Training to walk a marathon (26.2 miles) in early October to fundraise ground-breaking research to find a cure for blood cancers. Help her give meaning to her miles and her life to help make sure no one ever has to hear “you have cancer” again. Your support will give Andrea the incentive to continue to forge ahead. Your support is greatly appreciated by donating online: <http://pages.teamintraining.org/in/yourway16/aleopold> or by check with Andrea's name on the memo line and forward to: LLS, 9075 N Meridian St., #150, Indianapolis, IN 46260. ✨



preliminary teaching. Feel free to bring your own paddle and balls. Some will be available for checkout at the East Desk.

JCC Farmer's Market – Ongoing

Every Sunday from 10 a.m.–1 p.m., outside in the front parking lot of the JCC (as long as weather permits, then will be moved indoors). Shop Indy's only regular-

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people did not know how ill he was because he was so brave and courageous and still had a joke for all. In recognition of his years of service, JTS awarded him a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, in 1994.

Sara Beth Shrager also told me that clergy of all faiths attended his funeral. Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, his mentor from JTS gave a beautiful eulogy capturing the spirit of his life. Rabbi Nathan Goldstein, his roommate at JTS flew in from Florida to preside at his unveiling, also giving a touching remembrance of him. It would mean a lot to Sara Beth (sbshrager@me.com), if those reading this who knew her brother would email her their fond memories of him or offer her a message of condolence.

A Happy *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* to our dear readers!

Jennie Cohen, September 24, 2015 ✨



ly-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. ✨

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New Holocaust Education Center of Indiana

On Mon. Aug. 10, at the BJE Annual Meeting, a new format of their Holocaust Education program was inaugurated. While they have been a leader in Holocaust education for many years, they are expanding their reach and impact through the Holocaust Education Center of Indiana.

Their mission is to strive to provide education about the Holocaust, to honor the memories of those who perished and those who survived while promoting human rights, dignity and justice. They do this through the distribution of educational materials, teacher resources, teacher training, workshops and speakers.

The Holocaust Education Center of Indiana has the following five programs:

Holocaust Education Trunks provide educators with prepared curricula, teacher guidelines for commonly taught literature, DVDs, posters and visual aids. All trunks are free to use and are delivered at no cost to public libraries throughout the State, and can be checked out for up to one month.

Holocaust Teacher Training Workshops are held at the BJE and throughout the State at the nine Indiana Teacher Education Centers. With the assistance of State Superintendent Glenda Ritz and a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., they provide training in general Holocaust pedagogy, introduction to Jewish life and culture and special in depth topics related to the Holocaust for teachers throughout Indiana. Teachers receive professional development points and become well trained advocates for making the lessons of the Holocaust meaningful for today's students.

Holocaust Speakers' Bureau provides Holocaust, second and third generation survivors for schools and other civic groups who share their stories with students and other civic groups. Their volunteer speakers speak at nearly one hundred events annually. They can also use their technology to provide virtual meetings if groups are too far away for our speakers to travel.

Albert and Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial Garden tours are offered throughout the year to showcase the memorial that was sculpted and designed by Holocaust survivor Alfred Tibor.

Community Holocaust Education Planning and Consultancy works with other organizations to plan community education and observance programs including the Statehouse Youth Summit, and the Jewish Community Youth Education Program. They are educational

With Firmness in the Right: Lincoln and the Jews

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum presents new exhibition on view through Nov. 15, 2015.

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois will feature an exciting and provocative new exhibition *With Firmness in the Right: Lincoln and the Jews*, which will be on public view through November 15, 2015. Inspired by the recently published book *Lincoln and the Jews: a History*, by Johnathan D. Sarna and Benjamin Shapell, the exhibit was on display at the New York Historical Society in March–June, 2015.



consultants to the Dance Kaleidoscope "Remembrances" ballet, the Klutureband movie and other projects.

The BJE is grateful to the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Human Rights Commission, the Jewish Educational Directors' Council, the Anti Defamation League, U.S. Holocaust

Treasured Lincoln documents, photographs, letters and other artifacts from the Shapell Manuscript Foundation will be exhibited in Springfield along with items from the Chicago Historical Society, Brown University, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the ALPLM's own large Lincoln collection.

With Firmness in the Right: Lincoln and the Jews explains the significant role Abraham Lincoln played in paving the way for acceptance and inclusion of Jews in society; it also tells the story of how a number of Jews, both as a group and as individuals, affected Lincoln deeply and became his friends, colleagues, and allies. Many items have never been exhibited publicly until now, and they shed light on the significant and close relationship Lincoln developed with Jews. ✨

Memorial Museum, Hasten Hebrew Academy, the Skokie Holocaust Museum and their Synagogue partners for joining them in this important work. They educate students and teachers about the Holocaust so that they can fulfill their motto: Never forget. Never again. Never anywhere. ✨

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Mitzvah in the Making: Jewish Studies alum inspires thousands to reclaim their heritage

AUG. 5, 2015 – The course title, “How to Read a 5000-Year-Old Language in Five Easy Lessons,” offered by the Jewish Learning Exchange (JLE) in London, caught the attention of the young, well-heeled professional set who were searching for Jewish meaning and identity. Rabbi Rashi Simon, an insightful and witty American who founded JLE in 1989, drew people to the organization with his energy and creativity, along with trailblazing, explanatory crash courses in Judaism.

Fast forward more than 25 years. Rabbi Simon’s outreach has touched thousands via his teaching, as well as his work inspiring and helping to set up regular *Shabbat* and annual High Holiday explanatory services in 30 synagogues around Great Britain. In 1997, he founded Keshet/The Learning Connection in London as an outreach organization, and then in 2004 he expanded it into a synagogue community, Keshet Kehillah, where today he is the Rabbi.



At Keshet, he’s pioneered concepts such as “Lunch & Learn” Jewish education sessions in the City of London. He has created a community that is welcoming to Jews of all levels of observance in an environment that is halakhically authentic, intellectually stimulating and spiritually fulfilling. Young Londoners interested in finding out more about their Jewish heritage are drawn to Simon and his wife, Ruthie, a native of Los Angeles, who is a full partner in her husband’s efforts.

Rabbi Simon can trace influences on his work all the way back to his upbringing in West Lafayette, Ind., and his education, including the years he spent at Touro College in New York where his eyes were opened to Jewish studies. Raised near the campus of Purdue University, where his father Dr. Edward Simon, z”l, taught microbiology, Simon’s was the only *Sabbath*-observant family in town.

“My father and mother Cyrelle Simon accomplished the improbable. They raised four children who grew up to become Jewishly committed. The two boys became rabbis and the two girls married rabbis,” explains the Rabbi.

While studying at the Rabbinical Seminary of America (Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim) in Queens, NY, Rabbi Simon attended Touro College, majoring in psychology with plans to go on to law school. While at Touro, he also took a few courses in Jewish studies



Rabbi Rashi Simon speaks to the crowd at one of Keshet’s many events throughout the year.

and was introduced to a whole new world. “I became exposed to new vistas of Jewish wisdom. We studied rabbinic texts, philosophy, history and literature that I found inspiring and fascinating,” Simon recalls. “Jewish studies in an academic context were so different from learning at the Yeshiva.”

Upon earning his undergraduate degree, he entered Touro’s graduate school where he pursued a master’s degree in Jewish History. “Jewish studies in an academic setting sometimes can be overly critical of and antagonistic to religious traditions. At Touro, they offered an approach that was appreciative and respectful but also rigorous, academic and illuminating.”

Upon earning his M.A. from Touro’s Graduate School of Jewish Studies in 1987,

he entered rabbinical school in Israel. Once ordained, “a job in London came looking for me,” he recalls, and work building the Jewish Learning Exchange (JLE) began. The organization’s outreach and educational programs aimed to show the relevance and a deeper meaning of Judaism to enable Jews to make informed life decisions.

“Americans in England are seen as innovative and forward-thinking, and this novelty and appeal made the programming more attractive,” explains Simon. Since he began, his focus had been to provide the highest quality educational and social opportunities in a relevant and welcoming environment.

“Throughout my work, I’ve drawn upon my Touro education,” says Rabbi Simon. “The skills and knowledge that I acquired there, I still remember more than 30 years later.”

Judith Bleich, Ph.D., who taught modern Jewish history, and Michael A. Shmidman, Ph.D., Dean of the Graduate School of Jewish Studies, left lasting impressions. “Their approach and teachings and the knowledge they imparted are still with me today and I’ve drawn upon these tools in my work ever since.”

A few additions were made to this article that was a feature under News & Communications of the Touro College website at www.touro.edu/news/featured/mitzvah-in-the-making.php. ★

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Classic Movie Club – St. Vincent

Mon., Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. A young boy whose parents have just divorced finds an unlikely friend and mentor in the misanthropic, bawdy, hedonistic war veteran who lives next door. Starring Bill Murray and Melissa McCarthy. This month's movie will be shown at Rita Casey's home. Audrey Gruntler is the hostess. Call Audrey, 251-5048 for directions.

Pitch-in Dinner

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 5:15 p.m., at St. Lukes United Methodist Church. We have been invited by the Elderberry Group to join them in their pitch-in dinner. Bring a dish to share and \$3. The program will feature Josh Bleill – A young Marine's story of courage, hope and a new life in the NFL. He is the author of *One Step at a Time*.

Indianapolis Symphony Coffee Pops

Fri., Oct. 2, leave JCC at 9 a.m. Is there room on stage for more than one diva? You'll find out when Jack Everly and the ISO are joined by Broadway's best leading ladies belting out songs from blockbuster

hits. RSVP to Janet for your ticket. \$45 includes concert, pastry, coffee/tea and transportation.

The Great Gatsby at IRT

Fri. Oct. 9, leave the JCC at 9 a.m., A Midwestern war veteran finds himself drawn to the past and lifestyle of his millionaire neighbor. RSVP to Janet for your ticket. \$26 includes play and transportation., lunch at Colts restaurant is your expense.

Second Sunday Concert at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

Sun., Oct. 11 at IHC, at 2 p.m., meet in the lobby at 1:45 p.m. Their first program of the season is Shawn Goodman Jazz Quintet. There is no charge.

Plant Club Tuttle Orchard Hay Ride

Wed., Oct. 14, leave the JCC at noon. When was the last time you were on a hayride? Let's try it once again. We will have lunch at Tuttle's, your expense, followed by a hayride. Everyone will receive 4 apples and a pumpkin. There will be time to shop in their store. Cost for transportation, hayride, apples and pumpkin is \$18.

Dance Kaleidoscope: REMEMBRANCES

Thurs., Oct. 15, leave the JCC at 11 a.m. REMEMBRANCES is a ballet in memory

of the victims of the Holocaust (see article p. IN 11). This performance is at Clowes Hall beginning at noon. After the show we will have lunch at Aristocrats Restaurant, your expense. There is no charge for the ballet; \$10 for transportation.

Civic Theatre: The Game's Afoot

Thurs. Oct. 22 at 5:15 p.m. It is December 1936 and Broadway Star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut estate for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turns dangerous. Then it's up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. \$7 transportation.

Purdue Varsity Glee Club at Warren Performing Arts Center

Sun. Oct. 25, leave the JCC at 2:45 p.m. With integrity, passion, unparalleled showmanship and attention to every detail, the men of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club have proudly served as ambassadors of the university with honor and dignity for more than 115 years. \$35 transportation and show. ★



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Obituaries

Rabbi Mark L. Shrager, 72, died March 4, 2014. He was the loving son of Elsie Shrager and the late Harry E. Shrager; dear brother of Sara Beth Shrager and loving nephew of Jean Aezen. He was the rabbi at Bnai Abraham synagogue in Easton, Pa., for 17 years from 1993 to 2010. He will be remembered for his dedicated years of service to the synagogue, the city of Easton, and the greater Lehigh Valley. Graveside services were held at Har Jehuda Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pa. *Shiva* was observed at the Penn Center House, 1900 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Friends of Meir Panim. www.meirpanim.org.



Editor's note: For more details, see editorial on page IN 3.

Etana Gordon Friedman, 55, passed away March 18, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. Etana was a very special woman. She had a wonderful smile, an optimistic personality, a deep *emunah* in *Hashem*, along with intelligence, frankness and inner strength.



Throughout her life, in the United States and then in Israel, Etana cared very deeply for people, conducting her life in accordance with the *mitzvah* of "*o'ahavta l'reiyacha kamocho*." She succeeded in bringing people closer to Judaism through her *Shabbos* table and by her example. Etana enjoyed a very loving relationship with her husband Alan and instilled love of family, *shalom bayit* and *midot tovot* in their children. Etana loved Israel, made *aliyah* with her family to Petach Tikva in 1994, and was committed to helping build new communities in Israel.



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As a young wife, mother, and teacher in Indianapolis, Etana served as a *mikveh* attendant and *taharat hamishpachah* (family purity) teacher. In order to honor Etana's memory, many family members and friends are planning to build a *mikveh* in her memory in the new community of *Eliav* in the *Lachish* region of *Eretz Yisrael* thus encompassing her love for the land of Israel, its people and *Torah* and *Mitzvot*. One can find out more by emailing Lisa at morahg@hotmail.com.

Zinovi Krayterman, 88, passed away at his home in Indianapolis on Aug. 31. Zinovi was born on Jan. 1, 1927 in Slavuta, Ukraine. He was a graduate of the Soviet Naval Academy, serving for 10 years as a Naval Engineer. Later he was a Department Head for a computer center in the Soviet Rocket Program.

He is survived by his children, Evgenia (Yakov) Gitselevich; Victor (Olga) Krayterman; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and brother, Mikhail Krayterman. Zinovi's wife, Anna, preceded him death in 1986. Funeral services were Sept. 2 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Herman Foster, 86, passed away Sept. 7 at The Stratford in Carmel, Ind. He was born April 24, 1929 in Brooklyn to the late Rose and Harry Foster. He graduated from City College of New York with a degree in engineering, and received his Juris Doctorate from George Washington University in 1957. Herman was a devoted husband to his wife of nearly 64 years, Sylvia, and a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved to sing, to fix and build things and he loved his country.



Over the course of his career, Herman worked as an engineer, a patent attorney and as corporate counsel. He retired in 1995 after 32 years from the Budd

Company as one of its corporate counsel. After retirement, he was involved in pro bono activities including with the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society.

Military service was an important part of Herman's life. He served in the military beginning from his induction into active duty in the U.S. Army in 1951 until his retirement as a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1984. He was an active member of the Military Officers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Foster; daughters, Ellen Foster Curtis (Dave Curtis) and Rhea McDonald (John); sons, Robert Foster (Cindy) and David Foster (Bonnie); brother, Conrad Foster; and sister, Arlene Ginsberg (Morty). He will be missed by his grandchildren, Brian Curtis (Allison), Greg Curtis (Amanda), Daniel McDonald (Tammy Mitchell), Ryan McDonald (Michelle), Kevin McDonald, Rachel Foster, Michael Foster, Andrew Foster, Molly Foster and Allison Foster; as well as his great-grandson, Levi McDonald; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Herman was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) where he was a proud member of the choir. Services were held at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on Sept. 9. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the music fund at IHC or the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Bernice Lefkovits Benjamin, 90, of Indianapolis, passed away on Sept. 7. Bernice was born on Nov. 26, 1924 in Indianapolis to Samuel and Bessie (Glick) Lefkovits. She was a 1943 graduate of Shortridge High School. Bernice was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and an active member of the Sisterhood. She loved travel, playing mahjong and working her crossword puzzles.



(see Obituaries, page IN 18)



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She is survived by her beloved children; Gloria (Chip) Picking, Lee (Susan) Benjamin and Jay Benjamin; grandchildren, Abbey, Aaron, Adam and Jon Benjamin; sister, Betty Lefkovits and sister-in-law, Donna Leff. Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis and her brother, Mel.

Funeral services were held Sept. 10 in **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or to a favorite charity.

Irwin Katz, 96, of Indianapolis, passed away Sept. 9. He was born in Philadelphia to Meshulam and Katie Katz on Aug. 7, 1919. After graduating from Townsend-Harris High School and City College of New York, Irwin served his country during WWII in the US Army. Early in his career, Irv was a sports writer (a stringer) for the *New York Times*. Later, he joined the C.P.A. firm of Levy & Calderon to form Levy Calderon & Katz (now Katz, Sapper, Miller).

Irwin was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. He also served as a past president for the Jewish Welfare Federation, Jewish Community Center and Broadmoor Country Club. Irv played varsity basketball for City College of New York and was also an avid golfer who loved the game.

He is survived by his son, Donald (Rebecca Krantz) Katz of Madison, Wisc.; daughter, Nancy (Margo Dichtelmiller) Katz of Plymouth, Mich.; grandchildren, Samuel and Sarah Katz; and beloved friend, Phyllis Weingarten. Irwin was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Baker Katz.

Memorial services were held at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on Sept. 20. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish Community Center or the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

Lawrence M. Reuben, 67, passed away on Sept. 11.

Lawrence was born in Akron, Ohio on April 5, 1948 to Albert and Sara Reuben. He was a well known and accomplished attorney and community activist. He was a graduate of London School of Economics, 1969; Indiana University, 1970 and Indiana University School of Law in 1973.

During the Bayh Administration, Lawrence served in various positions for the State of Indiana and operated a private



law practice for many years. He was a champion for the under privileged and he served on numerous boards and service organizations, as well as authoring several publications.

He was a frequent presenter at law conferences and was well recognized for his accomplishments. Among these accomplishments he was appointed as a Sagamore of the Wabash, ranked as one of Indiana's Top Lawyers and received the L.L. Goodman Leadership Award by the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

He will be forever missed by his beloved family; wife, Candice (Duquenne); daughter, Emily; sister, Elaine and brother, David, as well as brother-in-law John (Jane) Duquenne and Pamela (Fred) Brune.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ). Burial followed in BEZ North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to JFS at the Albert and Sara Reuben Senior Community Resource Center, 6905 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260, Humane Society, WFYI, Planned Parenthood or Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Lilly Getzik Schwartz, 92, of Palm Desert, Calif., passed away Sept. 15. She was born on Dec. 18, 1922 in Philadelphia to Jacob and Fradel Getzik. Lilly was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney. She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis (Gary) Schahet; and grandchildren, Greg Schahet and Lisa (Shoe) Schuster.



Graveside services were held Sept. 20 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.arnmortuary.com.

Geraldine Naughton Hurwitz, 69, passed away on Sept. 17. She was born in Chicago to Donald and Dorothy Naughton on May 14, 1946. Geraldine graduated from St. Bernard Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse, and then went on to earn her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Nursing from the Indiana University School of Nursing. She worked as a pediatric nurse at Wishard Memorial Hospital and previously worked at San Diego Pediatric Hospital.

Geraldine was an active member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). She served in its Sisterhood and as a Sunday School Teacher. Also, she was a member of Hadassah.

Geri was a kind and loving person who spent her life caring for others. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, older sister to seven siblings, a friend and a nurse. She loved everyone she met and brightened their days with her contagious laughter. She would tickle the children and tell funny jokes for those old enough to understand. Geri always believed that if you don't have anything nice to say don't say anything at all, she truly lived by those words. Geri was generous with everything she possessed. She donated her time, her money and her love to all who were in need.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert Hurwitz; children, Steven (Lainie) Hurwitz and Abigail Hurwitz Seif; grandchildren, Max, Isaac and Ethan Hurwitz and Solomon, Teva and Tess Seif; mother, Dorothy Naughton; brothers, Donald, Ken, Terry, and Daniel Naughton; and sisters, Lynn Morkumas and Cheryl Comstock. Geraldine was preceded in death by her father, Donald Naughton; and brother, Dennis Naughton.

Funeral services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on Sept. 21, and burial followed in IHC North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to IHC. ✨



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Teen from Indianapolis area spends four months experiencing Israel

SEPT. 8, 2015 INDIANAPOLIS – Rachael Coleman, from Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, is one of 33 teens from across North America on the NFTY-EIE (Eisendrath International Experience) High School in Israel program from August through December.

The NFTY High School in Israel (EIE) is a semester long program for high school students in grades 10–12. Named for the late Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, past president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, now the Union for Reform Judaism, EIE is an intensive academic program and is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The program was established in 1961 by NFTY, the youth arm of the Reform Movement. Many of the leaders of Reform Judaism today are alumni of this program.

NFTY-EIE is based on Kibbutz Tzuba, located in the Judean Hills approximately 15 minutes outside of Jerusalem. With very small class sizes, students take an



advanced Jewish History class, an advanced Hebrew Ulpan, and their regular general studies courses to fulfill the requirements of their home high schools.

NFTY-EIE students have a unique opportunity to benefit from experiential learning. *Tiyulim* (field trips) are taken to visit whatever they are learning about in their Jewish history class. Approximately three days a week are spent outside the

classroom on field trips. There are also numerous week-long trips throughout the semester, including a trip to Poland to study the Holocaust, a week in Gadna (a simulated Israeli army training experience), and a hike across the country from sea to sea.

“I have always wanted to come to Israel,” says Rachael, “and I have been involved in NFTY throughout high school. To have a NFTY program in Israel is really cool. I am excited for the experience in front of me, but I am really looking forward to experiencing the High Holidays in Israel.”

“The NFTY EIE High School in Israel offers outstanding teens the opportunity to develop a deep sense of personal connection to Israel and the Jewish people while being inspired to explore their personal Jewish identity during four challenging and rewarding months,” said Paul Reichenbach, Director of Camping and Israel Programs for the Union for Reform Judaism. “Students return home with heightened self-confidence together with a love of Jewish living and learning.”

Registration is open for EIE’s Spring 2016, Summer 2016, and Fall 2016 sessions. More information can be found at www.nftyie.org. ✨





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