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Sukkot at Monica's

Monica Rosenfeld has been hosting lunch for Hooverwood residents in her *sukkah* for the past several years. The *sukkah* was beautifully decorated and it was obvious that a lot of work took place cooking, serving and cleaning afterward. Their house is conveniently located near Hooverwood and they have wheel chair access which her husband Dr. Stephen Rosenfeld insisted upon when they moved in. It was a beautiful day and the delicious lunch was traditional Jewish food of baked chicken and brisket with lots of side dishes, salads and desserts. Monica

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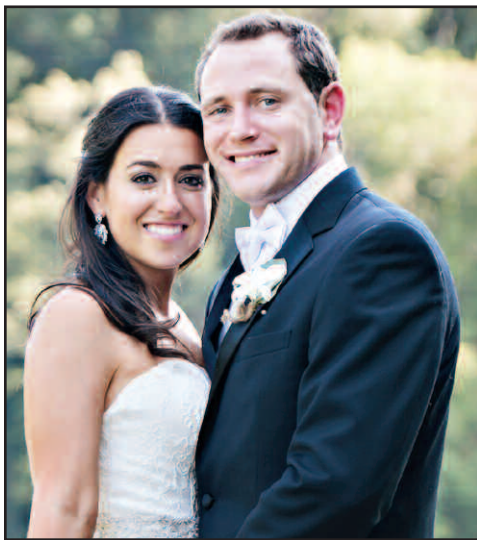
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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Stacy Brooke Geldzahler (below) of Birmingham, Ala. – daughter of **Debbie** and **Glenn Geldzahler**, and granddaughter of **Alan** and **Pat Geldzahler** – married **Michael Benjamin Moss** of Indianapolis, son of **Evy Moss** and the late **William Moss**.

Stacy and Mike met in Denver where they both reside. The ceremony and reception took place on Aug. 22 in Birmingham at the Pine Tree Country Club. Matron of honor was the bride's sister, **Stephanie Ladden**, and the best men were Michael's brothers, **Andrew** and **Scott**. **Rabbi Ira Flax** officiated.



Jonah Barton Grant (below) on becoming a *bar mitzvah* on Sept. 19, 2015, at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) where he has been a camper for the past four summers. Jonah's portion was *Vayeilach*. He is doing a Mitzvah Project that will benefit GUCI.



His parents **Scott** and **Debby Barton Grant** along with his younger brothers **Ben** (10) and **Sam** (6) are all very proud of Jonah for the work he has done. He was surrounded by many other family members and friends from all over the country including several friends from Creekside Middle School, South Bend, Ind., and GUCI campers from around the Midwest.

Out of town relatives included grandparents **Sandy** and **Doug Barton**, aunt, **Jenny Barton Lutz**, and cousins from South Bend, grandparents, **Michael** and **Diane Grant** from Glencoe, Ill., and aunt, **Dana Grant Morris**, and cousins from Highland Park, Ill. Also in attendance were and cousins **Belinda**, **Scott** and **Geoff Blumenthal** formally from Indianapolis but now living in Scottsdale, Ariz. Other cousins came from Dallas and Atlanta.

Among the in-town friends and relatives were Jonah's aunt, JCRC Executive Director **Lindsey Mintz**, and an uncle, **Jason Mintz**, and their three children **Rachel**, **Maxine**, and **Bernie**.

Natanya Ida Katz (right) on becoming a *bat mitzvah* on September 26, 2015 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Her portion was *Haazinu*. Natanya is the daughter of **Daniela Schuvaks-Katz** and **Robert Katz**, the proudest parents in

Indiana, and the sister of **Jonah**. She was joined by many loving relatives and friends, including **Joe Katz** (grandfather) from Rockland County, New York, and **Susana Schatzky** (grandmother), **Bernardo Roguin** (grandfather), and **Daiana Silvestri** (cousin) from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(see Mazel Tov, page IN 6)



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Editorial

In our July 29, 2015 National edition we published the following story. See my comments about it afterward.

On the Subway in NYC

by Aryeh Ben David

I am taking the Broadway #1 train from Penn Station to Van Cortlandt Park in the late afternoon. Van Cortlandt Park is the last stop on the line.

About 3 stops from the end, everyone in my car exits. I'm left alone.

The door opens from another car. Enters a 30-something year old guy, big, and obviously drunk. I'm at the other end of the car.

He calls out, "Hey, you got a match?"

I answer, "I don't smoke."

He says, "I guess then you wouldn't have any matches."

He stumbles over to me. I'm getting a bit nervous. He's bigger than me, and I'm a worrying kind of guy.

He leans over close to me, about 5 inches from my ear, and whispers: "Tzedaka. You know what tzedaka is?"

Surprised and amused, I answer "yes."

He waits. I pause. Then I take a dollar out of my pocket and give it to him.

He begins to stumble away.

I don't know what happened to me, but I call after him, "Hey. I gave you something. Now you give me something."

He looks back at me, not understanding. I say it again, "Give me something."

I call out, "I gave you tzedaka. You give me a blessing."

He looks puzzled.

I say, "I have a kid who just had 2 knee operations. Do you have a blessing?"

He stops. Looks straight at me, thinking what to say. "I guess you don't believe in Jesus, huh?"

I shake my head.

He says, "I bless you that your kid will be healthy."

Then he takes a step to walk away and stops. Puts his hand on the subway pole, turns back to me and says, "And I give you a blessing, that whatever happens to your kid, God will give you the strength to handle whatever it is."

Wow. I was overcome with emotion.

I had given him a dollar from my pocket. He gave me a blessing from his heart.

The train stopped. We said goodbye to each other. "Goodbye friend, thank you." "Goodbye friend, have a good day."

At the moment, I didn't know what propelled me to ask him for a blessing. Looking back, I understand it like this:

Asking for something – a cigarette or money – can be a very degrading and

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addressed the residents with a brief explanation about the history and ritual practices of the holiday. The residents appreciated getting out and it was a lovely opportunity for them to experience the holiday firsthand. *Yasher Koach* to Monica for doing this and so much more that she does for the community. ★



humiliating experience. He had given me the chance to be a giving person – to give to him.

Though I hesitated and didn't give with a full, open heart or smile, after giving something to him – I actually felt good about myself. I wanted to offer him, too, the chance to give something and feel good about himself.

In the end, he gave me so much – a moment of *netzach*, of eternity – a moment that I will never forget. Our souls are wired to give. That's how the Creator created us. Sometimes the kindest act we can do is to receive – to allow someone else to give to us.

Aryeh Ben David founded, and directs, Ayeka Center for Soulful Education (www.ayeka.org.il), in 2006. This initiative came after almost 20 years of work in formal and experiential Jewish educational settings including Pardes Institute in Jerusalem, Hillel International from and Livnot U'Lehibanot. He is the author of Around the Shabbat Table, a Guide to Meaningful Shabbat Conversations (2000) and The Godfile, Ten Approaches To Personalizing Prayer (2007).

Aryeh grew up outside of NYC and studied psychology at Vassar College. He came to Israel in 1978, studied at the Meretz yeshiva in Mevasseret Zion and received Rabbinic ordination from the Israeli Rabbinate. He lives in Efrat, Gush Etzion.

My comments: A local reader contacted me some days after this story appeared and told me that it changed the way she relates to people on the street who ask her for money. She first explained that in her car she always keeps on hand individual grocery bags, each containing some nonperishable food items such as a juice pack, cans of food that have a pull top, and plastic eating utensils wrapped in a napkin.

Instead of money, she will hand one of these bags to the beggar. She told me she usually receives back a big smile and they respond by saying "God bless you".

The woman continued, "After reading this story I plan to reply to them by saying something I have not previously said in this situation, "Thank you for the blessing!"

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When I lived in San Francisco, I heard a woman say that her husband always keeps a case of new socks in his car and will give a pair to anyone who asks him for spare change.

Then ironically this week, I saw the following post on the Facebook profile of Bonnie Rozen who has worked for the past 20 years at *The Reporter*, the Jewish newspaper in Binghamton, N.Y.

"I am very happy and proud of my daughter. She makes what she calls 'blessing bags' filled with food and a warm pair of socks. As she drives around where she lives, she gives a blessing bag to anyone who looks like they could use it! They always say, 'Bless you!' That's why they are called blessing bags."

Jennie Cohen, October 21, 2015 ★

Community Events

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. **Nov. 18** Louise Nevelson, sculptor. Presented by Marion Garmel. For more info call Leslie Barrick at 475-4278 or email: indianapolis@hadassah.org.

Join us to hear Eva Mozes Kor speak

Thurs., Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Clowes Hall, Butler University, 4600 Sunset Ave. Tickets are free of charge and must be reserved by preferably texting (or calling) Michelle Hershenson at 317-370-7326. This invitation is open to everyone.

Eva, a child Auschwitz survivor, was subjected to Dr. Mengele's experiments, and shares her story from trauma to triumph in displaying fortitude, forgiveness and hope for future generations. As a shining example of humanity, Eva founder of C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Museum in Terre Haute, Ind., was awarded an honorary Butler degree, and was their 2015 commencement speaker.

Those wishing to extend the evening with Eva are invited for continued conversation with coffee and dessert at the home of Michelle and Marv Hershenson, 1213 Woodbridge Lane, 46260.

IHC Scholar in Residence Weekend with Dr. Joel Hoffman

Fri.–Sun., Oct. 23–25, Dr. Joel M. Hoffman focuses on bringing the Bible to 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@jfsfgi.org.

New Jewish Learning Institute Class

Journey of the Soul explores the mysteries surrounding the spiritual dimension of our existence – our destiny that continues even after we've shed our earth-bound body suit. We examine the transition of the soul into the hereafter, the kinds of legacies that are valued even after we've forsaken this earthly existence, and the accompanying emotional journey and rituals that help the soul and those closest

to it prepare for its new reality.

Besides for providing answers to life's biggest questions, *Journey of the Soul* will inspire you to remain focused on the parts of life that really matter; it will assist you in becoming more in touch with yourself, with your soul, and with your spiritual dimension; and it will help you discover a newfound relationship with your loved ones who are no longer here with us in body.

The class will be held at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 W.96th St., Carmel, Ind., **six Sundays: Oct. 25–Dec. 6**, from 10:30 a.m.–noon OR **six Tuesdays, Oct. 27–Dec. 1**, either from 10:30 a.m.–noon or from 7–8:30 p.m. Fee: \$79 textbook included. Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Schusterman. For more information: Call 317/698-6423 or email JLI@lubavitchindiana.com. *This course is eligible for CE credits.*

JCRC and Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Sun., Oct. 25, 6 p.m., at JCC's Laikin Auditorium. 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.

Keynote Speakers:

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin was named the Archbishop of Indianapolis in 2012, returning to the Midwest after 20 years in Rome serving as General Consultor, Superior General, and as the Vatican's liaison to religious orders worldwide. He began his priestly ministry serving parishes in Detroit & Chicago.

Rabbi Michael J. Cook is the Bronstein Professor of Judeo-Christian Studies at Hebrew Union College's Cincinnati campus. He is the only rabbi in North America with a Full-Professorial Chair in New Testament, and he is the author of *Modern Jews Engage the New Testament: Enhancing Jewish Well-Being in a Christian Environment*.

Event is Free & Open to the Public ~ Dessert Reception to follow ~ Dietary Laws observed. More info: contact Lindsey Mintz at lmintz@indyjrcr.org or call 926-2935.

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., 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.

The Syrian Refugee Crisis – A two day event

Join the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees, the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council, St. George Orthodox Christian Church, and the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation as we raise awareness about the Syrian crisis.

Thurs., Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m., at St. George's Orthodox Christian Church 10748 E. 116th St., Film: *Red Lines*, followed by panel discussion led by MFA Founder Dr. Georgette Bennett, herself a Jewish refugee from post-WWII Europe, and MFA's Senior Syria Advisor Shadi Martini, a Syrian refugee.

Fri., Oct. 30, at 6:15 p.m. at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 N. Meridian St., Dr. Georgette Bennett and Shadi Martini will present during Friday *Shabbat* services. These events are free and open to the public.

Israel Bonds Indiana Artisan Spirits Tasting for young leadership

Sun., Nov. 1, at 7 p.m., at the home of Jill and Matt Burnett. Featuring 18 Vodka handcrafted in Indiana, Gin, Whiskey, Limoncello, and Raspberry Liqueur. Minimum \$36 Israel Bond investment is required to attend. Must be 21 or over. (see Events, page IN 7)



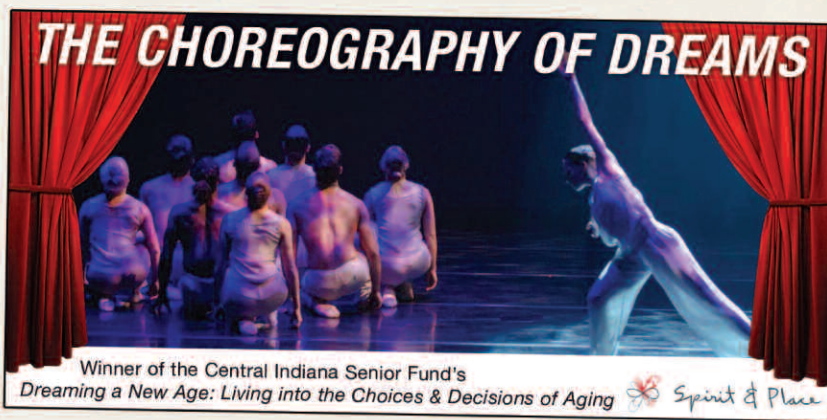
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Danielle and **Ryan Warrenburg** on the birth of their daughter **Julia Lucille** on Oct. 5, 2015. Maternal grandparents are **Bob** and **Toni Bader**, and paternal grandparents are **Vince** and **Diane Warrenburg**. All are from Indianapolis.

Elizabeth (Liz) Goldsmith (right) on her 95th birthday on Oct. 7. Liz, who resides at MorningSide of College Park celebrated with family.

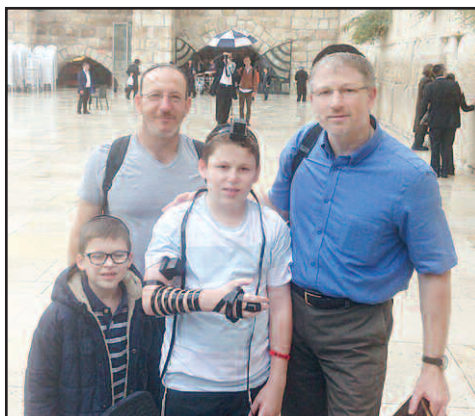


Rabbi Yisrael and **Rebetzin Miriam Gettinger** on the birth of a granddaughter on Oct. 13 to their daughter and son-in-law **Rabbi Moshe Zev** and **Esther Shira Granek** of Lakewood, NJ. May she grow *l'Torah, l'Chuppah, u'lemasim tovim*, and be a credit to the entire family!

The **5/6 grade Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis Volleyball Stars** (below) for being crowned 2015 Indianapolis Independent School League Champions (first in the school's history) for the best league record – despite the slim loss by just three points to Bethesda in the final game of the IISL tournament on Oct. 13. Congratulations HHAI Stars on your wonderful performance this year!

Josh Frankel (above right) on his upcoming *bar mitzvah* on Oct. 27. He is the son of **Dr. Steven** and **Kathy Frankel**, former residents of Indianapolis, now living in Israel.

Steven was the president of Congregation B'nai Torah from 2005–2008 and again from 2010–2012. Besides their two sons, the Frankels also have two daughters, Eliana and Moriah – they all attended the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. ✨



Oct. 7, 2015 – “We had such an exciting morning. First rain in Israel and first time putting on tefillin for our son, Josh. So special to be able to celebrate this milestone at the Kotel.” said Kathy Frankel, who took the photo. L-R: Josh’s brother, Jeremy, Dr. Allon Friedman (visiting from Carmel, Ind.), Josh, and (father) Dr. Steven Frankel.

Simchas Welcome! The Jewish Post & Opinion – IN Edition welcomes your announcements for placement in our *Simcha* section. Submit photos and text to: jpostopinion@gmail.com. **Next Deadline: Nov. 2, 2015.** All decisions on publishing, date of placement, size of photo, and length of announcement are at the sole discretion of the publisher.



The Jewish Chronicle of Pittsburgh (www.thejewishchronicle.net) had this photo on the cover of their Aug. 27, 2015 edition with the caption: “Play Ball! Rabbi Bryna Milkow of Temple Ohav Shalom throws out the first pitch at the Pirates’ Jewish Heritage Night at PNC Park last week.” Rabbi Bryna Milkow’s first position after graduating HUC-JIR in Los Angeles was with Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and the Indianapolis Indians are a minor league, AAA farm team for the Pittsburgh Pirates. (The photo is reprinted with permission from both them and the newspaper.) ~ After an almost yearlong search, in July 2013, Temple Ohav Shalom hired Rabbi Milkow to serve the Allison Park congregation of 176 families. Before that she was a congregational rabbi at Etz Hayim, an 80-family Reform congregation in Derry, N.H., about an hour from her hometown of Boston. She got her start as assistant rabbi at IHC from 2006–2010.



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Eva Kor: Remembering (and forgiving) the Holocaust

Tues., Nov. 3, from 7–8:30 p.m., at University of Indianapolis Krannert Memorial Library, 1400 E Hanna Ave, Indianapolis 46227. Eva Mozes Kor is a survivor of the Holocaust who, with her twin sister Miriam, was subjected to human experimentation under Josef Mengele at Auschwitz. How could she possibly forgive? Kor received international attention when she publicly forgave the Nazis for what had been done to her. This story was later explored in the documentary *Forgiving Dr. Mengele*. Sponsored by Center for Interfaith Cooperation. For more info contact Lang Brownlee at lbrownlee@uindy.edu or 317-788-3382.

Wrestling with the Infinite

Sat., Nov. 7, at 12:30 p.m. at the Artsgarden in the Circle Center Mall, 110 W. Washington Street, for a special Spirit & Place event. Enjoy an afternoon of art, music, poetry, and dance inspired by the Biblical stories of Jacob's dreams. An alliance of poets, musicians, dancers, and visual artists will join together to turn the Artsgarden into a vast "dreamscape" with music and spoken words, art installations, and movement. Select artists from the "Religion, Spirituality & the Arts" seminar, a program of Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary and directed by Rabbi Sandy E. Sasso, will engage the public with interactive displays and performances in a dream-like space. *This program is presented by The Alan & Linda Cohen Center for Jewish Learning and Living at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck with support from the Arts Council of Indianapolis, Castleton United Methodist Church, Northminster Presbyterian Church, and Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis.* For more info contact Jennifer Hodes 317-253-3441, ext. 2 or jhodes@bez613.org.

The Choreography of Dreams by Dance Kaleidoscope

Sun., Nov. 8, two performances at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., at the JCC. An award-winning collaboration between the JCC of Indianapolis, Dance Kaleidoscope, Jewish Family Services at the Albert & Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center, and the Indiana Writers Center featuring five unique video stories as related by community elders and interpreted by Dance Kaleidoscope dancers. The

performance incorporates music, video, and spoken word to shed light on what it's like to age in today's world and dispel stereotypes about aging.

Recipient of the 2015 Spirit & Place Award, a \$20,000 award sponsored by the Central Indiana Senior Fund, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation. Additional support provided by The Penrod Society, Ltd. Both performances are free Spirit & Place events.

Second Sunday Concerts at IHC (Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation)

Sun., Nov. 8, at IHC, at 2 p.m., Peggy Reich, piano will perform, "Travesia Musical". Free and open to the public. For more info call 255-6647.

Jewish Stories of Love and Marriage: Folktales, Legends & Letters

Mon., Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Laikin Auditorium of the Arthur M. Glick JCC. Join Rabbi Sandy E. Sasso and renowned storyteller Peninnah Schram as they discuss their new book, a treasury of tales that speaks to love's blessing and challenge. They will share powerful stories, from Biblical times to the present, about faith and love, even in times of heartbreak. Some of the stories and letters are from people you may know here in Indianapolis! You won't want to miss this engaging and heart-warming evening. *Cosponsored by The Alan and Linda Cohen Center for Jewish Learning and Living at Beth-El Zedeck and the JCC Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts. (See a review of their book on page IN 10.)*

Author Jon Wertheim at Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts

Tues., Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. An evening with *Sports Illustrated* executive editor and Indiana native, Jon Wertheim, one of the most accomplished sports journalists in America. He'll talk about his wide range of experiences and his new book, which he co-wrote with Al Michaels, legendary sportscaster and the play-by-play voice of NBC's *Sunday Night Football*.

In this highly entertaining and insightful memoir, one of television's most respected broadcasters interweaves the story of his life and career with lively firsthand tales of some of the most thrilling events and fascinating figures in modern sports.

You Can't Make This Up shares never-before-told stories from Michaels' early years and his rise to the top, covering some of the greatest moments of the past half century – from the "Miracle on Ice" – the historic 1980 Olympic hockey finals – to the earthquake that rocked the 1989 World Series. Some of the greatest names on and off the field are here – Michael

Seniors in Place

For additional events and to RSVP for these, please call Janet 251-8881 unless stated otherwise.

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 castmembers 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 (see Seniors, page IN 13)



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International Tracing Service – Group Lecture

Sun., Nov. 15, from 2 – 4 p.m., at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W Ohio St., Indianapolis, 46202. The International Tracing Service was set up after World War II to help survivors of Nazi Germany find their families. It is still helping to reunite survivors. This is your opportunity to hear about the service in general at the Indiana History Center and to also schedule an individual consultation at the JCC.

For more info call 317-232-1882 or visit www.indianahistory.org. Tickets are \$12/ non-member, \$9/IHS and JCC member.

Hadassah Book Club

Mon., Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. The book is *Between Friends* by Amos Oz. Hostess is Marsha Rauscher and Facilitator is Jennifer Berday. Dec. 20 – *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doer and Jan. 17 – *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. 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. ★



Holocaust Educator

REVIEWED BY MIRIAM L. ZIMMERMAN

Celebrating 50 years of *Nostra Aetate* – seismic shift in Jewish-Catholic relations

Her eyes, now etched in my memory, conveyed fear, embarrassment, and extreme discomfort. “My priest told me that if I stepped foot in a synagogue, that I would go straight to hell when I died,” her words that reverberated in my brain for over 50 years matched her eyes.

It was before the days of the mega *b’nai mitzvah* parties. In small town Indiana, mothers and their friends catered the reception after the ceremony. At least, that was my experience in Terre Haute, Ind., at my 1959 *bat mitzvah*. It was important that my mother, z”l, know how many guests to expect, so that she could plan how much to augment from the local bakery.

Mother asked me many times to find out from Gloria, my only Catholic friend growing up, if she would be attending my *bat mitzvah*. Gloria’s family could not afford the private school tuition of the local Catholic high school, which almost all of the Catholic kids attended, and so had to matriculate at the public Wiley High School, along with the less than faithful, such as me. At that time, we were good friends.

Confronting a close friend on such an issue, an implicit criticism for being the last to RSVP, was not something this 12-year-old found easy to do. When I finally summoned the psychic energy to ask, she looked at me with that stricken face and articulated those words that would echo in my brain for a lifetime. Sadly, neither of us had the tools to deal with such a statement. We drifted apart after that.

Flash forward six years. I was a junior at Northwestern University in the fall of 1965. A phone call from Dad, z”l, caught me off guard. He asked me if I had heard of the sweeping changes undergoing the Roman Catholic Church. I had not.

He explained that the Catholic Church no longer believed that the Jews killed Jesus; it was no longer official Catholic teaching. “If that had happened before, there would never have been the Holocaust,” he proclaimed excitedly, in his

heavily German-accented English. More words sealed in my memory.

As a physician affiliated with St. Anthony’s Hospital in Terre Haute, and as a 1937 German-Jewish refugee whose recommendation from the Mother Superior of the Catholic Hospital of Cologne, Germany, helped him obtain an internship at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette, Ind., Dad had a lifelong interest in Catholic-Jewish relations. His internship at “St. E’s” enabled him to become a licensed physician in his adopted homeland, the United States of America. He instilled in all of his three children that the U.S. was the best country in the world.

In 1985, Dad accompanied some of his Catholic clergy friends from St. Anthony’s to South Bend, Ind., to attend a 20-year retrospective of the Second Vatican Council, “Vatican II (1962–65),” at the University of Notre Dame. Dad was not interested in the changes in Catholic liturgy, but in *Nostra Aetate*, the initiative that resulted in a seismic shift in Jewish-Catholic relations.

Nostra Aetate, signed on Oct. 28, 1965 at Vatican II, is “Latin for ‘In Our Time,’ a document that revolutionized the Catholic Church’s approach to Jews and Judaism after nearly 2,000 years of pain and sorrow,” according to the Anti-Defamation League website, http://archive.adl.org/main_interfaith/nostra_aetate_whatisit.html#.VhFY0ysS11Q.

Specific provisions included repudiating “the centuries-old ‘deicide’ charge against all Jews, [stressing] the religious bond shared by Jews and Catholics, [reaffirming] the eternal covenant between God and the People of Israel, and [dismissing] church interest in trying to baptize Jews.” The biggest change, removing the deicide charge, meant that the Church would no longer teach that Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus. (*Tell that to Mel Gibson.*)

Dad informed me about the interesting results he learned from attending the conference at the University of Notre Dame, 20 years after the signing of *Nostra Aetate*. One finding: academic nuns and priests know about the teachings of *Nostra Aetate*, but such teachings had not filtered down to the parish level of catechism.

Flash forward 30 more years. On Sept. 9, 2015, I attended a 50-year retrospective of *Nostra Aetate* at the Jesuit-run University of San Francisco (USF), where I, coincidentally, completed my doctorate 24 years earlier. The campus, cleaner, better landscaped, and with several new buildings, had changed enormously since I was a grad student.

The interfaith Anniversary Program at USF, celebrating *Nostra Aetate*, began with a prayer by a Buddhist priest. *Nostra Aetate* defined the “interior journey to the



Miriam Zimmerman in front of the Gleeson Library at the University of San Francisco.

heart.” It commemorated the spirit and celebrated “our oneness and wholeness that transcends” superficial differences. *Nostra Aetate* changed not only relationships between Catholics and Jews but also between Catholics and all other religions.

In his welcome, Father Paul Fitzgerald, president of USF, cited Swiss theologian Hans Küng, “There can be no peace among the nations until there is peace among the religions.” Tell that to ISIS – the violent fundamentalist Islamic regime currently beheading Christians and all other “non-believers” in the Middle Eastern territories under its control.

The gathering at USF of about 50 students, faculty, and campus and community religious leaders, celebrated 50 years of interreligious dialogue and collaboration, a direct outgrowth of the changes resulting from *Nostra Aetate*. The Joan and Ralph Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought sponsored the event.

Father James Hanvey, S.J. of the University of Oxford and former visiting professor of theology at USF, summed up key characteristics of *Nostra Aetate*. The following paraphrased snippets do not do justice to his scholarly analysis; I translated his profundity into PowerPoint-like bullet points, for the sake of brevity in this space.

Nostra Aetate represents not a loss of Church identity, but a deepening of identity. There is a fundamental image of humanity in all religions – the fundamental conditions of humanity do not change. *Nostra Aetate* gave us the courage to change; it calls for a generosity of spirit, asking us to focus on the greatness of God, not to be imprisoned by limitations of our own religious vision.

Father Hanvey elucidated five principles with which the Church must still grapple, first, the realization that difference is not a

threat but a gift and the need to reject prejudice and the violence prejudice engenders. (*Tell that to Donald Trump.*)

Second, the Church cannot be the Church if it renounces Judaism.

Third, interfaith dialogue should not be political, but created out of love. Dialogue gives space for people to speak as they are, reveal their space with God. Dialogue is a commitment to transform ourselves.

Fourth, religion stands for humanity's need to have a profound respect for all human life and creation. *Nostra Aetate* is as timely today, in reference to Jewish-Muslim relations, as it was in 1965. Finally, there is a need for religious freedom, best expressed by [this writer's favorite pope] Pope John Paul II in Albania, "Freedom of Religion is a safeguard against all forms of totalitarianism."

The Jesuit priest concluded his comments by citing how the current pope, Pope Francis, sees all this. Father Hanvey referenced those who make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, as did Pope Francis. A pilgrim is a person who starts out poor; it is how Abraham lived. This is how we should all live, "Before the mystery of God, we are all poor."

The program celebrated diversity. Two women spoke, representing non-Catholic religions, Muslim and Jewish. Long-time interfaith activist, now retired, Rita Semel reported what the Archbishop said to her in 1965 when he called to plan with her his announcement of the signing of *Nostra Aetate* at the then *Temple Emanu-El* in San Francisco: "You bring the flyers; I'll bring the nuns."

Rabbi Jonathan Singer, senior rabbi at now Congregation Emanu-El, joined the women at the podium to speak. The audience became participants as we were given time at our respective tables to eat

the delicious Mediterranean lunch and talk about why we were there and our thoughts about diversity.

Student leaders, including representatives from the Hillel chapter at San Francisco State University and the Jewish Student Organization at USF also made brief comments. A video portrayed USF campus leaders talking about diversity and their involvement in their respective organizations. Some of those campus leaders were in attendance and gave concluding remarks. It was a well-organized and efficient program, celebrating 50 years of interfaith dialogue. I was delighted I had trekked to San Francisco to attend.

Father Hanvey graciously spoke with me privately after the USF program and filled in a great many of my information gaps. I told him of my Dad's conclusion that without the charge of deicide, the Holocaust would not have happened. He shook his head dismissively at such a thought. Did the good Father not know how much the "Jew as Christ-killer" figured in Christian art and liturgy throughout the centuries and that the Nazis used such images in their propaganda liberally and extensively? The Nazis built on images and prejudices that the Church instilled for 2,000 years. There was a dire need for *Nostra Aetate*, "which brought the Church from the 13th to the 16th Century," as one of the panelists said, tongue-in-cheek, to correct such injustice.

A celebration of *Nostra Aetate* that I will not be able to attend is the 2015 Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference at Seton Hill University's National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education (NCCHE), October 25–27. The title of this year's conference, "The Holocaust and *Nostra Aetate*: Toward a Greater Understanding" stimulated the same brain neurons that motivated me to attend the USF program. Unfortunately, a competing mediation conference in Washington, DC, precludes my attending this important conference.

At the NCCHE conference, I am sure I would be able to find a scholar to corroborate my Dad's observation about the connection between the deicide charge and the Holocaust. I thought of Gloria's priest and wondered when he learned that it would have been okay for Gloria to attend my *bat mitzvah*. In small town Indiana, it would probably take longer for the Church to enter modern times. I hope that the theological changes in the Catholic Church wrought by *Nostra Aetate* has made it more difficult for priests to prohibit any Catholic child from entering a synagogue, in Terre Haute, Ind., or anywhere else in the world. This is indeed, good news for those interested in Jewish-Catholic relationships.

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Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

Hard Times

In the past month we have been suffering from a wave of terror. Many innocent people were murdered, and many more were injured. I asked myself: "What can I do to help?" I can't patrol the streets. I am 65 years old, and haven't held a gun for over 25 years, since I last served in the Israeli army. Here are some ideas that came to my mind.

We can pray to *Hashem* (G-d) to protect us. We can pray for our complete and final redemption. At that time, in the era of *Moshiach* (Messiah), there will be no more terror, no more war, no more evil in any form.

We believe that the Lubavitcher Rebbe is *Moshiach*. We are now in the beginning of the final redemption. It is really happening! However, though many good things have already happened, there is still much suffering. We cry out to *Hashem*: "*Ad mausai?* (How long do we have to wait?)"

In addition to praying, there is much that we can do. Every *Mitzvah* that we do speeds up the process of our redemption by increasing good in the world. It makes the world a better place. Love your neighbor, be nice to him, do what you can to help those in need.

Hashem gave us the *Torah*. The *Torah* is the wisdom of *Hashem*. When we learn *Torah*, we unite ourselves with *Hashem's* wisdom. In the *Torah* are 613 commandments, (*Mitzvahs*). These *Mitzvahs* are the will of *Hashem*. When we fulfill these *Mitzvahs*, we bring *Hashem's* will down into this world.

Now it is especially important to learn *Chassidus*, the inner meaning of the *Torah*. This will help us to overcome the difficulties that we face, and the hard times that we are going through.

I look around and I see a lot of good. I see the majority of the population of the world trying to lead good lives, to bring peace to the world, to help the poor, the sick, the hungry. I see more and more people who believe in *Hashem* and try to follow His commandments.

However, there is still some terror. In fact, each of us has a little terrorist, a little devil inside. In Hebrew he is called the *yetzer hara*, the evil influence. Whenever I start to say my daily prayers, he sends all kinds of interesting and important thoughts into my mind, to distract me from thinking about the words of the prayers.

This little terrorist is very clever, and a master of disguise. In extreme cases he

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Father James Hanvey, S.J. of the University of Oxford.

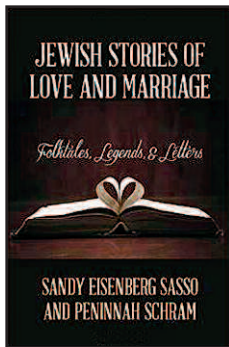
Book Review

REVIEWED BY SUSAN LERNER

There's nothing like a love story

Take a look at your parents' wedding portraits. Those evocative photographs capture that moment in time when the future held all possibilities. You might remember stories your parents told you about their early lives. You might imagine what their lives were like during their courtship. Of all the stories we tell, there's nothing like a love story.

Rabbi Sandy Sasso enlisted her friend, Peninnah Schram, to help in her search for Jewish love stories when Sasso's daughter, Debbie, became engaged. They collected stories, added Debbie's story, and printed it all in a pamphlet to use at the *aufruf* (when the groom, and in non-Orthodox congregations, the bride are called to the *Torah* on the *Shabbat* preceding their wedding). This pamphlet served as the seed for Rabbi Sandy Sasso and Peninnah Schram's new book, *Jewish Stories of Love and Marriage*.



I had no idea the Jewish tradition held such a wealth of love stories. The authors divide the book into five sections. The first consists of biblical and rabbinic love stories, and begins with a story written by Howard Schwartz, *The Very First Wedding*, that describes the marriage ceremony of Adam and Eve. In this part of the book we also read about the nuptials of our matriarchs and patriarchs. One of the pieces at the end of the section describes the coming together of Rabbi Akiva and his wife, Rachel.

Folk tales, which make up the second section of the book, are by nature entrancing and fanciful and those in this collection are no exception. *Jonathan and the Scorpion* begins as a different kind of love story: one of two sons' love for their father. The story, which includes talking animals who grant wishes, a royal wedding, and a Jewish community in peril, ends with our hero, Jonathan, marrying the deceased king's widow and saving the Jews.

The third section is a collection of love letters of historical personalities. The last entry, titled, *You Found Your Way to My Heart*, left me *verklemp*. Here Peninnah

Schram includes letters written by her father to her mother in 1930. Schram discovered them in her parents' Connecticut home and translated the *Yiddish* herself.

Contemporary love stories make up the fourth section of the book, which opens with Rabbi Sasso's own story. She narrates in the present tense, which invites the reader into the delightful story of her courtship with her fellow rabbinical student, Dennis Sasso. This section of the book ends with an intriguing and unique piece, *Sukkat Shalom: A Micrographic Love Story*, by Sonia Gordon-Walinsky. Like a graphic novel, but compressed, it consists of five stunning illustrations that tell a love story in the context of the liturgy of the *hakafot* (circles we make around the synagogue with the *Torah* throughout *Sukkot*, climaxing on *Simchat Torah*). The inked figures in each drawing, exceedingly complex, are formed wholly by the Hebrew prayers.

The fifth and final section of the book is a guide on how to write your own love story, one that you can pass along to your children or other family members.

Jewish Stories of Love and Marriage is a must-have addition for any Jewish library, (see Lerner, page IN 13)



ZIMMERMAN

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The magic of social media has made it possible for Gloria and I to resume a friendship interrupted for 50 years by pre-*Nostra Aetate* attitudes about Jews. A few years ago, we became friends on Facebook where she has "liked" and commented on pictures of my grandchildren.

Although not about *Nostra Aetate*, I would like to conclude this column with a mention of a ceremony at my own Notre Dame de Namur University, in celebration of diversity and interfaith dialogue. I was asked to represent Judaism, in prayer. You can read my prayer at the following link:

www.facebook.com/Jewish-Post-Opinion-newspaper-191424237534424/timeline/?ref=hl. This ceremony could not have taken place at a Catholic institution without the reforms engendered by *Nostra Aetate*.

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BENZION

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can convince us that it is right to commit terrible crimes. He pretends that he is a prophet, and convinces people that their crimes are holy, or at least justified.

In Russia he convinced millions not to believe in *Hashem*, and that religion is the opiate of the masses. This brought about horrible suffering and death to about 50 million innocent citizens.

What can we do? How can we overcome our own private little terrorist? We learn in *Chassidus* about the forces of good that we have inside of us. We learn about our G-dly soul. Just as *Hashem* is infinite, so also our G-dly soul, which is a portion of *Hashem*, has unlimited power to do good. We learn about all of the temptations and tricks of our evil side, and how to overcome them.

We believe that *Hashem* is good. If so, why did He create evil? And why did he put evil in each of us? This, and many other questions are answered in a very special book called *Tanya*.

This is what each of us can do to eliminate terror forever. We can learn how to overcome our own little terrorist, who stops us from learning *Torah* and doing *Mitzvahs*. Then we will succeed in learning *Torah* and doing *Mitzvahs* to bring *Moshiach* now!

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Obituaries

Patricia J. Linderman, age 93, passed away Sept. 24, 2015. She was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Indianapolis to the late Harry and Gertrude Jackson. Patricia graduated from Shortridge High School in 1939 where she excelled in sports. After attending Indiana University, Patricia worked as Financial Director at Sigma Delta Tau for 25 years during which time she became National President of the sorority.

Other memberships include National Council of Sigma Delta Tau board member, former President of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) Sisterhood, president of the Indianapolis Chapter of Brandeis University Women, President of Indianapolis Golf Association, and Board Member of National Council of Jewish Women. She enjoyed playing golf, bridge and reading the latest novels.

Survivors include her loving children, Nancy Felsher, Dr. Richard (Jane) Linderman, Dr. James Linderman; sister, Joan Stoner; and grandchildren, Heather and Rebecca Shoemaker, Adam, Ben, Greg and Sara Linderman. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Irving E. Linderman, of 70 years of marriage.

The family would like to thank the nurses

and aides at Marquette for their kindness and attentiveness. A funeral service took place on Sept. 29 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed at IHC Cemetery South.

Julie Wilson Hochman, 73, passed peacefully on Sept. 26, of lung cancer. She was born in Pine Bluff, Ark on Aug. 13, 1942. Lovingly welcoming Julie on the other side are her mother and father, Helen and Woody Wilson and her Dandie Dimont terrier, Parnelli J. DoWell. Julie attended North Central High School and Indiana University. Under contract with RCA, Julie was a singer with the trio, the Deb-Tones and counted fellow recording artists like the Everly Brothers as friends. The Deb-Tones appeared on the Lawrence Welk and Patti Page Shows. They also toured Iceland and Greenland with the USO and the Indiana Belles.



Julie was a sale associate with Wasson's, a Girl Scout Leader and made delicious fried chicken and potato salad. Julie was the Regional Chairman for two years for the March of Dimes, coached softball at Allisonville Little League, and was an accomplished swimmer. Julie was a

member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and a Life Member of Hadassah.

Julie was a manufacturer's representative with the Chicago firm of Duncan & Co., selling over one hundred lines throughout Indiana. An avid crossword puzzle solver, Julie was independent, highly intelligent and an excellent conversationalist, always available with sound advice for her family and friends. She was generous of nature and an animal lover (especially her horse, Lady Baltimore and, her favorite dog, Parnelli). Julie possessed numerous close friends to whom she was loyal throughout her life. Julie will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Julie is survived by her husband, Stephen; daughters, Allison Hochman and Claire (Chris) Hochman-Heffner; and sister, Diane Burnett. Special thank-yous to Julie's angelic Community North's Hospice caregivers, including Angela, Kristin, Melissa Hill, Tammy and Jackie. Soon, Julie will be carried by mountain winds and soar with golden eagles. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**, Max Nelson and Jennifer Nelson Williams. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Bernard Weiner, 96, of Noblesville (see Obituaries, page IN 13)



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Upcoming Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) meeting

The IJHS annual meeting and brunch will be **Sun., Nov. 1** at Broadmoor Country Club at noon. The schedule is as follows: *Noon:* Welcome, introductions and brunch; *1 p.m.:* Executive Director, President and Nominating Committee reports; and *1:15 p.m.:* Program by Rabbi Sue Laikin Silberberg.

Rabbi Sue Laikin Silberberg is the Director of Hillel at Indiana University, Bloomington. She grew up in Indianapolis and graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. She attended the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and was ordained in 1988. While she was a student, she was the Hillel Director at the University of Delaware. She spent one year in Israel and returned to the United States to become the Executive Director of the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center at Indiana University in August of 1989. She loves IU Hillel and the students there, and is committed to promoting diversity on campus. She helped to found Bloomington United, a grassroots community organization dedicated to building diversity and

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Hoosier Reunion in Israel A delightful and meaningful gathering was held at the Hoosier-Israeli reunion on Oct. 11 at the home of Cyrelle Simon in Jerusalem. Participants shared “d’verei Torah”, memories of Indiana and enjoyed some hearty laughter. At least five rabbis were present including Benzion Cohen, Tzvi Leshem, Rashi Simon, Hillel Simon, and Ronald Gray and his wife, Rachel who came to Indy in 1970 to serve Congregation B’nai Torah. ~ The most senior member of our gathering was Harry Goldstein who was born and raised in Indy until making “aliyah” eight years ago. Mona Blumberg

compiled a list of streets, shuls, cultural sites and other places of interest in Indianapolis. Harry added a few more “shtiblach” (small shuls) which existed years ago. ~ Names of some of the attendees included Sharon Weiss, Yehudit and Eddie Epstein, Chayim and Alice Weissman, Ronit Simon Comrov, Shira Simon Pollack, Shabtai and Yehudit Herman, Scott Bornstein, Susie Jacobs and Rephael Blumberg. Everyone enjoyed the meaningful and personal memories, camaraderie and good spirits that flowed throughout the evening. Co-chairs were Yehudit Epstein and Cyrelle Simon. ✨



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SENIORS

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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.

Plant Club – Rusted Window Floral Demonstration

Mon., Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. We are meeting at the Rusted Window, 99 E. Carmel Dr., to view demonstration of flower arranging. Everyone attending will receive something to take home. Lunch is following at Muldoons, your expense, 111 W. Main St. Both locations are in Carmel. No van service, car pools can be arranged. Cost for demonstration is \$10.

Carmel Community Players – Lights, Camera, Cabaret

Thurs., Nov. 5, leave JCC at 6:15 p.m., \$10 for transportation, show is free.

Veterans Day Concert – Indianapolis Municipal Band

Sun., Nov. 8, leave JCC at 2 p.m. The concert is being performed at the Indiana State Museum. \$10 for transportation. Concert is free.

Holiday cooking with Katherine Matutes

Mon., Nov. 9 at the JCC at 11:30 a.m. We are going to have another wonderful lunch. Katherine will show us how to prepare delicious holiday treats. Cost is only \$5 for lunch.

Book Club

Tues., Nov. 10 at the BJE at 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Rosenfeld 255-3604 for additional info.

Mud Creek Theatre: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Thurs., Nov. 12, leave JCC at 6 p.m. Roman slave, Pseudolus scheming his way to freedom by playing matchmaker for his master’s son, Hero. What happens next? \$10 transportation. Play is free.

Catch Me If You Can

Sat., Nov. 14, leave JCC at 1:30 p.m. This musical is being presented by North Central High School (NCHS) Theatre. It is based on the story of con artist Frank Abagnale (played by Joey Mervis). This play is being performed at NCHS. \$10 transportation. Play is free. ☆



OBITUARIES

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passed away Oct. 2. He was born April 7, 1919. He was a WW II Veteran, US Navy and a Biochemist for the USDA. Bernard is survived by his children, Joseph Weiner (Debra), Deborah Goldfarb (Ben), six grandchildren and Rev. Bruce and Mrs. Deborah Weiman. Funeral services were held graveside on Oct. 6, at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of St Vincent’s, 8450 N. Payne Rd. Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Barbara Opperman, 91, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully Oct. 2. Born in Mt. Clemens Mich., Barbara attended Miami of Ohio and was active in the Democratic party of both South Bend, Ind., and Indianapolis. She devoted her life to raising her 5 children, Richard Feldman, Jerry Feldman, David Opperman, Kim Opperman and Laura Opperman; 8 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild. She loved entertaining, eating hot dogs at Costco, and perfected the art of making cinnamon rolls. A service to remember her was held at her daughter’s house on Oct. 6. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Alla Kushinskaya, 70, peacefully left us on Oct. 3. A funeral service was held graveside Oct. 6, in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Cemetery North. (See full obituary at www.arnmortuary.com and in our November edition.) ☆



LERNER

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not to mention the perfect gift for any Jewish engagement or wedding. On the first page of the book the authors pose a question about love stories: “How do we hold onto what is precious and unrepeatable once it is gone?” By the end of the book they answer the question by writing that their love story collection is only a beginning. “It is incomplete without your family’s stories and your own.”

Buy the book. Read the book. Then take the authors’ advice and pen your own family’s love story.

The two authors will present this book in the Laikin Auditorium at the JCC on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m., an event of the Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts.

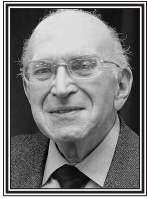
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As I Heard It

By MORTON GOLD

Accolades for this CD

There are times when I receive a CD to review that causes me to renew my faith in this business.

Most new CD's are aimed at furthering the careers of this or that performer/entertainer. This one, called *Cherished Moments: Songs of the Jewish Spirit* featuring a choral group called "Essential Voices USA" and conducted by Judith Clurman lives up to its title. It is a marvelous



CD with performances that are exceedingly well done and the music of worth. There are 14 "cuts" in all and I will give my reaction to most of them. Aside from the artistic leadership of Ms. Clurman, credit must also be given to Larry Hochman for his intuitive and skillful arrangements.

No. 1: "Enosh" by Louis Lewandowski as arranged by Hochman for strings and clarinet. If every synagogue/temple choir only sounded like this one there would (should) be standing room only at services. There is an instantaneous feeling that one is in a Jewish house of worship and the music here reflects the spirit of the text which appears as part of the High Holiday *Yizkor* (Memorial) service. It is a *shandeh* (disgrace) that this master is for the most part only represented by his setting of Psalm 150.

No. 2: "Oseh Shalom" by Debbie Friedman, arranged by Sally Lamb McCune. See, it is possible to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear! Ms. Friedman is rightfully recognized as the foremost "leader of the folk revolution" that emerged in temples in the wake of the Vietnam War.

No. 3: "Set Me as a Seal" by Nico Muhly. The text is taken from the "Song of Songs" and is composed for chorus with piano accompaniment. My feeling is that this would be more appropriate in a concert setting than at temple services. The performance however is superb but I confess that I was less enthusiastic about the music.

No. 4: "Verastich Li" by Ben Steinberg and arranged by Hochman. This is an expressive and moving setting of this text, and the soloist, Michael Slattery sang it beautifully.

No. 5: "M'chalkeil Chayim" by Solomon Braslavsky, arranged by Bruce Ruben for solo violin and clarinet. While we would not deliberately quote some text without crediting the source, we regularly omit crediting the composer. The greatest compliment we can bestow is to perform his music! I always thought that this melody was by "Mr. Traditional", and I even used it in my *Yom Kippur* Suite for woodwind quintet. Braslavsky was the organist and choir leader at Temple Mishkhan Tefilah in Boston in the 1930s and 1940s. He was known as Professor then, but this was more of a putdown than a compliment. This melody will be a living memorial to him, simple yet heartfelt and lovingly sung by the cantor and congregation at *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

No. 6: "Songs of Freedom: A Celebration of Chanukah". This is a series of *Chanukah* songs wonderfully arranged by Hochman, Clurman and Brian Stokes Mitchell. The performances as well as the arrangements are such that these alone are well worth the price of the CD! I particularly enjoyed the performance of "Mi Y'maleil" with baritone Ron Raines as soloist, as well as the grand slam home run arrangement as well as harmonization of "Maoz Tsur".

No. 7: "Tzadik Katamar" by Emanuel Kirchner, arranged by Hochman. Kirchner, the chief cantor in Munich was a favorite composer of Dr. Jacob Hohenemser (also from Munich) whom I had the honor of accompanying while I was organist at Temple Emanu-el in Providence, R.I., in the early 1960s. The arrangement as well as the moving performance by the choir is superb.

This review is getting a bit long in the tooth so I will summarize. I must commend *Hazzan* Bruce Ruben both for his compositions as well as for the performances of them. The music is beautiful and reflects the spirit of the respective texts, and the arrangement by Hochman only adds to these qualities. I wish that I could commend Paul Schoenfield for his setting of "Al Hanisim", but I cannot. I felt that the overwhelming torrent of notes in the piano part made the entrance of the chorus seem like an afterthought.

The simple yet effective arrangement by Clurman of "Han'shama Lach" was a fitting conclusion to this disc. I believe that this disc is a significant contribution to the catalogue of Jewish music.

If this CD is any guide, Ms. Judith Clurman is a skillful and experienced conductor. Her musicianship and knowledge of choral timbres find full range with her excellent chorus. The performances of each selection have to be recognized as the platinum standard with which other performances will have to be judged. *Yasher Koach*.

This CD may be obtained at: P.O. Box

Midwest BBYO regions meet

"Everyone had a blast," said new KIO Regional Director, Jeff Linkon, about the BBYO MAR-KIO Fall Convention on Oct. 9-11 in Carlinville, Ill. It brought together teens from KIO (Kentucky, Indiana & Ohio) and MAR (Mid-America Region, Missouri, Kansas & Nebraska) – photos opposite page. This was the first joint convention of the two regions – an international initiative of BBYO to bring together more teens. More than 230 teens in total between both regions attended.

The convention had four goals: Connect teens in another region; Expand Knowledge of other regions' successful programming; Inspire teens to elevate the quality and interest in local chapter programming; and Increase Enthusiasm for BBYO summer immersive programs.

New Indianapolis Israeli *schlicha*, Inbar Nadir, also accompanied the KIO group. She posted on Facebook on Oct. 12. "This weekend I had the opportunity to spend some quality time with representatives of our youth in a BBYO conference. Those teens are the future of our community, and what terrific future is ahead of us!" ✨



IJHS

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responding to incidents of hate. Rabbi Sue's presentation will include a history of Hillel at Indiana University and changes in the organization over the years.

Chair of the IJHS Bicentennial Committee, **Brandon Roger**, will present the IJHS's plans for celebrating Indiana's Bicentennial. IJHS board members will be available to collect archival materials for the collections at the Indiana Historical Society. Please have all documents and photos identified and in a protective envelope.

Reservations are required for the dairy brunch. Cost is \$25 per person. Please send your check to the IJHS, 6301 Constitution Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46804. A check must accompany all reservations. Please list the names of those attending the brunch. Reservations must be received by Oct. 23. For more information, contact the Indiana Jewish Historical Society at 260-459-6862 or indiana.jhs@frontier.com. ✨



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Jeff Linkon (in the center above), regional director of Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio BBYO along with teens from Indianapolis, Dayton and Columbus returning home from their recent convention. ~ Indy teens included: Ari Atlas, Chava Bunes, Emma Cohen, Isabelle Connell, Noah Frankovitz, Sydney Glazier, Sarah Green, Cece Katz, Tahlia Korin, Rachel Lipofsky, Shaina Mann, Ryan Rubenstein, and Sylvia Siegel.



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