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Mazel Tov, Grads!

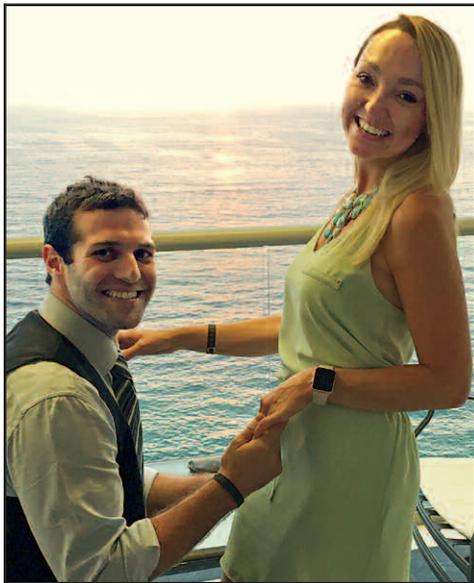


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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Kyle Katz and **Carrie Twomley** (below) on their engagement. Kyle is the son of **Leslie Kraft Katz** and **Ron Katz** and grandson of **Gerald** and **Adele Kraft** and the late **A. Martin** and **Dorothy Katz**. Kyle is a graduate of the Hasten Hebrew Academy and a summer camp counselor at the JCC.



Elana and **Isaiah Kuperstein** on the birth of their granddaughter **Odelia Zahav** on April 20, right before *Pesach*. She is the daughter of their son and daughter-in-law, **Daniel** and **Sarah Kuperstein** who live in Hoboken, N.J. A baby naming ceremony took place on May 14 at the Hoboken Chabad Synagogue.

Brian Miguel Navarrete and **Lauren Rose Mardirosian** (2 photos, below and above right) on their marriage in Detroit on May 14. Brian is the son of **Hermine Cohen** of Bloomington, Ind., and **Jairo Navarrete** of Bogota, Colombia, South America and grandson of **Olga Sanchez** and the late **Pedro Pablo Navarrete** of Bogota, and the late **Helen** and **Gabriel Cohen** of Indianapolis. Lauren is the daughter of **Mark** and **Elaine Warren**



Mardirosian of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich. She is the nursing outcomes improvement facilitator at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill. Brian is an environmental protection legal investigator with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The bride's wedding gown had been worn by her grandmother and her aunt at their weddings. The groom became a *bar mitzva* at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in 1997.

Rabbi Yisroel and **Naomi Homnick** on the marriage of their son **Shlomo Yosef** to **Rena Bayever** of Chicago.

Shirley Aprison on turning 89 on April 27.

Pierre Atlas on his well deserved promotion to Professor of Political Science at Marian University. His family is very proud of all the meaningful work he has done at the school, for our community, and for his dedication to students.

Sam Bronicki (below with his father), son of **Vickie Fox** and **Phillip Bronicki** and grandson of the late **Meyer** and **Shoshana Bronicki** graduated from Purdue University on May 15 with a degree in Industrial Engineering Technology. After a Birthright trip to Israel he will begin his professional career in Denver with Mass Electric.



The graduates of the Dalet class of The Bureau of Jewish Education for 2016: (pictured on front cover).

HHAI eighth grade graduating class of 2016: (pictured on front cover) Nataly David-Smith, Daniel Ehrlich, Emily Fridman, Adi Friedman, Michaela Geller-Montague, Abraham Levine, Elise Nachlis, and Anna Voskoboynik.

Irving Fine who will be 94 on June 9. ☆



Rabbi Karen Companeze installed at Temple Beth-El, South Bend

Rabbi Karen Companeze was installed as the 12th rabbi of Temple Beth-El in South Bend, Ind., on May 20–21, 2016. The weekend began with Friday night Shabbat services featuring the music of Rabbi Javier Cattapan.



On Sat., May 21, at the Shabbat Service of Installation, Rabbi Ellen Lewis will install Rabbi Companeze.

Rabbi Companeze has come to Temple Beth-El from a synagogue in Flint, Mich. She began her work here in South Bend last summer following the congregation's nationwide search and has served as the solo rabbi of the congregation since then. She has brought energy and innovation to the congregation that was founded in South Bend in 1905.

Rabbi Companeze was born in Sydney, Australia, came to the United States to become a Reform Rabbi and received her ordination at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 2002. She served the congregation in Flint for 13 years after her ordination and before coming to South Bend. Temple Beth-El is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ).

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Companeze and Temple Beth-El. ☆

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Editorial

I had been lamenting the fact that I am not up-to-date with the newest technology. I have had to learn a fair amount of programs on my computer in order to stay on top of publishing, but I have never owned or used an mp3 player, for example. My cell phone has many different programs but I have never taken any of the classes the company offers to learn them so I use it mostly for phone calls, emailing and texting.

The fast-paced world in which we live can be challenging and technology is a big part of that. I realize if I do not know how to use what is currently available, I will for sure not be able to use what comes out three years from now. But last weekend I had a change of heart about all this.

The reason is I had a revelation at the wedding of my nephew Brian Navarrete and his bride Lauren Mardirosian in Detroit. (See page 2 for photo and details.) I was told in advance no clergy would be officiating and I had trepidations about this. I thought perhaps the huge significance of this partnership would not be addressed. How wrong I was.

The wedding was officiated by the best friend of the bride, and the best friend of the groom who had been close to each of them for almost 20 years. This turned out much better than weddings where the officiating clergy hardly knows the couple. Another difference was that the *ketubah* (marriage contract) was signed by more than the two required witnesses. Everyone who attended was offered the opportunity to sign it. Thus whoever signed was witness to their vows and has a stake in the success of their marriage.

Some of the traditional Jewish wedding rituals that were observed included the four poles for the *chuppah* (wedding canopy). They came from trees from the property of the bride's family. A *kiddish* (blessing over wine) and exchange of rings took place, and at the end of the ceremony a glass was broken. The purpose for all these rituals was explained in advance. During the dancing afterward the bride and groom were raised above the crowd on separate chairs and almost everyone was singing and dancing to the tune of "*Hava Nagila*".

If you read below some of the wedding vows written by the betrothed for their future mates, it is obvious this endeavor was not taken lightly. Their vows were well thought out and heartfelt. Put into a booklet they would make a good manual for how to have a happy marriage. If I had to summarize their vows, it would be the importance of ongoing communication and a variation of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do

About the Cover

Top: The graduating Dalet class of the Bureau of Jewish Education for 2016 (photo by Scott Romer).

Bottom: The eighth grade graduating class of The Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis pictured at the Hasten Family Library in Jerusalem while on the annual trip to Israel. (see the list of graduates in Mazel Tov to... on page IN 2, and more photos from their trip on the back page.)



unto you".

Here are some examples: I vow to always try to be understanding and patient even when it is difficult. I vow to make sure that we have an equal partnership, that we make decisions together, big or small. I vow to always verbalize my appreciation for your contributions to our partnership. I vow to work on our relationship as we change together and as individuals. I promise to take care of you and comfort you until the end of your or my last breath. I promise to love and care for your family and friends as if they were my own. I promise to encourage and uphold a spirit of adventure and energy so that we continue to inspire one another towards being our best possible selves and our healthiest selves in body, mind and spirit. I promise to value support over stubbornness. I promise to be patient, kind with my words, consider your perspective, and not turn hurt into anger. I vow to place being kind over being right.

How does this tie in with my acceptance of my not being tech savvy? After hearing these vows and all of the wonderful toasts to the newlyweds from their family and friends, I realized that wedding rituals, like technology can be passing fads. They are sought after for some time but then they gradually lose their popularity. However what is really important stays.

One can go back thousands of years to find examples such as, "Deeds of lovingkindness are equal in weight to all the commandments." (Jerusalem Talmud, Peah 1:1) I believe when this couple's grandchildren get married, God willing, the values Brian and Lauren expressed in their vows in 2016 will still be fresh.

There will always be new gadgets, appliances, vehicles, the latest fashions, better technology and even different wedding rituals. But long after our skyscrapers, submarines, spaceships and this paper has ceased to exist, striving to get along with one's partner in a long term relationship will still be more valuable than any of them.

At the time when I was changing diapers, singing to young nephews in hopes they would fall asleep at night and all kinds of other child care challenges, it

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never occurred to me that one day I would be introduced to a beautiful young woman whom it would be my pleasure to get to know. An even more remote idea is that I would have the honor of getting to know this young woman's family. What a wonderful experience this has been with Lauren, along with the spouses of all my nieces and nephews. I wish Brian and Lauren many happy years together as husband and wife.

Jennie Cohen, May 20, 2016 ✨

Community Events

New Jewish Learning Institute Class

Strength and Struggle: Lessons in Character from the Stories of Our Prophets is a brand-new six-session course by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute.

The class will be held at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 W.96th St., Carmel, Ind., **six Tuesdays, May 17–June 21**, from 7–8:30 p.m. Fee: \$79 textbook included. Instructor: Rabbi Avrohom Grossbaum. For more information: Call 317/251-5573 or email rabbi@lubavitchindiana.com. *This course is eligible for CE credits.*

Jewish Foodies Unite

Mon., May 23 at 7 p.m., at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 W.96th St., Carmel, Ind. Authentic Taste of Israel. Maya and Avi Schmoel and Shoshi Roland will share their expertise and memories of Iraqi/Kurdish culinary treasures. Two different kinds of koubeh, falafel, Israeli salads, shawarma, and more! Taste and smell Israel right here in Indiana. Cost \$12 (Space is limited.) Please RSVP to 317-251-5573 chabadindiana.org/foodies.

Chabad Lag B'Omer picnic

Thurs. May 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the JCC Sablosky Pavilion. An event for all the family! Special kids program! Music! Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children under 10. Prepaid admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Sponsor \$180. Please RSVP to 317-251-5573 or info@Lubavitchindiana.com. Accommodations will be happily made for those with limited means.

JFGI and LIFE & LEGACY – speaker Amy Hirshberg Lederman

Weds., June 1 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. *Jewish Post & Opinion* columnist Amy Hirshberg Lederman speaks to community members about, “The Art of Giving from the Heart: Leaving a Legacy of Love and Values”. Lederman is an award winning author, Jewish educator, public speaker and attorney who lives in Tucson. Visit her website at amyhirshberglederman.com. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Dietary laws observed. RSVP to Paula Goldberg at 317-715-6980 or pgoldberg@jfgi.org.

Hooverwood Walk of Ages

Sun., June 5, the first annual multi-intergenerational walk through Hooverwood’s campus grounds will have music refreshments, games and a wheelchair/walker decorating contest. All proceeds will go to Hooverwood residents

and staff. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Shelby Anderson, 317-250-3263 or Sandy Nachlis, 317-840-2167.

JCRC annual meeting

Tues., June 7 from 7–8 p.m. For more information contact Lindsey Mintz or David Sklar 317-926-2935, lmintz@indyjrc.org or dsklar@indyjrc.org.

Opening Art Gallery Reception: Explorations by Joani Rothenberg

Wed., June 8 at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. Join us for light refreshments at 5:30 p.m., followed by a talk from the artist at 7 p.m., in the JCC’s Laikin Auditorium. Joani Rothenberg, an art therapist at the St. Vincent Cancer Care Survivorship program, is an Indianapolis-based artist whose work includes illustrations, Judaica art, murals, mosaics, landscape paintings and public art. She has been an artist-in-residence for numerous academic and faith-based organizations and hospitals where she creates murals, conducts workshops and develops art instruction curricula. JCC art programs and gallery are made possible in part through the generous support of The Indianapolis Foundation. The event is free, but RSVPs are appreciated. 317-251-9467 or www.jccindy.org

YLD Ice Cream Happy Hour

Thurs., June 9 from 6–8 p.m., Young Leadership Division networking happy hour is getting into the summer spirit at **BRICS** in Broad Ripple. Unwind after work, get to know your fellow YLDers. Mention the code “YLD” at check out to enjoy FREE ice cream courtesy of BRICS. Questions? Contact Rachel Kesner, YLD Intern, at YLD@JFGI.org.

Tunesmith Murphy with Lori Ecker Concert

Thurs., June 9 from 7–9 p.m., at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. Tunesmith Murphy is an Indy original collection of great musicians, led by songwriter-guitarist Alex Murphy who penned all of the music and lyrics, and featuring the incredibly eclectic vocalist Lori Ecker. The band also features Tim Wright (steel guitar) of the Wright Brothers, Mark Armstrong (saxophone), Loesje Chandler (piano), Jim Farley (bass), Bo McDermott (drums), Tim Spradlin (vocals), Carol McDermott (vocals), Marilyn Smith (vocals).

The group received rave reviews for their performances at the 2015 Indy Fringe Festival, and Lori is coming off her widely acclaimed starring role in Stephen Sondheim’s *Passion*, the Tony award winning musical that just completed its premiere run in Indianapolis. Tunesmith Murphy is a show that can be appreciated

and enjoyed by music lovers of all ages. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance.

PJ Library Shavuot Celebration

Sun., June 12 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m., at Traders Point Creamery, 9101 Moore Rd., Zionsville, Ind. Come join us on the farm for a day of family-fun and celebration! Learn how the milk and cheese in tasty Shavuot treats are made and how the holiday is celebrated in Israel. For more information contact Rachel Kesner rkesner@jfgi.org.

JCC Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Tues., June 14 from 7–9 p.m., in the Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M Glick JCC. Once a year, we get to celebrate all things JCC. Awards are given. People are celebrated. Merriment is in large supply. If you’ve never been, please plan to stop by. You’ll leave with your spirit as refreshed as your body after a workout. Plus, we’re hoping that in an election year, citizens take the opportunity to better all aspects of their lives, including their life here at the JCC. This is the time to meet your JCC board members. Refreshments served.

JFGI Annual Meeting

Wed., June 15 at 7 p.m., in Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. Please save the date and plan to attend the Federation Annual Meeting.

Trip to Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie

Thurs., June 16 from 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Travel with the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Holocaust Education Center of Indiana to Skokie IL to tour the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. The \$135 cost includes: lunch, guest speaker, guided museum tour, snacks, and comfortable bus transportation. For more info contact Dina David, ddavid@bjeindy.org.

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THE GIFT OF A JEWISH EDUCATION: SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Hershenson family is establishing a scholarship dedicated to the memory of Michelle’s beloved parents, Jeanne and Leonard Koplow. The scholarship is to benefit a Jewish child (Kindergarten and older) wishing to attend the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis.

Contact the HHAI office or Miriam Gettinger, principal, at (317) 251-1261.

Carmel teen selected as Fellow for North American Leadership Training at NFTY's 2017 Convention

APRIL 2016 INDIANAPOLIS – Rachael Coleman, from Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation has been selected for the prestigious 2016–2017 NFTY Convention Teen Fellowship joining 11 other teen fellows that will make up the first cohort of this program. NFTY – the Reform Jewish Youth Movement, is part of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the largest and most powerful force in North American Jewish life.



NFTY Convention (Feb. 13–17, 2017 in Chicago, IL) is a one-of-a-kind event that gives Jewish high school students from all across North America the opportunity to gather with more than 1,000 of their peers. Teens will learn valuable leadership skills, build and strengthen relationships, and laugh, learn, and sing as one community. The concurrent Youth Engagement Summit is a professional development (see NFTY, page IN 15)

Premiere video program at IU Hillel

Light of the Nations, a Jewish educational awareness organization, recently had its premiere art/music, large screen video program at Indiana University (IU) Hillel. It featured original live music by Orin Reynolds of Hooshir, the Jewish A Cappella group at IU, and Judaica Artist Bruce David's unique storytelling art filled with hidden symbolism. Participants praised their artistically creative efforts to share the modern day values of Judaism for people living contemporary lifestyles. Rabbi Ron Klotz, who directed GUCI in Zionsville and other Jewish camps for 50 years, and has worked at IU Hillel for the past five said: "This is great! No one has ever seen anything like this before."

People interested in bringing this fascinating and engaging program to their communities, synagogues or schools should contact Bruce David at davidart@earthlink.net or (812) 837-9976. People can also check out their efforts and learn more about them on YouTube and Facebook: YouTube Playlist: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFUgG5lkgfA&list=PLP8K0uoVInMqjCkgR_OSyNtWRGR



Top: Rabbi Ron Klotz leads a discussion. Bottom: Orin Reynolds leads the singing.

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Obituaries

Roberta "Robbie" Sachs, 64, passed away on March 22 in Arizona. She was born May 17, 1951. Robbie had many friends and family. She worked 17 years at Avnet Electronics as product specialist in the wonderful world of electronics. Robbie was always dressed head to toe matching in the latest fashion including shoes; jewelry and her wallet!

Robbie always had a positive attitude; cheerful smile and a contagious laugh. Her personality was infectious. She loved to have a good time with friends and family. Cost or time was never a barrier to a good time. When her mother could no longer live alone, Robbie moved her to Arizona and took excellent care of her for the last 10 years of her life.

Robbie was a big fan of the Diamondbacks and dressed appropriately with her colored beads and baseball earrings for the games. She even attended a Reds Game in Chicago. Robbie participated in cancer walks with friends and volunteered for seniors with her service dog, Max, at Hospice of the Valley as well as worked at the Political Polls after she retired from Avnet.

Most of all, Robbie loved shopping, even taking a "sick day" to be the first to get to the opening day of the Chandler Fashion Mall. Annually she cleaned out her closets and shared with her Avnet friends whatever they wanted to pick and choose. Shopping, animals and deli's were Robbies loves, not necessarily in that order. All were equal!

Robbie's forever plan: "Life should be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body." I believe Roberta Sachs achieved her plan. Graveside services were held on April 24 in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Harry E. Cooler Jr., 90, prominent Indiana Architect of Carmel, Ind., passed

away on April 1, 2016. Born on Sept. 26, 1925, in Indianapolis to the late Harry Cooler Sr. and Harriett Steinberg Cooler, he graduated from Shortridge High School in 1943. He served in the Armored Artillery of the 20th Armored Division in Germany until the end of WWII where he helped liberate Dachau on April 29, 1945. Discharged in April 1946, he entered University of Illinois School of Architecture and graduated Cum Laude in 1950.

Harry designed the first Terminal Building at the Indianapolis Airport. From 1955–1999, he had his own businesses from Cooler, Schubert & Olds to The Cooler Group, Inc. On Oct. 12, 1988, commemorating its 100th anniversary, his firm completed the Restoration of the Indiana State Capitol Building for which he was awarded the "Sagamore of the Wabash" from Governor Robert Orr. His college mentor was Frank Lloyd Wright and he published a book of 30 Contemporary Houses he designed from 1955–1968.

He was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), AIA-Indianapolis Chapter, NCARB, and honors flight 2013. He remained a charter member of Woodland Country Club since 1956 and Sertoma Club of Broad Ripple since 1958 and he became "Historian" due to his longevity in each. He and his wife, Dee, wintered in Florida 33 years until age 89, and enjoyed golfing together with friends.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 65 years, Dee, children: Linda (Bob) Lewis of Carmel, Joan (Seth) Appelbaum of Atlanta, Ga., Thomas (Mary Alice) Cooler, William (Ellen) Cooler, both of Carmel, 12 grandchildren: Dave (Emily) and Brian Lewis, Ashley (Matt) Crick, Jason (Corrie) and Dr. Rachel Appelbaum, Kristen, Stephanie and Caroline Cooler, Sam, Kevin, Sara and Lauren Cooler. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Phyllis Jordan and Janet Wagman.

A service was held April 4 at IHC. Memorial contributions may be made to Sertoma Club of Broad Ripple and IHC. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Ruth Adele Levin Chernin, 92, of Indianapolis, passed away April 4. She was born in Terre Haute on Oct. 31, 1923 to Leon and Adelaide Kussel Levin. After earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Purdue University, Ruth worked with her husband, Sam in their wholesale import business, Kipp Brothers. She was also a wonderful mother, raising two children; a loyal, dedicated friend; and an animal lover.



Ruth was generous in her giving to the Jewish Welfare Federation, Humane Society and Nature Conservancy. She was a longtime member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Ruth was preceded in death in 2007 by her husband of 60 years, Samuel Chernin. She is survived by her children, David (Angela) Chernin and Deborah Galvin; grandchildren, Anna (Shean) Conlon, Sarah (Michael Applegate) Galvin, and Joseph Galvin; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services** on April 6, with a reception immediately following. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society, Jewish Welfare Federation, or Second Helpings food bank.

Mark E. Tate, 73, long time owner of M.G. Tates passed away on April 8. Mark was born in Martinsville to James and Wilma Tate on March 18, 1943. He was a 1961 graduate of Martinsville High School where he excelled at Track. He held the state record in the 100 yard dash for over 20 years. Mark was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.

He and his late wife Gail co-owned M.G. Tates, an award-winning home accessories and stationary store at Keystone at the Crossing, celebrating its 36th year in business.

He is survived by his sons; Hunter (Liz) Tate of Laguna Beach, Calif.; and Peter (Tweedy) Zaft of Franklin, Tenn.; brother, Rick (Connie) Tate of Bloomington, Ind.; sister, Polly Tate Benninghoff of Amelia Island, Fla., and 2 grandchildren. Mark's wife of 43 years Gail Londe Tate preceded him in death last year.

Funeral services were held on April 15 at **ARN Funeral & Cremation Services**, and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Daisy Baker Zaft Children's Library Fund c/o Beth-El Zedeck, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Stephen Russell, 76, passed away on April 15. He was an Indiana business leader, philanthropist and proponent of education and the arts. Steve was born March 9, 1940 in Brooklyn, NY. He was, at that point, the youngest-ever graduate of Stuyvesant High School and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Cornell University, where he excelled academically and forged a lifelong relationship with the school. He had a varied and successful career with numerous accolades and achievements.

Steve began his career in the mid 1960's at Ford Motor Co. in the Product Planning Group. From Ford, he transitioned to
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become President of Hertz Trucks (present-day Penske Corporation.) After leaving Hertz, Steve went on to hold the position of President and CEO of Seatrain Lines, a NYSE-listed company. Later, he led Barsac, a general contracting company responsible for the construction of Riyadh King Khalid airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

In 1985, Steve co-founded Celadon Group, Inc., and became the company's Chairman and CEO in 1995. Under his leadership, Celadon has grown to become one of Indiana's largest employers and one of the United States' top 50 truck transportation companies. His philanthropic endeavors are numerous.

Steve's family was certainly his proudest achievement. He will be missed most by those who knew and loved him best. He is survived by his loving wife, Livia Klain Russell; beloved children, Melissa (Matthew) Rubel and their children, Jeffrey, Michael and Joshua; Stewart (Meg) Russell and their children, Charlie and Zachary; Jonathan (Sue) Russell and their children, Jason and William; sister, Pearl Greene; step-children, Jodie (Ralph) Balber and their children, Brad and Dylan and David (Sherri) Klain and their children, Brady and Mason and nieces, Jan Greene and Victoria (Mohammad) Uni. Steve's brother, Jules Russell, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on April 17, 2016 and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck's Memorial Park Cemetery, Fishers, Ind. In keeping with his passion for helping others, contributions may be made in Steve's memory to: Cornell University, designated to the Russell Family First Generation Scholarship Fund, Cornell University, Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, PA, 18003-9692; Herron High School, 110 East 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202; The Phoenix Theatre, 749 N. Park Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46202; or Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services.**

Doris Sanderson Kantor Cooperman, 86, was born on April 20, 1929 to Emma (Wilkes) and James Sanderson in Bono, Arkansas. She lived most of her young life in Florence, Ala., the 7th child of 9 living children. She moved to Indianapolis in 1957 where she resided until her death on April 14. She was surrounded by her daughters.



Doris is the mother of 6 daughters, Nancy, Sherry, Candace (Candy), Sonja, Adrienne and Leslie. She has 9 grandchildren, Tyler, Max, Elyssia (E), (Joshua) Eli, Abigail (Abbie), Kaitlyn, Emma, Simon and Jackson and 3 bonus grandchildren, Kelly, Michael and Ellen. Her lineage continues with 12 great-grandchildren, Samantha, Josephine, Malynn, Tyson, Caitlyn, Sophia, Frances, Iris, Thomas, Conner, Evan and Nico and 5 bonus great-grandchildren Alec, Keaton, Kendall, Kyle and Andrew.

Because Doris did not have any boys, her sons-in-law were truly sons to her: Steve Bonhomme (Nancy), Henry Efroymsen (Sonja), Phillip Frank (Adrienne) and Kris Bilyeu (Leslie). Doris had a beautiful and fun-loving relationship with her only surviving brother, Larry Roberson and his wife, Rita, who was a sister to her. Doris's nephew Jim Jackson was more like a brother to her and she had a very close relationship with him and his wife, Debbie. Doris was a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews and their children.

Though her memory was declining, she still held her long-time friends close and while living at MorningSide, she was well-loved. The family would like to thank all of the staff who helped mom feel well cared for.

Doris was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) for 57 years where she volunteered, sang in the congregational choir, was a member of the Sisterhood and became a *Bat Mitzvah* at age 49.

Doris's family had a private memorial service. Her family will be honoring her wishes to have a celebration of her life, which will occur at a later time.

To honor Doris's memory, you may do so by donating to the charity of your choice or any of these that she and the family selected: IHC 6501 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis 46260 or Morningside Friday Shabbat Services, please make check payable to Rosalie Gussow and mail to 6740 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, 46260, The Anatomical Education Program at IU School of Medicine, Medical Science Building, Room 5035, 635 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, 46202.

Leonore H. "Lee" Katz, 92, of Indianapolis, passed away on April 16 surrounded by family. Lee was born in Chicago to Charles and Juliette Henry on Feb. 8, 1924. She attended University of Chicago and was a graduate of Butler University.



Lee was past president of the JEA Auxiliary, a life member of Hadassah and the NCJW, worked as a docent at the IMA

Lilly house for many years, along with serving many other organizations.

Lee is survived by her sister, Arlene Mandel; children, Judy, Don and Andy Katz; grandchildren, Max, Jake, Haley and Sam Katz and many cousins, nieces and nephews. The family thanks the staff at the St. Vincent's and Barrington of Carmel for the loving care they gave to Lee.

Funeral services were on April 18 in **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.** Lee was then laid to rest next to her husband, Isadore "Izzy" Katz in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Daniel David Mark, 52, passed away on April 20. A resident of Daniels, W.Va., he was a man of many talents, passions and loves; his greatest love, Sara, and his remarkable children, Alex, Jacob, Grace, Chelsea and Josh.



Daniel explored and embraced life with compassion, curiosity and a humbleness so rarely found. Along with his family and close friends, he often engaged in the great outdoors – from gardening and geology to communing with the natural world – where he found peace and tranquility.

He was born in Indianapolis to Shirley A. and Harry D. Mark, MD (deceased) on Oct. 31, 1963. A graduate of North Central High School in 1981, Daniel continued his education at Indiana University as an ROTC officer candidate with a with a BS dual major in Chemistry and Geology. After graduation, he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant actively serving in the Army Signal Corps with the U.S. Army from 1985 until 1989, when he transitioned to Reserve status as a 1st Lieutenant.

He recently worked as Executive Director for Research Environmental and Industrial Consultants (REIC) at the Beaver, W.Va., facility. His past work as an environmental consultant included Pace Analytical® and W.R. Grace and Company.

Daniel is survived by his mother, Shirley Ann Mark; his brothers, Joseph Mark (Lisa Rogers), Martin Mark, PhD (Lynn Sharet), Bruce Mark (Anne Wellman), and Lawrence Mark, MD, PhD (Margaret Lehtinen); and countless nieces and nephews, friends and colleagues. A private burial and service was held in Indianapolis.

Deanna Karen Glasel, 73, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away April 21 in Texas.

She was the daughter of the late Emery and Anne (Lampel) Glasel. She was a



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Tuna, lite mayonnaise and relish on french bread from Lucy's Bakery

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PANINIS \$6/ meal \$7

Southwest Veggie

Sliced french bread from Lucy's Bakery spread with salsa, black beans, corn, jalapeños and cheddar cheese

Tuna Melt

Tuna salad, tomatoes, lettuce and cheddar on sliced french bread from Lucy's Bakery

Italian

Sliced french bread from Lucy's Bakery spread with pesto, mozzarella and tomatoes

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Falafel Wrap	\$60	\$117.99	\$238	\$474.99	\$596
Tuna Salad (sandwich or wrap)	\$40	\$78	\$155.99	\$313.99	\$395.99
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Vegetarian Wrap	\$40	\$78	\$155.99	\$313.99	\$395.99
Greek Salad	\$45	\$88	\$175.99	\$355	\$405
Southwest Salad	\$45	\$88	\$175.99	\$355	\$405

Sides	10 People	20 People	40 People	80 People	100 People
Baked Potato Wedges	\$15	\$26	\$55.99	\$115.99	\$146
Hummus with Carrots	\$30	\$96	\$194.99	\$395	\$450
Hummus with Pita	\$30	\$96	\$194.99	\$395	\$450
Israeli Salad	\$20	\$36	\$75	\$155.99	\$194
Chips	\$10	\$15	\$35	\$75.99	\$94.99

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graduate of Broad Ripple High School and worked in the computer industry. She was a wonderful teller of jokes, and a gifted artist.

Above all Deanna cherished family. She is survived by her brother, Dean; her niece, Anne; nephew, Tom and several cousins. She will be deeply missed.

Graveside services were April 25 in IHC South Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **ARN Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Meyer Bronicki, 92, of Indianapolis passed away April 28. He was born on March 20, 1924 in Dvonets, Poland to Fivel and Golda Zamoseik Bronicki.



Meyer was just 15 years old, during the summer of 1941 when the Nazis came to his village. Meyer was forced to wear the yellow Star of David, signifying he was Jewish and a labor camp was set up in his village. His older brother, Lippa, fled to join the Polish army and his father was taken away by the Germans and never returned.

Meyer began to secretly excavate a hole under his bed. When the townspeople were ordered to gather in the center of town with their belongings, Meyer, his mother and crippled eldest brother, Shabatai, hid in the small bunker. The youngest, Jack, fled into the woods alone. When the villagers homes were checked for Jews and then the town burned, the three Bronickis hid and then fled.

Meyer left Shabatai at the home of nearby Gentile friends and dug a new hole in the woods where he and his mother hid for three months; drinking melted snow and surviving on half a loaf of bread per week. Temperatures reached -35° at times, but the two survived.

All of the remaining townspeople living in Dvonets were killed and buried in a mass grave. Sadly, Shabatai was shot shortly after Meyer and his mother went into hiding. When spring came, Meyer learned the Germans were retreating. Meyer and his mother joined the Bielski Brothers, a band of 1,000 Jewish partisans who were living underground and waging guerrilla warfare against the Germans. A little over a year later (June 1944), the group united with the advancing Russian army on the main road. They returned to Dvonets, now a town of only one house, and shared that home with Gentiles before moving into a displaced persons' camp in Landsberg. Lippa, Jack, Meyer and Golda immigrated to the United States in 1951.

Meyer worked at the Pennsylvania Rail Road from 1952–1967. In 1969, he passed the state electrical test, became a licensed

electrician. Meyer formed Meyer Electric Service. He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and the Jewish Community Center.

Meyer was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Shoshana. He is survived by his sons, Phillip and Ronald (Katie) Bronicki; grandchildren, Samuel, Adam, Abby and Jacob Bronicki; and brother, Jack Bronicki.

Funeral services were held at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services** on May 4 and burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ) North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to BEZ or the Jewish Federation.

Majid Asher Rastegar

67, passed away May 3. He was born in Tehran, Iran on July 25, 1948 to Solomon and Tahere Rastegar. He graduated from Tehran University with a degree in Architecture. He helped run a family business that employed 4,000. While still in Iran, he married Hanrih and had three sons, Omid, Javid, and Jamshid.



In 1978 Majid and his family were forced to flee the oppressive Islamic regime that had taken over their country. He immigrated with them to Israel and

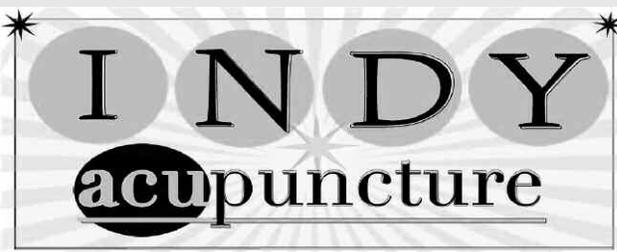
then in 1980 to the United States settling in Terre Haute, Ind. He started a construction business and later expanded to the Indianapolis area in 1989 where he formed Majestic Residence Inc., concentrating on building custom homes. His excellent designs won him the *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine editor's award for design.

In his quest to make Indianapolis an even more vibrant community, Majid designed and developed the Majestic Plaza Office complex. He loved to travel and enjoyed many trips with his family, including planting many trees in Israel throughout the years. His father before him did the same, and his children and grandchildren will continue the tradition.

He was a beloved and wonderful person, friend, and advisor who loved his family, Temple, and fellow enthusiastic group of countrymen who enjoyed monthly poker gatherings.

Preceded in death by his parents, Solomon and Tahere, his brother Hamid, and beloved youngest son Jamshid (Joseph). Majid is survived by two sons, Omid (Jennifer), and Javid, his wife, Hanrih Rastegar, Michele McGuinness, grandchildren Asher and Stella, and sister Mahshid (Enayat).

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OBITUARIES

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Graveside services were held May 4 in the Etz Chaim Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services.**

Naomi Paula Kraus (Levy), 75, of Fitchburg, Wisc., (formerly of Coconut Creek, Fla., and Indianapolis) passed away peacefully with her children by her side on May 5. She was born in Newark, NJ, on January 20, 1941, and grew up in North Arlington, NJ. She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley Kraus and Russian immigrant father, Samuel Kraus. Naomi graduated from Robert Packer Hospital School of Nursing in Sayre, Pa., in 1962, and then lived in Indianapolis, where she was a Registered Nurse for over 35 years. She was a member of Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation and the Deborah Sisterhood.



Naomi loved to engage in conversations with anyone she encountered. She was passionate about Mah Jong, cooking, travelling and anything to do with the beach, but her greatest adoration was her children and grandchildren. She especially loved sitting at the table eating and hearing the grandkids talk about their day.

Naomi is survived by her children, Sharon Levy of Westfield, Ind., and Jeff Levy (Rachel) of Middleton, Wisc.; grandchildren, Drew, Heather, Adam, and Miriam Levy; brother, Ernest Kraus (Alice) of Woodbury, NJ and her grand-pawppy, Baxter of Westfield, Ind.

Funeral services were held at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services** on May 8, 2016 and interment followed at Etz Chaim Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Etz Chaim Congregation, Etz Chaim Sisterhood, or JDRF.

Steven Jeffrey Rudoff, 59, died suddenly on May 7 in Houston. He was born March 12, 1957 in Columbus, Ga., later settling in Dallas his hometown. He graduated with a Bachelors degree in Psychology from The University of Texas, at Austin in 1978. He was a diehard Longhorn, bled burnt orange, and a lifelong member of Sigma Alpha Mu (SAMMY) Fraternity. Steve met his soul mate, Georga Roberts, while both attending The University of Texas. They married in 1978 in Georga's hometown of Houston.



Steve spent his career as a wholesaler and importer and an integral part of Cedar

Trading, Inc. Steve had the pleasure of sharing this business with his long time friend, Isaac Erez.

Steve's three greatest passions in life were his family, Judaism, and his Beth Yeshurun community. Whether spending time sharing Judaism, attending various activities for his children, or hitting the gym with his wife, Steve attacked each moment with a smile on his face, joy in his heart and the hope of making a difference in the world.

Since moving from Indianapolis to Houston in 2001, he has been a member of Beth Yeshurun. Steve joined the Board of Trustees in 2007 and served as Chair of the Ritual and Kehillah Committees. He was a Gabbai of the J.B. Greenfield Chapel, a member of the Executive Chapel Committee, and most recently named Secretary of the Executive Board and a Club Member of AIPAC, an organization he cherished. He also served on the boards of "TORCH" and "HKA".

Steve leaves behind the love of his life, Georga, beautiful daughters, Aliyah, Jenna (Jason) Wingo and Erica, loving parents Barbara and Sanford Rudoff and adoring sisters, Susan (Yale) Metz and Staci (Scott) Zale. Funeral services were held May 10 at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, 4525 Beechnut, Houston, Texas 77096.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Beth Yeshurun (www.bethyeshurun.org) and directed to "Steve Rudoff Minyan and Meals Fund" or to a specific fund at the synagogue in memory of Steve.

Alan Bradley Yosha, 46, was born on May 26, 1969, in Indianapolis. He died on May 4. He attended Broward Junior College in Florida where he earned his computer science degree. His love for technology led him to create his business, Up and Running.



Alan is survived by his parents, Jan and Buddy Yosha; sisters, Cynthia Yosha-Snyder (Roger Snyder) and Laura Yosha; brother, Brandon Yosha; nephew, Louis Snyder; and nieces, Olivia Snyder, Ruthie Snyder and Sally Griswold.

Brad has a daughter, Brandi, who was his everything, and a son, Trevor, whom he adored. Funeral services were May 6 at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**, Private interment followed in Crown Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Brad's memory to Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Mars Hill Community and Arts Center, or The Caroline Symmes Cancer Endowment. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.**

Seniors in Place

For additional events such as movies, singing club, knitting club, bingo and more, or to RSVP for these listed below, please call Janet at 251-8881, unless stated otherwise.

The Book of Merman at Phoenix Theatre

Sun., May 22, leave JCC at 1 p.m. When 2 Mormons ring a doorbell marked E.M. in a small town, they have no idea that a certain Ethel will open the door. With some dazzling parody music and Schwartz's original music, you will laugh throughout *The Book of Merman* and leave smiling, as it takes you beyond parody and into a sweet story of self-awareness and acceptance. \$39 includes transportation and play.

Classic Movie Club - New location and time

Mon., May 23 at 3 p.m., at MorningSide of College Park, 8810 Colby Blvd. We have been invited to have our movie club at MorningSide. Take the elevator to the lower level where the movie will be shown and popcorn and drink will be provided. The movie is *Letters to Juliet*. While visiting Verona, Italy, with her busy fiancé, a young woman named Sophie visits a wall where the heartbroken leave notes to Shakespeare's tragic heroine, Juliet Capulet. Finding one such letter from 1957, Sophie decides to write to its now
(see Seniors, page IN 13)



Lena "Lee" Nahmias Cohen, 94, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, passed away on May 11. She was born on July 4, 1921 to Sam and Clara Nahmias. She was a graduate of Manual High School. She married the late Hymen A. Cohen in 1944 and together they raised five children. After her children were born, Lee worked for a short time as a Customer Relations Specialist for Blue Cross.

Lee was a long time member of Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, Hadassah's Indianapolis Chapter and Broadmoor Country Club. She was an avid golfer and bridge player.

Survivors include her beloved children: Dr. Rosalind (Dr. Michael Hogan) Warner, Alan (Linda) Cohen, Dr. Steven (Elissa) Cohen, Gary (Marlene) Cohen and Dr. Jay J. Cohen; grandchildren: Scott Warner, Emily, Erin and Tyler Hogan, Nathan (Ana) Cohen, Lauren (Chad) Edmundson, Joey (Leslie) Cohen, Jennifer Cohen, Andy (Jennifer) Cohen, Lindsay (Mark) Goffman and Dr. Risa (Tom) Davidson; 15 great grandchildren; brothers,
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EVENTS

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Israel Talks

Thurs., June 16 at 7 p.m., in the Domont Auditorium of the Bureau of Jewish Education, 6711 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260. **Interfaith Partners for Peace: Judaism, Christianity & Israel.** The JCRC has been proud to work with our community's Israeli *Shlichah* (emissary), Inbar Nadir, on several important programs this past year in an effort to increase peoples' understanding of Israel. The program will feature Rabbi Dennis Sasso and Episcopal Bishop Cate Waynick, who will be interviewed by Inbar. We leave lots of time for Q & A's and discussion. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Inbar Nadir at shaliach@jfgi.org or 317-800-9350.

Hadassah Book Club

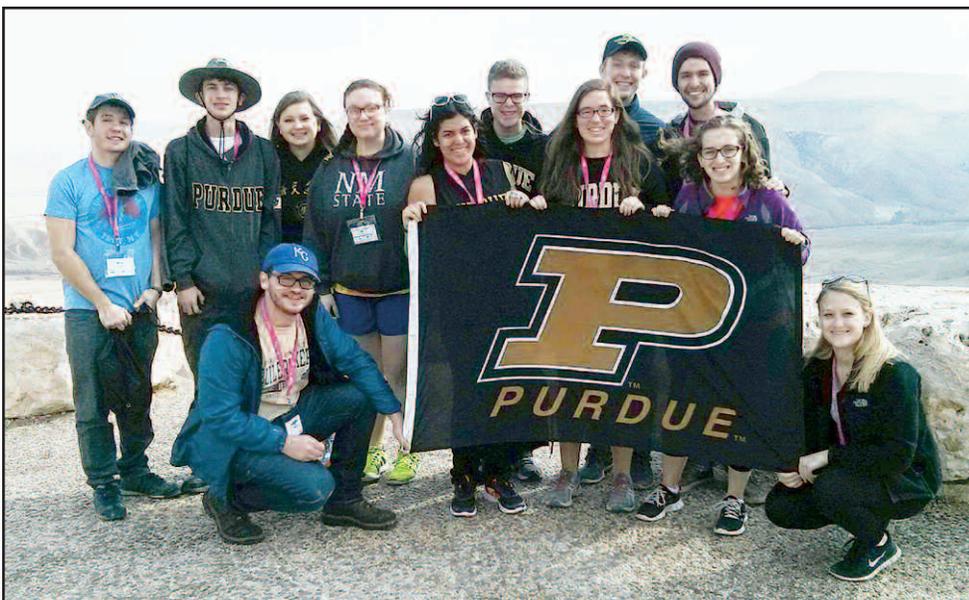
Mon., June 20, at 7 p.m., *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. Hostess is Shirley Aprison and facilitator is Annette Gross. **Mon., July 18** at 7 p.m., In the *Unlikely Event* by *Judy Bloom*. Hostess and facilitator TBA. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com or the Hadassah office at 475-4278.

JFGI Endowment Recognition Annual Event

Wed., June 22 from 6–8:30 p.m., at the JCC honoring Chuck Cohen. For more info contact Pamela Eicher. 317-715-6981 peicher@jfgi.org.

90th Birthday Luncheon

Wed., July 6 from 12–1:30 p.m., at Broadmoor Country Club, 2155 Kessler



Purdue Students at Ein Avdat – Ben Guion's Grave – on Birthright Israel, January 2016

(Standing): Boaz Shachaf, Elia Lichtenstein, Abigail Lebowitz, Shayna Ramirez, Haley Vapnik, Jordan Pitlor, Kelly Hann (Indianapolis), Graham Tallian, Colin Milhaupt, and Leah Schroeder; (Holding the bottom corners of the flag): Matt Grindle (Bloomington) and Emily Hendrickson (Schererville). Photo by Purdue Hillel Director, Phillip Schlossberg.



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Life and Time

Abraham Joshua Heschel, in his wonderful book, *The Sabbath*, explains: "Judaism is a religion of time, aiming at the sanctification of time...it is not a thing that lends significance to a moment; it is the moment that lends significance to things."

Chag HaPesach (the holiday of Passover) concluded on *Shabbat*, April 30th. However, from the second night of Passover until the eve of *Shavuoth*, we count time, each and every day. Thus counting is *Sfirat HaOmer*, known as *Sfirah*. The *Torah* tells us: "*Sheva Shabbatot Temimot Tehiyena Od mimacharath Hashabbat Hashevi'it chamishim yom.*" (From the morrow of the Sabbath you shall count seven complete weeks until the completion marking Shavuoth.)

This biblical commandment is related to the *Omer* offering which was brought to the Temple on the second night of Passover, and also offered on *Shavuoth*. In our own time, the counting of these days has taken on a multifaceted meaning that includes the mourning of the death of Rabbi Akiva's students during the weeks between Passover and *Shavuoth*.

An amusing story illustrates a modern meaning of counting. A young attorney was on his way to court when he suddenly found himself at the Gates of Heaven. A group of angels escorted him inside. He protested this interference in his life and insisted that his untimely death was a mistake. He cried out, "I am too young, I'm only 30!" An angel agreed to inquire about such an early death. Returning a short while later, the angel said, "It's no mistake, sir. Based upon the number of hours you have billed your clients, you are at least 110."

Sfirah links the two major festivals of Passover and *Shavuoth*, beginning on the second night of Passover, as we are rejoicing over our liberation from oppression and slavery in Egypt. The 50th day marks the completion of the *Sfirah* as we begin the *Shavuoth* holiday, *z'man natan Torateinu*, the time of the giving of the *Torah*.

We are mindful of time in so many ways. We count the days of the week until *Shabbat*, the seasons from one holiday to another, the 13 years of a young boy's life until he becomes a *Bar Mitzvah*. As the palmist writes, "The length of a person's years is 70 and if with strength to 80."

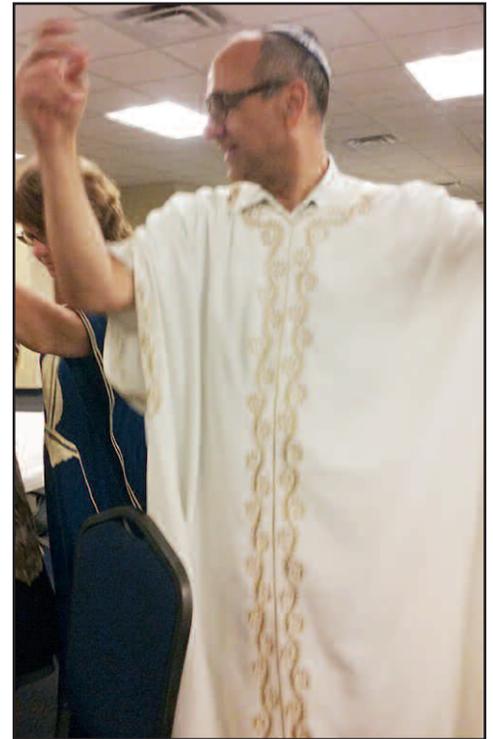
Cong. Etz Chaim celebrates Mimouna

Scrumptious food and some interesting costumes were part of the fun at Etz Chaim's Mimouna celebration, May 1, 2016, that takes place after the eight days of Passover have ended. A Northern African Sephardic tradition, this 5th annual party was attended by many, not only Sephardim, but Ashkenazic Jews enjoyed it as well. A group of four musician played wonderful North African and Andalusia (Spanish) music with drums, violin and oud, a pear-shaped stringed instrument. Itamar Cohen was on vocals. ✨



Time is our most precious commodity. The poignancy of the usage of time is illustrated in the following story. The Chinese ambassador was visiting New York City and was being shown around by then Mayor Edward Koch. Mayor Koch was showing off the vast network of the New York subway system. He said to the ambassador, "If we take the E train and switch at the next station we can save ten minutes, and if we switch again a few stations later, we can save another ten minutes. The ambassador contemplated the mayor's advice and he asked, "Mr. Mayor, what are we going to do with this "extra" 20 minutes we have saved?"

Sfirah arrives each year to remind us of the precious use of time. As we recite each day of *Sfirah*: *Tisperu yamim* – count your days. Or as the psalmist reminds us, (see Horowitz, page IN 15)




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Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

A beautiful experience

Forty-seven years ago I dropped out of college and went to learn in a Lubavitcher Yeshiva. I made a lot of big changes. I devote my life to serving *Hashem* (G-d) and helping others to come close to *Hashem*, to make this world better and holier. Now I have many blessings in my life.

I recently had a beautiful experience. We spent the last day of *Pesach* with our son Levi Yitzchak. He lives with his family in Tel Tsion, not far from Jerusalem. The next day was *Shabbos* (the Sabbath). In the afternoon we walked to the *shul* to pray *Minchah*, the afternoon prayers. I sat next to my 8-year-old grandson, Gavriel Moshe Kalman. He is named after my beloved father Gabriel M. Cohen, who edited and published *The Jewish Post & Opinion* for 75 years.

My dear grandson found a book of comics and started to read one. I myself grew up with a lot of comic books. I still remember a few: Superman and Batman. However, my children didn't have any comic books. When they were growing up there were no *kosher* comic books in Israel. Now there are a lot, and my grandchildren enjoy them.

What are *kosher* comic books? They are based on stories from the Bible from 3,000 years ago, stories from our sages from 2,000 years ago, and stories from our rabbis from 1,000 years ago until today.

What is so special about *kosher* comics? Most of them are based on true stories. Our children learn and read about the miracles that *Hashem* did for our fathers, and is doing for us today.

The time came to say the standing prayer. Gavriel's father took away the comic book and put it aside so that Gavriel would pray together with the congregation. Gavriel was not happy with this. He was in the middle of a very interesting story, and wanted to know what was going to happen next. He tried to get the comic book back, but his older brother didn't let him. I offered him a prayer book, but he pushed it away.

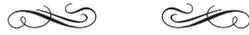
If at first you don't succeed, try again. I put my arm around Gavriel, gave him a loving smile, and offered to let him pray together with me from my prayer book. *Baruch Hashem* (thank G-d) to this he agreed, and we prayed together.

Our sages told us that when we pray to *Hashem*, we should make the effort to actually feel that we are in Heaven, asking *Hashem* face to face to provide us with what we need.

SENIORS

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elderly author, Claire. Inspired by Sophie's actions, Claire sets out to find her long-lost lover, accompanied by her disapprov-



How is this possible? The *Torah* tells us that *Hashem* is everywhere, and the world is full of His glory. *Hashem* has temporarily hidden Himself from us, but if we try hard enough we can feel His presence. We pray every day for the coming of *Moshiach*, for our true and final redemption. On that day *Hashem* will again be revealed to all of us.

Heaven is also everywhere. When we live a life of *Torah* and *Mitzvahs*, it is possible to experience a little bit of heaven, right here and now. And this is what I felt as I prayed together with my dear grandson. For 5 minutes I felt like I was in heaven. But then we finished the prayer, and I had to come back down to earth.

We want *Moshiach* now! Once *Moshiach* comes we will have heaven down in our world 24 hours a day. How do we bring *Moshiach*? By learning more *Torah*, especially what the *Torah* teaches us about *Moshiach*, and by doing more *Mitzvahs*.

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ing grandson and Sophie. After the movie, we have also been invited by MorningSide to have dinner in their dining room for only \$5.

Spa Day and lunch at MorningSide Fri., May 27, at MorningSide, 8810

Colby Blvd. Let us pamper you with a paraffin wax dip, hand massage and a mini manicure. Have lunch in their dining room after your Spa Treatment. \$10 Spa treatment and lunch.

Actors Theatre of Indiana CONCERT ON THE CANAL

Thurs., June 9, leave JCC at 5 p.m. Actors Theatre of Indiana will be performing Cole Porter's Birthday Celebration. Our tables are near the front of the stage. You can bring your own dinner or purchase food there. \$17 is for transportation, table and seat. Food is your expense.

Shipshewana Flea Market

Wed., June 29, leave JCC at 8:30 a.m. There have been many requests to return to this area. We will have lunch at the EssenHaus Restaurant in Middlebury, Ind. Shopping time is included. Cost is \$32 which includes transportation, buffet lunch including beverage. Pie is extra. Shopping is at your expense. ☆

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Jewish Educator

BY AMY HIRSHBERG LEDERMAN

When the going gets tough, the tough get giving

I felt like I was channeling my parents this week when I heard myself complain about how I missed the “good old days” – when people actually sent *hand-written* letters and thank you notes, rather than texting, emailing or face-booking e-vites. Sadly, the majority of my mail is from unwanted advertisers or charities and non-profits in need of help.

Over the past few years, requests for donations have grown exponentially, especially in light of the economic challenges our country has faced. Non-profits are desperate for private gifts to help fund their shrinking budgets and diminishing grant sources.

But the news isn't all bad because there is so much we can do to alter the playing field and make a difference in the causes and organizations we care about.

In my work as a Legacy Consultant for the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, I have seen first-hand how individually and together as a community, when we are intentional with the way we give, we can build a stronger Jewish community today and secure the values we care about long after we are gone. But it takes time, thought and a lot of heart to create a meaningful plan for charitable giving.

I get asked a LOT of questions by folks who are trying to develop a strategy for their giving. “How much should I give? Should I give now or wait until I die? How do I prioritize my gifts? Should I support Jewish organizations first and then donate to other charities second? Do I need to give up something I enjoy – a dinner out, theater tickets, a trip – to make a more substantial contribution this year?”

There is no word for charity in Hebrew. Instead, we speak in terms of righteousness, or *Tzedakah* in Hebrew. *Tzedakah* is the hand-maiden to *Tikkun Olam*, the Jewish obligation to repair the world. Together, *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* are a call for us to act, to make conscious decisions to distribute a part of what we have to care for others. We don't give because it feels good (although it *does* feel good.) We give because we're Jews.

Jewish law is fairly specific about how

OBITUARIES

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Joe and Harry (Rae) Nahmias and sister, Betty Calderon.

Lee was preceded in death by her husband, a sister, two brothers, and granddaughter, Lynn Cohen.

Funeral services were held at on May 13 at **ARN Funeral & Cremation Services**, and burial followed in Etz Chaim Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, 6939 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260. ★



much we should give. Maimonides established actual parameters: Ten percent is average, 20 percent is ideal. We should give a meaningful gift but never too much that it would cause our own impoverishment.

Jewish law prioritizes the poor of your own community over the poor living elsewhere, except priority is given to the poor in Israel. We give in concentric circles: starting with our own family and community and then expanding out into the larger world, which includes Jews and non-Jews alike. The *Talmud* specifically recognizes that any needy person who lives peacefully with us is worthy of charity.

There is a lovely tradition to give *tzedakah* before *Shabbat*. This is based on the teaching that it is better to give smaller amounts frequently than a one large sum, in order to remind us to think about the needs of others regularly.

But should charitable giving have “to hurt”? Should we be required to give up something in order to make a meaningful gift? The answer is no, and yes. To give in a Jewish way is to act out of a sense of justice and responsibility – not guilt or dread. We are obligated to give for the simple reason that the need exists. But if we have committed to giving by making a pledge, either privately (in our own minds) or publicly, we are obligated to fulfill it even if “hurts.”

During our lives we will have times when our ability to give may be limited. An unexpected tragedy, the loss of a job or an illness can dramatically change our ability to give to others or respond to the requests from organizations and causes we care about. But *tzedakah* is an “equal opportunity *mitzvah*” and applies to everyone, no matter how much or how little we have. If we are unable to give of our money, we can give of our time, talents and knowledge. That is why our sages assured us that everyone is capable of giving when they said: “To the one who is eager to give, God provides the means.”

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The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) establishes Hoosier Jewish Legends (HJL) – A Hall of Fame

Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial and its Jewish communities celebrate a legacy of tradition, faith and community through the establishment of the Hoosier Jewish Legends (HJL) – A Hall of Fame. The Bicentennial celebration aims to honor the state's 200 years of rich history.

HJL is designed to honor and recognize Hoosiers who are members of the Jewish and secular community who have made a significant and lasting impact through their personal and professional lives in the Indiana Jewish community, their secular community, and life in local Jewish communities throughout Indiana.

If you wish to nominate someone (living or deceased) from one of the following disciplines: Profession, Cultural Arts, Clergy, Educator, Athletic/Sports, Volunteer, or Community Benefactor, please download the brief nomination form at www.ijhs.org. A \$36 – double Chai – donation should accompany each nomination to cover processing costs. All nomination forms should be mailed to: IJHS Hoosier Jewish Legends, c/o Sheila Greenwald, 1839 Box Elder Court, Indianapolis, IN 46260, no later than May 31, 2016.

Our Bicentennial Celebration offers a venue to ensure our Hoosier Jewish stories, as well your personal stories, and the stories of our local communities are preserved for future generations. If you have specific questions regarding the HJL Program or the Hoosier Jewish Bicentennial, please email Mark Roger, Jewish Bicentennial Commemoration Chair, at mroger@frannet.com. More information is available at the IJHS offices at 260-459-6862 or visit www.ijhs.org. ★

On this date in Jewish history

On May 20, 1851

Emil Berliner is born, Jewish-American (invented gramophone).

~ From *The Jewish Book of Days* published by Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, Inc., New York.

who lives in Tucson. Her columns in the AJP have won awards from the American Jewish Press Association, the Arizona Newspapers Association and the Arizona Press Club for excellence in commentary. Visit her website at amyhirshberglederman.com.

Amy will be in speaking in Indianapolis on June 1st. See details in Community Events (p. IN 4). ★



Hoosier Reunion in Jerusalem Pesach 2016: L to R: Sylvia Blain, Michael Blain, Leon Nitsun, Dorothy Friedman, Simmy Friedman, Harry Goldstein, Ruthie Friedman and Ronnie Friedman.

Letter from Jerusalem – former Hoosiers visiting Israel

BY CYRELLE SIMON

With Chaim and Alice Weissmann, I was privileged to enjoy a *freilach* event, celebrating the 60th anniversary of Mike and Sylvia Blain (pictured to the left) and Mike’s 88th birthday. The party, held in a winery in a suburb, Alon Shvut, about 25 minutes outside of Jerusalem included four generations of the Blains’ large family and several former Hoosiers, now settled here.; Dorothy and Shimmy Friedman, Eddie and Yehudit Epstein, Harry Goldstein and his daughter, Lisa Kermeier, some former teachers at the Hasten Hebrew Academy and other friends. Entertainment included some touching remarks and words of *Torah*, as well as some talented family members singing tributes to the guests of honor.

Mike was the longtime Israel Bonds chair in Indiana and though he lived in Indianapolis, he was well known throughout the state. The Blains were good friends with Rabbi Engel and family; Mike was a guest at our community Yiddish evening describing in Yiddish and English his life in Europe before and during the Shoah. Sylvia was the administrator at the Hasten Hebrew Academy for 26 years, and I knew her in that capacity when my daughter, Ronit, attended the school. After enjoying the *Pesach* holiday with their large family here, the Blains have returned to Cleveland where they live near one of their sons.

Shalom from *Yerushalayim*, Tzirel (Cyrelle Simon) *Yom HaAtzmaut*, May 12, 2016.

Cyrelle and her husband Ed Simon, z”l, lived in West Lafayette, Ind., for many years where he was a biology professor at Purdue University. She wrote a column for this newspaper called “Lafayette Chit Chat” from 1986–1995. ☆

NFTY

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event especially for adult professionals and lay leaders who work with Jewish youth.

The NFTY Convention Teen Fellowship is a new leadership development opportunity for teens to play an intentional and active role in the planning process. The Fellows will be part of brainstorming and key programmatic decisions, representing more than 1,000 of their peers who will be attending the bi-annual event.

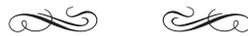
As part of the program, NFTY Convention Fellows will work with 1–2 other teens in teams that will cover the areas of Program Design, Worship and Music, Offsite Experiences and Plenaries. Teen Fellows will collaborate with adult mentors to create and implement vision around events. The fellowship experience will include a site visit to the NFTY Convention hotel during spring 2016, and participation at URJ Kutz Camp’s Leadership Academy program in the summer. Teens will focus on leadership skill development in communications, event planning, project management,

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“Teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

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budget and finance.

A junior in high school, Rachael is an alum of the NFTY-EIE High School in Israel, and is heavily involved in NFTY’s Ohio Valley Region (NFTY-OV).

“I’m really hoping to hone my leadership skills and understanding of all the background work that goes into events like Convention,” said Rachael. “I am also excited to learn how to better work with my own peers effectively and how to work as a true team.”

NFTY is open to teens in grades 6 to 12. More information about NFTY Convention can be found at NFTYConvention.org.

Mazel Tov, Rachel! ☆

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The 2016 eighth grade graduating class of the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (see cover photo, and graduates' names in Mazel Tov to... on page IN 2) recently returned from the annual trip to Israel. To the left are a few of the photos from the

many wonderful places they visited. They were accompanied by the principal, Miriam Gettinger and middle school, Judaic Studies and Hebrew teacher, Hagal Moalem. (See more photos on the HAI Facebook page.) ✨

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