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## New rabbi for Cong. Etz Chaim

**Rabbi David Gingold-Altchek** is of Greek (Salonika) and Russian decent. A native of Fort Lauderdale, David attended the Mesivta of Miami and the Talmudic University prior to moving to Israel at age 16. In Israel, David attended classes in both the Porat Yosef and the Mir Yeshivot respectively. At age 17, almost two years after his arrival in Israel, David met Rabbi Shlomo Kassin and became a student at the SSC for the subsequent five years.



David was ordained (*husmach*) by the Shehebar Sephardic Center and R' Zalman Nehemia Goldberg respectively. He earned an MA in Judaic Studies and is currently pursuing an MS in Clinical

Psychology. He is also a graduate (with honors) from the U.S. Army College of Military Ministry.

In Israel David taught in multiple *yeshivot* and served as the Rabbi of the Hevrat Ashas Synagogue in Tel-Aviv, reviving the synagogue after more than 40 years of disuse. At the behest of R' Kassin, David and his family moved to Kobe, Japan, where he served as the Rabbi of Hechal Shelomo, the nation's largest, most historical, and most established congregation for close to four years. David built the congregation in size, but more importantly, in educational infrastructure. Having learned the language, David took part in and lectured at many official functions, to include: Kobe Interfaith Comity, UN Peace Comity – Osaka region, and represented the Jewish faith at the 66th Nagasaki Annual Peace Conference.

After leaving Japan, David was commissioned to serve in the U.S. Army as a chaplain. David served in the Army

for three years, serving as both the post Rabbi and a command & unit chaplain. He served with the 97th Military Police Battalion in Fort Riley, Kansas and with the 9th Brigade Engineer Battalion in Fort Stewart, Ga. David was medically discharged from the Army but continues his outreach to soldiers and all service members by supporting his wife's organization, *Bizchut Nashim*, as the Religious Director.

David's primary interests of research are: *Halacha*, *Kabbalah*, Jewish Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion, Psychology, Jewish History, and Linguistics.

His wife **Nili Gingold-Altchek** is the passionate founder of *Bizchut Nashim*. Throughout her time as a journalist and supporting her husband in both his roles as a civilian Rabbi and a U.S. Army Chaplain, she has



(see New Rabbi, page IN 3)

## HHAI honors Dr. Donald and Mrs. Sandra Rothbaum

The Rothbaums, and Distinguished Teacher Award Recipient Jennifer Blaine, were the honorees for 45th annual HHAH HAI-Life Awards Dinner on May 22, 2016.

**HAI-Life Award remarks**  
By Sandra L. Rothbaum

I would like to thank everyone being here in support of the Hasten Hebrew Academy, including so many of our friends and family. I cannot, as John Abrams did last year, give part of my speech in Hebrew. However, I would like to use a Yiddish word that my mother used to use. She would use it when she was very happy. So, in honor of my mother, and as a play on the nickname of the Hasten Hebrew Academy, I would like to

say that it's a *Mechayeh* (Me-HHAI-yeh) to be here tonight. I am very honored.

Many years ago, Hart Hasten gave a speech at the beginning of a school year. He said, "It's not enough to send your children to the Hebrew Academy. You have to send them for the right reasons."

I thought to myself at the time. I sent my child because my friends' children were there and because the Academy had a bus which would go all the way out to Carmel. Those were probably not the reasons that Hart had in mind.

What Donald and I came to realize was that Academy offered us a way to pass down an understanding of Judaism that we could not otherwise give our children. It also taught them the Hebrew language. And it gave them a fine education. So we kept sending our children to the Academy – for what Hart would probably agree were the right reasons.

HHAI was founded because the founders wanted Judaism and the Jewish people to survive. I share this goal. I want to touch on a few reasons that I love Judaism. My reasons may not be someone else's reasons.



Dr. Donald and Mrs. Sandra Rothbaum receive a painting of a Tree of Life, by their daughter, Lia Kettenis. Photo by Scott Romer.

First, I love the philosophy of Judaism. My father's family was the epitome of rationality, and I wanted a philosophy of life that was based on reason. Hillel said, "That which is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole *Torah*. All the rest is commentary." I taught my children morality using Hillel's rule.

(see HAI-Life Award, page IN 11)

# Simcha Announcements

## Mazel Tov to...

**Jeff Sondhelm** for a job greatly appreciated, now and for years to come. Jeff was instrumental in working with the city government to ensure the creation of sidewalks on Hoover Road.

**Hasten Hebrew Academy** for being named a Four Star school for the second year in a row. The school has been a Four Star school three out of the past four years. This designation is based upon scoring in the top 25% in all categories of growth measured.

**HAI** students **Emilie Sondhelm** and **Shana Orentlicher** who won the Ruby Bridges essay contest sponsored by The Children's Museum, and **Yael Cohen** who received an honorable mention in the National Heritage Essay Contest, presented by the Sertoma Club of Broad Ripple. The topic for this essay was "What Freedom Means to Me". Along with her certificate of recognition, Yael also received \$150.

**Keith Pitzele** who will be serving as President of the Board of the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center for the second time.

**Joe Ofengender** who received the Ivan M. Chalfie Award at the JCC annual meeting for his contribution to the community and to promoting healthy Jewish family life.

**Rick and Caryn Bentley** (below) on the birth of their grandson **Akiva Moshe** on May 9 to their daughter and son-in-law, **Lizzy and Avi Rovinsky** of Tucson, Ariz. Rick and Caryn went back to Tucson for a *Pidyon Haben* because he is the first born son.



**Mike and Sylvia Blain** on the birth of their 15th great-grandchild, **Zissel Kayla** (top middle) born in Jerusalem on June 8. She is the granddaughter of their son



**David and Susan Blain** of Cherry Hill, N.J., and the daughter of **Josh and Jenny (Blain) Pittleman**. Her paternal grandparents are **Mark and Carin Pittleman** of Milwaukee. She has two older sisters **Amuna and Bayla Tova**, and a brother **Shlomo Yisrael Pittleman**.

**Sarah Vonnegut-Gabovitch**, daughter of **Nonie and David Vonnegut-Gabovitch**, granddaughter of **Dr. Ed and Phyllis Gabovitch** and **Rev. Tanya Vonnegut Beck** all of Indianapolis, on her marriage to **Avihay Edri** of Rishon LeZion, Israel.



**Joshua Matthew Friedman** son of **Jodi and Michael Friedman** on becoming a *Bar Mitzvah* at Beth-El Zedeck on May 20-21. His *Torah* portion was *Emor* and he learned about rules of the *Cohanim* (Priests). His *Bar Mitzvah* Project was collecting and sorting food for Popsie's Pantry, a food pantry located near the Indianapolis JCC.



Joshua is the grandson of **Karen and Marvin Friedman**, and **Helaine and Av Herman** of Indianapolis. He has a younger brother, Daniel.

**Abigail Paige Gray** (below), daughter of **Ellen and Jamie Gray**, granddaughter of **Marilyn Schankerman and Doreen Gray**, on her marriage to **Martin Alan Lande**, son of **Phil and Cheryl Lande**, grandson of **Ann Lande and Patricia Bell**. The wedding was May 29th at the Union Station Downtown Indianapolis. Rabbi Dennis Sasso officiated. Attendants (see *Mazel Tov*, page IN 4)



(L-R) **Jamie and Ellen Gray, Abbie and Marty Lande, and Cheryl and Phil Lande.** Photo by Jerry Lande.



**BEZ Confirmation Class 2016/5776.** Back row: **Benjamin Goldberg, Isaac Siegel, Rabbi Hal Schevitz, Cantor Melissa Cohen, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, George Kelley, Robert Levine, and Zoe Katz.** Front row: **Olga Schneider, Ethan Fleischer, Chloe Levine, Nira Grynheim, Brittany Lande, Sandi Levine, Max Butler, and Emily Rose.** Photo by Dave Cohen of Goldberg Photography.

# Editorial

I had been wondering what to write for this edition. The big news of late is the tragic shooting spree in Orlando (see IBOR response on page IN 7). As horrible as that was, at the same time, much more is going on in the world currently and so much of it is good but unfortunately that news does not yet make the headlines.

Also other times in history have been turbulent. Not that long ago in the 1960s we had widespread demonstrations against the Vietnam War, against racism and sexism, for example, and President John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. were assassinated. Just before I started college the library at the university I was about to attend was set on fire by protesting students. But news then was not as immediately accessible to all parts of the world. Today with the use of computers, technical devices and the Internet, word travels fast.

Young people today may not realize the progress our society has made in being more accepting and understanding of the differences in others and treating people with more compassion. We still have a long way to go but we have made much improvement in a relatively short span – 70 years if one considers the end of World War II and the Holocaust, Civil Rights and the unfair treatment of African Americans, the Berlin wall coming down, the release of Soviet Jews from the former Soviet Union and the collapse of it, and the first female presumptive nominee for President of the United States.

After I thought about all this and then about the current conflicts, natural disasters, poverty and diseases prevalent in the world, I had wondered if anyone would agree with me that we have made progress. Then I received my brother's column for this issue (see page IN 10) and I felt reassured. We were both thinking the same thing. Even though we face many challenges, a lot of progress is taking place.

I did some research about the money that our readers raised in 1956 in order to buy a new ambulance for Magen David Adom (MDA), the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross. My father first announced the goal of raising \$4,000 in our Oct. 19, 1956 edition. Every week, he would publish the names and amount of those who donated. At the end of the article was the total amount raised and what was still needed. The donations came from all over the country and it wasn't just individuals, sometimes it was a Sunday school class or an entire synagogue. Even non-Jews contributed!

## NEW RABBI

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become particularly attuned to women's issues in the Jewish context. With a wealth of knowledge, experience, and talent, Nili insisted on doing more.

Thus, Nili decided to establish a network in support of (ISO) our Jewish female service members, *Bizchut Nashim*, named after the description of our sages in the Talmud (Sotah 11b), "R' Avira said; in the merit of the righteous women the Israelites were redeemed from Egypt".

Nili has hosted numerous women's outreach events and volunteers with women who suffer from trauma. She is an artist and a well respected journalist. She continues to use these as avenues and platforms to help in any way she can. See more on website: [www.bnusa.org](http://www.bnusa.org). The Rabbi and his wife have two daughters. ✨



In the Dec. 28, 1956 edition, the goal was reached but money kept coming so that by the end of this fundraising an additional \$1,000 was raised and used for another purpose by the organization. (See story on page 5 of the following link: <http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/JPO/id/19781/rec/115>)

The June 14, 1957 edition has a thank you letter to the readers from MDA for getting them a new ambulance, equipped with every "modern medical facility".

Then I checked an online site "U.S. inflation calculator" and I found out that \$4,000 in 1956 is equivalent to \$35,328 today. In 1956 it took 70 days to raise this money. According to my brother, in 2016 it took only two days to raise more than ten times that amount or \$400,000.

I then sent an email to American Friends of Magen David Adom (AFMDA) asking how much a new ambulance would cost today. Director of Communications Erik Levis wrote back that there are two kinds that people can sponsor. A Basic Life Support Ambulance (BLS) costs \$100,000, and a Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) – a more advanced ambulance with more sophisticated equipment, like a hospital on wheels – costs \$125,000.

Mr. Levis added, "MDA is not funded by the Israeli government, so every dollar from America goes a very long way toward helping save lives in Israel." For more information, check out their website at [www.afmda.org](http://www.afmda.org).

My brother is correct when he writes that good things are happening. If at times we forget about the progress we have made, it is helpful to look at our history to recognize how far we have come.

Jennie Cohen, June 22, 2016 ✨

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## Community Events

### Israel Briefing & Farewell Dinner Reception for Consul General Roey Gilad

The JCRC is honored to invite the Greater Indianapolis Jewish community to a dinner reception in honor of our Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, Roey Gilad, who will be concluding his tenure in the States this summer. Roey will share a brief update on Israel, and will answer our questions. **Mon., June 27, 2016, 6:00 p.m., JCC Rm. A-25. Dietary Laws Observed.** Please RSVP to [lmorgan@jfgi.org](mailto:lmorgan@jfgi.org) by noon on Sunday, June 26.

### Magic Show featuring Ryan Siebert

**Wed., June 29, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.,** at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. Enjoy an evening of family fun. Magician, Ryan Siebert mixes comedy, juggling, sleigh-of-hand magic, psychic mentalism, escapology and music with audience participation for a one-hour, high-energy, memorable evening. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3 for children ages 12 and under or \$15 for a family (up to 2 adults and 3 children). Meals may be pre-ordered from the J Café; call or visit any membership desk for an order form. Contact Lisa Freeman at [lfreeman@jccindy.org](mailto:lfreeman@jccindy.org) or 317-715-9240.

### PJ Library and Jewish Moms Network Monthly Play dates

**Tues., July 5 and/or Aug. 9** from 9:30–11:30 a.m., at the Urban Chalkboard Café, 452 E. Carmel Drive in Carmel. Age: 0-6 years. Cost: Admission is \$10. If you are new to the Urban Chalkboard Café, please visit their website at [www.theurbanchalkboard.com](http://www.theurbanchalkboard.com) and be sure to fill out the release form to bring with you on your first visit. The café has healthy snacks for purchase and bottomless coffee is only \$2.95! RSVPs are encouraged to [pjlibrary@jfgi.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jfgi.org). Walk-ins welcome. Contact Rachel Kesner [rkesner@jfgi.org](mailto:rkesner@jfgi.org).

### 90th Birthday Luncheon

**Wed., July 6** from 12–1:30 p.m., for those in the Jewish community who are in 90 years old or more, at Broadmoor Country Club, 2155 Kessler Blvd. Indianapolis. For more info contact Lori Moss at 317-259-6824 or [lmoss@jfgi.org](mailto:lmoss@jfgi.org)

### Oddball (and the Penguins) – Heartland Film Series

**Thurs., July 7** from 7–8:40 p.m. A great film for the entire family. You can even come in your PJ's. An eccentric chicken farmer, with the help of his granddaughter, trains his mischievous dog, Oddball, to protect a penguin sanctuary from fox attacks in an attempt to reunite his family

and save their seaside town. This was the second most attended film at the 2015 Heartland Film Festival. \$10 per person or \$25 for family up to five. Contact Lev Rothenberg [lrothenberg@jccindy.org](mailto:lrothenberg@jccindy.org) or 317-715-9233.

### Hooverwood Guild Mailing Party and Continental Breakfast

**Mon., July 11,** at 9:30 a.m., in the Hooverwood Galleria. Bagels, lox, cream cheese, coffee, juice and more. (*No board meeting that day.*) We need your help with the Raffle Mailing. Bring a friend.

### A Taste of Torah Trope

**Tuesdays and Thursdays July 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28** from 5:30–7 p.m., at the Smulyan-Stolkin Education Center Bureau of Jewish Education, 6711 Hoover Road. This class will introduce all of the basic trope groups for chanting the weekly Torah portion. Prerequisite: fluent Hebrew reading. Instructor: Cantor Judy Meyersberg. Cost \$90. For more info call 255-3124.

### Crash Course in Hebrew Reading

**Tuesdays and Thursdays July 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28** from 5:30–7 p.m., at the Smulyan-Stolkin Education Center Bureau of Jewish Education, 6711 Hoover Road. Learn the basics in just three weeks. A good refresher course to those who “used” to read Hebrew. Course Instructor: Rabbi Paula Winnig. Cost \$90. For more info: 255-3124.

### Communal Adult Education at BJE

This summer we will study the three Abrahamic faiths with a panel of educators and clergy. **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.:** **July 13** – Judaism; **July 20** – Christianity; and **July 27** – Islam at the Smulyan-Stolkin Education Center Bureau of Jewish Education 6711 Hoover Road. \$10 per person each week or the series of three lectures for \$25. For more information contact Rabbi Paula Winnig at [Pwinnig@bjeindy.org](mailto:Pwinnig@bjeindy.org) or 317-255-3124.

### PJ Library goes to Camp

**Sun., July 17** from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at Goldman Union Camp Institute, 9349 Moore Road, Zionsville. Join us for a fun day at camp with all sorts of family-activities and a chance to meet some summer campers. Open to families with kids all ages. No cost to attend. Contact Rachel Kesner at [pjlibrary@jfgi.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jfgi.org).

### Daniel Silva – Best Selling Author – Program and Book Signing

**Mon., July 18,** from 7–8:30 p.m. Daniel Silva is a best-selling American author of 18 thriller and espionage novels. Prior to full time writing, Silva was a CNN producer. He was born in Michigan. When he was seven years old, his family moved to

### MAZEL TOV

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were the bride's siblings **Jessica** and **Yoni Serfaty** and **Elizabeth** and **Jack Firestone** and the groom's siblings **Jeremy** and **Samantha Lande** and **Daniel Lande**. Ring Bearers were **Jack Lande, Julian Lande,** and **Mo Firestone** and Flower Girl was **Quincy Sarah Carman**.

The couple met as little children in Indianapolis and started dating their Junior year of high school. Abbie is a Speech Language Pathologist and Marty is a Pricing Analyst. The *talitot* of the bride and grooms' grandparents' who passed away were on the top of the *Chuppah*. Abbie's bouquet had lockets with pictures of the bride and groom's grandparents who had passed away.

The couple just returned from a wonderful 10-day honeymoon in Hawaii. The bride and groom currently reside in Chicago.

**Rabbi Yisrael** and **Miriam Gettinger** on the birth of a grandson, **Naftali Zvi Yehuda Gettinger**, on June 10 to their son and daughter-in-law **Rabbi Aron** and **Gila Gettinger** of Los Angeles. May he grow *l'Torah, l'chuppah, u'lemasim tovim*, and be a credit to the entire family!

**Joe** and **Esther Epstein** on their 60 wedding anniversary. ✨



California. He received his BA from Fresno State and began a graduate program in international relations at San Francisco State University, but left when offered employment as a journalist at UPI. He was raised as a Catholic and converted to Judaism as an adult. Silva will be interviewed in the Laikin Auditorium by Jill Ditmire of WFYI and then will sign his books. Contact Lev Rothenberg [lrothenberg@jccindy.org](mailto:lrothenberg@jccindy.org) or 317-715-9233. Cost \$30.

### Hadassah Book Club

**Mon., July 25,** at 7 p.m., *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Bloom. Hostess is Helaine Herman and facilitator is Mary Jo Erdberg. **Mon., Aug. 15** at 7 p.m., *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah. Hostess is Evvy Moss and facilitator is Joan Katz. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at [helaine1@gmail.com](mailto:helaine1@gmail.com) or leave a message at the Hadassah office at 475-4278.

### First ever Israeli Film Festival

**Sun.–Wed., Aug. 21–24.** A variety of different types of Israeli films will be shown in the Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. They will mostly be in Hebrew with English subtitles, but some will be partially in English.

(see Events, page IN 13)

# Confirmation and Consecration classes of Cong. Beth Shalom

Meet CBS's First Confirmation Class

Members of Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) in Carmel, Ind., were delighted at services Fri., June 10 when cousins **Ethan Meyers** and **Lily** and **Lucy Snyder** were confirmed. Their parents **Alan** and **Caroline Snyder**, and **Scott** and **Sara Beth Meyers** and grandmother, **Susan Meyers**, proudly observed our first confirmation class.

Ethan will enter his junior year at Carmel High School this fall. He is active in Boy Scouts, currently serving as a Patrol Leader in Troop 132 (co-sponsored by Carmel VFW and Carmel Friends Church). He enjoys travel and has had the opportunity to visit England, Italy, Taiwan, Canada, the Bahamas, Mexico, 20 U.S. states and D.C. Ethan is currently employed as a referee with Indiana Youth Soccer Association.

Lily and Lucy attend University High School and will be sophomores in the fall. They play basketball and soccer for University as well as club soccer. They have enjoyed traveling with their grandmother and family and hope to keep traveling and seeing as much of the world as they can. Their pets include fish, cats, dogs, and chickens. They have volunteered at: Crossroads, Gleaners, and IHN when time allows. In addition, they work part time as soccer referees and have just started as lifeguards at the JCC.

## Consecration at CBS

Also on June 10, **Nicholas** and **Oliver Bass** received their small *Torahs* as they were confirmed at CBS. Their mother **Ruth**



**2016 Consecration Students of Congregation Beth Shalom:** brothers Oliver (L) and Nicholas (R) Bass with Rabbi Stanley Halpern.



**2016 Confirmation Students of Congregation Beth Shalom:** (L-R) Lucy Snyder, Ethan Meyers and Lily Snyder, with Rabbi Stanley Halpern.

remarked, "They have been so welcomed into the CBS religious school and we wanted to mark the formal start to their Jewish education with consecration. It is important to us that the boys become part of a Jewish community and learn about Jewish culture, traditions, and beliefs."

Nicholas is going into second grade at Carmel Elementary and Oliver is entering

his last year of preschool at The Goddard School is Carmel. They both do karate and love to swim.

Ruth was born and raised in north suburban Chicago, in the town of Glenview and her husband **Vince** grew up in Florida. They have made their home together in the Indy area (Carmel mostly), for much of the last 13 years. ★

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## IBOR response to Orlando shooting

JUNE 15, 2016 – The Indiana Board of Rabbis (IBOR) expresses pain and outrage, sympathy and support for the victims and families of the contemptible attack at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando this past week. At this time of sadness, shock, disbelief and fear, we reach out in love to the parents, spouses, children, friends and other loved ones of those who were killed or injured during the horrific rampage which specifically targeted the LGBTQ community. We pray for the physical and emotional healing of those who were injured and for the spiritual renewal of our wounded nation. We also commend the law enforcement officials in Orlando who responded courageously and quickly, and helped save many lives.



While this was one person's act, we are mindful that because he could legally obtain an assault weapon, he was able to fire enough rounds to kill and injure over 100 individuals in just a few minutes. Without access to this particular type of weapon he could not have harmed so many people so quickly. There is no higher ethical principle than to preserve life. It is time to eliminate access to assault rifles by private individuals.

We also acknowledge that the perpetrator of the carnage sought to justify his actions by abusing the sacred principles of religious tradition. Judaism, Christianity and Islam all define themselves as religions of peace. Whenever God is invoked to commit evil, God weeps.

While the tragedy unfolded on Saturday, Jews around the world observed the holy day of Shavuot, the Festival which celebrates the giving of the *Torah*, founded on the premise that "all human beings are created in the divine image"

### 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.

## Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis Awards 2016

The following people were honored at their 111th annual meeting on June 15:

**Brad Bell:** *Kehilla Award* – Presented as a symbol of recognition and appreciation for commendable leadership and for outstanding and enduring commitment to the Jewish community of Greater Indianapolis.

**Life & Legacy Program Partners:** *The Domont Award* – Presented to an agency, congregation, or organization for outstanding creativity in community service that provides for the enhancement of Jewish Life.

**Dr. John Abrams:** *Liebert I. Mossler Community Service Award* – Presented as a symbol of recognition and appreciation for commendable leadership and for outstanding and enduring commitment to the entire Indianapolis community and to the Jewish community of Greater Indianapolis.



and calling us to "love your neighbor as yourself." Already, some are citing the Orlando tragedy to renew calls to discriminate specifically against Muslims. As Jews who know religious persecution from our own experience, we oppose the vilification of Muslims and we embrace all who suffer discrimination and despair.

The sage Ecclesiastes taught: "For everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven... a time to mourn, a time to dance"... Now is a time for mourning, but as our heavy hearts begin to heal, may we soon, united across all faith traditions and personal identities, reach the time when all the world will dance together in peace.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Rabbi Brian Besser**, *co-chair, Bloomington*  
**Rabbi Aaron Spiegel**, *co-chair, Indianapolis*  
**Rabbi Dennis Sasso**, *secretary, Indianapolis*  
**Rabbi Paula Winnig**, *immediate past chair, Indianapolis*

**Rabbi Brett Krichiver**, *Indianapolis*

**Rabbi Hal Schevitz**, *Indianapolis*

**Rabbi Stan Halpern**, *Indianapolis*

**Rabbi Sandy Sasso**, *Indianapolis*

**Rabbi Bruce Pfeiffer**, *Indianapolis*

**Rabbi Lew Weiss**, *Indianapolis*

**Rabbi Faedra Weiss**, *Indianapolis*

**Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow**, *Carmel*

**Rabbi Marla Joy Subeck Spanjer**, *Fort Wayne*

**Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan**, *Fort Wayne*

**Rabbi Scott Fox**, *Indianapolis* ✨

**Jackie & David Barrett:** *L.L. Goodman Award* – Presented to outstanding individuals in recognition and appreciation of their commitment to leadership and engagement in the Jewish community of Greater Indianapolis.

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**Miriam Gettinger:** *Frank Newman Award* – Presented to a Jewish communal professional in recognition of outstanding dedication and professionalism.

**Ryan Rubenstein and Tahlia Korin:** *Dr. Mark Pescovitz Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award* – Presented to a Jewish high school Junior or Senior with a record of outstanding service to the Jewish or general community or both, in the Greater Indianapolis area.

**Alex Levin:** *The Len Perel Memorial Scholarship* (established by **Raisa Perel**) – Granted to deserving Jewish individuals seeking to further their education. Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence and volunteer experience in the Indianapolis Jewish community for greater than one year. Preference is given to foreign born applicants.

**Jessica Freemas, Nadav Harper, Corinne Levy, Rachel McNutt, Madeline Roger, and Omri Winicur:** *The Eugene Friedmann Scholarship* – Granted to deserving Jewish individual seeking to further their education. Preference is given to foreign born applicants and applicants entering the fields of science, medicine or technology.

**Kroot Interns** – **Rachel Kesner** – Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI); **Daria Penner** – JFGI; **Aaron Welcher** – Development Department of the JCC; and **Naomi Farahan** – Jewish Community Relations Council.

All of the acceptance speeches were well thought out, inspiring and delivered with poise. Three that were extraordinary were FEDTalks: Young Jewish Indianapolis: "The Skype Call That Started it All!" by **Steve Auslander**, a fifth grade elementary school teacher who uses modern technology in his classroom to connect them with other classes around the world; "From Marching to Dancing" by **Tahlia Korin**, who traveled with a group of teens to Eastern Europe and walked the Concentration Camps and then flew to Israel for touring and dancing; and "My Jewish Journey" by **Leo Grabovsky** who came to the United States in the 1980s as a child with his family from Russia and has become a Jewish leader together with his wife. They are raising their two young children to have a meaningful Jewish life. ✨

# Obituaries

**Anna Helen (Chaiet) Feinn, 92**, passed away on May 13, 2016. She was born April 7, 1924 in Chicago where she grew up with her parents, four sisters and one brother. She lived in La Porte and Michigan City, Ind., from 1952 to 1978 and resided in Walnut Creek, Calif., from 1978 until the time of her passing.



She was very committed and loving to family, both her own and those related through marriage. She made no distinction. She was engaged in many volunteer organizations and as a nurse, gave generously of her time and caring to ease the suffering of others. She had numerous friends of different religions and races, and was able to enjoy close and meaningful relationships over many years with both people who were significantly younger as well as her contemporaries. She penned a Yiddish column for this newspaper under her Yiddish name, Henya Chaiet, from Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2014. (See a reprint of her first two at the right.)

Mrs. Feinn is survived by one sister Fay Chaiet of Chicago, two children Naomi Feinn of Oakland, Calif., and Davia Feinn of Montreal, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Her husband Dr. Harry Feinn predeceased her in 1978, as did her son Dr. Daniel Mark Feinn in 2000. A funeral service was held in Chicago on May 18.

**Faye Anne (Fischer) Dorfman, 86**, passed away May 25, at Hooverwood after a lengthy illness. She was born Dec. 9, 1929. Her husband, Jack Maurice Dorfman, predeceased her in 1999.

Faye grew up in Louisville, Ky. Her parents Max and Rose Fischer and her sisters Bernice and Marian also predeceased her. She was cousin to the late Annette

Thon of Indianapolis.

Faye moved to Indianapolis as a young bride. She met her former husband, Jack, on a double date. They immediately fell in love and were married in Louisville in June, 1948. Faye was active in many organizations such as B'nai Torah Sisterhood and Hadassah. She lovingly took an active role in the lives of her grandchildren. She enjoyed animals, movies, shopping, and spending time with friends and family.

Faye and Jack had two daughters, Laura (Dorfman) Leve, Ft. Myers, Fla., and Marlene Dorfman, Indianapolis. In addition, she is survived by 5 grandchildren: Samantha Rose (Brenten) Kuznacic, Madison, Wisc; Ashley Michelle Hanson, Indianapolis; Martin Bruner, Bloomington; Melinda Kate (Joe) Blake, Indianapolis; and Courtney Tuchman, Indianapolis. Faye is survived by her cousins, Sandra Mae and Earl Goldsmith from Louisville and 4 nieces: Gerri Sue Needle, Irvine, Calif.; Carol Needle (Bill) Harmon, Kilauea, HI; Eileen Weiner, Hollywood, Calif.; and Ethel and Dan Chadwick, Scottsville, N.Y.

Services were held May 27 at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Contributions will be lovingly accepted at Indianapolis Animal Care and Control and the Juvenile Diabetes Association. These were very near to her heart.

**Sarah Katz**, passed away on June 3. She was a member of Congregation B'nai Torah. She is survived by children Simon, Etelka, Dora, and Halya, their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her husband Morris Katz predeceased her in Jan. 2015. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation B'nai Torah or Hasten Hebrew Academy. A funeral was held on June 5 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Joseph Frankel, 90**, of Greenwood, Ind., passed away on June 13, 2016. He was born on May 25, 1926 in Alexandria, Egypt to Abraham and Pauline Frankel.

## Yiddish for Everyday

BY HENYA CHAIET, z"l

### What my clever mother used to say

Yiddish speaking friends listen "up", and let's speak a little. Not a literary Yiddish, but a common every day one:

- 1) *Geh nisht mit shlechteh chaverim.* (Don't associate with bad friends.)
- 2) *Ess ah bisseleh nor zaul daus zein eppes goot.* (Eat a small amount, but be sure it is something special.)
- 3) *Zizeye nisht farnotisht.* (Don't be a fanatic!)
- 4) *Vaus der mensch lehrenet zich aus gait nisht farloren.* (Whatever a person learns never gets lost.)
- 5) *Ah mol iz besser ahz nieh shvaikt.* (Sometimes the best answer is none at all.)
- 6) *Ahz meh lehpt der lehpt mehn.* (If you live long enough everything will happen.)
- 7) *Der mensch dahf zach tzoo grayten tzoom shtarben, nor meh darf nisht varten. Ahz der malach ahmauress haut dein kvittel vet err deer gehfinen.* (We should prepare ourselves for the inevitable death, but don't sit around waiting for it to happen. When the angel of death has your ticket, he will find you wherever you are.)

(see Chaiet, page IN 9)



He and his wife, Shulamit, lived in Israel and immigrated to Peoria, Ill. in 1968. In Illinois Joseph worked for Capital Machinery, working on Caterpillar trucks and farm machinery. Upon his retirement in 1992, Joseph and Shulamit moved to Pembroke, Fla., where they enjoyed many years together. In 2014 the couple moved to Greenwood to be closer to family.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Shulamit Mizrahi Frankel; his three sons, Doron Frankel of Kentucky, Yair (Louise) Frankel of Westfield, N.J. and Glenn (Josie) Frankel of Greenwood; 7 grandchildren: Alexandra, Erin, Marcus, Tyler, Trevor, Karinna and Alainna; 4 great grandchildren; and his brother, Edwin (Barbara) Frankel. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Henry.

Graveside funeral services were held June 15, 2016 in Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Bickford Assisted Living and Memory Care (3021 Stella Drive, Greenwood, IN 46143). Friends may leave a message for the family by visiting [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com). ✨



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8) *Ah zay vee meh lept ahzay shtarpt mehn.* (The way you live your life is the way you die.)

9) *Ahz meh kaucht shane, macht mehn ah bissel mere effshare veht imehtzer kumen.* (When you're already cooking, cook a bit more – never can tell when someone might drop in.)



Henya Chaiet (l) with her mother, c. early 1960s.

10) *Ah mol iz besser ahz meh hert nisht ah zay goot.* [On her deafness] (Some things are better not heard.)

11) *Mitt ayn tauchess ken men nischt tansen auf tzveh chasehness.* (Since you only have one behind, you can't dance at two weddings at the same time.)

12) *Ahz meh vil dem mauzeit orentlich halten dahf menem in tzveh tzoohsch palten.* (If you want to be fair, sometimes you have to divide the portions.)

13) *Ahz meh grate nischt aun erev Shabbas, haut men nischt auf Shabbas.* (If you don't prepare ahead as in the case of Shabbas, on Shabbas it's too late.)

14) *Far altz coomt ah-tzeit.* (Everything in its own time.)

15) *Farnem zich dee hent vet zein shtil dee kaup.* (Busy your hands and your head will be quiet.)

16) *Altz in aynem iz nischt tau by kaynem.* (In life, no one has it all.)

On the passing of our youngest sister who had been ill for many years, my mother comforted us with these words:

17) *Gaut vase vauserr toot.* (G-d knows what's best.)

18) *Gelt feart dos velt.* (Money rules the world.)

On marriage, mother had this advice for her five daughters when considering a husband:

19) *Cook nischt far shanekeit auder reichkeit, cook far menschlichkeit.* (Don't look for beauty or riches, look for good character.)

In the spring when the trees and flowers started to blossom she would comment:

20) *Altz coomt tzuh rick fun erd nor der mensch nischt.* (Everything returns

## 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.*

### 50th Indianapolis Early Music Festival

**Sun., June 26**, leave the JCC at 2:45 p.m. for our annual visit to the Early Music Festival. We will be attending the 4 p.m., performance at the Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio St. From Britain the legendary Dame Emma Kirkby, soprano, is joined on the lute by Jakob Lindberg for songs in an intimate program of music from England, Spain, Italy, and France with music by Dowland, Danyel, Caccini, Gue'dron and others. There is a talk before the show is and a reception after the show. Cost \$26, includes transportation, concert and reception.

### Classic Movie Club at MorningSide of College Park

**Mon., June 27** at 3 p.m. The movie is *The Imitation Game*. During World War II, mathematician Alan Turing tries to crack the enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians. Refreshments will be served and we are invited to stay for dinner for only \$5.

### 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 and beverage. Pie is extra. Shopping is at your expense.

### Beef House in Covington, Ind., Million Dollar Quartet

**Sun., July 17**, leave JCC at 8:30 a.m. *Million Dollar Quartet* is the new smash-hit musical inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock n roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and

from the earth except man.)

*Henya Chaiet was the Yiddish name for Mrs. A. Helen Feinn (see her obituary on page IN 8.) Born in 1924 ten days before Passover, her parents had come to America one year prior. They spoke only Yiddish at home so that is all she spoke until age five when she started kindergarten. She then learned English, but always loved Yiddish and spoke it whenever possible. A booklet was made with all of her columns including family photos. Please contact us if you would like to receive a copy of it. ☆*

only time. On December 4, 1956, these four young musicians gathered at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. This thrilling musical brings you inside the recording studio with four major talents who came together as a red-hot rock n roll band for one unforgettable night. \$55 includes transportation, lunch and show.

### Indianapolis Indians Baseball

**Tues., July 19**, leave JCC at 6 p.m. Indians vs. Lehigh Valley. \$30 includes admission ticket, transportation, and dinner.

### Conner Prairie – A Night Under the Stars

**Sat., July 23**, leave JCC at 6:30 p.m. Michael Cavanaugh is dubbed the New Voice of the American Rock and Roll Songbook. The charismatic piano vocalist performs the songs of Billy Joel, Elton John and others with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Jack Everly. \$55 includes a table in front, transportation, dinner and concert. ☆

## Snapshot in Time

*An Indiana Jewish Historical Society Hoosier Bicentennial Program*

In celebration of Indiana's Bicentennial, Jews from around the state are invited to be part of our Hoosier history. The IJHS is collecting pictures, documents, video clips, and other digital and/or hands-on materials that tell their story, their family story, and their Jewish community story for future generations. Items collected will be achieved at the Indiana Historical Society.

### Ideal achieve items:

Family pictures from life cycle events taking place during 2016 (i.e. *brit*, *bar/bar mitzvah*, wedding).

Family trees documenting Hoosier residents.

Interviews with relatives or those of accomplishment.

Invitations from Jewish lifecycle events in 2016

Report card, consecration certificates and confirmation announcements.

### Central Indiana Submission Drop-Off

The Reuben Center, 6905 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46260

Submissions accepted Fridays from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. through Dec. 31, 2016.

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Be part of our Hoosier Jewish History! For more info email Mark Roger – chair at [mroger@frannet.com](mailto:mroger@frannet.com) or call the office at 260-459-6862. ☆

# Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

## Good news!

Today I am happy to share with you some good news. I consider myself fortunate to live in K'far Chabad, a Lubavitcher community here in Israel. Thank G-d we have lots of good news here. Most of the young people here get married in their early 20s and raise big families. We have lots of weddings and new babies being born.

However outside of K'far Chabad is a different world. Five days a week I leave K'far Chabad to visit the sick in a nearby hospital. There I sometimes see the news on TV. A lot of this news is bad news. However, recently I saw there some good news, that brought tears to my eyes. I want to share this good news with you.

Two years ago an Israeli soldier was seriously injured fighting Arab terrorists in the Gaza Strip. After two years of hospitalization and rehabilitation he is now ready to return to his home, to his wife and children. This is already good news, *Baruch HaShem*. However, because of his injuries and special needs, he can't go home until they fix his house and make it

bigger. A lot of people are trying to help. (More good news!) A contractor came and told them that the additions to the house and the changes inside would cost \$160,000.

Well, this was way beyond their means. Some charitable institutions were contacted, and they agreed to help. They went online with a campaign to help this soldier and his family. In two days, they received donations totaling \$400,000!

Amazing! I know a little about campaigns to raise money for worthy causes. I have been reading *The Jewish Post & Opinion* for about 60 years. My father, Gabriel Cohen, of blessed memory, was the editor and publisher. He was almost always working on one of his many charity campaigns. For example in 1956 he started a campaign to raise \$4,000 to buy an ambulance for Magen David Adom. Every week he would write an article informing his readers of the donations received and how much more they needed to give to reach the goal. They would reach the goal, but this sometimes took months.

Sixty years ago, it took more than two months for *The Jewish Post* to raise \$4,000. Two weeks ago they raised online \$400,000 in just two days. What is

(see Benzion, page IN 14)

# Book Review

REVIEWED BY SUSAN LERNER

## Jewish women interpret their lives through lens of their faith

*Chapters of the Heart: Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of Our Lives*. Edited by Sue Levi Elwell and Nancy Fuchs Kreimer. Oregon: Cascade Books: An Imprint of Wipf and Stock Publishers, Nov. 2013. 204 Pages. \$25 Paperback.

The beauty of an anthology is that it gives the reader the particular pleasure of sampling the work of many authors writing about a single subject. Each contributing essay brings its author's singular opinions and voice.

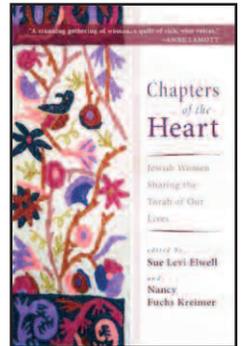
On the cover of *Chapters of the Heart* is printed a subtitle: *Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of Our Lives*, and in the book's introduction, editors Sue Levi Elwell and Nancy Fuchs Kreimer write

about the process of gathering the essays that make up the volume. They approached some of their professional Jewish friends and asked each to "open her heart, to delve into her considerable Jewish vocabulary, and to tell us what she found" in order to show how Jewish texts or traditions helped, or didn't help, the author make meaning of her life.

Although raised in a secular household, my father sent me to Orthodox day school. Although my husband and I fall on the "not very" part of the spectrum of observance, we, in turn, sent our children to a Jewish day school. I try to use my incongruous Jewish background to my advantage. I make a point of observing those around me who come from different traditions within the faith to broaden my understanding. I've attended services and events at each of Indianapolis's congregations, from Reform to Chabad and whenever I go I make a point of trying to learn something. It is from this place of curiosity that I opened *Chapters of the Heart*.

Of the 20 essays in the book, the ones in which the author used vivid details to describe a specific time in her life were the ones that stayed with me the longest.

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Second, I love the questioning spirit of Judaism. One of the people portrayed in the movie *The Big Short* is shown as a young boy driving his rabbi crazy by asking so many questions. That scene spoke to me. The person in the movie figured out what was wrong with certain investments because he kept questioning. We cannot understand unless we question. Judaism encourages questioning.

Third, I like the mandate to repair the world. My father-in-law, Maurel Rothbaum, epitomized Hillel's second famous quote, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me. If I am only for myself, what am I?" My father-in-law was president of everything. His obituary was on the front page of the Star. His influence pervades our whole family – it motivates us to be together for every auspicious occasion, it pushes his children and grandchildren to try to repair the world.

My mother-in-law also epitomizes this quote. She always thinks of others, and is always there for her family and friends. I remember her taking soup each week for years to a friend who had had a stroke. As all who know her agree, she is as close to perfection as a human being can be.

My mother skipped the first part of Hillel's quote. She rarely thought of herself – and was totally devoted to her family – particularly her grandchildren. Donald and I were very lucky in our parents, who provided the foundation for our Jewish life together.

I also love the rituals of Judaism. I feel the magnetic pull of the High Holy Days. Thanksgiving is a fine holiday, but it is no Passover. The ritual of *bar mitzvah* is brilliant. To have a child wrestle with the *Torah*, learn Hebrew, lead a congregation, do charitable acts – is a wonderful way to help a child grow into adulthood. And, to experience a *bar* or a *bat mitzvah* as a parent or grandparent is the greatest joy imaginable. Our grandson Meyer celebrated

his *bar mitzvah* last May. Adam, Simon, Kiefer and Seth are on deck and will be *bar mitzvahed* within the next year. Six of our grandchildren are here tonight, including Zachy, Isaac and David.

I want to see Judaism survive. It has so much to offer to its own people and to the world at large. And, it cannot survive without repositories and transmitters of the core knowledge and practice of Judaism.

To close, I want to do a riff on a quote that has stayed with me. The Warburg family was a prominent banking family in New York. The father was one of the people who helped start the federal reserve system. His children did not stay Jewish, and one of them said to his parents something like the following:

"If you wanted us to stay Jewish you should have sent us to Horace Mann and Columbia instead of Middlesex and Harvard."

So, if we want Judaism to survive, we cannot send all our children to "Middlesex and Harvard," as the Warburgs did. We cannot even send them all to "Horace Mann and Columbia" and other places with a significant Jewish presence as the answer to perpetuating Judaism.

Some of our children must go to Jewish

day schools. We must transmit the core knowledge of Judaism if we hope to see Judaism survive. And we must have warm, welcoming places where intense Judaism is a living presence in the world.

I would like to thank the Hasten Hebrew Academy for this wonderful honor. ✨



*HAI-Life Distinguished Teacher Award Recipient Jennifer Blaine (center) with third grade teacher, Amanda Mazelin (L) and art teacher, Mary Ellen Fellegy (R). Ms. Blain has been the physical education teacher at HHAJ since 2003 and is also the athletic director for the school's sports team programs.*



*The Rothbaum family. Photos by Scott Romer.*

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# BBYO's International Convention

By SYDNEY GLAZIER

Identity is something I have always struggled with. I've never been able to put myself into a box and been able to say I completely agree with this – this is who I am. In spit of that, there have been moments where I could take a step back and say this is important to me, this shapes who I am.

BBYO's International Convention (IC) was one of those moments. Sitting in a room surrounded by thousands of other Jewish teens, along with an incredible professional staff, and countless inspiring speakers, I can say with 100% certainty that that is a moment that shapes who I am as a teenager, a Jew, and an emerging leader.

I arrived a day early and attended the February Executive Conference where the movement's top leaders met and discussed business that would effect the priorities and governmental procedures that would shape regions and chapters across the world for the coming years. It was a very educational day as I took a look into the past and saw how something so influential in my life has evolved since 1924 and continues to shape so many lives. As a member of the convention's steering committee, I went to meetings to polish off the Leadership Lab I was in charge of and the chapter programs I was showcasing.

Though it had only been 24 hours, it felt as if I had been surrounded by my brother Alephs and sister B'nai B'rith Girls for days, I couldn't wait for the rest of my friends and region to arrive. At opening ceremonies that night, the 70 teens representing The Kentucky Indiana Ohio Region sat together as we introduced ourselves to the rest of the Order. We were welcomed to convention by many, a highlight being a message written by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who directly addressed the IC body. Opening ceremonies culminated with a surprise concert by Timeflies. Being in this room surrounded by so many people who are so different, yet have so many similarities to myself, was incredible. This was a defining moment in my life, one that I know I'll look back on knowing it helps shape who I am.

Friday opened with a speakers plenary then led into Leadership Labs. Teens went to over 30 places across Baltimore. I went to Baltimore Community ToolBank. Here 30 of us cleaned and organized the warehouse where in just a few hours we completed more than a typical weeks work of progress for the three full-time



Sydney Glazier (L) with Jesse Cohn at BBYO's International Convention.

employees the ToolBank typically has. Not only was I able to make a difference for this organization, the entire convention body heard speakers like CEO of the NAACP Cornell Brooks, and Geena Rocero who shared the journey she took in becoming a transgender model.

*Shabbat* was a life changing experience. In my everyday life, I often overlook celebrating *Shabbat* and truly taking a

break from my busy daily activities. Being in a place with so many people who have the same history and values, *Shabbat* was proof that we truly are stronger together. From setting a Guinness World Record for the largest *Shabbat* dinner to praying in services with my best friends, *Shabbat* allowed us to reflect and truly be appreciative of the experience we were sharing.

Sunday, the 92nd Grand Board of the Aleph Zadik Aleph and the 72nd International Board of the B'nai Brith Girls were elected. Sitting through elections opened my eyes to how the movement will work next year, not only an educational experience, but a motivational one. Watching my best friend from summer experiences be elected as International *N'siah* (President) and a member of my Regional Board be elected as International *Morah* (Vice President of Membership) reinforced how much the power if BBYO is in our hands. BBYO creates a platform unlike any other where Jewish teens can come together and grow as individuals and as leaders, International Convention set this tone that will be experienced across the world for the rest of the year.

The weekend was filled with speakers such as Justin Baldoni, director of *My Last Days* and actor in *Jane the Virgin*, and Claire (see BBYO, page IN 13)

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**Israel Tennis Centers Foundation awarded grant from Robert & Toni Bader Charitable Foundation**

The Israel Tennis Centers (ITC) Foundation is pleased to announce that it has been approved for a 3-year grant from the Robert & Toni Bader Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$15,000. The funds will be used to support the ITC's English Language Proficiency Program at its center in Akko, Israel.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Israel Tennis Centers is the largest social service agency for children in Israel, working tirelessly through the medium of sport to enhance the development of Israeli youth. Since opening its first center in Ramat Hasharon in 1976, the ITC has helped over a half million children, many of whom reside in outlying and underserved communities throughout Israel. The ITC's 14 centers stretch from Kiryat Shmona on the Lebanese border in the North to Beer Sheva bordering the Negev Desert in the South.

The ITC's English Language Proficiency Program is unique because it is the only program in Israel that employs the sport of tennis in a welcoming and nurturing after school setting to teach English to underprivileged and immigrant Israeli young-

sters, leading to academic achievement and social success. The program is currently offered at 8 other ITC centers around the country and will eventually be expanded to all 14 of its centers. It will enable children to: overcome their reluctance to speak English; develop confidence and a heightened degree of proficiency to understand English; and acquire basic skills to converse in English.

The Robert & Toni Bader Charitable Foundation (RTBCF) is a Family Charitable Foundation created as a 501(c)(3) corporation in 2010 for the purpose of donating to other non-profit organizations to help achieve their goals of improving the world. The Bader family and the Foundation are based in Indianapolis. Robert Bader, with support from his wife Toni, founded Bader Company in 1985, eventually specializing in Self Storage Insurance and Insurance Marketing. They are active in the Jewish community in Indianapolis as well as other community outreach programs. After retiring, they decided to create the Foundation to share their success with their family and worthy causes like the Israel Tennis Centers Foundation.

**About the Israel Tennis Centers Foundation:** For 40 years the Israel Tennis Centers Foundation (ITC), a 501 (c) 3 not-



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for-profit organization, has worked tirelessly through the medium of sport to enhance the development of Israeli youth. Since opening its first center in Ramat Hasharon in 1976, the ITC has helped over a half million children, many of whom come from outlying and underserved towns throughout Israel. The ITC's 14 centers stretch from Kiryat Shmona on the Lebanese border in the North to Beer Sheva bordering the Negev Desert in the South. ([www.israeltenniscenters.org](http://www.israeltenniscenters.org)).

Contacts: Executive Vice President/Global Development Jacqueline Glodstein, 212-784-9201 and Global Director of Marketing Richard Weber, 212-784-9202. ★



**EVENTS**

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**JCC Farmer's Market**

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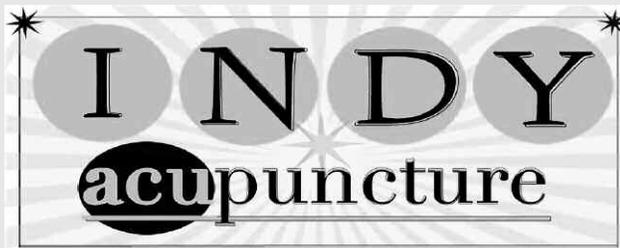


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Wineland, an 18 year old with Cystic Fibrosis who has taken her diagnosis not as a life sentence but as an inspiration to help others and live her life to the fullest. Sunday night we celebrated the convention's success with a concert headlined by Jason Derulo. Being at International Convention, I knew who I was, identity wasn't even a question.

*Sydney Glazier, daughter of Steve and Rebecca Glazier, is a senior at Carmel High School, in Camel, Ind. She is involved in BBYO, DECA, and plans to study business in college. She and her family are members of Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis.* ★



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**BENZION**

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happening to our world? Thank G-d, a lot of good things!

Our *rebbe* and spiritual leader, the *Lubavitcher Rebbe* told us that we are now in the beginning of a new era, the Messianic era. What does the *Torah* say will happen when *Moshiach* (the Messiah) will finally come? All of the Jewish people will return to our homeland, the land of Israel. Jerusalem and the Holy Temple will be rebuilt. *Moshiach* will lead us to bring the knowledge of G-d to all of the world, and bring an end to all war, to all evil and sickness. In their place will be good deeds and *Torah* learning.

Look around and see! In the last 60 years the Jewish population of Israel has grown 1,000 percent! Sixty years ago 600,000 Jews lived in Israel, and today there are more than six million. Jerusalem has also grown tremendously.

We believe that our *Rebbe* himself is our long awaited *Moshiach*, our redeemer. The *Rebbe* and his followers have helped many millions all over the world to know *HaShem* (G-d). Today's world has much less war, much less crime, and much more good deeds and *Torah* learning.

Each and every one of us can speed up the process of our redemption, by learning more *Torah* and doing more *Mitzvahs*. We want *Moshiach* now!

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**LERNER**

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Ellen Frankel writes about the biblical trope of barrenness among ancestral women and how the grief and shame she experienced in her own life came after her emergency hysterectomy at the age of 26. This changed her interpretation of these stories. Sue Levi Elwell gives a vivid glimpse into the state of reproductive rights in 1970 by writing of being 22 and needing an abortion. Because there were no rabbis from whom this author could seek council, her piece is intriguing because she illustrates how, at that particular time and from her vantage point, her faith failed her. Rabbi Elwell writes that it was this early experience that spurred her to later train to become a volunteer chaplain at Planned Parenthood.

In some of the essays women write about how they've used Jewish texts and teachings in their attempts to smooth the edges on their troubled marriages and relationships with children. In others they write about how their faith guided them as they entered the later stages of life.

The pieces in *Chapters in the Heart*, with the exception of two, were penned by liberal women in their 60s and 70s who come from the Reform and Reconstruction movements. There is, to the editors' credit, two pieces written by women who don't "look like all the others." In "My Interfaith Friendships: Blessings and Challenges," the Orthodox Blu Greenberg writes of her positive and negative interactions over the years with Christian and Muslim women. She tells her stories from the perspective of a woman who holds up Israel as key to the survival of post-Holocaust Jews.

The essay that follows Ms. Greenberg's is "The Remembrance of These Things." Here Margaret Holub uses aspects of the story of the Exodus and rituals from the Seder to explore the concepts of privilege and power. Near the end she writes, "I am beginning to participate in the call for boycott, divestment, and sanctions to end the occupation of Palestine." Ms. Holub writes eloquently and earnestly and in direct contrast to Ms. Greenberg. The juxtaposition of the pieces was a provocative, bold move on the part of the editors. While I applaud their decision to include Ms. Greenberg's perspective, hers was one of two traditional points of view amidst the liberal and as I read the anthology, I wished for a more balanced array of voices.

In the introduction the editors wrote that they tried to rid the authors' prose of the "stained glass" tones of the pulpit voice (most of the contributors are rabbis). When writing about spirituality, it's tricky to sidestep clichéd, sentimental language. In order for me to connect more directly with these women's stories, I wished the editors had used even more red pen on the authors' essays which sometimes fell into generalizations and platitude.

In *Chapters of the Heart*, Jewish women interpret the gut-wrenching stories of their lives through the lens of their faith. It's an intriguing read for all who are interested in exploring Judaism and learning how others do the same.

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**SILVER**

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business is in Indiana – banks, offices, libraries, hotels, kitchens, and baths. They are currently working on a project for the new Cabella's store in Fishers, Ind. Their endeavors encompass all of the Jewish congregations in Indianapolis, including the Chabad House.

The company does not advertise. Yet Marc Woodworking has done work for a number

of high tech oriented corporations on the West Coast with familiar household names.

The workshop is filled with stacks of wood, many veneer panels awaiting their attachment to an underlayment, and very large computer-driven, high-tech, exacting machinery and equipment that does cutting, sizing, drilling, inlays, sanding, gluing, and such. One machine that cuts large, flat panels has an expansive series of small jets shooting air to the underside of the piece being cut, which reduces friction of the panel against the surface on which it rests as it moves towards the saw blade.

The company has completed kitchens for \$30,000 to \$450,000. One current project for the 45 employees is a \$750,000 closet for a client in New York, with doors for the closet at \$20,000 each. Another proposal is for an 80,000 square foot library in Washington, D.C.

Hirsch says, "In 2009 we did a big job for another cabinet shop, and word got out, and now about 70 percent of our business is for other cabinet shops. Not many of them are in Indiana."

Hirsch has five sons and two daughters. One son, Jacob, 24, works at Marc Woodworking. Having worked in all phases of the operations, "beginning with broom-pushing," laughed Hirsch, he has been apprenticing to a cabinetmaker and will soon become a full-fledged cabinetmaker.

Before the housing downturn kicked in, Hirsch said 2008 sales were \$7 million, but fell to \$2 million the next year. But business is on the comeback trail – last year's revenue hit \$4.5 million, and sales for this year are projected to be back at \$7 million.

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**HOOSHIR**

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during the judge's deliberation.

The group was formed in 2006 after the White House called Rabbi Sue Laikin Silberberg, the rabbi at Indiana University's Helene G. Simon Hillel Center, to ask whether IU had a Jewish A Cappella group that could perform at the White House Hanukkah party. Rabbi Sue replied that such a group did exist. It did not. Singers from Straight No Chaser and Ladies First, the all-male and all-female IU A Cappella groups at the time, were brought together to form Hooshir.

Hooshir sings a mix of Jewish music, secular Israeli pop music, and American pop music and standards. Groups such as Pentatonix and Tizmoret have served as inspirations for Hooshir. The members of Hooshir are linked by a desire to share their love of song. ✨

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“We made a \$30,000 elevator interior for a Saudi Prince. It went through several hands before he got it, may have cost him \$50,000 to \$100,000, I don’t really know,” said Joe Hirsch, president of Marc Woodworking in Indianapolis. “I doubt he knew it was coming from a Jewish firm. But we put a Star of David on an outside panel,” laughs Hirsch and his brother-in-law, Avi Shmoel, who is the plant manager.

Hirsch’s father, Marc Hirsch, was a concentration camp survivor who lost his own father in the camps, and emigrated with his mother to Jerusalem in 1948, and learned cabinetmaking. He brought his family to the U. S. in 1968 after the Six-Day War, and found work as a union carpenter.

In 1971, opening his own cabinet shop, doing build-outs, finishing basements, building cabinets and such, he took the name Midwest Woodworking, and located on north Central Ave.

“In 1992 we moved into this building [1719 English Ave. on Indianapolis’ east-side]. We could not have the same phone number, and there was a company called Midwest Woodworking working out of Cincinnati, St. Louis and Illinois that did not have such a good reputation. We do high profile, high end, detailed work, but we were always getting confused with them, so I convinced my father to change the name to Marc Woodworking,” said Hirsch.

As an amateur woodworker and one-time owner of a custom solid wood furniture business, walking into the lobby, and then into an office of the firm, both oozing stunningly beautiful paneled walls and furnishings made of exotic woods from around the world, was for me like being surrounded with riches while savoring Shapiro’s corned beef.

The stunning table in the office is English Sycamore, a light golden wood,



Staff of Marc Woodworking in the lobby of the company – (L-R) Project manager, James Lovell; Plant manager, Avi Shmoel; President, Joe Hirsch; Comptroller, Mary Ann Lutz; Estimator, Scott Tritch; Project managers, Chris Gillette and Keith Hincer. Photo of founder Marc Hirsch is on the wall behind them.

with a dark accent Sappelle border and inlays of Pearwood Wenge and Madrona burl. Sappelle and Wenge are both from Africa, both dark, while Madrona is from Europe. Many exotic woods from around the world are 20 to 50 percent harder, heavier and denser than American oak, which is one of our harder woods. You cannot drive a nail through these woods in solid form. Hirsch said they have worked with over 100 different woods from around the world.

On their website, marcwoodworking.com, is a beautiful light wood conference table, shaped rather like a horseshoe (not football), with dark wood edging and dark inlays in the top, about 20 feet long. Made

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Hirsch said about 30 percent of their (see Silver, page IN 14)



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# I.U.'s Hooshir – Jewish a cappella

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On Feb. 14, Hooshir, Indiana University's Jewish a cappella group, performed an inspiring concert at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). It was wonderful to not only experience the harmonious sounds of their singing but to see young people working together in a cohesive group to perform, entertain and educate. Their enthusiasm was contagious! *Hooshlove*, their new CD is a must have! It can be purchased from their website: [www.hooshir.com](http://www.hooshir.com).

Hooshir (from combining Hoosier with *shir*, the Hebrew word for song). They have performed in other cities around the United States such as New York, Chicago, Washington DC, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Akron, Louisville, Miami, Hollywood, Key Largo, and Los Angeles. Hooshir has had the honor of sharing the stage with Six13 and The Maccabeats, as well as opening for *Matisyahu* in April 2015.

Although not all of the singers in the group are Jewish and not all are music students, they are all students at Indiana University. These students have come to Bloomington, Ind., from many different cities in the U.S., and although some are majoring in music, the rest are working on a wide range of different majors.

When asked what they do when singers graduate, they responded that they hold auditions at the beginning of the new school year to replace them. They practice about 10 hours per week and this does not count the time to travel and perform concerts, which is about two per month. This also does not count additional time when one or more of them are composing new songs. That's a big time commitment for students who have classes, homework

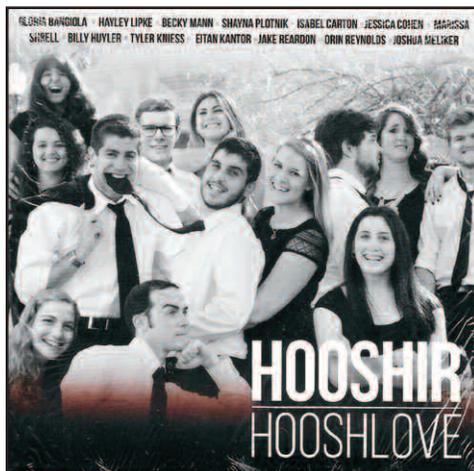


Hooshir performing at IHC.

Orin Reynolds; and Publicity manager, Jessie Cohen.

From their website: *Hooshir won the Kol Haolam National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Championship in both 2013 and 2014. Josh Meliker won the award for best beatboxer at Kol Haolam in 2013. Gloria Bangiola won the "Best Arrangement" award in 2013 for her arrangement of "Mishaela", and Becky Mann won the "Best Arrangement" award in 2014 for her original song, "Oseh Shalom". In March 2015, Hooshir had the honor of returning to the competition as the featured performers (see Hooshir, page IN 14)*

and exams and hopefully a social life. Four different members of the group have leadership responsibilities. They are: Director, Becky Mann; Music director, Isabel Carton; Business director,



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