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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Lilya Garrison (below), daughter of **Ken** and **Zella Berenbaum** of Rochester, N.Y., married **Joseph Austin Davidson**, son of **Jon Davidson** and **Carolyn Davidson** of Indianapolis on Nov. 20, 2016, at Indianapolis Yacht Club. **Rabbi Brett Krichiver** officiated.

Man of Honor was **Justin Garrison** and Best Man was **Nick Garrison**, sons of the bride. Siblings in attendance were **Alec Berenbaum** and **Erin Davidson** and **Bryan Davidson**. The couple will reside in Indianapolis.



Susan and **Marvin Mitchell** (below) on their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 18, 2016. They were married at Beth-El Zedeck, but Rabbi Nandor Fruchter officiated because B'nai Torah on Hoover Road was still under construction.



Simcha (Eddie) Margolis of Indianapolis and the former **Sarah Feldman** of Toronto become proud parents of a daughter, **Shulamit Esther Hallel** (below), born in Jerusalem on Jan 1, 2017. Grandparents are **Mary Ann** and **Samuel** (z"l) **Margolis** of Indianapolis and **Joseph** and **Ann Feldman** of Toronto. Maternal great-grandparents are **Joseph** (z"l) and **Helen Morgan** of Toronto. Shulamit has four older brothers, **Shmuel Chovev Tzion**, 7, **Yitzhak Chaim Ananiel**, 5, and **Aryeh Matanya** age 3 and **Bentzion Mordechai**, age 2.



Jeremy Rosenstein and **Sandy Schwartz** (below) won a second mixed doubles pickleball championship on Jan. 13 at a tournament at the Five Seasons in Indianapolis. Their first tournament title with brilliant teamwork was in Moline, Ill., in November.



Samuel Moshe Hershenson (above right), who became a *Bar Mitzvah* at the *Kotel* on January 19, 2017. Samuel is the son of **Drs. Jared** and **Jessica Hershenson** and is a 7th grader at the

Yeshiva of Greater Washington. In attendance were the grandparents, **Dr. Marvin** and **Michelle Hershenson** and **Dr. David** and **Carole Droller** of Weston, Fla., **Elyse** and **Kenny Freed** of Houston, and Samuel's younger siblings, as well as, the entire Israeli Hershenson family.



Jennifer Thomas (below), daughter of **Janet** and **Bill Thomas** from Albion, Ind., married **Matt Fishman**, son of **Esther** and **Randy Fishman** of Carmel, Ind. The wedding took place on Jan. 14, 2017 at Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center in Noblesville, Ind. The newlyweds honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Westfield, Ind. Jen is a Grant Writer/Editor at the IU School of Medicine. Matt is an assistant volleyball coach at IU Kokomo and the Director for Media for volleyball for Indy Juniors Volleyball Club. The ring bearer was **Leo Fishman**, son of **Scott** and **Amanda Fishman**.



Irving Freeman who turned 90 on Jan. 20.

Jackie Larman who turned 85 on Feb. 1. (see *Mazel Tov*, page IN 16)

Editorial

The *Jewish Post & Opinion* recently chatted via telephone with Andy Cohen (no relation) to find out what to expect at his AC2 tour with Anderson Cooper live in Indianapolis March 10 at the Murat Theatre at Old National Centre. Andy Cohen is the mega-popular late night host of *Watch What Happens: Live* and executive producer of *The Real Housewives* franchise, both on the TV station Bravo.

Jennie Cohen: Why should people come to your show when they can watch both you and Anderson on TV every day?

Andy Cohen: It's a like going out to a bar with Anderson and I for a couple of hours, hearing us swapping stories, telling jokes and asking questions. We interview each other and then for the last half hour we turn it over to the audience to ask us questions.

People will be surprised at how funny, loose and open Anderson can be compared to watching him on CNN. Come and bring your friends. We also see a ton of couples in the audience. It's like a night on the town *kibitzing* with two great friends who have funny stories, who talk about current events and pop culture.

Jennie: Is your show in Indianapolis going to be the same as it has been in other cities or has it evolved as you go along?

Andy: It has evolved and grown. Because he and I are involved in so many different activities, it would be hard to keep it the same. New adventures are always happening with us, and certainly with Anderson's job covering the election and politics, and all that I see in pop culture. Our shows are up-to-the minute current.

Jennie: How do you prepare for the show?

Andy: Anderson and I discuss what stories to keep and what to take out. For example, yesterday Anderson had a contentious interview with Kellyanne Conway. If we were doing a show this weekend, I would quiz him about that.

Jennie: Have you ever been to Indianapolis?

Andy: Never, even though I grew up in St. Louis, but I'm betting Anderson has.

Jennie: On YouTube I saw your mother, Evelyn Cohen, and you on the show, *Live!* with Kelly before Thanksgiving. You, Kelly Ripa and your mother made challah stuffing with her recipe. It was a riot to watch and it looked like it would be so tasty. (Watch it



A. Cohen



A. Cooper

About the Cover

Sliom

By Anna Fine Foer

Anna Fine Foer (www.annafineart.com) custom-designs unique *ketubot* (see cover) made of map collage for betrothed couples. Each *ketubah* uses map elements that represent locations significant to the couple's past, present, and future. The landscape and architecture in each *ketubah* are reminiscent of the *chuppah*, or traditional wedding canopy. Anna grew up in Indianapolis, was a member of B'nai Torah, attended Hebrew school at the BJE, and JCC summer camps. For more information on custom *ketubot*, please contact Anna at anna@annafineart.com. ★



Foer

here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=KU76Vw uL79w.) What other Jewish foods are favorites?

Andy: Lox and bagels, *kugel*, *kasha*, *matza* ball soup, chopped liver, and I love *latkes*.

Jennie: What do you put on your *latkes*?

Andy: Mashed potatoes. (We both laugh.) Not really – I like them topped with applesauce.

Jennie: What is your favorite Jewish holiday?

Andy: Passover. It's light and fun, it's springtime, the food is tasty, and I like the service. Growing up our *seders* were not that serious.

Jennie: In St. Louis did your family belong to a congregation?

Andy: We belonged to BSKI (Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel), which has since merged with another congregation. (It merged with Shaare Zedek Synagogue, and is now called Kol Rinah).

Jennie: Was that Reform?

Andy: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Jennie: Have you ever been to Israel?

Andy: No, but I would love to go.

Jennie: Would you want to perform there?

Andy: No, just see the country, visit the sites.

Jennie: Who were some of your Jewish idols growing up?

Andy: Joan Rivers. I used to watch her on the tonight show. It was like a holiday for me whenever she was sitting in for Johnny Carson. It was a great honor for me to then become friendly with her in later years when she appeared on my talk show many times. It was like going full circle for me.

Jennie: What were your favorite movies this year?

Andy: *La La Land*, *Moonlight*, *Hidden Figures*, and *Jackie*.

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Jennie: What other entertainment do you enjoy?

Andy: I like theater. I'm watching *The Crown* on Netflix, which I am absolutely loving.

Jennie: Is there a part of your Jewish upbringing that influences your work today?

Andy: Look, I give a "Mazel of the Day," every day at the end of my show, and I use a lot of *Yiddish*. If you come to my show you will see people wearing *Mazel* sweatshirts that Bravo makes. I use the word "Mazel" to mean something good or positive that happened.

Jennie: How do your parents feel about your successes?

Andy: They are amused but not preoccupied.

Jennie: Of all the work that you have done, what are most proud of?

Andy: My books and my talk show.

Jennie: What can you tell me about your newest book?

Andy: It's called, *Superficial: More Adventures from the Andy Cohen Diaries*. It's a follow up of my first two memoirs, *Most Talkative: Stories from the Front Lines of Pop Culture* and *The Andy Cohen Diaries: A Deep Look at a Shallow Year*. It

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Community Events

New Jewish Learning Institute class

This class titled “The Dilemma: Modern Dilemmas. Talmudic Debates. Your Solutions” started **Feb. 7** and continues **Feb. 14, 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, and 21** at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 West 96th St., Carmel. Apply mind-bending, brain-twisting, hair-splitting *Talmudic* reasoning to solve real-life modern dilemmas – situations that actually happened yet seem impossible to solve. Analyze, discuss, and debate *Talmudic* texts with live interactive polling for an authentic taste of original, dynamic Talmud study. For more information visit www.chabadindiana.org/JLI or call 317-698-6724.

Mommy and Me Program, Babyccino – a chic meet for mod moms and their tots

Classes from 9–10 a.m., **Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, and 28** at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 West 96th St., Carmel. For babies ages 0–30 months. Grandmas and nannies welcome, too! Register today for this terrific “mommy and me” program! Cost is \$10 per class, or \$70 for 8 classes. For more information contact Nini Grossbaum 317-513-5100 or ngrossbaum@hotmail.com.

Muslim Jewish Women’s Alliance

The JCRC is pleased to announce a partnership with the Muslim Alliance of Indiana in a new program: the Muslim Jewish Women’s Alliance. The Alliance seeks to build relationships between local Jewish and Muslim women based upon mutual trust and respect. The first meeting will begin on **Thurs., Feb. 9** at 7 p.m. The program is being chaired by Debbie Herold from the Jewish community and Rafia Khader from the Muslim community. The program will be staffed by Lauren Morgan from JCRC and Rima Shahid from MAI. For more info contact the JCRC at 317-926-2935 or info@indyjrc.org.

Mr. Blair’s Open Mic Nights

On Your Level Youth Project presents Open Mic of Poetry, Spoken Word, Rap, Hip Hop, Comedy and Instrumental. Got something to say about what you see, how you feel, how things work or don’t? Bring your words and take this opportunity to speak some bars, lines or rhymes in our won style. Invite friend and family. These events are for all ages; material can be challenging but must be clean.

Sat., Feb. 11 from 5:30–7 p.m. at Willow Lake Starbucks, 2902 W 86th St., and **Sat., Feb. 25** from 7–8:30 p.m., at BRICS, on the Monon in Broad Ripple, 901 E. 64th St.

Second Sunday Concerts at (IHC) Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

Sun., Feb. 12 – Richard Glazier: Broadway to Hollywood. Glazier plays incredible piano arrangements, then tells the history behind the songs, sharing fascinating stories about the composers, the shows, the films and the stars. He also shares funny anecdotes. **April 9** – A Musical Zoo featuring Cantor Janice Roger and Elisabeth Hoegberg, piano. Second Sunday concerts are made possible through the generosity of IHC’s Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Dr. and Mrs. Roger Hurwitz. All programs are free and open to the public. For more info call 255-6647.

Libby Fogel Lunch Bunch

Tues., Feb. 14 from noon–1 p.m., and every week on Tues., and Thurs., until Dec. 28, 2017. Enjoy great food and conversation with friends in the Laikin Auditorium of the JCC. These well-balanced lunches are available to anyone over the age of 60 for only \$3. The meals are subsidized through CICOA, Aging and In-Home Solutions. For more info call 317-259-6822 or email Christy (cmorris@JFGI.org) or Ruthie (yarning@hotmail.com).

Indoor Farmer’s Market

Sun., Feb. 19 in between the lobbies in the JCC from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. It will be held the third Sunday of the month through the winter season.

Hadassah Book Club

Sun., Feb. 19 at 2:30 p.m., *Saving Sophie* by Ronald H. Balson. Hosted by Shirley Aprison and facilitated by Joan Katz. **Mon., Mar 20** at 7 p.m., *As Close to Us as Breathing* by Elizabeth Poliner. Hosted by Faye Silverstein and facilitator TBA. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaineh1@gmail.com.

Israel Talks

Tues., Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in room A25 at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. In this session, our community will welcome the Deputy Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest, Mr. Itay Milner, who will be our interviewee and guest speaker. If you’re interested in learning more about NASA, the Israeli Space Program and the relationship between the two, on **Wed., Mar. 22**, Mr. Alex Burg from NASA will be our interviewee and guest speaker. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information contact Inbar Nadir at 317-800-9350 or shaliach@jfgi.org.

Jewish Lawyer’s Luncheon Group

This group meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m., usually on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Shapiro’s downtown. The

next meeting will be **Wed., Feb. 22** with Dick Wolfsie addressing the group on the subject of Jewish Humor. Email contact: Richard Shevitz at rshevitz@cohenandmalad.com.

Jewish Healing Services

Wednesdays: Feb. 22 at 5:45 p.m., at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in the Eisenberg-Sasso Youth Lounge, and **March 22** at 5:45 p.m., in the Beth-El Zedeck Library. Free and open to those in the Jewish community experiencing illness, walking the mourner’s path, caregivers or for those who want a meditative and musical service. For more information contact Rabbi Shelley Goldman at sgoldman@bez613.org or call 317-253-3441.

Etz Chaim M.D. Speaker series

Thurs., Feb. 23 at 6 p.m., at Etz Chaim. Dr. Aaron Cohen-Gadol’s topic will be, “From a Refugee to Brain Surgeon: The Trials and Tribulations Continue.” Dr. Cohen-Gadol is the Director of Neurosurgical Oncology and a Professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery at IU School of Medicine. He also serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences-Neurosurgery at Purdue University. Dr. Cohen-Gadol is a member of numerous international editorial boards. His research has been published in more than 380 peer-reviewed articles, three books, and 17 book chapters. Q&A and refreshments. No charge.

JCC Unity Project Film Screening *Taking Israel: A Journey of African American Students*

Thurs., Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the JCC Laikin Auditorium. A panel discussion and Q&A with the film’s producer and director follows the screening. From 1988–2002, over 150 African American students from historically black colleges and universities travelled to Israel to observe social, political, and economic conditions. In this documentary, some of them return to Israel and recount their experiences of living in northern Israel, teaching English at the Lazarus Community Center in Holon, studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and working alongside Israeli Arabs at the Givat Haviva Center for Arabic Studies. The Unity Project is a community initiative with the mission, “To help build respect and understanding between various communities, especially the Black and the Jewish community through arts and dialogue.” Cost \$10 for more info contact Lev Rothenberg at 317-251-9467, ext. 2233 or lrothenberg@JCCindy.org.

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Statement opposing the Presidential Executive Order to bar immigrants and refugees

FEBRUARY 3, 2017 – We, the undersigned Jewish organizations throughout the State of Indiana, oppose the Presidential Executive Order, which suspends the United States refugee program and bars immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries. We join the overwhelming chorus of national Jewish organizations, along with all four major American Jewish denominations, who have issued similar statements voicing strenuous concern and opposition to this executive order.

Welcoming refugees and immigrants is central to who we are as Americans and as Jews. Denying refuge to those most vulnerable violates the best traditions of the United States and our deepest obligations as Jews. Judaism instructs, repeatedly and unambiguously, that we are forbidden from oppressing – and in fact must welcome – the stranger. Our Jewish values and historical experience as immigrants and refugees, mandate that we repudiate policies that demonize, ostracize, and leave stranded refugees and other vulnerable immigrants.

American Jews know first-hand the difficulties we and our relatives endured in escaping religious and political persecution. Indeed, many of us have family members who were denied entry to the U.S. in the 1930s and 1940s, as they attempted to flee Nazi persecution. We will not stand idly by as today's victims of war and terror are left helpless and isolated.

It goes without saying that the United States must protect its own citizens from terrorist threats. However, a more appropriate American response to such threats should both fully address national security concerns, while also protecting legitimate refugees, regardless of their national or religious identity. Policies that implicitly target specific religious groups should be avoided.

The executive order will also negatively impact Jewish refugees from Muslim-majority countries. In 2016, HIAS, the global Jewish nonprofit that protects refugees, handled 90 requests of Jews from Iran and Yemen (two of the seven countries from which immigration is banned) seeking asylum in the U.S. Families in their greatest hour of need, whose entry to the United States was approved following years of review, vetting and due diligence, are now being turned away.

The Indiana Jewish community affirms our commitment to advocate for a fair and humane immigration policy; speak out against those who seek to divide religious communities based on fear and xenophobia;

support those who may be singled out for how they look, where they're from, or to whom they pray; and stand alongside our friends and neighbors in the Muslim community, who are rightly concerned about the implications this ban will have on their loved ones.

Faced with the largest global refugee crisis of our time, we hope the Congress, Administration, and Judiciary will work to effect constitutional and moral policies that are equitably applied and welcoming to those yearning to breathe free.

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EDITORIAL

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has a lot of great stories and is basically about two years of my life.

Jennie: *Who were some of your favorite celebrities to interview on your show?*

Andy: So many. Jennifer Lawrence, Oprah, Cher was amazing, and Meryl Streep to name a few.

Andy Cohen was easy to talk to, accommodating and witty – such a *mensch!* Tickets are available at www.oldnationalcentre.com.

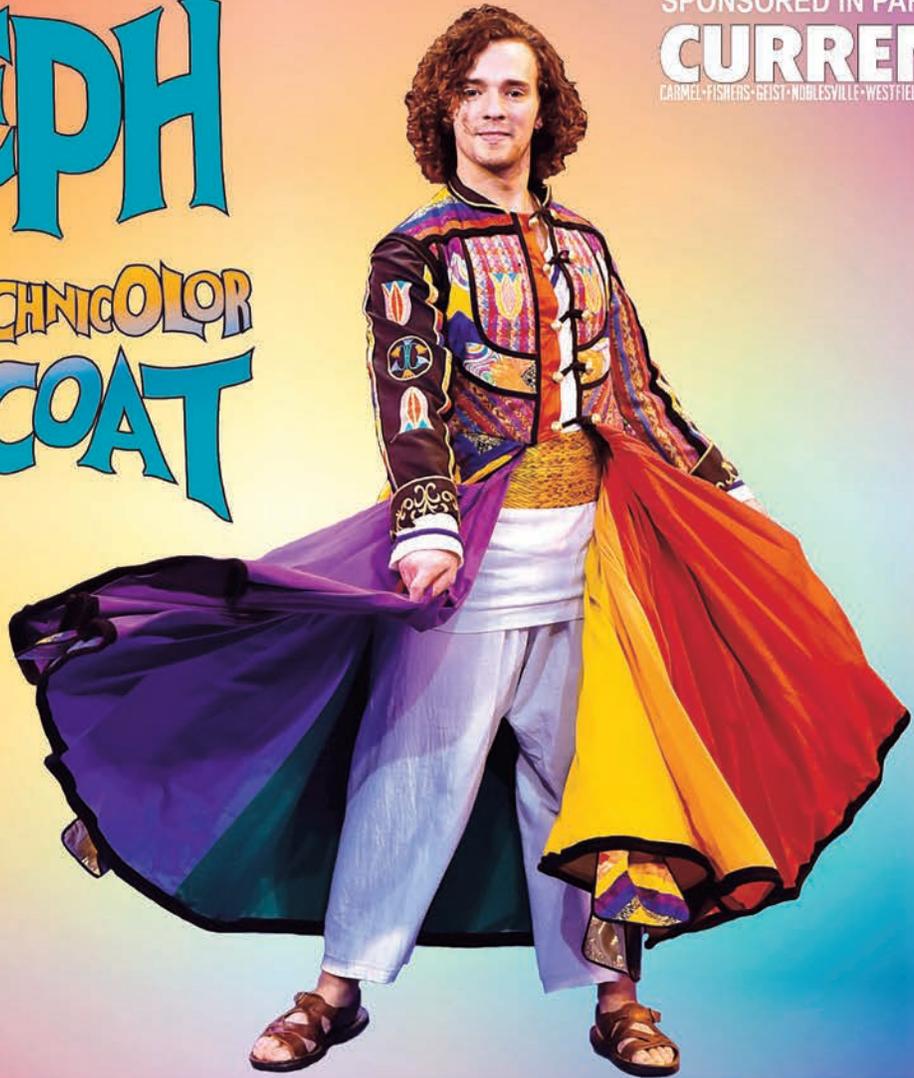
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BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

Advice from the Rebbe

How do we ask the Rebbe, when we need advice or a blessing? One way is to open one of the published volumes of the Rebbe's letters. We write our request, open a volume of the Rebbe's letters and put the letter that we wrote inside. Then we read what is written on the pages that we opened to. Many times we find an answer to our request.

Here is an example. Sixteen years ago our oldest daughter was 19 years old. I wrote to the Rebbe and asked if it was time for her to get married, and if so asked for a blessing that everything should work out well. I opened a volume of the Rebbe's letters. On one page was a letter written in 1956 to Rabbi Yehuda Leib Slonim of Jerusalem. There was no mention of marriage. I figured that we should wait. However, the next day a matchmaker called with an idea for a match for our daughter. His name was Yehuda, and he lived in Jerusalem.

Was this the Rebbe's answer to our question? We did some investigation. The young man was from a good family that we knew, and his teachers recommended him. We told the matchmaker that we were interested. She in turn spoke to the boy's parents. They investigated our daughter, and agreed that they should meet. I sat down with our daughter and told her about the young man. She wasn't interested, but I had a feeling that he would be the one. I said: "You know what? Just sit and talk with him for half an hour and I'll give you 50 shekels." She agreed. In those days she earned 5 *shekels* an hour babysitting.

They met, and spoke for two hours. The next day the matchmaker called. She had spoken with Yehuda's parents. They told her that their son was impressed with our daughter, and would like to meet her again. I sat down with our daughter and asked her if she was interested in another meeting. She smiled and said sure, if I give her another 50 shekels. I smiled and told her that I only pay for the first meeting. They met two more times and decided to get married.

I made a small investment. I took ten minutes to write a letter to the Rebbe. But this has turned into one of the best investments that I have ever made. From this letter I have been blessed so far with a fine son-in-law and seven precious grandchildren, may they be blessed.

Life is complicated and not always easy.

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.

Chris Botti with the ISO

Sat., Feb. 11 depart JCC at 7 p.m. Back by popular demand! The Grammy Award-winning contemporary jazz trumpeter Chris Botti returns to the Hilbert Circle Theatre stage and performs many of his renditions of popular standards as well as original compositions from his hit albums. Don't miss one of the most gifted instrumentalists and top contemporary jazz artists of today alongside the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. \$54 includes show and transportation.

Second Sunday Concert at (IHC) Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

Sun., Feb 12 at 2 p.m., at IHC, 6501 N. Meridian St. Richard Glazier: Broadway to Hollywood. Free. See more details in Community Events on p. 4.

Mud Creek Players: *Rabbit Hole*

Thurs., Feb. 16, depart from the JCC at 6 p.m. *Rabbit Hole* is a Pulitzer Prize-winning, contemporary American drama with a huge heart and good-natured sense of humor. We meet Becca and Howie, a successful professional couple, some months after the loss of their only child in a terrible accident. While the soul of the story reflects the struggles of a family learning to cope with their loss, it is in the subtle humor of real life that we are invited to explore what it means to be human: to love, to laugh, to lose and to keep on living. \$10 for transportation.



All of us need direction and blessings. Do an experiment. Write to the Rebbe. For sure you will find guidance and blessings. If you don't have a volume of the Rebbe's letters at home, you can find one at your local Chabad House. It is also possible to write to the Rebbe at www.igrot.com.

We want *Moshiach* now. When we write to the Rebbe we connect ourselves to *Moshiach*, and help him to bring redemption to the world.

Rabbi Cohen can be reached by email at bzioncohen770@gmail.com. This is an excerpt of his column originally published Feb. 9, 2011. Since that writing his oldest daughter gave him one more grandchild, and also she is planning the wedding of her oldest daughter. This will be his first grandchild to get married. ✨



Univ. of Indianapolis Dinner Theatre: *Move Over, Mrs. Markham*

Sat., Feb. 25, depart from the JCC at 5:45 p.m. To Sylvie it's the "goose" that she learned from Alistair, but to Philip, Joanna Markham's husband, it's "a variety of geese," and 15 years of marriage is just about undone along with everything else in this wild, zany free-for-all. Everything from Philip's business deals with Bow Wow Books and Alistair's near escape from Joanna's chiding seduction to the naked G.P.O. girl and the specter of scandal is hilarious. A lot of bed-hopping occurs as Sylvie winds up taking Alistair on "walkies" and the amazing Mrs. Markham gets her man her husband! It all takes place in an elegant, top-floor London flat. \$39 for dinner, show and transportation.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra: *An American in Paris: Film + Orchestra*

Fri., March 3, Depart from the JCC at 9 a.m. Starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, this 1951 film is considered one of the greatest, most elegant and most celebrated of MGM's musicals, including Gershwin lyrics and musical score. You won't want to miss this romantic love story presented on the big screen with live orchestra accompaniment. \$46 includes show and transportation.

Broadway in Indianapolis at Clowes Memorial Hall: *Jersey Boys*

Sun., March 5, depart from the JCC at 5:30 p.m. "Too good to be true!" raves the *New York Post* for *Jersey Boys*, the 2006 Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. This is the true story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide – all before they were 30! *Jersey Boys* features their hit songs "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." \$54 includes show and transportation.

ISO Printing Partners Coffee Pops Series: *Sci-Fi Spectacular! At the Hilbert Circle Theatre*

Fri., March 31, depart from the JCC at 9 a.m. There's no better time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Star Trek than with a special show dedicated to science fiction's greatest music! Join us for a cosmic ride through the music from films such as *Star Trek*, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens, 2001: A Space Odyssey* and more! \$46 includes show and transportation. ✨

EVENTS

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Dan Nichols in concert at IHC

Sat., Feb. 25 from 8–9:30 p.m. Dan Nichols, an Indianapolis native, celebrates Judaism through music. Songs that embody the Jewish values of *tikkun olam*, being a *mensch*, and love of Israel make up the repertoire of this popular Jewish rock musician. Through his music, Dan has inspired thousands of campers and their families to have pride in their heritage and bring Jewish values into their daily lives. Everyone is welcome to come together for an evening of energetic and spiritual song. Cost \$18. For more info call 31-255-6647.

JFGI Super Sunday, Feb 26

Help to raise funds to support the important work the Federation and its agencies do in Indianapolis, Israel, and overseas! Be a super hero. Change the world. Volunteer. Answer the call. Sign up to volunteer or make your donation before Super Sunday at www.jewishindianapolis.org. Contact Keren Ayalon at kayalon@JFGI.org or 715-9261 with questions.

Are you using your Kitchen Knife properly?

Sat., Feb. 26, 7 p.m., at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 W. 96th St. Learn sharpening and cutting techniques with Dr. Jason Zielonka, former cooking school instructor. Light buffet. Cost \$18, students and seniors \$15 and sponsor \$180. RSVP at chabadindiana.org/ChopAndDice or call 317-251-5573.

15th Annual Shaarey Tefilla Casino Night & Silent Auction 2017

Sat., March 4, at CST, 3085 West 116th Street, Carmel Indiana, 46032. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. See the Bling, Buy a ticket for the Raffle, Hear the dice roll and the cards shuffle. Bid on your favorite items, Taste the treats, Don't miss out on the fun! Call CST Office at 317-733-2169 to order tickets (see ad page IN 5).

Chabad Mini Chef's class

Boy and girls age 5–10 can experience the joy of *kosher* cooking with Nancy Landman. Sundays from 1–2:30 p.m. **March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4**, at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 West 96th St., Carmel. Parents are welcome to stay, cook and nosh. \$10 per class. For more info call 317-698-6724 or register online at chabadindiana.org/minichefs.

An Evening with David Grossman

Set aside Mon., March 6 at 5:30 p.m., in Bloomington, Ind., to be with David

Grossman, an internationally-acclaimed Israeli writer, at the Global & International Studies Building, Room 0001. "Authors Talk" is supported by the Dorit & Gerald Paul Program in Jewish Culture & the Arts. This is a Horizons of Knowledge Program, cosponsored by the Departments of Political Science, Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, and Comparative Literature; the Center for the Study of the Middle East, the Islamic Studies Program, CAHI, School of Global & International Studies, OVPIA, Hutton Honors College.



Grossman

Film screening of *Mishehu Larutz Ito* (Someone to Run With) **Tues., March 7** at 7 p.m., at IU Cinema, 1213 E. 7th St., Bloomington, Ind. Film adaptation of David Grossman's best-selling novel. Directed by Oded Davidoff. 118 minutes. In Hebrew with English subtitles. These events are free and open to the public. For more information call 812-855-0453 or email iujsp@indiana.edu.

2017 Jewish community Lobby Day

Tues., March 7 from 7:45 a.m.–2 p.m., at the Indiana State House. Starting location: One America Building Ice Miller Conference Room 29th floor. Join the JCRC and members of our community to directly interact with our state legislators at the Indiana General Assembly. Topics we'll discuss will include issues like: passing bias crimes legislation, delivering quality social services to those in need, and funding quality pre-school and public education. To register for this go to www.jcrcindy.org/events or call 317-926-2935.

Megillah reading followed by fun activities for children and families

Sat., March 11 at 7:45 p.m., at Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation. Join us for a lively evening of reading *Megillat Esther* and *grogger* turning! Remember to wear your most creative costumes for our annual costume competition! Fun for the whole family! More information on these and other events on our Facebook page: [@etzchaimindy](https://www.facebook.com/etzchaimindy) or our website: www.etzchaimindy.org.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

An award winning program that chronicles the lives of American Jewish women who have made a mark on American or world history. Meets at Donato's near Thrifty Threads on the southwest side of 86th and Ditch. Meetings are on **Wednesdays** and start at 11:30 a.m. For more information contact Phyllis Russell at Therussells46032@aol.com. **March 15**, Barbra Tuchman, historian. Presented by

Marion Garmel; **April 19**, Thelma "Tibby" Eisen, first female pro baseball player. Presented by Phyllis Russell.

Ambassador Dennis Ross at Indiana University–Bloomington

Tues., March 21 at 7:30 p.m., at the IU Global Studies Auditorium, 355 N Jordan Ave in Bloomington. Ross will be visiting IU campus and be giving a lecture to students, faculty, and guests. The event is co-sponsored by IU Hillel and Borns Jewish Studies Program and free to attend. Contact Phillip Silberberg at 812-336-3824 or philsilb@indiana.edu.

Etz Chaim M.D. Speaker series

Thurs., Mar. 23 at 7 p.m., at Etz Chaim. Dr. Boaz Karmazyn will speak on, "The Hidden Epidemic of Abuse and Neglect of Children." Dr. Boaz Karmazyn graduated from the Tel Aviv University, Sackler School of Medicine in 1986. After graduation he served in the Israeli Defense Army as an army physician. He later specialized in Diagnostic Radiology and Pediatric Radiology. Dr. Karmazyn is a Professor of Radiology, and works at Riley Hospital for Children. He is affiliated with Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital, IU Health West Hospital, IU Health North Hospital, IU Health University Hospital, and Ball Memorial Hospital. Q&A and refreshments. No charge.

Russian Passover Seder

Thurs., March 30 from 5–7 p.m., in JCC's Laikin Auditorium. Join Jewish Family Services for a Passover *Seder* facilitated in Russian for Kavod participants and their families. Community members are also welcome but please inquire for more information. Kavod initiative offers programming and support for Holocaust survivors in our community. For more information, transportation requests and to RSVP, contact Katya Klauz, at 317-660-5046.

Indiana University Hillel Presents: Campus Super Star

Sat., April 1 7:30–10:30 p.m., in the Toby Theater at The Indiana Museum of Art. Contact Phillip Silberberg at 812-336-3824 or philsilb@indiana.edu.

Painful Hope: A Palestinian Activist and an Israeli Settler Rabbi Talk Peace

Mon., April 3 at 7 p.m., with Hanan Schlesinger and Antwan Saca. Sponsored by Center for Interfaith Cooperation. For more information contact JCRC Program Director Lauren Morgan at indyjcrc.org or go to www.friendsofroots.net. This event is free and open to the public. ✨



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Heart, Health and Soul: Nourishing Jewish identify through Israel, music, and food

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of American, in conjunction with the Indianapolis JCC and the Bureau of Jewish Education, is hosting Heart, Health and Soul: Nourishing Jewish Identify through Israel, Music and Food on Sun., March 26 at the Arthur M. Glick JCC.

"We are inviting the entire Jewish Community of Indianapolis to join us in a day of programming," said Brenda Freedman, president of Greater Indianapolis Hadassah. "Participants can choose to attend any or all of the three sessions offered throughout the day."

The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a session titled "How to Nourish a Lifelong Relationship with Israel." Facilitated by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig, the executive director of the BJE, this interactive program will feature three Indianapolis area women who are actively engaged with Israel. The panelist, Naomi Farahan, Carmel, Ind., Deanna Van Lue, Fishers, Ind. and Elaine Giglio, Lansing, Ill., will share how they developed their passion for Israel. Rabbi Winnig will encourage participants to think about their own relationship with Israel and how to share that with their children and grandchildren. The program is free of charge.

Greater Indianapolis Hadassah will hold its Annual Donor and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The program, "Music Therapy – Soothing the Soul", will feature Ann Hannan, the director of the Riley Cheer Guild and Music Therapy Program at the Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health. Ann will share stories of the healing properties of music in a pediatric hospital setting and how music facilities compassionate multi-cultural care. The luncheon, catered by Maarten Van Eijk, is \$36 and registration is required. Dietary laws will be observed.

The third program, "Have a Heart Healthy Passover," will begin at 2 p.m. Developed with the Health and Wellness Department of the Indianapolis JCC and the BJE, the program will explore the 10 "plagues" of Passover cooking and participants will sample a variety of heart healthy Passover dishes, including some Israeli favorites. The program will feature local personal trainer, Jaqueline Goldstein, who will share how she has adapted traditional holiday recipes for her family. According to Goldstein, mother of two young children, "Our health is the foundation of everything we do. The better our health, the better we will be for our family and



(L-R) Rabbi Stanley Halpern, President Karen Friedman, and Jerry Lande worked with the Marion congregation to accept the generous gift of their Torah.

our community." Registration is required and a \$10 donation would be appreciated. Dietary laws will be observed.

To register for the luncheon or Heart Healthy Passover programs send an e-mail Indianapolis@hadassah.org or call (317) 475-4278.

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. It enhances the health of people worldwide through its support of medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Hadassah (see Hadassah, page IN 16)

Congregation Beth Shalom receives Torah from Marion, Indiana

On January 27, 2017, members of Congregation Beth Shalom dedicated a new Torah with a unique Indiana history and a special link to February 2, a national day devoted to honoring the Four Chaplains.

The Torah was gifted to Beth Shalom by Sinai Temple of Marion, Indiana. Sinai Temple opened in 1937 with 500 Reform Jewish members. Today, nearly 80 years later, Temple Sinai has closed and gifted its precious Torah to Indianapolis' newest Reform congregation.

Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, who served Sinai Temple as student rabbi from 1936 to 1937, died tragically in icy waters on the USAT Dorchester, when it was torpedoed by a German U-boat. Rabbi Goode was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross for saving hundreds of men's lives. He became famous as one of the brave Four Chaplains who perished after giving up their own life jackets so the lives of other young men could be spared.

Beth Shalom is honored to receive such a precious and historic gift. ✨

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Music Therapy - Soothing the Soul 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Greater Indianapolis Hadassah Volunteer and Donor Luncheon* featuring Ann Hannan, Director of the Riley Cheer Guild and Music Therapy Program. **\$36 lunch.**

Have a Heart Healthy Passover 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Learn the 10 nutrition plagues of Passover and sample healthy alternatives* including Israeli favorites. **\$10 suggested donation.**

for more information contact Indianapolis@hadassah.org or 317.475.4278



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“Art of Anxiety” exhibit at Starbucks

BY JENNIE COHEN

Nili Gingold-Altchek has a passion for helping those coping with emotional scars from trauma and she also loves taking photos. She is the wife of Rabbi David Gingold-Altchek who leads Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation.

The couple came to Indianapolis less than a year ago from Fort Steward, Ga. Previously they served at Fort Riley, Kansas, and before that in Kobe, Japan. They originally met in Israel where David taught in *yeshivas* and was a rabbi in Tel Aviv.

Nili’s passion to help trauma survivors developed when her husband was an army chaplain. She says that some of the soldiers under his care would come to talk to him for counseling. Frequently she was there when they came and sometimes they, especially the women, wanted to also talk to her.

What she heard is that many of them had been ravaged by experiences during fighting in wars and simply the challenges of serving in the army. One of the most frequent challenges was shame and guilt caused from sexual abuse which left the soldiers feeling broken and depressed.

One of the problems these people had was being afraid to get help, especially in the army where the situation carries a lot of stigma. One of those she spoke to was an officer who had fought in Afghanistan. She was afraid if she told anyone about how she was feeling they might demote her. Nili also said that once the other soldiers heard someone was abused or depressed, many would go out of their way to avoid him or her, as if that was contagious.

Another pet peeve of Nili’s is that when these soldiers go to their doctors to be treated for the side effects caused by the trauma such as headaches, nightmares and insomnia, the doctors gave them prescriptions to treat the symptoms but nothing is done to help the soldiers to overcome the cause of the symptoms. She said suicides have resulted from this situation. She believes that it is possible for a person to heal from the trauma and one possible way to do this would be going to therapy and talking about it, but she said abused people are reluctant to do so.

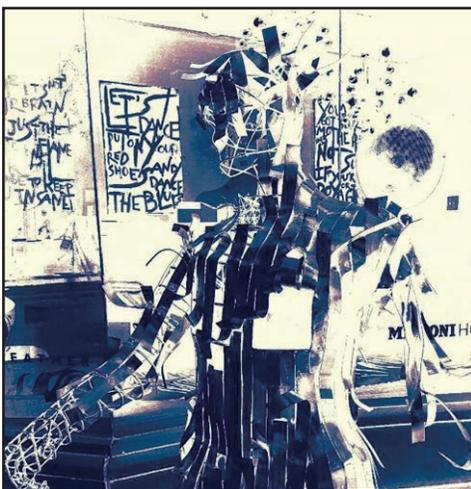
“I have a talent for photography,” she said. “When I saw this problem, I tried to figure out how to use my talent. When you ask people to come to a speech about depression no one wants to come, but when you ask them to come to an exhibition, this is not scary for them. It is a comfortable setting. When people look at the art it can bring back memories and people are more likely to discuss their



Nili Gingold-Altchek.



Depression



Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

problems,” she added.

Nili said what she also hopes will happen with her art is that others without these issues will see the art and this will at least make them aware of the situation and start a conversation about it. Hopefully that will help those without trauma better understand what survivors of assault are going through. Then perhaps there will be less judgment, more empathy and more help available to the survivors.

See Nili’s full exhibit “Art of Anxiety” at Starbucks near the southeast corner of 86th & Ditch. Nili is hoping her next art exhibit will be in Broad Ripple. Check out

the organization Nili founded in support of Jewish female service members, Bizchut Nashim at www.bnusa.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bizchutnashim.nashim. She and her husband are the proud parents of two adorable daughters. She can be reached at nili.kobe@gmail.com. ★



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HHAI teacher at Yad Vashem global conference in Jerusalem

Michael Voskoboynik (presenting in small photos at right), technology coordinator at Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, was invited to teach at The International School for Holocaust Studies of Yad Vashem (top right) global conference in Jerusalem Dec. 26-29, 2016. The conference was titled, “The Shoah and Jewish Identity – Challenges in Jewish Education”.

The conference addressed the challenges of teaching the Shoah to different age groups, the impact of the Shoah on Jewish identity, antisemitism and more – in order to create a vision that will ensure the legacy of the Shoah for future generations. Voskoboynik’s topic was “Using technology – unique programs in the Jewish world to ensure the legacy of the Shoah.”

Over 200 Jewish day school principals and educators from more than 30 countries came together for this four day conference. This is the largest and most prestigious gathering of Jewish educators.

The conference featured many renowned speakers, testimonials from Holocaust survivors, and educator workshops for elementary through high school grades. Mr. Voskoboynik was one of the presenters of these workshops that highlighted the multidisciplinary approaches to teaching about the Holocaust through art, films, and technology.

His presentation was based on HHA’s Middle School students’ “Family Tree” and “Virtual Trip to the Eastern Europe” projects. He also demonstrated some of the latest techniques, such as Virtual Reality (with Google Cardboards) and Augmented Reality (Aurasma App). Everyone was very impressed by the HHA students’ use of these and other techniques in their projects.

To further compliment his workshops, Mr. Voskoboynik visited the Rambam School, HHA’s partner school in Akko (through PartnershipTogether Western Galilee), where he spent some time in a classroom demonstrating the app Google Street View, which allows the student to access a 360° street view of almost any location and create their own photospheres.

The Rambam School also received from HHA four virtual reality Google Cardboard viewers that students used to assemble and create their own virtual reality scenes. Mr. Voskoboynik also gave a lecture at the Western Galilee college in Akko for local Technology Coordinators on using various tech tools in classroom instruction.

(see Voskoboynik, page IN 19)



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Jewish Educator



BY AMY HIRSHBERG LEDERMAN

What's love got to do with it?

In 1984, after a stalled career and an abusive marriage, Tina Turner wrote her come back smash hit "What's Love Got to Do with It?" The song is actually an anti-love rant, praising carnal love without any emotional attachment. In a gut wrenching voice, Tina belts out these words: that love is nothing more than a "second-hand emotion" and "a sweet old fashioned notion."

As much as I loved dancing to this song back in the 1980s while singing the chorus full-on with my friends, I never agreed with Tina's concept of love. Now, almost 35 years after she won the Grammy for record of the year, I would like to offer my own version of the song.

So, what's love got to do with it?

In my book, pretty much EVERYTHING.

Love is what makes us who we are. It is at the core of the story we tell others about ourselves. It is the foundation of our identity and the currency by which our concept of self worth is evaluated.

I am what I love. I am that I love. I am because I love. I struggle with love and being loved.

Love holds us, binds us, controls us, liberates us, pulls at us until we can't resist. Love is a connector, no matter how we define love or celebrate it. Whether it's the love between a parent and child, a man and woman, a couple of the same sex or any other combination of life forces that are drawn together with a need to create meaning, intimacy and understanding, *love has everything to do with it.*

Life has taught me many lessons about love and I believe this much is true: We aren't the things we possess, the careers or professions we engage in, or the successes or failings we encounter. We aren't our mistakes or regrets, our best accomplishments or the moments of guilt, shame or rage we have endured.

We are, for as long as we walk through life, a reflection of the love we give and receive. A mother's love for her child is reflected in her baby's eyes; a man's love for his partner is reflected through a tender touch in passing. Love breaks through the toughest barriers to enable us to experience our highest potential – to give and receive love.

And it is through the people we love and the values we cherish and live by, that we continue to live on after we are gone

2017 NCJW Scholarships

The following are brief overviews of each scholarship offered by the **National Council of Jewish Women, Indianapolis Section**.

Francis E. Mazur Scholarships are awarded to high-school seniors planning to attend an accredited Indiana college or university as a full-time student. Men and women of any religious affiliation may apply.

New American Scholarships are awarded to: A) high school seniors who have arrived in the United States within the last four years and plan to attend an accredited Indiana college or university on a part- or full-time basis. Men and women of any religious affiliation may apply.



and be loved by those we leave behind.

But there is something else that I know to be true. That when you love, you will have loss. And the deeper the love, the deeper the loss. There is no way around it but that can never stop us from loving, nor should it.

As humans, we accept that the natural cycle of life goes from birth through life to death. As Jews, we are fortunate to have a

(see Lederman, page IN 19)

B) adults who have arrived in the United States within the last four years and are currently attending an accredited Indiana college or university as a part- or full-time student. Men and women of any religious affiliation may apply.

Judith B. Lichtenberg Single Parent Scholarships are awarded to adults who care for dependents and are returning to school for post-high school certificates, associate or bachelor degrees in order to better support themselves and their families. Men and women of any religious affiliation may apply.

Jewish Student Scholarships are awarded to high-school seniors who are Jewish and plan to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student.

Mary Fink Merit Scholarship is awarded to one high-school senior who is Jewish and plans to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student.

Each application offers a full description, including the eligibility requirements for that specific scholarship. Candidate must submit complete applications, with all materials as requested, as we are unable to process incomplete submissions. For more information please email ncjwindy@yahoo.com or contact the NCJW Scholarship Committee Chair, Lori Moss at 317-691-4400. ✨

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Obituaries

Mrs. Cyrelle Simon, 80, died Sept. 7, 2016 in Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. Born and raised in Elizabeth, N.J., as a teenager the former Cyrelle Ovsiew was active as a Jewish and Zionist youth leader, teaching Hebrew, Jewish music, Israeli dance and more. (These interests reflected her mother's influence, who picked up the Zionist "bug" in her youth in Ukraine at the turn of the last century.) In 1955, at the age of 19, she spent an unforgettable summer in Israel with a group of Zionist youth leaders from the USA. This experience was to cement her lifelong love for Israel and dedication to its people.



In 1956 she married Edward Simon, and the young couple moved to Pasadena, Calif., where Edward earned his PhD in Biology from Caltech. In 1960 they moved to Lafayette, Ind., where Edward took up a teaching and research appointment at Purdue University, where they would stay for the next 46 years. During her years in Lafayette (in addition to earning her MA in English Literature from Purdue), Cyrelle filled nearly every existing communal leadership role, as well as several which had not existed previously. From 1986–1995 she also wrote a regular column in this newspaper, titled "Lafayette Chit-Chat".

An allied love of Cyrelle's, in addition to Judaism and Israel, was music. She played the French horn (in a marching band in her younger years), recorder, piano (which she also taught for many years) and keyboard. In the last of these roles she founded the popular ensemble known as the Lafayette Klezmerim, who played Jewish and other gigs in a surprising array of venues throughout Indiana.

Perhaps most remarkable of all, and a source of irrepressible pride to Cyrelle and

Edward, was the fact that they raised four children – two sons and two daughters – all of whom absorbed and soon radiated their parents' Jewish commitments. The two boys (Rashi and Hillel) are rabbis and the two girls (Shira and Ronit) are married to rabbis.

A friend of Cyrelle's, Dr. Muriel Harris, writes: *Cyrelle was the major force for Judaism and for Yiddishkeit in our shul and community. She contributed immensely by her leadership and love of what she so firmly believed in that it's difficult to list all that she initiated and worked on during her years in West Lafayette. She repeatedly took on the work of being the president of our Sons of Abraham Synagogue's Sisterhood and the local Hadassah chapter; she was a Hebrew teacher for younger children and the teacher of the shul's pre-school and Israeli dance classes. In addition, she led and energized our Chumash study group; was a performer in the klezmer band; and always – always – the provider of music, ruach, and songs in our shul.*

After her husband's passing in 2006, Cyrelle, at age 71, soon made her plans to finally "live the dream" of *Aliyah* to Israel. She moved to the Bayit VeGan section of Jerusalem, a religious neighborhood where she and Ed and the children had lived 35 years earlier when he was on sabbatical at Hebrew University. (In fact, Ronit was born there, on the eve of the Yom Kippur War.)

To keep in touch with her many friends from West Lafayette and elsewhere, Cyrelle wrote regular delightful "slice of life" accounts of her experiences and observations living in Israel after 50 years of academia in the USA, mostly in a small Midwestern university town. Some of her "Letters from Jerusalem" were adapted for publication in this paper. Many were collected in a charming book called *Welcome to Jerusalem: Adventures of a Newcomer* (www.amazon.co.uk/Welcome-Jerusalem-Adventures-Cyrelle-Simon-x/dp/0692215883).

Cyrelle is survived by her daughters, Shira Pollack of Benei Berak, Israel and Ronit Comrov of Milwaukee; and her sons, Rabbi Rashi Simon and Rabbi Hillel Simon, both in London; 23 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was buried next to her husband in the Har HaMenuchot cemetery in Jerusalem. A memorial service was held in West Lafayette Oct. 9 and in Jerusalem on Nov. 7, 2016.

Marguerite "Marge" Klein, 98, passed away on Dec. 10, 2016. She was born in Indianapolis on June 19, 1918 to Fred and Mable Sommer. She was a



computer programmer retired from Naval Avionics. She was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Marge was preceded in death by her husband Benedict Newman Klein. She is survived by her daughters Jackye Abbott, Pamela (Phillip) Ungar, grandchildren Lori Lynn Abbott, Beth Ann Abbott, Eric Ungar, Bryan Ungar.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Services entrusted to Feeney-Hornak Shadeland Mortuary. Tributes may be made at www.feeneyhornakshadeland.com.

Ivan M. Chalfie, 85, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, died Dec. 24, 2016. He was born Oct. 16, 1931 to Herman and Helen (Ciener) Chalfie. He graduated from Shortridge High School and Indiana University. He was an alumnus of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, Sigma Zeta.



Mr. Chalfie began swimming competitively as a teen, helping him overcome the effects of rheumatic fever, which he contracted as a child. He swam for Indiana University and made Scholastic All American his freshman year. In addition, he was an alternate to the 1948 Olympic Team. He competed for the Jordan YMCA masters' swim team, Indy SwimFit, from 1979 to 2012, winning national titles. He was presented with the Emeritus Award from Greater Indianapolis Masters Swimming in 2011. Mr. Chalfie served in the Korean War from 1953 to 1955.

As principal of Ivan M. Chalfie & Associates for 42 years, he was a successful real estate broker and developer, instrumental in the retail development of the Castleton area.

An active community volunteer, Mr. Chalfie served on the board of directors of Jewish Family and Children's Services, Jordan YMCA, Metro YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, Jewish Community Center, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Jewish Welfare Federation, National Young Leadership Cabinet, District Aquatic Committee for Boy Scouts, Broadmoor Country Club and B'nai B'rith Bowling Association. He was the recipient of the YMCA's James L. Kittle, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010, the highest honor bestowed upon a volunteer.

Annually since 1980, Jewish Family and Children's Services and the Jewish Community Center have presented the Ivan M. Chalfie Award for Distinguished Service to a deserving individual for his or her contribution to the Jewish family and service to the Indianapolis community.

In addition to swimming, Mr. Chalfie enjoyed playing duplicate bridge, bowling, (see Obituaries, page IN 17)



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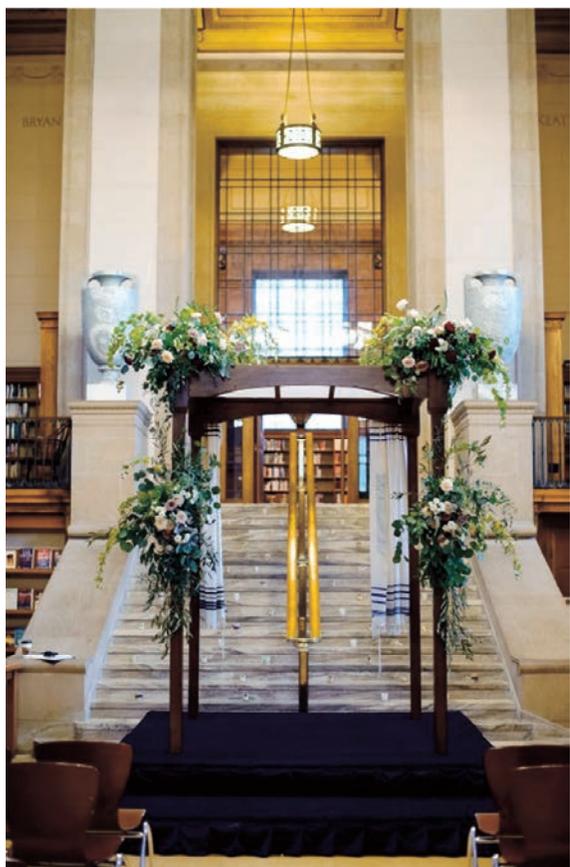


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Jewish Community Study 2017

BY SHEILA YUCKMAN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is excited to announce the engagement of a demographic researcher to conduct a *Jewish Community Study* in April of 2017.



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Although we are interested in finding out how many Jewish families are located in Greater Indianapolis, our other main objective is to learn more about all of you in order to strategically think about our community programming and planning needs for the future. We are enthusiastic about this opportunity to find out more about the people whom the Federation, its agencies, synagogues and other organizations serve and how we can all connect better and strengthen our community.

Upon recommendation from the demographic study committee the Board of Directors selected Ira Sheskin, Ph.D., and David Dutwin, Ph.D., as the demographic researchers we will be partnering with for this study. In order to most accurately represent the population, the survey company will obtain their 600 phone interviews from sampling the Jewish organizations, Random Digit Dialing from both landline and cell phones, and sampling from a list of distinctive Jewish names.

The study will cover the basic demographics such as age, geography, gender, presence of children, educational level, and income. It will also have questions about Jewish connections like organizational membership, attitudes towards the Jewish community and Jewish education, synagogue affiliation, connection to Israel, and social and human service needs.

In the fall of 2017 we will have a published report displaying the results of the survey. If you have any questions or want to learn more please feel free to call me, the coordinator at the Jewish Federation, Sheila Yuckman (317) 715-9273 or email syuckman@jfgi.org. ✨

MAZEL TOV

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Joseph and Michelle Hasten on their wedding Jan. 22, 2017 in New York. Joseph's parents **Bernard and Laurie Hasten**, grandparents **Simona and Hart Hasten** along with their family from Israel and the U.S. attended.

Rabbi Dr. Tomer and Yael Noff became proud parents of a son, **Aryeh Shlomo Noff**, born in Indianapolis on Jan. 23, 2017. The baby has two older brothers, **Yehuda** and **Azriel**, and an older sister, **Shayna**.



Silvia DeCastro who was honored as Volunteer of the Year by Etz Chaim Deborah Sisterhood through **The Jack and Ruth Ellen Nassberg Award for Volunteer Recognition**. This is the fourth year this award has been given. The first three to receive it were **Rakhel Farahan, Scott Nahmias, and Michael Rose**. Silvia was chosen for her tireless work on the bake sale, *Oneg Shabbats*, and her help with congregants in need of caregiving and rides to and from synagogue. (See page IN 19 for details of Nassberg Award.)

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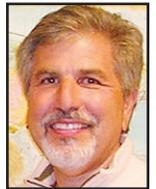
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Winners of the 2017 Hasten Hebrew Academy Spelling Bee: 1st place – 5th grader **Brook Fridell**; 2nd place – 6th grader **Simmon Schusterman**; and 3rd place – 6th grader **Gabe Kenyon**.

Ira Jaffee, MSW, who will retire after more than 33 years as CEO of the Indianapolis JCC. Board Chair Keith Pitzele said that a search committee has been formed with a successor expected to be named before Jaffee retires in mid-June. *Editor's note. I have been to several different JCC's across the country, and this one is the nicest.* ✨



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Colts football and anything to do with Indiana University sports.

Mr. Chalfie was predeceased by his wife of 26 years, Nancy Chalfie, and a daughter, Deborah Irwin. He is survived by six children: Deborah Chalfie, David Chalfie, Denise Kolts, Diana Scheid, Barry Chalfie, and Daniel Chalfie; five grandchildren: Coriandra Conder, Jason Kolts, Ryan Scheid, Kyle Scheid and Alyssa Scheid; and two great-grandchildren: June Conder and Emerson Scheid.

The family held a private graveside service. Contributions may be made to the Michael O. Koch Chair in Urology Fund at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Riley Hospital for Children, and the Jewish Community Center.

Carl Ambery, 88, passed away in Indianapolis on Jan. 1, 2017. Carl was born in Brooklyn March 5, 1928. After moving around the country for a number of years, Carl and his family settled in Indianapolis in 1973. He had a life-long career in the furniture business and retired from L. Fish Furniture after many years. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 55 years, Sandy Ambery. He is survived by his children Mindy Ambery, Jan Ambery, Dale and Ken Langhans, and his grandchildren Zachary and Allison Langhans.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Funeral Home** in Zionsville. Memorial donations may be given to the American Heart Association or the charity of your choice. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.arnmortuary.com

Carole Caplin Prater, 74, of Palm Springs, Calif., and formerly of Indianapolis passed away peacefully in her sleep on New Year's Eve at hospice in Palm Desert, Calif., of kidney failure. Carole was the daughter of the late Itzy and Mildred Caplin. She was born in Toledo, Ohio on Aug. 12, 1942 while Dr. Caplin was serving in World War II in North Africa and Italy.



Carole graduated from North Central High School, attended Indiana University and moved to New York where she worked for Revlon in their advertising department. She also worked as a model. After some years she returned to Indianapolis, where she worked at Orchard School and various Jewish organizations.

Eventually Carole moved to Palm Springs, where she met and married Fred C. Prater who preceded her in death. Carole is survived by her beloved sister,

Jo Ann "Jo Jo" Caplin. A private graveside service was held in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Molly Edith Roth Levin, 100, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully with her family by her side in Hollywood, Fla., where she had lived for the past 45 years.

Molly was born Oct. 21, 1916, in Indianapolis to Samuel and Lena (Hornstein) Bluestein and was a graduate of Shortridge High School.

A longtime member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Sisterhood, Molly was also active with Hadassah and various hospital guilds as a volunteer.

She is survived by her beloved family; her daughter, Cheryl (Samuel) Weiss; grandchildren, Jason (Laura) Weiss and Nikki (James) Brown; great grandchildren, Brandon, Ethan, Tyler, Jimmy, Bailey, Blake and Beckett; many cousins, nieces and nephews and her devoted caregiver, Barbara Isaacs. Molly was preceded in death by her husbands, Samuel J. Roth and Jack Levin; and son, Jack Roth. Molly will be deeply missed all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 2017 at **ARN Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org or to Hospice by the Sea Trustbridge, www.floridahospice.org.

Milton E. Goldstein, 90, passed away Jan. 5, 2017. He was born in Indianapolis on Jan. 6, 1926 to Jacob and Ethel Goldstein. Milton was a graduate of Manuel High School and attended Butler University. He served his country in the United States Army. Later, he opened his own company, Budget Floor Covering, which he ran for over 30 years, retiring in 1991. Milton was a member of Congregation B'nai Torah and was a 50 year member of B'nai B'rith.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Helen Frankovitz Goldstein; daughters, Jerri Williamson, Gail (Bruce) Meier, and Angela (Robert) Swinton; stepsons, Charles Borinstein and Rabbi Shlomo Borinstein; stepdaughter, Rochelle Borinstein; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Burial followed in B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation B'nai Torah or Hooverwood Nursing Home.

Thomas Mantel Richardson, 22 passed away Jan. 5, 2017. Thomas was an artist and musician who loved animals, the outdoors and above all, his friends and family.

He is survived by his mother, Emily Mantel; grandparents, Thomas and Flo Mary Mantel and Vicki Johnson; aunts, Wendy (Daniel) Mantel Garbowit and Dawn Maurer; and uncle, Craig Boesen. Thomas was preceded in death by his father, Todd Richardson; and paternal grandfather, Thomas L. Richardson.

A memorial service was held Jan. 9 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Humane Society.

Sidney (Sid) Tuchman, 92, passed away peacefully at his San Francisco home on Jan. 7, 2017. He was born July 28, 1924 and lived in Indianapolis until 1988 when he and his wife Charlene began splitting their time between here and San Francisco.



Erudite and witty, Sid was a true sweetheart who will long be remembered for simply being a remarkable, one-of-a-kind man. He made each and every person he met feel special because he knew how to listen and to connect from the heart. He dressed with great flair and in only the finest clothes. He loved to gather friends and family around his Steinway grand piano to play and sing Broadway show tunes. With an infectious smile everyday of his life, it felt great just to be around him.

Sid grew up in a home with his parents, who emigrated from Poland in the early 1900s, and four siblings. As the youngest, he was his mother's favorite – or so he thought. His favorite childhood memory is of his mother waiting for him every single day on the front stoop of their home as he returned from school.

During World War II, Sid served in the United States Army. After receiving specialized training, he was assigned to the signal corps as a cryptologist in Oahu, Hawaii. His chief responsibility was to translate and break secret enemy codes.

Sid met his wife, Charlene, on a blind date one Saturday, and they were engaged a week later. This past May, they celebrated 61 years of happiness together and raised three children each of whom are happily married and together gave him and Charlene seven grandchildren. He loved to vacation with his entire clan and particularly enjoyed the Tuchman Family Olympics when grandparents, parents, and grandchildren separated into teams to compete in various games.

Although Sid felt his greatest accomplishment was his family, he also was a proud businessman. He built Tuchman Cleaners from his father's one-room tailor shop into one of the largest cleaning organizations in America with 35 operating

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plants and stores, an industrial uniform plant, and a suede and leather service covering five states. When Tuchman Cleaners was sold in 1982, it had become a household name in Indianapolis.

While in business, Sid loved helping, mentoring and making an impact on others' lives. He helped his employees in various ways whether putting their children through college or assisting with house down payments, or supporting them in times of need. And he made it a point to know all of the families of his employees and even calling their children by name.

After he sold Tuchman Cleaners, instead of retiring, he founded Tuchman Training Systems, a consultancy that mentored small businesses across the United States. In 2011, he accepted the highest honor given by the Drycleaning & Laundry Institute – the "Diamond Achievement Award."

He volunteered his time and monetarily supported many organizations throughout his lifetime. He was president of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and vice-president of the Better Business Bureau and the Jewish Community Federation. Sid served on many boards including the YMCA, Girl Scouts of America, Salvation Army, the Johnson Group Inc., Jewish Vocational Services of San Francisco, the Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University, and others. Sid Tuchman and his wife were the recipients of the Spirit of Life Award, presented to them by the City of Hope, and they launched the Sid and Charlene Campership Fund through the San Francisco Jewish Community Foundation.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene, and family: Mitch Tuchman and his wife Daren and their children Jack, Leo, and Lucy of Menlo Park, Calif.; Ellen Tuchman Rothmann and her husband John and their children Samuel and Joel of San Francisco; and Kathy Tuchman Glass and her husband, Mike, and their children Marshall and Kimmie of Woodside, Calif.

A memorial celebratory service will be held at IHC on Sun., June 11, 2017 at 2 p.m., followed by a reception. All are welcome! The family needs a count to plan accordingly, so please RSVP to sidtuchman_indymemorial@yahoo.com.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the IHC Foundation, 6501 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260, which Sid had the foresight to begin in 1976 during his tenure as President.

Morton B. Koor, 95, passed away peacefully Jan. 14, 2017. He was born

Aug. 9, 1921 to Harry and Nettie Koor and raised on the north side of Indianapolis. He graduated from Shortridge High School in 1939. He graduated from Indiana University, but studied at colleges across the country as he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a radio communications (Morse Code) Corporal in WWII. This led him to be a founder of the Jewish War Veterans in Indianapolis.

He was a lifetime member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. He was a journalist and entrepreneur, buying Floyd E. White in the 1950's and selling men's gifts and accessories to men's stores across the Midwest for most of his life. He was an active member of the Men's Apparel Club of Indiana.

Mort is survived by his brother, Stanley (Nina) Koor of New York City; family, Carol Cohen; daughter, Ellen (Larry) Coan; son, Matt (Diane) Cohen; and grandchildren, Emily, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Lawrence Coan, and Zach, Hannah and Luke Cohen. He will be missed by many people that he charmed as he lived in Indianapolis for 95 years.

Funeral Services were held at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services** on Jan. 22. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or St. Vincent Hospice.

Florence B. Leshnover, 92, of Indianapolis, and a former resident of New Jersey, passed away on Jan. 17, 2017. Florence was born in Brooklyn on March 30, 1924 to Kessel and Mary Bonowitz. She was the beloved wife of the late Samuel Leshnover.

Survivors include her three children, Bennett (Kathryn) Leshnover of Orange Park, Fla., Sally (Jeffrey) Seidenstein of Indianapolis, and Leonard (Randy) Leshnover of Carmel, Ind. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, June, Megan, John, Helena and Sarah Leshnover, Michael (Lauren) Seidenstein, and Amy (Bryan) Sigman. Florence was also the proud great-grandmother of Ella and Jack Seidenstein.

Florence was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and was a Life Member of Hadassah. While active in Hadassah, she served as a Vice President of the Southern New Jersey region. She was the long-time Chief Bookkeeper of the Keystone Camera Corporation in Clifton, N.J.

Local arrangements were handled by the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Graveside services were held Jan. 20, at Beth El Cemetery in Paramus, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be



made in Florence's memory to the Hooverwood Nursing Home Guild, 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or the charity of your choice.

Gertrude Tauf Lowenstein, 98, died 23 Jan. 23, 2017 in Indianapolis. She was born on May 10, 1918 in Chicago where she was a life-long resident. Mrs. Lowenstein is survived by Cantor Janice L. Roger (daughter) and Brandon Roger, David Alan Lowenstein (son), Eddie Roger and Miles Roger (grandchildren), six nieces, as well as great-nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lowenstein was the widow of Herbert Lowenstein.

Mrs. Lowenstein grew up Chicago, graduated from Tuley High School, and retired as an administrative assistant with Quaker Oats Company. She served in the United States Women Army Corps during World War II and was an active member of the Jewish War Veterans.

Throughout her life, she was an active volunteer in philanthropic, religious, and civic organizations including Lake Shore School, Temple Menorah, and The Melodians. She loved working with small children, reading, singing, and studying Yiddish.

Funeral services took place at **ARN Mortuary** on Jan. 25; burial was in Chicago. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cantor Janice L. Roger Music Fund c/o Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Robert Marshall Peck, 77, passed away in Indianapolis on January 27, 2017. Bob was born in Milwaukee on Aug. 16, 1939 to Egon and Rose Peck. He graduated from Washington High School, attended University of Wisconsin and was a 1966 graduate of University of Arizona.

Bob was devoted to his family and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife, Carole; daughter, Michelle (Stuart) Lipofsky of Carmel, Ind., and four grandchildren, Rachel, Hannah, Ava and Ellie.

Graveside services were held on Feb. 1, in Spring Hill Cemetery with Rabbi Noah Cherkoff officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana, www.chabadindiana.org. Indiana arrangements by **ARN Funeral & Cremation Services**; arrangements in Wisconsin by Goodman-Bensman Funeral Home.

Sonya Gayle Freed Silverman, 93, passed away Feb. 6, 2017, at Hooverwood with her family by her side. She was the daughter of Battie and Frances Freed, born in Nashville, Tenn., on May 5, 1923. She was a graduate of Peabody Teachers College and then taught elementary

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The Jack and Ruth Ellen Nassberg Award for Volunteer Recognition

This award was established in 2012 by Ruth Ellen Nassberg, in memory of her husband of 55 years, Jack Nassberg. [They are the parents of Michele Boukai.]

Ruth Ellen and Jack were immigrants to this country, survivors of World War II and the Holocaust, arriving with the determination and spirit to rebuild their lives. In that they succeeded creating a family, a home, raising two children and building a thriving business. But along the way, and never far from their core, was a belief in the importance of volunteerism, the need and the passion to give of themselves to the communities that gave to them.

Jack was born in the Galicia region of the Austrian Empire, in the tumultuous early days of World War I. Growing up in a shtetl, typical of the small Jewish villages common throughout Eastern Europe in that era, the sense of community and mutual support greatly influenced his childhood. Whether because of the sad realities of the oppression of the times, or the shared traditions that kept his people intact for generations, Jack miraculously survived two world wars determined to devote part of himself to the well-being of others.

Ruth Ellen was born in Cologne, Germany, just as the Great Depression was beginning to take hold in Europe. Growing up in this flourishing city on the Rhine River, her childhood was shattered by *Kristallnacht*, the destruction of Jewish-owned shops and buildings throughout the country. Fleeing with her family to the Netherlands, she could not ultimately escape the advance of the Nazis. Most of her teenage years were spent in concentration camps, eventually destined for the infamous Auschwitz. She was one of just a few thousand that survived there. Of all the ways that horrific experience influenced the rest of her life, none was more profound than her experience of how collective responsibility allowed a devastated community to endure.

Jack and Ruth Ellen moved to Indianapolis in 2005, to be close to their daughter Michele at a time of Jack's failing health. Jack passed away three years later, but only after having been embraced by the love and caring of the Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation and Hooverwood communities, staff and volunteers alike.

It is in celebration of their lives, and in recognition of [the volunteer's] own devotion to our community and to those around [him or her], that this award is gratefully presented. ✨

VOSKOBOYNIK

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After a bit of touring and meeting up with family, Mr. Voskoboynik took a beautiful 360° photo of the *Kotel* and Western Wall Plaza to share with his HHA students. Go to: tinyurl.com/kotel360 to see this awesome photo! ✨



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school in Highland, Ind., for many years. She was a member of Temple Beth-El in Munster, Ind., and Temple Beth-El in St. Petersburg, Fla., and a long time member of B'nai B'rith Women.

Survivors include her daughters, Joan (Gary) Simon of Covington, La., and Rita (Keith) Pitzele of Carmel, Ind.; 4 grandchildren, Deborah Claros, Adam Pitzele, Aaron Pitzele, Jordan Tauber; and 9 great-grandchildren. Her husband Alvin Silverman preceded her in death in 1986. Memorial contributions may be made to the Al Silverman Fund at Temple Beth-El of Munster or Hooverwood. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Graveside services will be held in Nashville. ✨

LEDERMAN

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treasure chest of rituals at our disposal to help us celebrate birth, praise life and mourn death.

When it comes to Jewish mourning rituals, Judaism offers both comfort and wisdom in the many ways it acknowledges that while people die, our love for them does not. The seven days of *Shivah*, the 30 days of *Shiloshim*, the 11 months before the unveiling and the ongoing commandment to say *Kaddish* for a deceased parent or family member are but a few of the ways that we are able to keep our loved ones close to our hearts.

Tina Turner may have won a Grammy for her song in 1985, but she missed the boat when it comes to what love really is. Because love is not "a second hand emotion or an old fashioned notion"; it is the source of our greatest potential in life and what endures long after we are gone.

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Mike and Sylvia Blain and their son, David, and daughter-in-law, Susan, visit with Rabbi Ronald and Rachel Gray (formerly of B'nai Torah) in Lakewood, NJ this past Chanukah.

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This newest art project by local artist Joani Rothenberg and her Israeli cousin, artist Yael Buxbaum, is titled “Heart & Soul: A Mosaic Project.” They began work on this brightly-colored four-paneled mosaic more than a year ago with a local partnership between St. Vincent Foundation and St. Vincent Heart Center Mission team co-leader Tammi Good. Yael works closely with the Galilee Medical Center (GMC) International Affairs Department in Nahariya, Israel.

The project is in collaboration with St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital, where Joani is overseeing work on four panels and her cousin in Yael is working on four for the Cardiology department at GMC. When the mosaics are completed, each hospital will gift two of its panels to the other for display.

The cousins (photo right) have continued in the same vein as one of their previous art projects of mosaic panels that were dedicated on June 30, 2015 in the maternity wing of GMC. (Read more about this at the following link: jewishpostopinion.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/IN_5-13-15F.pdf)

For that and for the current art Joani and Yael first drew the colorful art then acquired glass pieces to match the colors of it. They then took the art with the glass and glue to different locations. Joani took hers to places in Indianapolis especially the St. Vincents Hospital and Yael to the GMC in Nahariya so those coping with illness or the healthcare professionals and administrators could work together placing the glass pieces on the art. In both countries, a diverse group of people of different races and religions, who don't always get along, worked together to create the art.

From an Aug. 18, 2016 article in *The Forward* by Sharon Blassberg Mann who lives in Nahariya and is a Liaison in Galilee Medical Center's Department of International Affairs, she writes: *So far, we've brought the project to Druze and Arab villages, kibbutzim, Nahariya's library, a community center for the visually impaired, a home for teenage girls at risk, senior citizen centers, schools and Nes Ammim, a European Christian village, to name just some of the places.*

Recently we visited IBDA (Association for Developing the Arts in Arab Society) Gallery in Kfar Yasif village, where an Arab and Jewish women's dialogue group called NAIMA chatted over refreshments and worked on Heart and Soul. NAIMA, a Hebrew acronym for the words "Arab and

Jewish Women Fostering Equality," fittingly means "pleasant."

The group has been meeting biweekly for over a year to widen and deepen the women's knowledge of each other's way of life, social norms, religious customs and folklore through sharing their own personal experiences. They believe that their connections are influencing not only themselves but also their family circles, social circles and wider communities. NAIMA's work on the mosaic, like others who have contributed, goes hand in hand with the vision behind Heart and Soul.

These outings broaden my horizons and understanding of art as a universal language that all can relate to and enjoy. Similar to putting the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together, working on the mosaic offers the challenge of finding the right shade and fit for each tile. Many find plugging away on Heart and Soul to be therapeutic and meditative.



Artists Joani Rothenberg and her cousin, Yael Buxbaum in front of their artwork.

While people glue their glass pieces into place, they often share their stories, which seem to become embedded into the work along with the smalti (small pieces of glass). As progress on Heart and Soul continues, I've come to appreciate it as an instrument that fosters sharing and caring and reflects the beauty of the colorful palette of people and places that contribute to its creation. ☆



HEART & SOUL

Join the team on **Tuesday, February 14** as they dedicate GMC's gift, a pair of colorful heart mosaics created from the heart and hands of many artists. A blessing and dedication will take place from **2-3 p.m.** at the St. Vincent Heart Center on a day fitting for hearts.

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