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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Lynne Maor Alkobi, daughter of **Shirley** and **Saar Alkobi** on receiving the Gold Presidential Academic Award in honor of outstanding academic excellence. Lynne will be an eighth grader at the Hasten Hebrew Academy in the fall.



Jonathan Schwartz on attending Yale University this coming August. He graduated from North Central High School (NCHS) where he served as National Honor Society president, Spanish Honor Society president, and as



a member of the Wind Ensemble, North Central's top band. Jonathan was instrumental in the recent Washington Township Schools referendum, developing and coordinating "Students for MSDWT," which worked to inform and rally the community's support. Outside of school,

Jonathan served as Gadol (president) of the Indianapolis chapter of AZA, and went on to serve on the KIO regional board of BBYO. He has been active at his synagogue, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, serving as a *Torah* and *Haftarah* reader. Jonathan was recently honored to receive the Washington Township Advancement Center Merit Scholarship, as well as the Pescovitz Award and Scholarship from the JFGI. He was recently named the recipient of the Bella Birnbaum Wolf award, to be presented at the JCC annual meeting. Jonathan is the son of proud parents **Dr. Alan** and **Jennifer Schwartz**, and the brother of **Emily Schwartz**, currently a sophomore at NCHS.

Isabella Naomi Litwack (below), daughter of **Barry** and **Alla Litwack**, granddaughter of **Sof'ya Minevich** and the late **Iosif Minevich**, and **Jerry** and **Louise Litwack** graduated from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science in Health. Up next – Isabella goes to University of Illinois in Chicago for two years to get her Masters degree in Public Health. She was awarded a Harris Grant.



She gets to work 10 hours a week up close and personal with her professors and will receive an impressive stipend. Plus the grant will pay part of her tuition.

Caren Lettovsky received her Ph.D. in K-12 Education in May.

Shoshi Leshem (below), daughter of **Zvi** and **Julie Leshem** of Efrat, Israel, granddaughter of **Mike** and **Sylvia Blain** (below, bottom) of Cleveland, on her marriage to **Harel Bassam** on April 2 in Kfar Etzion, Israel.



Chava Bunes, daughter of **Charlie** and **Stacey Bunes**, and granddaughter of **Jeanne** (and late, **Sol**) **Bunes**, **Ken** (and the late, **Rona**) and **Karen Hecht**, all of Indianapolis, on her graduation from North Central High School with Academic Honors with a 4.2 GPA. Over (see Mazel Tov, page IN 5)



2017 Eighth Grade Graduating Class of The Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. Photo by: Michael Voskoboynik.

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Editorial

While at the printers waiting to pick up a previous edition, I glanced at one of their other printing jobs because the title caught my attention. It was a brochure by IU Health North Cancer Center titled, "The Wellness Series: Mind, Body, Spirit".

It was a schedule of classes for cancer patients offering alternative classes and therapies besides the usual doctor appointments, drugs, surgeries, chemo and radiation. At least one class was scheduled every Tuesday evening on topics such as Cooking for Health, Yoga, Reiki and Healing Touch and Spiritual Offerings.

The relationship between physical health and the environment, a supportive network of friends and family, and having faith was not well established thirty years ago but it was obvious from the brochure that today those outside influences are considered very important to one's health. I came across one class titled, "Writing for Wellness".

Since we have published 22 special editions that focus on healing, I was looking for something new that we had not already covered. I checked with the coordinator of these programs and asked if I could attend this class and write about it here. She connected me with the instructor Hilene Flanzbaum, Ph.D., a Professor of English and the Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at Butler University.

The class met six times, once a week for an hour and half. During the class, copies of poetry and prose by different authors were distributed and read aloud in advance of writing assignments to help give the student ideas about what to write. Also lists of "writing prompts" were passed around with questions and topics to help get one's creative juices flowing when one has writer's block. To see a list of 650 prompts, go to (nytimes.com/2016/10/20/learning/lesson-plans/650-prompts-for-narrative-and-personal-writing.html?_r=0). Then at the end of each class, we were given a writing assignment to do during the week to discuss in the next class.

Some examples of writing prompts with the additional advice of including sensory details were: Describe your favorite song. Where would you travel if you could go anywhere? What keeps you up at night? If you were stranded on a desert island what one other person would you like to be with you or what one book would you like to have and why? Begin a story with these words: "In my mother's kitchen" or "In my father's garage".

In the first class at the top of page of the first handout of writing prompts was this sentence. "According to psychological

About the Cover

Jerusalem, City of Peace
By Bruce David



B. David

This composition portrays Jerusalem during the ultimate time of peace. The unity and harmony of life at this time is depicted both inside and outside the walls of the city. Within the city, ritual objects and

(see Cover, page IN 6)



research, the practice of writing 20 minutes a day is as effective as prescription medication in altering mood."

One of the first writing assignments was to make a list of personal pet peeves or things that annoy you. Then the class was given about 15 minutes to write and at the end of that time the students could share what they had written if they felt moved to. After doing this exercise I could understand why this would help improve one's mood. Instead of stewing about a problem, this gives one the opportunity to express it and unburden oneself.

Some examples of those pet peeves that others listed were the steady stream of loud noisy leaf blowers and lawn mowers that continue all summer disturbing the peace and quiet. Some had to do with challenges with our current healthcare system such as not being able to talk to one's doctor on the phone or to get an appointment when needed. Also having an unfamiliar pain and not being able to figure out the cause of it. One of my dislikes is people who are biased and prejudiced, even though I can be that way at times.

The next writing assignment was to make a list of the things you appreciate. I wrote: when I read something well written by someone else that I was thinking but not able to articulate. Others wrote: when someone else makes my dinner, taking a walk on a spring day seeing and smelling all the flowers, dressing with warm clothes right from the dryer on a cold winter morning, and when my children enjoy one another. Again I could see how this would help improve one's sense of wellbeing. When one is not feeling well, one tends to forget that many good things are also concurrently taking place.

One of the challenges of poor health is loneliness. A person who is ill often feels like no one else understands him or her and frequently people are not comfortable burdening others with their problems. Everyone wants to be the strong one and not have to ask or count on others for help. This class was the perfect antidote to that. It was very comforting to both share challenges with the class and also to hear

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that others had experienced them as well.

The class was held at the Efroymson Center for Creative Writing on the Butler campus. Professor Flanzbaum teaches undergrad and grad writing courses at Butler, but for non-students she teaches writing for wellness courses, also for well folks, who want stress relief. You can reach her at hflanzba@butler.edu.

Jennie Cohen, June 12, 2017 ✨

Community Events

Hadassah Book Club

Mon., June 19 at 7 p.m., *Being Mortal Medicine and What Matters* by Atul Gawande. Hosted by Faye Silverstein, and facilitated by Jennifer Berday. **Mon., July 17** at 7 p.m. *The Lilac Girls* by Laila Ibrahim. Hosted by Judy Koor. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com.

JCRC annual meeting

Tues., June 20 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla. Keynote speaker Martin Raffel on “Six Transformative Days: Reflecting on the Legacy of 1967”. Join the JCRC as we celebrate JCRC’s 75th Anniversary, welcome Steve Klapper as our new JCRC President, present Pierre Atlas with the coveted David M. Cook award, and reflect on 50 years since 1967. For more info contact Lindsey Mintz at 317-926-2935 or lmintz@indyjrc.org.

Annual Celebration Lunch for Friends over 90

Wed., June 21 from 12–2 p.m. at the Hasten Hebrew Academy, 6602 Hoover Rd. The best years are yet to come. Sponsored by JFGI, JFS and Endowment. Contact Pamela Eicher 317-715-6981 or peicher@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 meetings will be **Wed., June 21** and **July 26**. Speakers TBA. Contact: Richard Shevitz at rshevitz@cohenandmalad.com.

NEXTGen Presents: @CrazyJewishMom

Wed., June 21 at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis. Join NEXTGen and POMELIT in welcoming Kate Siegel and Kim Friedman, the mother-daughter duo behind the popular Instagram account @CrazyJewishMom. From 6:30–7:30 p.m.: Kate and Kim will discuss their relationship and Kate’s 2016 book *Mother, Can You Not?* in the DeBoest Lecture Hall. From 7:30–9 p.m.: Get a signed copy of the book and mingle with Kate, Kim, and the other attendees in the IMA’s new Beer Garden. Complimentary drinks and appetizers generously sponsored by Alpha Epsilon Pi. \$18 in advance, \$25 at the door. Buy tickets at bit.ly/CrazyJewishMom-Indy! Pomelit is a social group with an intellectual spirit, for the 35–60 crowd. Call Paula Goldberg with any questions about Pomelit at 317-726-5450 or pgoldberg@jfgi.org.

Kavod Culture Club

Fri., June 23, from 1–3 p.m. at the JCC, Room A-15. Join our Kavod group for monthly Culture Club! You can participate in workshops and art classes, play games, experience new cultures and spend time with good friends! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Transportation may be available upon request. Please RSVP in advance. Kavod is a Jewish Family Service initiative that provides support and programs for survivors of Nazi persecution. Learn more at www.jewishindianapolis.org/jfs/kavod or contact Katya Klauz at kklauz@jfgi.org or 317-660-5046.

Jewish Healing Services

Wed., June 28, July 26, Aug. 23 and **Sept. 27** at 5:45 p.m., at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Free and open to those in the Jewish community experiencing illness, walking the mourner’s path, caregivers or for those who want a contemplative and musical service. For more information contact Rabbi Shelley Goldman at 317-253-3441 or sgoldman@bez613.org.

Israeli Film Festival

July 9–13, join us for The 2nd Annual Indianapolis Israeli Film Festival explores Israeli society through provocative, humorous, inspiring, and controversial Israeli feature films and documentaries. Tickets available on Eventbrite or in person at the JCC. See the JCC website for individual dates/times, film descriptions and movie trailers: jccindy.org/israeli-film-fest. All films will be shown in the Laikin Auditorium.

Cocktail Judaism

Mon., July 10 from 7:30–9 p.m. Join Rabbi Dennis Sasso for Cocktail Judaism, an explosive mixture of conversation, humor, and spirits. July’s topic is “Health Care Today: Medical and Legal Perspectives” with guests Rebecca Geyer, Estate Planning and Elder Law Attorney, and Dr. Aaron Carroll, Professor of Pediatrics, IU School of Medicine. We’ll meet at Athens on 86th, and coffee and desserts are compliments of Beth-El Zedeck. Athens on 86th is not open for dinner on Monday night. RSVP to Jennifer Hodes, 317.253.3441 or jhodes@bez613.org or www.bez613.org.

Wine, Canvas, and Fun

Presented by Hadassah Greater Indianapolis Chapter on **Thurs., July 20** from 7–9 p.m., at The Paint Cellar, 720 Adams Street, Suite 120, Carmel, Ind. 30 person Limit. Cost \$30 for program. Register online at <http://paint-cellar.com/hadassah>. To volunteer to bring snacks

and/or beverages contact: President Brenda Freedman 317-475-4278 or Indianapolis@hadassah.org.

ISRAEL TALKS – Interview of and Farewell Party for Inbar Nadir

Tues., July 25 from 7–9 p.m., at the JCC. The last installment of ISRAEL TALKS, the brainchild of our *Shlichah*, Inbar Nadir. And finally, it’s OUR turn to interview HER! Following the interview and conversation, stay to thank Inbar and bid her farewell after 2 amazing year’s as our community’s *Shlichah*. For more info contact Lindsey Mintz at lmintz@indyjrc.org.

Rabbi Stanley Miles at Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS)

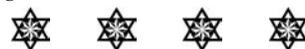
Sun., Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. at CBS Multi-Purpose Building, 4545 Northwestern Rd., Zionsville, Ind. (near 104th & Michigan Rd). The CBS Living Room Learning Committee is very pleased to welcome Rabbi Miles as he presents his thesis titled, “America and the Holocaust”. For more than 40 years, Rabbi Miles has studied America’s reaction prior to and during the Holocaust. Through sharing this story, he sheds new insights about the contemporary American Jewish community and an expanded understanding of the historical events occurring in America prior to, at the time of, and surrounding the Holocaust. Rabbi Miles served Temple Shalom in Louisville for 38 years. He was born and reared in Terre Haute and graduated in 1970 from Indiana University. In 1975 he was ordained at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati. He is married to the former Sheilah Abramson and they have two children and five grandchildren. Living Room Learning is an informal adult learning series sponsored by CBS. All are welcome to take advantage of this special opportunity.

BJE adult summer education

Thursdays, from 7–8:30 p.m. **July 20** – Intro to Rabbinic Literature, and **July 27** – Talmud Study. Taught by Rabbi Paula J. Winnig. For more info contact the BJE at 317-255-3124.

Libby Fogel Lunch Bunch

From 12–1 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). ✨



MAZEL TOV

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each of those four years, Chava received numerous art and student of the month awards, excelled in Show and Concert Choir (2015-16 Accents show choir dance captain and a member of 2016-17 State-winning Descants show choir), lettered in varsity and junior varsity women's golf three years (though she had never played before) receiving the Coaches Award and Academic All-Conference Award her senior year, and was a vocal and dance cast member in two school musicals.

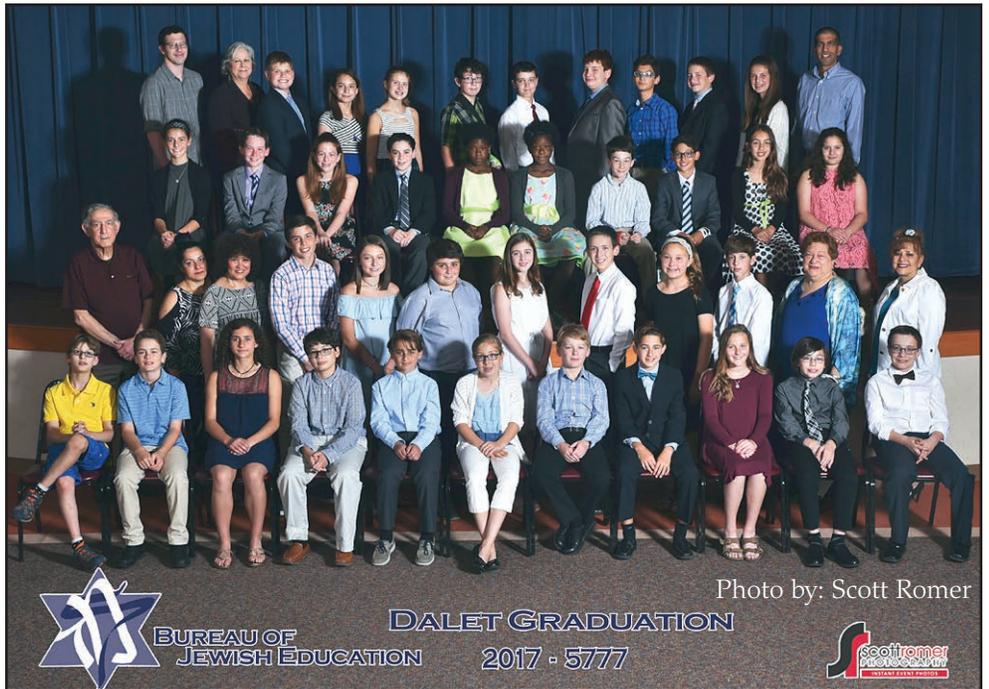


Chava will begin attending Ball State University in the fall to double major in Psychology and Studio Art (painting and drawing) to prepare for a career as an Art Therapist. She was awarded their Presidential Scholarship for her academic excellence. She also plans to participate and engage in growing the students' involvement in their Hillel.

Chava attended the JCC of Indianapolis for three years of pre-school, then kindergarten, and 11 years of summer camp (then working as a CIT, and camp and aftercare counselor, now for her fifth year – through which she was inspired to pursue her career in helping children). She graduated from the Hasten Hebrew Academy (attending in grades 1-8), as her sister, Rivkah, just did this year.

Jessica (Jessi) Abrahams and **Rabbi David Roth** on their engagement Dec. 29, 2016 in Nashville, Tenn. Jessi is the daughter of **Ilene** and **David Abrahams** of Lincolnshire, Ill., and granddaughter of **Suzanne Litvak** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. David is the son of **Dr. Lawrence** and **Ann-Katrin Roth** of Indianapolis, members of Beth-El Zedeck synagogue. The wedding is planned for the weekend

2017 Dalet Graduating Class of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Indianapolis



of July 23, 2017 in the Cambridge and Waltham area near Boston. Guests include family from Sweden, and friends and relatives from the west coast, the east coast, Illinois, Florida and Indiana. *Kabbalat Shabbat*, *Ma'ariv* and *Shabbat Dinner* will be at Temple Beth Shalom,

Cambridge, Mass., and *Shabbat Morning Services*, *Aufruf*, and *Kiddush Lunch* will also be at Temple Beth Shalom. The wedding will take place Sun., July 26, 2017 at the Westin Hotel in Waltham. **Rabbi Daniel Landes** is coming from Israel to perform the ceremony. ✨

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HAI 8th grade 2017 Israel Trip photos



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Drawn from the stories of her homeland, her artwork finds hope in the Golem, a legendary protector of the Jewish people. Her family has only just begun to find their first fragile grasp on prosperity after arriving in Cuba from Hungary, and they are now faced with a difficult decision: holding onto their security or protecting an injured revolutionary.

Blending the music and traditions of two worlds, *The Golem of Havana* weaves a story of hope, family, and sacrifice.

Purchase tickets online at Phoenix Theatre.org or by calling the Box Office at 317-635-7529. Tickets are \$30-35 before 'POST' discount. Purchase for July 1 performance to support the Jewish Community Center. Discount code cannot be used for July 1 performance. ✨



COVER

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traditional accompaniments to Judaism may be found woven into the design.

"Jerusalem, City of Peace" is an original hand pulled serigraph consisting of 12 individual hand pulled screens. It is printed on 100% rag, acid free Stonehenge paper. (See full image at the end of this article.)

Bruce David, President of Light of the Nations, has dedicated the past 30+ years of his life to creating creative, engaging, Jewish educational resources that provide people with the opportunity to discover and experience the contemporary values of a "Wholistic" approach to Judaism (bruce@lightofthenations.org). He is a Judaic artist and Jewish educator from Bloomington, Ind. View more of his art and educational videos at these sites: www.lightofthenations.org or www.davidart.com. ✨



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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.

Plant Club – Willowfield Lavender Farm, Mooresville

Wed., June 21, depart JCC at 9:30 a.m. Willowfield Lavender Farm is an organic lavender farm with approximately 1,000 plants covering a 4-acre field. The farm includes 28 acres, many of which are woodlands providing home to a variety of plants and animals. Lavender is one of the most beloved plants in the world. Enjoy a relaxing stroll in the fields as you experience the 'gift' of lavender. \$15 includes transportation, talk & lavender tea. Bring your own lunch.

Carmel Community Players – 13 The Musical

Thurs., June 22, depart JCC at 6:15 p.m. Evan Goldman is about to turn 13, and he can't wait. His life seems full of possibilities – that is, until his parents get divorced and he is forced to move with his mom from big-city New York to podunk Appleton, Ind. If Evan can't get the coolest kids to come to his *bar mitzvah*, how is he going to survive the school year, not to mention, the rest of his life? As Evan navigates the world of cool kids and nerds, jocks and cheerleaders, first kisses and heartbreak, he comes to understand "What it Means to Be a Friend." With a bright, catchy pop score from Jason Robert Brown, equal doses of humor and pathos and a cast of wildly talented teens, *13* is irresistible to grown-ups and almost-grown-ups alike. Transportation \$10.

Symphony on the Prairie – Feeling Groovy: Remembering the Summer of Love

Sat., June 24, depart JCC at 5:30 p.m. Fifty years ago, over 100,000 young people converged on San Francisco to share their interest in hippie fashions, politics and music. The Rewinders bring back the music of that memorable summer with songs by Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Simon & Garfunkel, Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, Buffalo Springfield and many more! \$59 includes transportation, ticket, table & dinner.

Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre – Seussical

Wed., Jun 28, depart JCC at 11 a.m. A fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including

Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination – Jojo. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos. This production, comprised completely of actors under the age of 14, is a highlight of the Jr. Civic season. This fully-staged musical provides children from throughout the metro area the opportunity to participate in a professionally-staffed, technically-supported mainstage experience. We will have lunch before the show at Matt the Miller's Tavern. Offering an upscale tavern atmosphere, Matt the Miller's features a chef-driven menu of tavern favorites with a unique twist. \$10 transportation, lunch at your expense.

Beef House Dinner Theatre – Live Could Be A Dream

Sun., July 9, depart JCC 10:30 a.m. Meet Denny and the Dreamers, a fledgling doo-wop singing group preparing to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest to realize their dreams of making it to the big time. Trouble comes in the form of Lois, who arrives to put some polish in the boys. Denny falls in love, Wally falls in line, Eugene falls apart, and along comes handsome heartthrob Skip to send the whole situation spinning. The 60s hits say it all: "Fools Fall in Love," "Tears on My Pillow," "Runaround Sue," "Earth Angel," "Stay," "Unchained Melody" and "The Glory of Love." \$59 includes trans., lunch and show.

Indianapolis Early Music: Piffaro with the Rose Ensemble The Musical World of Don Quixote

Sun., July 16, depart JCC at 3 p.m. Piffaro delights audiences with highly-polished recreations of the rustic music of the peasantry and the elegant sounds of the official wind bands of the late Medieval and Renaissance periods. \$27 includes trans., show and refreshments.

Concert on the Canal – Tuned In!

Thur., July 20, depart JCC 5 p.m. Musical theater featuring David Mannell with Laura Hammer-Erhart, Becky Barton and Heather Hinton. \$19 includes trans. and table seating. Order dinner from the grill, café or bring your own.

New CEO at the JCC-Indy

Welcome to Mr. Eric and Sandy Koehler, their son Gedalia and their daughter Eliana who have moved here from Stamford, Conn. Eric will be assuming the position of CEO of the JCC on June 19 replacing Ira Jaffee.



Koehler

Koehler was CEO at the Stamford JCC for five years before coming to Indianapolis and Executive Director of the Northern Virginia JCC five year prior to that. He has been involved in various roles at JCCs on the east coast and in the southern United States since 1996.

Originally from Massachusetts, Koehler graduated from Boston University with a B.A. degree in Psychology. He earned an M.S. degree in Counseling from Salem State College, concentrating in Industrial Organizational Behavior. ★



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Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre – Ring of Fire

Thur., Aug. 3, depart JCC at 11 a.m. Johnny Cash's iconic songbook inspires a unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and home and family. More than two dozen classic hits – including "I Walk the Line," "A Boy Named Sue," "Folsom Prison Blues" and the title tune – paint a musical portrait of The Man in Black. Price TBA. ★

Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

Belief

I recently visited a relative who has serious health issues. He told me that even the “good” doctors are only giving him another 10 years to live.

I suggested that he ask the *Lubavitcher Rebbe* for a blessing. He agreed. How do we ask the Rebbe today? There is no natural way. The Rebbe has been hidden from our eyes for more than 20 years. However, we believe that the Rebbe is still with us and helping and guiding us. But now our communication is not in a natural way, but supernatural and miraculous.

One way is to write a letter to the Rebbe online. We opened his computer and went to www.igrot.com. *Igrot* is Hebrew for letters. At this website one can send a letter to the Rebbe and receive a letter in response. He typed in his Hebrew name and mother’s name. I suggested that he ask for a blessing for his health, but he decided to write something else. Then he clicked on “send”. In a split second we already had an answer. The web site opened up one of the volumes of the published letters from the Rebbe. On the screen appeared two pages of the book, and we began to read.

I was amazed The Rebbe wrote that even if someone had been a non-believer all of his life, if at the end of his life he repented, his soul will go to Heaven and he will have a portion in the world to come. How did this website know that my relative had been a non-believer for most of his life and was now worried about facing the end? A miracle!

However, my relative was not impressed. He said “Look! Now you can have a good time! You can go to McDonalds! Just make sure that you repent right before you die.”

Now I understood. Why did my relative decide to ignore this miracle? I think that he understood that if he admitted that there are miracles and that we have a Creator, he would have to give up some of his worldly pleasures. He would only be able to go to *kosher* restaurants.

What a shame! True, an observant Jew cannot eat at non-*kosher* restaurants, but so what! I personally do not miss McDonalds. The food that my wife and I prepare at home is much healthier, and tastes better. Plus there are many outstanding *kosher* restaurants.

On the other hand, if you believe in *Hashem* (G-d) and learn His *Torah*, you will be able to enjoy the really good life.

Indianapolis Jewish journalists awarded

Society of Professional Journalism (SPJ) held their annual Best in Indiana Journalism award banquet on April 21 at Indianapolis Marriot North.

Medical Science Reporter **Shari Rudavsky** (“Medical stories”) of *The Indianapolis Star* won a first place award. Judges comments: “There were a number of stories on Opioid addiction. Rudavsky’s stood out with its organization, punchy writing and by neatly weaving all the medical information with the players: users, care providers, families and community.”

Deborah Paul (“Deborah Paul”) of *Indianapolis Monthly* won first place in the category of Column Writing for magazines and non-daily newspapers. Judges comments: Deborah Paul’s personal, memoir-esque columns hooked me immediately with the clean, spare writing and strong narrative. I’m sure that many of her readers, like me, found in each of her columns something they could relate to in their own lives.”

Arts and Entertainment Writer, **Lou Harry** (“Lou’s Views and more”), of *Indianapolis Business Journal* won second place in that category. ✨



What are some of the really good things? True love, happiness and fulfillment.

Take for example true love and happiness. What is true love? Love that can last forever. If you are secular, you can fall in love, and get married. But this love usually will not last. Why? You love your partners because of the pleasure they are giving you. But after a while you get less pleasure and automatically you feel less love.

I remember growing up without *Torah* and with very little happiness. What were my goals? I wanted to be popular and have beautiful girl friends. I worked hard to achieve these goals, but failed time after time.

In order to experience happiness and true love, you first have to find G-d and your soul. Why did *Hashem* create the world? Why did He send our soul down here? He wants us to bring goodness and holiness into the world by learning *Torah* and doing good deeds.

Now that I believe I can be happy. If I help someone, I am doing good. The person I helped is happy, and I am happy that I was able to help someone and make them happy, and make the whole world that much holier.

Now I can feel true love for the person standing over there. I have a precious G-dly soul and so does he! This is what I love about him. We are all the children of our Father in Heaven. We are all one family.

Indy doctor featured on Weizmann site

Dr. Jeffrey Rothenberg is featured in a Weizmann online article, The Art of Science and Medicine:

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“An accomplished obstetrician-gynecologist, a celebrated professor, and a prolific artist, Dr. Rothenberg says his vocations and his avocation are integral to who he is. And while friends, family, and colleagues marvel at his ability to use both sides of his brain, he sees the two as intertwined. The arts and humanities, he believes, nurture skills such as observation, introspection, and empathy – all of which make physicians better healers.”

Read more at: <https://www.weizmann-usa.org/news-media/feature-stories/weizmann-alum-dr-jeffrey-rothenberg-the-art-of-science-and-medicine>

Dr. Rothenberg is currently President of the St. Vincent College of Health Professions and Executive Director of Medical Education at St. Vincent Hospital. Before he began his career as a physician, he earned his master’s in biophysics at the Weizmann Institute of Science, one of the world’s leading multidisciplinary research institutions located in Rehovot, Israel. ✨



This love is not dependent on what the other person is doing for me, or whether he is rich or famous, so it can last forever.

And true love is contagious. When you feel and demonstrate true love to someone, they will automatically feel love for you. I show love to my wife, my children and grandchildren, and get a lot more right back. And boy that makes me very happy.

If you have trouble finding G-d, go to your local Chabad or Orthodox Rabbi. They will be happy to help you out. It is worth the effort. Your life will improve greatly, and the whole world will benefit. This will certainly help to bring *Moshiach* now!

Rabbi Cohen lives in K’far Chabad, Israel. He can be reached by email at bzioncohen770@gmail.com. ✨



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This Noah's Ark on a journey toward understanding

BLOOMINGTON, IND. – In 1980, Jordan Shifriss stood on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, looking down on the Jewish cemetery. The sounds of the *Kaddish* being chanted mixed in with ringing church bells and the Muslim call to worship.

The plaintive sounds exemplified, for him, the desire of the different traditions to connect to the Creator.

Shifriss, now a retired teacher, has worked on several interfaith events, all under the banner of "Noah's Ark." The current one is a little different.

Shifriss said, "I wanted something that could go deeper than the last event. I read about this club that women of different faiths had created and thought, 'How can we set up small groups that can develop friendships and involve meaningful conversation about faith?'" He added, "I wanted the groups to have the opportunity to get into complex and emotionally challenging issues."

Shifriss spoke to Daniel Baron, a friend and former teaching colleague. "We threw some ideas around about format."

Shifriss and Baron, both Jewish, were soon joined by Dan Enslow, a Ba'hai, and



The planning committee of Bloomington's Noah's Ark interfaith project, (L-R) Seated: David Hummons, Jacqueline Dixon, Anna Maldi and Christine Glaser; Standing: Jordan Shifriss, Peter Lenzen, Dan Enslow and David Baer. Courtesy photo.

veteran of interfaith programming. Enslow brought in people of different faiths to assemble the planning team.

Shifriss said, "I have a lot of interest in group process and have done conflict resolution training, and Daniel had experience in group facilitation and conversation formats...we created a plan and then adjusted it as we worked with the planning team."

There were two mandatory three-hour information and training sessions. One hundred and fifteen people were trained and 85 committed to form dialog groups.

Shifriss explained: "When something is said and you get triggered, you can respond in a destructive manner. If you really want to understand somebody else's point of view, you have to have, not only the intention, but the skills to be able to persist in trying to understand even if you feel emotionally charged."

"It is special to have people talk about their individual faith journeys; it's often an intimate thing ... they learn how to be better listeners and how to speak in a way that is easier for other people to understand."

The Noah's Ark experience is a tapestry. Participants are learning about each person's faith journey while simultaneously reflecting on their own faith and on the dialog process and skills necessary for deep conversation.

If you have questions about the Noah's Ark project, email Jordan Shifriss at jordochi@yahoo.com. Jordan is a member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Ind., where he is the chair of the Chevra Kadisha. Lynne Foster Shifriss, his wife, is also a member of Beth Shalom and the Chevra Kadisha. She retired recently from *The Herald-Times* in Bloomington, where she was the editor of the Religion page, and now enjoys writing about Jewish topics. ✨

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Cong. Etz Chaim celebrates *Mimouna*

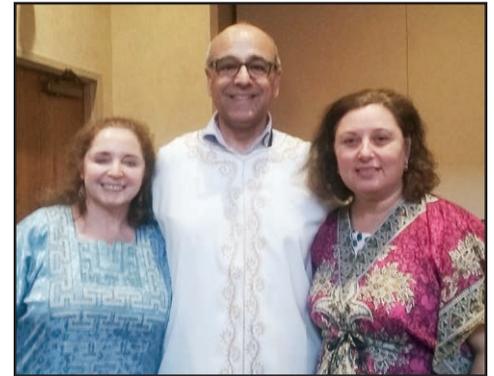
Scrumptious food and great music were part of the fun at Etz Chaim's *Mimouna* celebration, April 19, 2017, that takes place after the eight days of Passover have ended. A Northern African Sephardic tradition, this 6th annual party was attended by many, not only Sephardim, but Ashkenazic Jews enjoyed it as well. The Saffron group of three musicians played wonderful North African and Andalusia (Spanish) music. Shaun Goldstone the Global Development Officer of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee visiting from Israel shared a few thoughts. ✨



Cantor Janice Roger receives Sagamore of the Wabash



Left: Shaun Goldstone with Faina Kleyner. Top: Saffron provides the festive music. Above (L-R): Leon Mordoh and Jason Mintz enjoy the *Mimouna* festivities. Right (L-R): Vika Farahan, Gadi Boukai and Rina Karmazyn, Treasurer of Deborah (Etz Chaim sisterhood).



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BY AMY HIRSHBERG LEDERMAN

Finding meaning in life's challenges

The number 40 in the Jewish tradition holds a unique spot in our history and collective psyche. The flood lasted for 40 days. Moses went up to the mountain to receive the Torah for 40 days and 40 nights. The Hebrew people wandered in the desert for 40 years. We are forbidden to study *Kabbalah* until we have reached the age of 40. And the list goes on.

I am not a superstitious person. In fact, I am downright skeptical about things like palm readers, tarot cards and Ouija boards. Yet I can't help but think that it was more than a mere coincidence that my own life-altering experience occurred during the month that I celebrated my 40th birthday.

It had been a banner year for me. My law practice was booming, my two young children were thriving, and my husband and I celebrated our tenth anniversary – still very much in love. "If only I could stop the clock right now," I thought, recalling the many times I had heard my father say those words to me when I was young.

Then I got really sick. Things escalated from bad to worse as I lay in bed delirious, my fever inching above 105. It took several days of my husband's persistence until I was diagnosed with Stephen Johnson's syndrome, a potentially fatal reaction to the sulfa antibiotic I was taking. Weeks of steroids later, I re-entered life with a puffy face and a renewed appreciation for how precious and precarious life can be.

What occurred during those few bleak days, however, is what I have come to view as a wake-up call from God. For during that time something sparked inside of me and I soon realized that, like it or not, there was no turning back. Four months later, while I was eating breakfast with my husband, I told him about my epiphany.

"I'm thinking of closing my law practice to study Judaism," I said as I stirred milk into my coffee.

"And I'm thinking of growing my hair long and becoming a rock star," he crooned back.

Several hundred conversations later, I embarked on a journey that changed my life for the better in ways too numerous to count. I sold my law practice that year and began to study, learn, teach and write about Judaism. Now, almost 24 years later, I realize that I didn't just have a career

change. I had a life change. For in pursuing my dream, I gave myself the opportunity to find out who I was and what I most deeply value.

I look back on what happened in my 40th year as more than mere coincidence. There was a reason I got sick, although I certainly didn't understand it at the time. Whether it happened because of an infection, a faulty medical diagnosis or Divine intervention, it opened the doors of my heart to help me understand something important about my life.

I, like everyone, have faced numerous challenges throughout my life, many of which make no sense at the time and are overwhelming to navigate. When my husband, Ray, was diagnosed with lung cancer at 61, no one could believe it. How could a healthy, non-smoker who had just retired get cancer? Why him? Why now? Why?

What I learned through Ray's illness and since his death has served to fortify what I began to understand at 40. That it is not *in spite* of the challenges we face but *through* them that we arrive at a deeper awareness of who we are and what we value.

We alone can decide if we will let our experiences become catalysts for personal growth or stumbling blocks to our development. We alone will determine if loss,

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grief and hardship will open up our hearts or close them.

I have come to appreciate that our challenges can serve as teachers and touchstones for important life lessons.

Anything we fear teaches us the courage to overcome fear. Anything we can't control teaches us how to let go and have faith that we will be able to handle the outcome, whatever it is. And perhaps most importantly, anything we lose teaches us that because of the uncertainty and impermanence of life, we must strive to make the most of the time we are given.

Amy Hirshberg Lederman is an author, Jewish educator, public speaker and attorney who lives in Tucson. Her columns in the AJP have won awards from the American Jewish Press Association, the Arizona Newspapers Association and the Arizona Press Club for excellence in commentary. Visit her website at amyhirshberglederman.com. ✨

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Obituaries

Leah "Lena" Dorothy (Gutterman)

Jacobson, 100, died April 19, 2017 in Westfield, Ind. She was born on Jan. 10, 1917 in Bismarck, North Dakota, and lived most of her life in Indiana. An excellent student, Leah was a graduate of Elkhart High School (class of '34) and the Indiana University School of Nursing (class of '38).



Leah survived her parents, Elkhart residents Louis and Sarah Gutterman; as well as her 3 brothers, Harold, Charlie and David. Leah's husband, Herman Jacobson, an army Vet, passed away in Elkhart in 1976.

Leah is survived by her three sons, Moe (Beverly), Jerry, and Melvin (Deborah) Jacobson, and former daughters-in-law, Gretchen Gottschalk and Jeanie Jacobson; along with 5 grandchildren, Phillip, Cara, Jahna, Micah, and Noah; and 14 great-grandchildren with 1 more on the way.

Leah enjoyed reading, card games, Mahjong and loved getting together with family and friends. Her family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations in Leah Jacobson's memory may be made to the I.U. School of Nursing Scholarship Program, Showalter House, PO Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Ann Neuberger Hamburger, 73, passed away on April 8, 2017. Beloved wife, mother, sister and grandmother, Ann was born in Baltimore, Md., on April 22, 1944, to Alvin and Lois Neuberger. She was a graduate of the University of Maryland and earned her master's degree from Johns Hopkins University. Ann worked as a paralegal throughout her career, first for a law firm in Concord, N.H., and then The Rouse Company in Columbia, Md.

Ann was active in the Jewish community throughout her life and enjoyed learning about her Jewish heritage. She also loved art, music, reading, knitting and being with family. Upon moving to Indianapolis, Ann was quickly recruited to volunteer with Hadassah, the Hooverwood Guild and the sisterhood of Beth-El Zedeck. She has been a member of Temple Isaiah of Howard County, Md., Chizuk Amuno of Baltimore and Congregation Beth-El Zedeck of Indianapolis.

Ann's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her husband, Alan; children, Margo (Dan) Fox of Carmel, Ind., and Kenneth (Nikki) Hamburger of Providence, R.I. Grandchildren, Nathaniel Hamburger, Hailey Fox, Avery Fox, and Ziva Hamburger; brother, David (Carol) Neuberger.

Funeral services were, April 12, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to Alvin and Lois Neuberger Education Fund of Chizuk Amuno Congregation, 8100 Stevenson Road, Baltimore, MD 21208

Adam Seth Goodman, 42, beloved husband, father and passionate educator, passed away on April 18. He was born on June 27, 1974 to Evan and Jan Goodman. He was a graduate of Westlane Middle School, a 1992 graduate of North Central High School and a 1996 graduate of Indiana University.



Adam taught Social Studies and AVID at Westlane Middle School for the past 10 years and was recognized as New Teacher of the Year during his first year of service. Adam was very active in the school community. He coached intramurals and the Academic Team and took tremendous pride in his students and colleagues. Adam served as Treasurer of the MSDWT's Indiana State Teachers Association.

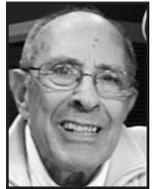
He is survived by his wife, Nicole Goodman; son, Austin Goyco; mother, Jan (Steven Pattison) Goodman; father, Evan (Lynda) Goodman; siblings, Katy (Jon) Shapiro and Darrin (Jenna Powell) Halcomb; mother-in-law, Andrea Shook; nephews, Sammy, Tommy, and Micah; aunt, Marcia Schneider and uncle, Jerry Alexander; and many longtime close friends and extended family. He will be deeply missed by those that knew and loved him.

Funeral services were held on April 21, at **ARN Funeral Cremation Services** with burial following at IHC North Cemetery. There was a public celebration of life at Westlane Middle School.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Testicular Cancer Awareness Foundation, www.testicularcanceraware-

www.arnmortuary.com. The family wishes to thank the medical staff that worked so diligently and gave such tremendous care to Adam during his illness. Friends may leave a memory or message for Adam's family by visiting www.arnmortuary.com

Henry O. Abraham 85, formerly of Louisville, passed away May 9, 2017. He was born Feb. 13, 1932. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sugar; five children, Mickey (Rick) Levy, Karen (Mike) Schankerman, Howard (Alyce) Abraham, David (Rachel) Abraham, and Benjamin (Nichole) Abraham; and grandchildren, Scott (Nina), Danny, Andrew, Max (Alexa), Thomas, Rebecca, Anne, Mary, Hannah, Isabella, and Eleanor.



A private family service will be held in his memory. Family requests donations be made to Hooverwood, 7001 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260. We know that our beloved husband, father, and grandfather is now in Kentucky Wildcat Heaven!

Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Esther Meyer, 95, of Carmel, Ind., loving wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother; passed away on May 10, 2017. She was born Nov. 30, 1921 in Chicago. She will be remembered by friends and loved ones for her generosity, sense of humor, big smile and ready laugh. If love given and received is a measure of wealth, few were richer than Esther.

Esther was married to Melvin Meyer for 52 years. She is survived by her two children whom she adored, William Meyer and Marjorie Miles; and two beloved granddaughters, Eileen Meyer and Rachel Meyer.

Graveside services were at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery on May 12. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Germaine "Gerry" (Newman) Mandelbaum, 88, of Indianapolis, loving grandmother, mother, wife and friend passed away on May 22. Born in New York City on June 16, 1929, she met the love of her life in the Catskill Mountains while vacationing with her parents, Abraham Newman and Sylvia (Hirshon) Newman and her sister, Cynthia (Newman) Cayn, all of whom preceded Gerry in death. The love of her life, Isidore "Izzy" Mandelbaum, M.D., was leading a big band on the fateful weekend when they met. Soon thereafter Gerry declared to her father, "I am going to marry that man someday". On June 1, (see Obituaries, page IN 17)



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The passing of Alfred Tibor

The Columbus [Ohio] Jewish community has lost one of its brightest stars with the death of Alfred Tibor [March 18, 2017]. He was a living example of courage, persistence and enduring hope in the face of overwhelming circumstances.

He was born Alfred Arthur Goldstein in Konyar, Hungary, on Feb. 10, 1920. He lived through World War II and survived the Holocaust, spent three more years as a Hungarian forced laborer, then four years as a prisoner-of-war in the Soviet Gulag.

He lost 86 members of his family during the war, including his brother Tibor, who died in prison camp. To honor their brother's memory, Albert and his only surviving

brother, Andrew, took their brother's name as their family name.

In 1956, the two brothers emigrated to the U.S. during the Hungarian revolution. Albert also brought his wife and two children. They settled in Miami, where Albert spent 15 years as a commercial artist. In 1972, he moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he worked as a commercial artist and an advertising director for the Schottenstein



family and Value City Corporation.

In 1973, Alfred Tibor began a second career as a sculptor, which he continued successfully for over four decades. His name will be remembered through his public and private sculptures. Those works can be seen throughout Columbus, in other cities across the country and at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem.

Tibor's life was testimony to his belief in the power of hope.

"I speak to people to tell them not to lose humanity, to find out that all people are the same," Tibor once said. "God (see Tibor, page IN 17)



"Surviving Spirit" created by Alfred Tibor was dedicated in 1998. The bronze statue is located in the Albert and Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial Garden behind the JCC in Indianapolis. From his website (www.alfredtibor.net) Tibor wrote: "Through my art, I emphasize subjects that deal with life and life's experiences. I use the shape of my pieces to create the inner feelings of the human being. In addition, I feel that "art for art's sake" is not enough. I want to create sculptures that both express and evoke human emotion. As a Holocaust survivor, I believe that my life was spared to do work so people may enjoy it. Whether it is one of my Holocaust sculptures, a biblical figure, or a woman standing proud and tall, the human aspect of the piece is what is being expressed to the viewer – that there is beauty and value to be found in all our lives, for I truly believe that life is celebration. From *The National Jewish Post & Opinion* April 30, 2007.

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More than 100 adults and children came out to walk a 4K course as a tribute to "The Walkers" as they have come to be known at B'nai Torah and to many in the nearby community.

In a luncheon that followed, the walkers shared several *Kiddush Hashem* stories of interesting encounters during their weekly Shabbos "shpitzirim". One of the walkers, B'nai Torah President-Elect Dr. Gad Flaumenhaft shared how one day an Indianapolis City bus pulled over to a complete stop, opened its door and the

driver called out "You don't know how impressed I am seeing you walk every week!"

On another Shabbos Gad, Jack and Ivan recounted how a man and his son pulled over and got out their car. As the man and his young boy approach, the father asked "Are you sons of Jacob?" and then asked if they would give his son a blessing. The Walkers are inspiration not only to those in the community who see them on their weekly Shabbos walk but also to everyone in the shul! ✨



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OBITUARIES*(continued from page IN 14)*

1952 the two married in New York. Their marriage lasted until Izzy preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 2012.

From 60 years of marriage to Izzy, Gerry became the mother of David M. (Anna) Mandelbaum, M.D., Michael A. (Tracey) Mandelbaum, Jonathan A. (Stacey) Mandelbaum, M.D., Rise S. Mandelbaum, Arthur E. Mandelbaum and Stuart M. (Denise) Mandelbaum, all of whom survive.

Gerry loved to spoil her adoring grandchildren who survive her including: Lauren B. Mandelbaum, Brian E. Mandelbaum, Joshua M. (Karen) Mandelbaum, Brent J. Mandelbaum, Luke T. (Jenalee) Age, Mitchell P. (Chelsea) Wilsey, Tanner D. Wilsey, Megan E. Mandelbaum, Melissa N. (Ryan) Lamb, Benjamin S. Mandelbaum, Brianna M. Portese, Abigail R. Mandelbaum, Madisyn J. Mandelbaum, Baylee J. Cavaness, Hannah M. Mandelbaum and Camryn P. Mandelbaum. Her surviving great-grandchildren are Ethan J. Age, Saige M. Wilsey, and Jacob C. Mandelbaum.

Gerry was a dedicated mother and grandmother who took special pride in all the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren, academic, professional and otherwise. She was always there to lend a helping hand and to slip a bit of cash to her children and grandchildren when needed. She was quite happy to give advice and encouragement regardless of whether it was solicited. Her happiest times were always with family.

In addition, Gerry found great happiness at IU basketball games (only if the Hoosiers were playing well, which she was well qualified to determine), soaking up the sun on Captiva Island and watching any number of game shows and soap operas. Aside from the duties of a mother and grandmother, Gerry was active in various community organizations and charities. Two of her favorite were the Cheer Guild at the IU School of Medicine and the Friends of Music in support of the Indiana University School of Music-Bloomington.

Gerry was well known for cooking great meals. Izzy often declared he could never get as good a meal as “Mom’s home-cooked dinners” even in the finest restaurants around. She always had plenty of food for her kids, grandkids and their friends no matter how many would show up, often completely unannounced. Her Thanksgiving stuffing, pasta dishes and traditional holiday meals were a welcome sight by those fortunate enough to enjoy her cooking.

Gerry lived a long and fulfilling life. She was blessed to receive wonderful care in

her final years, months and days from the extraordinary staff at The Hearth at Stones Crossing, the attentive staff of Changes Home Care, and the caring nurses from Franciscan VNS Hospice. They all treated her with patience and compassion. Gerry developed much the same kind of love for many of them as she had for her own family. For that care, Gerry’s family is forever grateful.

A private funeral service was held with arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Funeral Home** and burial beside her beloved Izzy at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery in Carmel, Ind.

Contributions in memory of Gerry to Franciscan Hospice House would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to: Franciscan Health Foundation for the Franciscan Hospice House, 5255 East Stop 11 Road, Suite 245, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

Steven L. Weinstein, 61, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, 1973 graduate of North Central High School, passed away on May 29, 2017. His spirit was released at home with his wife and daughters by his side and he is now exploring the universe.

Steve lived his life with passion and gusto along with his life philosophy: “Live as if there’s no tomorrow, plan as if you’ll live forever.” He was a gifted, wildly inappropriate joke-teller and was driven to express his strong and passionate beliefs in conservative politics.

Steve was the founder and President of Recognition Services Inc. He considered work an opportunity, not an obligation, and his employees as his family.

Survived by his beloved wife Lynn and treasured border collies, Romeo and Libby, Steve leaves behind a legacy of leadership and philanthropic contributions.

He is also survived by his mother, Shelle; stepdaughters, Lisa Moskal, Beverly Hale and Amanda Ball; granddaughter, Sara Hale; sisters, Nancy Smith and Karen Whitt and brothers, Sidney, Justin and Joshua Weinstein, two nieces and extended family. Steve was preceded in death by his father Mike.

Steve celebrated life...and in accordance with his wishes, A Celebration of Life event will be held at the Palomino Ballroom in Zionsville on Fri., June 16 from 7–10 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the National Kidney Foundation. Friends may leave a message for the family, or a memory of Steve by visiting www.arnmortuary.com. ✨

**Ora Pescovitz named Oakland U. president**

Following a national search involving 61 candidates, the Oakland University Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to appoint Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D., as its president, beginning July 1. Oakland University is located in Rochester, Mich., and Pescovitz becomes their seventh president.



O. Pescovitz

Pescovitz, 60, joins Oakland after serving as Senior Vice President and U.S. Medical Leader for Lilly Bio-Medicines at Eli Lilly and Company since October 2014. She has spent nearly her entire adult life in universities since her time as a student at Northwestern University, including the University of Minnesota, Indiana University and the University of Michigan.

Pescovitz, a renowned pediatric endocrinologist and researcher, has published more than 190 manuscripts and books. She served as the University of Michigan’s first female Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Health System CEO from 2009–2014. There, she led a system that included three hospitals, more than 120 health centers and clinics, and the University of Michigan Medical School. She oversaw \$3.3 billion in revenue and \$490 million in research funding.

She also spent an extensive, 21-year career at Indiana University in a variety of roles, including Endowed Professor, Executive Associate Dean for Research Affairs at the Indiana University School of Medicine, President and CEO of Riley Hospital for Children, and Interim Vice President for IU’s Research Administration. Much of her research focused on the physiologic and molecular mechanisms responsible for disorders of growth and puberty, and the development of novel therapies for these conditions.

Her late husband, Dr. Mark Pescovitz, was a renowned transplant surgeon at Indiana University. She is the proud mother of three children, two in-law children and three grandchildren. Her significant other is Dr. Dan Walsh, a widower, who is a cardiologist. ✨

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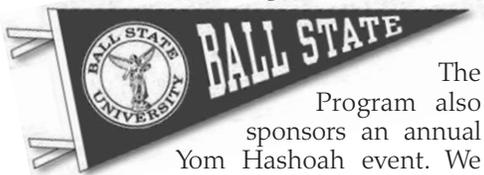
constructed the human race in a very good way, with the arms to hug each other.”

His funeral service was held March 20 at Congregation Agudas Achim [in Bexley, Ohio]. *From the Ohio Jewish Chronicle, March 23, 2017.* ✨

Ball State University Jewish Studies Program

By DR. FRANCINE FRIEDMAN

The Ball State University Jewish Studies Program was created with monies from the Bessie and Benjamin Zeigler Fund to provide programming for the university about Jewish themes. To support that mission, the Program invites notable speakers to campus throughout the school year to address current events topics, as well as academic subjects about Jewish cultural and social concerns. In the past, we have hosted such varied speakers as the Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, the former editor-in-chief of the *Jerusalem Post*, an Israeli Druze, among others.



The Program also sponsors an annual Yom Hashoah event. We invite a Holocaust survivor to share messages of survival and hope to our students, faculty, and guests. In the past, we have hosted Eva Kor of Terre Haute, several Indianapolis-based survivors, such as Meyer Bronicki, a member of the Bielski Boys, Alex Star and Tibor Klopfer, and Frank Grunwald. This year, Stephanie Marks of Cincinnati shared her story of survival with the Ball State community. However, in past years, we have also brought in a survivor from Israel, Martha Raviv, and the last surviving member of the Monuments Men, Harry Ettlinger. Our program usually draws an audience of at least 200 people.

In order to educate our faculty about Jewish issues, the Jewish Studies Program sponsors a Summer Development Workshop every year, to which are invited faculty and teaching graduate students. Through the years, the focus of the workshops has varied. Our invited scholars/facilitators have provided guided study for such topics as "The Relevance of *Torah* to American Law" led by Judge Evan Goodman of Indianapolis, "Movies and the Holocaust," "The Jewish Year," "Israel in a Changing Middle East," "The Sephardim," "Jewish Perspectives on Issues of Bioethics," and many others.

This summer, the topic will be "Christian Judaism/Islamic Judaism: Medieval Jewish Culture in Two Civilizations," led by Dr. Alan Verskin of the University of Rhode Island. Our facilitator also gives a public lecture on a related topic, which is attended by students, faculty, and guests.

The Jewish Studies Program supports an active Hillel on campus. A member of our Advisory Committee often serves as (see *BSU Jewish Studies*, page IN 20)

David Grossman at Indiana University-Bloomington

By NAOMI FARAHAN



Writers can experience the great joy of being a different person, Israeli author David Grossman said to a full crowd last month at Indiana University. By allowing their characters their own autonomy to further a plot, writers can truly see the world through new eyes.

"You are given the pleasure of understanding how another human views the world," Grossman said.

Grossman came to campus to talk about his latest work, *A Horse Walks*



Grossman

Into a Bar. The book is about one session of stand-up comedy in a nightclub in Netanya, Israel.

Even in the worst human conditions, Grossman said, people use comedy to cope. He used the Holocaust as an example. Nazis tried to trap human beings in concentration camps. But those people found freedom in comedy.

"They found their own ability to move, to maneuver, within the very small space that was left to them," Grossman said. They found freedom in the chance to take on a new perspective through storytelling, poetry and jokes.

Grossman's *A Horse Walks Into a Bar* is about the relationship between a comedian and his audience, about the world and language they begin to share with one another.

As a comedian, "you are constantly betraying your audience," Grossman said. "It's an art of betrayal, after all."

Comedians are almost cruel in the way they aptly and accurately illustrate people and their interactions with the world. But we enjoy it. We get a sensational feeling of pleasure when we get to peep into another person's hell, Grossman said.

He also spoke about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Zionism will be remembered as one of the greatest stories of mankind. It brought the Jewish people back to their home, it was "miraculous." But it is time, Grossman said, for Jews not to be victims.

"What do we do with our lives as Israelis? We created miracles – in culture, in agriculture, in industry, architecture," he said.

And Israelis can continue to create miracles. To do so, though, they must look inward and reflect. While writers take on the perspectives of other people, everyone has the potential to connect with other identities.

"In every Israeli there's a Palestinian, in every Palestinian there is an Israeli," Grossman said. "We have been shaped by the same conflict for over a century." He said that the tensions between Israelis and Palestinians are tragic, on both ends.

"I live all my life in conflict, a bleeding conflict," Grossman said. Jews used to survive so that they could live their lives. They never had a physical place to call their own, only the dream of a homeland. Now that Israel is a reality, they live in order to survive, Grossman said. So much of the Israeli conscience is focused on, and shaped by, survival.

"I am afraid we will end up as a suit of armor without the knight inside of it... "In the part where we are yearning to be saved, we fail ourselves. We paralyze ourselves," Grossman said.

He said he has pushed for peace for many years, but that it has become difficult to continue the fight. There is a popular, distorted idea that peace is a luxury that is not worth pursuing.

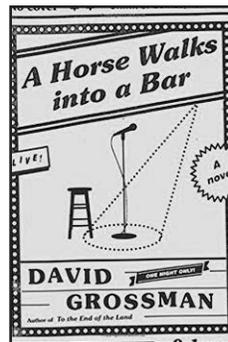
He remarked that Israel cannot reach its full potential when so much of its time and energy is intended for the military. A country nourished by innovation is held back by fear. Real peace will not just dispel the threat of war. It will provide the mental breathing room necessary for Israelis to reach their full potential. More money and resources can be contributed to technological innovation and creative endeavors.

"Only when we have peace, if we have peace, but I prefer to say when, only then can Israel live the life that it deserves," Grossman said. He considers himself a firm believer in peace. A house, or a country, must be more than a place for refuge. It must be a home. Therefore, there must be peace in Israel.

Grossman's advice to young writers: Don't interfere with the process. He said he listens to his stories: he is drawn to them, as if they are magnetic fields. He tells them how they wish to be told. While writers have interests, literature should not be used to further a wife's opinion, or a prime minister's cause. It doesn't belong to anyone but to the characters it holds.

"It's a couplehood. The writer and his book. Or her book," he said. "Like any good couplehood, we change each other."

Naomi Farahan is a rising junior at Indiana University. She is majoring in Journalism and Jewish Studies, and is in the Hutton Honors College. This summer, she is studying abroad in London. ✨



Shabbark Shabbat at CBS

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) will hold its immensely popular Shabbark Shabbat on **July 14** at 6:30 p.m. This special Friday evening service has become a CBS tradition. Held outdoors on the north patio of University High School's Andrews Hall, the service is an open invitation to all congregants and the community to bring their beloved dogs for a special blessing.

During the service, Rabbi Stanley Halpern acknowledges the unique bond between humans and their pets. He then blesses each dog as the owners bring their devoted animals to the front to be recognized individually. The service will conclude with an outdoor *Oneg* including dog biscuits for our canine friends.

Karen Friedman, CBS president states, "The dogs have always been very well behaved. Other congregants and the pets mingle before and after the *Shabbat* worship service in an atmosphere of warm friendliness and enjoyment of that very special evening."

CBS invites all of the Jewish community – whether CBS members or not, and with or without a dog – to attend our unique Shabbark Shabbat service. ✨

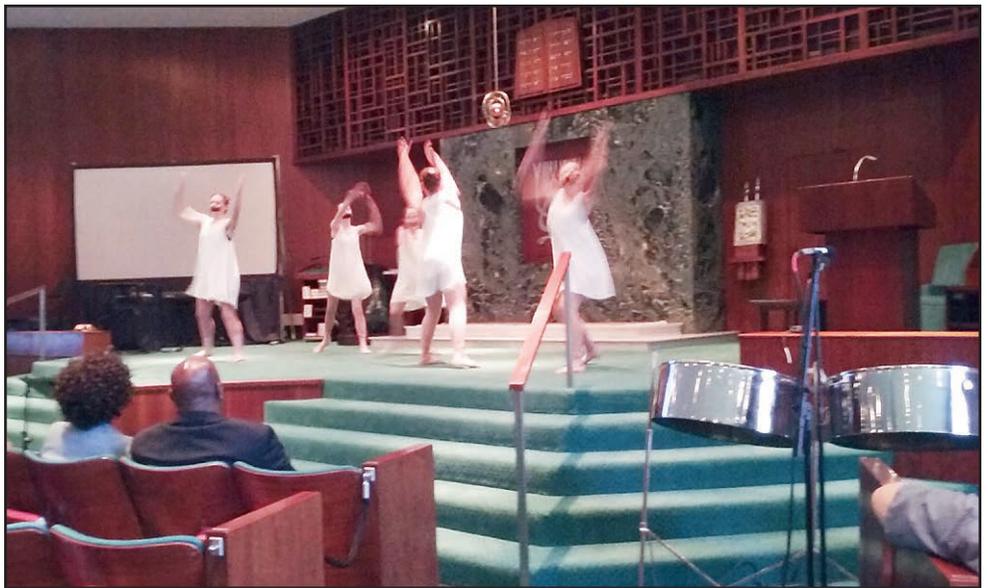


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Step it Up: A Concert for Social Transformation was held at Beth-El Zedeck on April 23. It consisted of wonderful performances of *SPOKEN WORD*, to give voice to the pressing social justice issues of our time, *MUSIC* to heal, uplift, and unite people for the worthy cause of social change, and *DANCE* to propel individuals to step into action. This unique program was presented by Desmond Tutu Center, SOHO (Saving Orphans through Healthcare and Outreach), Women4Change and Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Title Sponsor was Cindy Simon Skjodt and Associate Sponsor was Indianapolis Chapter of The Link Inc.

Left: Getting Ready for Shabbark at CBS (L-R) Maria Cohen, Alexis Konev, Felix Konev, Dulcea (the dog), and Rabbi Stanley Halpern.



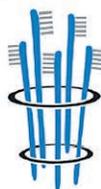
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A beautiful spring day welcomed all to the 6th annual Earth Day celebration at the JCC in Indianapolis on April 23. The event was sponsored by Citizen's Energy Group and Indianapolis Power & Light, Co. Booths filled the north parking lot with all kinds of energy and natural resources savings information, and even a little entertainment.



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the faculty advisor for that association.

Finally, members of the Jewish Studies Program Advisory Committee advise the Ball State University library on the purchase of books with Jewish themes, which has led to a rich collection of volumes about various aspects of Jewish culture, society, history, and politics.

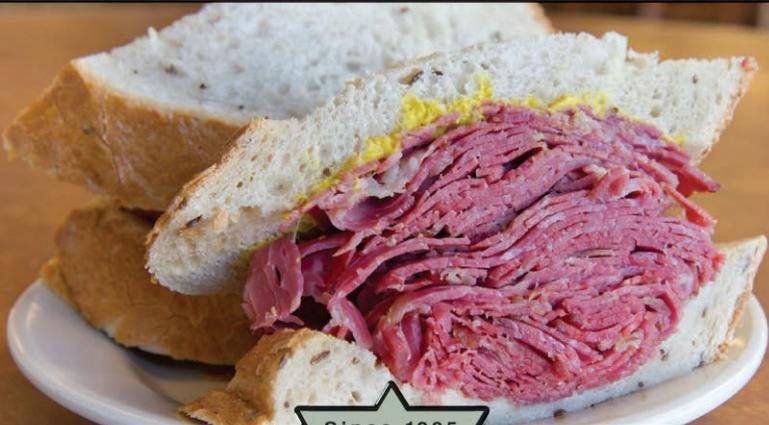
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Kor honored at Indy 500



Following the honor of being the Grand Marshall of the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade on May 27, 2017, Eva Kor of the C.A.N.D.L.E.S. museum was a guest of honor at the 2017 Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, including meeting and receiving an honoree bottle of winner's milk from (and signed by) the 1967 Indy 500 race winner Mario Andretti.



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