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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Jordan and Jon Tauber on the birth of their son, **Eli**, on July 4, 2017. Maternal grandparents are **Keith and Rita Pitzele** of Indianapolis and paternal grandparents are **Michael and Candy Tauber** of Toledo, Ohio. Eli has an older brother **Alex** (below).



Rachel Hannah Adland (below) on her marriage to **Evan Adam Silverstein** on Aug. 26, 2017 at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) in Zionsville. Rachel is the daughter of **Rabbi Jon and Sandy Adland** of Canton, Ohio, and Evan is the son of **Sheila and Steve Silverstein** of Delray Beach, Fla., and grandson of **Julian Koss** of Sarasota, Fla. Co-officiants were **Rabbi Ron Klotz** and the brides' father Rabbi Adland. Also in



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attendance were the siblings of the couple, **Josh Adland, Erica Rice and Hope Donley**.

Rachel and Evan both attended Indiana University as undergrads. Rachel currently works as a Buyer for Eloquii. Evan is currently in Grad School at Ohio State University studying to be a nurse practitioner. The couple met at GUCI and will reside in Columbus, Ohio.

The wedding dress of the bride's mother was used as part of the chuppah which the bride designed; the bride's wedding ring was made from her great grandmother's diamonds; and the Kiddush cup used in the ceremony was a family heirloom and had been used in the weddings of most of the bride's family members.

What made the event truly special, beyond it being their wedding day, was that both the bride and groom had grown up at GUCI as did many of their close friends and family who surrounded them at their wedding. Rabbi Ron Klotz, former camp director and also co-officiant, mentioned in the ceremony the word "magnificence" and how truly magnificent that moment was for them and many of their guests. They have all shared many special, joyful, and truly life shaping moments at GUCI and having everyone back together in this deeply special place, celebrating this incredible milestone in their lives was truly magnificent.

Rabbi Eliezar and Chanie Zalmanov on the birth of their son, **Zevi** (below), on Nov. 6, 2017. His maternal grandparents are **Rabbi Avi and Nini Grossbaum** of Indianapolis and his paternal grandparents are **Rabbi Yisroel and Sara Zalmanov** of Brooklyn, N.Y. He has six siblings.



Mike Silver who turned 70 on Nov. 27th.

Joey Hiudt for being named the new Assistant Director of Programming and Development at Camp Livingston as its 98th season approaches. Joey's roots with the camp date back almost 20 years,



Joey Hiudt

New Hooverwood CEO, Evan Lubline

Murray I. Firestone, Ph.D., Hooverwood Board President, proudly announces that Evan Lubline has been selected as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The Indianapolis Jewish Home, Inc., d/b/a Hooverwood. Evan will begin his journey at Hooverwood on Dec. 18.

Evan was serving as the Administrator at The Weils, a Montefiore senior living community located in Cleveland. Under his leadership, the Weils Home has had record occupancy throughout the continuum of care, as well as a reputation for great quality care. Under Evan's management, the Weils Assisted Living facility received five consecutive deficiency-free Ohio Department of Health surveys and the Skilled Nursing facility is a 5-star rated Post Acute Care facility.

Evan had the ability to oversee the new construction of a state-of-the-art memory care assisted living facility which opened in 2015. He has been working in the senior care industry for 12 years, since graduating from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Evan is married to Caitlin, and they have a one-year old daughter Scarlett. They will be relocating to the Indianapolis area in December. Please join us in welcoming them. We extend a heartfelt *Mazel Tov* to Evan and look forward to him having a bright future in our organization! ✨



Evan Lubline



Revive Civility panel. Photo by: by Jennifer Hodes. (see Editorial on p. IN 3.)

beginning as a camper in 1998. In total, Joey has spent 11 summers there. His four brothers, mother, and father also attended Camp Livingston, and for the Hiudt Family, Camp Livingston will always be a second home. ✨



Editorial

Between the “Ann Katz Festival of Book and Arts” and “Spirit & Place”, many wonderful programs recently took place in Indianapolis. Some brief highlights from one of them are below.

The purpose of “Revive Civility: The Power of My Words,” A Spirit & Place Event at Beth-El Zedeck on Nov. 8th, was to engage with community leaders in a conversation on the power of civility, and learn how we can peacefully disagree with others, calm tensions, and model respect for our children.

Keynote speaker Lee Hamilton is a former Indiana congressman and Director of the Center on Congress at I.U. For brevity, here are some of his important points (in italics).

Representative democracy is not easy. How very hard it is to make this country work. You and I have to do everything we can to create a favorable climate so we have the best opportunity to solve the problems confronting us.

In the questions after his talk one person asked, “How do I listen to someone whose opinions I feel are so wrong?”

It is a challenge. How do you persuade that person to see it your way? You won't persuade them by criticizing them. That will make the situation worse. Persuasion is at the heart of representative democracy and in all of our relationships. Try to understand where that person you disagree with is coming from and look for commonalities between you and them.

You have to ask yourself, how can I improve the environment I am in and make others feel comfortable? In that atmosphere you have the best chance to move forward.

When I sat down in the Conference Committee – the final stages of the legislative process where the big decisions were made in the Congress – I was less interested in labels such as Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, and more interested in which people wanted to find a solution to the problem. I chose to work with those people.

How to bring Republicans and Democrats together and lessen partisanship?

The purpose of politics is to search for a remedy. A lot of things distract us, including all different kinds of media discussing the issues, but a policymaker's job is to find a solution to a problem. When the differences arise you have to remind everyone what your target is and keep your eyes on that target.

Sometimes two sides are on such different wavelengths, you realize you can't solve every problem. One of the points of wisdom in reconciling differences is to figure out what problems you can't solve. Then you put them

About the Cover

Hanukkah, Holiday of Light
By Naomi Teplow

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Hanukka? Chanuka? N. Teplow

*Hanukkah? Spell it as you may, it's the holiday of light, warmth, songs, and good things cooked in oil in the midst of the dark, cold, wet winter. In my family, each Chanuka night, we turn off the electricity and fill the darkness with many candle lights. We sing songs with guitar and flute, and eat our home-made *sufganiyot* (donuts) along with spicy hot cider.*

I borrowed this image of the *menorah* from a beautiful, old European manuscript, (the Cervera Bible, Spain, 1300 CE), added two lights to make it into a *Chanukiya*, changed the colors to fit the holiday of warmth and light, and included the miraculous jug and the *sevivon* (dreidle).

The Hebrew on the border says: “*Hanukkah*, the Holiday of Light,” and “Happy Holiday of Lights”.

Naomi Teplow (www.ketubotbynaomi.com) was born in Israel, and now lives in Oakland, Calif. She is a long-time member of various Jewish peace movements. Her paintings are strongly influenced by both European and Islamic illuminated manuscripts and by Islamic tile art and architecture. ✨



aside and return to them another day so you can work on the ones that you can solve. Sometimes you make mistakes on these decisions. That's one of the challenges of the job.

Politicians have to make a lot of decisions to try to solve a lot of problems. Does politics enter into that decision making process? Yes, we all have our biases and ideologies that enter into it. Do I get frustrated and angry at some people? You bet I do. Everyone has to accept the differences and work around them.

Representative democracy is one of the grandest inventions in the life of mankind because it releases our energy in an atmosphere of freedom to solve problems. That is very hard to do with the diversity and bigness of our country but what a precious gift it is. I thank my lucky stars that I had a chance to participate in a representative democracy.

Suggestions from another former politician followed. Bart Peterson, former Mayor of Indianapolis said being a business and a city leader were both opportunities for him to model civil behavior. A mayor has to serve all the people, treating them equally and approaching them in a non-partisan way. All views have to be consid-

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ered in trying to lead a diverse group of people toward a common goal.

He said electoral politics is quite different. Electoral politics and the political media, especially the social media is almost custom-designed for incivility. It is competitive – a zero sum game – second place in politics is last place. It's we verses they. Negative ads and campaigning is believed to be successful.

Peterson continued, “Some say, ‘So what?’ Politics is just one part of our lives.” The reason it matters is because politics is becoming an increasing significant a part of our lives, he continued.

Peterson mentions a column by *New York Times* columnist David Brooks where he wrote, “What we have to do in this country to get past our divisions is to start making politics less important to all of us.” Brooks' argument is that politics has started to replace a lot of personal relationships and common engagement activities such as organized religion and families.

Brooks also wrote that as religious institutions have seen a diminished impact on our lives and as our families have become more fragmented, they have been replaced by an obsession with politics as a vehicle for defining who we are. What “tribe” (political party) do you belong to?

(see Editorial, page IN 5)

Community Events

Bereavement support group

Tues., Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m., in Room A-17 of the JCC. JFS and Ascension Health and Home invite you to a Jewish bereavement support group, co-facilitated by Brenda Kenyon LCSW and Paula Glanzman Goldberg. While everyone processes grief and loss differently, healing is enhanced by sharing with others who have experienced loss. Together, the group will address the social, emotional and spiritual dimensions of grief from a Jewish perspective. This program is free of charge, and no registration is needed. For more information please email Paula at pgoldberg@jfgi.org or Julie at 317-529-5497. (See interview with Paula on p. IN 6.)

A performance by Hooshir – in support of the JCC

Sat., Dec. 9 from 7–9 p.m. in the Laikin Auditorium. Hooshir (“Shir” in Hebrew means song) is Indiana University’s premier mixed a-capella group. The evening kicks off with a desert reception and two free drinks that are included with your tickets. Make your reservations right away <http://jccindy.org/event-directory/>, by calling 317-251-9467 or at our welcome desk. General admission \$36.

Light It Up: NEXTGen Chanukah Party

Sat., Dec. 9 from 8–11 p.m. Please join NEXTGen and the Jewish Community for a night of dancing and Chanukah festivities as we celebrate our first successful year! Hosted at the The Indiana City Brewing Co, 24 Shelby St., Indianapolis, the night will feature live music from *The Breakfast Club*, Latke and Donut Bar, and much more. Cost \$36. Be sure to pre-purchase your tickets now! We have a limited number and can only hold spots for those who buy tickets through the website. Contact Matthew Kramer-Morning 317-715-9261 or mkmorning@jfgi.org, www.facebook.com/jfginextgen.

Chabad Chanukah events

Pre-Chanukah Workshop with PJ Library: Sun., Dec. 10 from 2–4 p.m., at Home Depot, 9855 N. Michigan Rd., Carmel. Build your own *menorah*. No charge. *Chanukah Community Dinner: Thurs., Dec. 14* at 5:30 p.m. at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 West 96 St. Full buffet dinner, *menorah* lighting, music, children’s activities, raffle, create your own flipbook. No charge. Donations are welcome. Please RSVP info@chabadindiana.org. *Chanukah Pottery and Pizza: Sat.,*

Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., at Pottery by You, 2280 West 86 St., Indianapolis. Open to children and adults. Cost \$5 (goes towards your pottery purchase). RSVP at chabadindiana.org/pottery. *Chanukah with Seniors: Park Regency Senior Apartments, Sun., Dec. 17* at noon, 8851 Colby Blvd. *menorah* lighting, music, refreshments. For more information contact us at 317/698-6724 or chabadindiana.org.

Hadassah Hanukkah Party and Book Club

Party/Installation will be **Wed., Dec. 13** in Room A22 at the JCC starting at 5:30 p.m. It will be a pitch-in. Don’t forget to bring your *menorahs*. Besides the installation and talking about next year, it will mainly be socializing and celebrating the holiday. *Book Club: Sun., Dec. 17* at 2 p.m., *Moonglow* by Laila Michael Chabon. Facilitated by Judy Koor. **Sun., Jan. 21** at 2 p.m., *Nine Folds Make a Paper Fan* by Ruth Gilligan. Facilitated by Marsha Rauscher. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com.

Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch Hanukkah Lunch

Thurs., Dec. 14, at noon. Join us in celebrating *Hanukkah!* We welcome anyone over the age of 60 to participate for only \$3; all others full price. Transportation may be available upon request. *Kosher* dietary laws observed. Please RSVP at 317-259-6822 or cmorris@jfgi.org.

Jewish Lawyer’s Luncheon Group

This group meets for lunch at noon usually on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Shapiro’s downtown. The next meeting will be **Wed., Dec. 20** with Ecologist Cliff Chapman. Cliff worked as an ecologist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and for The Nature Conservancy in Washington State before becoming conservation director of the Central Indiana Land Trust. He has been

executive director since 2014. You can read more about Cliff and the Central Indiana Land Trust at www.conservingindiana.org. Email contact: rshevitz@cohenandmalad.com.

Jewish Healing Services

Wed., Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, and May 16 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.

Etz Chaim MD Speaker Series 1st lecture

Thurs., Jan 18 from 7:30–8:30 p.m. Join us as community physician Dr. Lawrence Mark, Dermatology, shares his specialty or journey in an informative gathering. Etz Chaim Social Hall. Refreshments. For more info contact Batya Auerbach at batya@etzchaimindy.org or 317-251-6220 or Facebook @etzchaimindy.

Parents’ Night Out (PNO)

Sat., Jan. 20, 6–10 p.m., at the JCC. PNO is a respite opportunity for parents, with fun and inclusive programs geared toward children with special needs and their siblings. Each month, join us as we explore the world through a variety of activities, crafts, music and more! PNO is offered every third Saturday at the JCC. An additional program will be offered on May 12, 2018. This program series is brought to you by Jewish Family Services, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Easter Seals Crossroads and JCC Indianapolis. Contact Rachel Kesner at rkesner@jfgi.org for more information. Cost \$5 per child ages 2–12.

BJE Adult Education

Beginning Hebrew (Hebrew reading and some conversational Hebrew). *Second semester: Mondays, Jan. 22–May 7, 2018* from 4:30–6 p.m. Instructor: Shoshi Roland.

Intermediate Hebrew (Advanced conversational Hebrew, Israeli life and history). *Second semester: Wednesdays, Jan. 24–May 9, 2018* from 7–8:30 p.m. Instructor: Yossi Cohen.

Advanced Hebrew Grammar (Advanced sentence structure, verb conjugation and increased vocabulary). *Second semester: Mondays, Jan. 22–May 7, 2018* from 6:30–8 p.m. Instructor: Shoshi Roland

Tuition: \$250.00 per semester. To register email: admin@bjeindy.org or call: 317-255-3124. All classes held at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 6711 Hoover Road, Door #1, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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EDITORIAL

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Peterson agrees that we invest far too much of ourselves in politics. This obsession with political leaders leads us to saying and doing awful things toward each other. He believes that we don't really want this. Our nature is to be more civil to each other. As we watch this "train wreck" day after day, it's not a game anymore as we retreat into each of our "tribes" to battle each other.

He continues, "What can we do resolve this? We need to talk about it more, to wake up and be aware of the corrosive

effects of incivility. We also have to do some affirmative activity individually, because there is no magic bullet."

Peterson's three suggestions: (1) Don't sit and watch it all day every day. It will erode your soul. (2) Escape from your comfort zone. When we retreat on our own, we miss out on so much of the world and we lack ability to have empathy for others. Mingle with people who are not like-minded. Your life will be enriched and your civility will be enhanced. (3) Each person has a responsibility to model civil behavior if we want to see it in the other.

Others on the panel were Rabbi Sandy

E. Sasso, Rabbi Emerita at Beth-El Zedek; Sheila Seuss Kennedy, Professor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI; and Adrienne Slash, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant at the Community Health Network. Moderator was Sherry Queener, Ph.D. This event also featured spoken word poetry from two students of Indy Pulse, a program that educates and supports local youth as they cultivate their voice through the spoken word. (See group photo on page IN 2.)

A joyous *Chanukah* and a Happy New Year to all our dear readers!

Jennie Cohen, December 6, 2017 ✨



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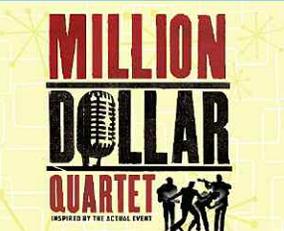
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2017 Indianapolis community *chanukah* lighting



Located in Celebration Plaza (in front of the BJE) on the Max and Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus. All are welcome any night. Dates, times, and leading organizations as follows:

- 1st Candle: Tues., Dec. 12** at 5:00 pm – Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis
- 2nd Candle: Wed., Dec. 13** at 5:00 pm – Bureau Jewish Education/Life & Legacy
- 3rd Candle: Thurs., Dec. 14** – Libby Fogel Lunch Bunch/JFS at 1:00 pm
Jewish Community Center at 5:00 pm
- 4th Candle: Fri., Dec. 15** at 5:00 pm – Congregation Beth-El Zedek
- 5th Candle: Sat., Dec 16** at 5:00 pm – Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation
- 6th Candle: Sun., Dec. 17** at 5:00 pm – Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis/
Hooverwood Jewish Home
- 7th Candle: Mon., Dec. 18** at 5:30 pm – Congregation Beth Shalom/
Congregation Shaarey Tefilla
- 8th Candle: Tues., Dec. 19** at 5:00 pm – JCC Youth Programs/Early Childhood Education ✨

Indiana Jewish Legends

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) honored these five Hoosier Jewish Legends at their annual meeting held at Market District on Oct. 22. Hoosier Jewish Legend Awards celebrate Hoosiers who have created a significant and lasting impact to their profession, faith-based and/or secular community, and the legacy of the role of the Jewish community in Indiana's continuing story.

2017 Honorees are **Mark Greenberg** (Muncie); **Ronald (Ron) A. Klain** (Indianapolis); **Eva Mozes Kor** (Terre Haute); **Leon M. Mordoh** (Indianapolis); and **Dr. David A. Wolf** (Indianapolis).

Current officers of the IJHS are President: **Kevin Krulewicz**, Indianapolis; Immediate Past President: **Sheila Greenwald**, Indianapolis; Vice President: **Steve Bulloff**, Indianapolis; Vice President: **Stephanie Dlatt**, Indianapolis; Secretary: **Kelly Farkas**, Munster; and Treasurer: **Len Grabovsky**, Carmel. Board members are: **Paul Brockman**, Indianapolis; **Alan Gilbert**, Fort Wayne; **Gale Halperin**, Indianapolis; **Melanie Hughes**, New Albany; **Carolyn Leeds**, Indianapolis; **Mark Roger**, Carmel; **Stanley Steiner**, Marion; **Mary Tilden**, West Lafayette; and **Sarann Warner**, Indianapolis. Executive Director is: **Wendy Soltz**, Fort Wayne; 1995-2017, **Eileen Baitcher**; and 1972-1995, **Joseph Levine**. Administrative Director is: **Marcia Goldstein**, Indianapolis.

The IJHS mission is to collect, preserve, and publish information on the 250 years of Jewish life in Indiana. Our programs recognize the contributions to Indiana made by Jewish organizations, synagogues, and institutions. Since the creation of the Indiana Territory in 1800 and statehood in 1816, the Jewish community has been an integral part of its history. See more at www.ijhs.org. New contact info is: 6705 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, Ind., 46260 and 317-749-0048.

Summary of 2017 Hoosier Jewish Legend biographies (pictured holding their awards with their families and friends)

For more than 25 years, **Mark Greenberg** has been in charge of the House Committee at Temple Beth El in



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Muncie, Ind., a small Reform Jewish congregation. Mark is also a Fireman. He has been promoted to a Lieutenant at the Fire Department and was named "Fireman of the Year." He has served for many years on the Fireman's Union Board and as their secretary for eight years. Mark has also volunteered for and served on the local United Way Board. Mark has an important job and a young family. He has asked to be replaced, but there is no one else to do the work, and Mark knows that if he stops doing what he does, Temple Beth El will soon cease to exist, so he continues!

Ronald (Ron) A. Klain, J.D., has had an extensive career in public service. Recently he served as a Senior White House Aide to President Obama, where he was responsible for implementing the Recovery Act, and served as Chief of Staff to Vice President Biden from 2009 to 2011.



Most recently, Ron served as the White House Ebola Response Coordinator from October 2014 to February 2015. As "Ebola czar," he coordinated the United States government's response to the outbreak of the virus. He coordinated both the domestic public health response and the international humanitarian and military efforts to stop the virus in West Africa.

Known internationally for her teaching on the power of forgiveness, in 1995 Holocaust survivor **Eva Mozes Kor** opened CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute (<https://candleholocaustmuseum.org/>). She assisted two Indiana representatives



with a bill requiring Holocaust Education in Indiana. Eva is an inspirational speaker who teaches that there is hope after despair, that there is a future after disaster, and that all people have the ability to change their lives for the better. In April 2017, Eva was given The Sachem Award, the highest honor the state of Indiana can award any Hoosier. The Award is given every year to one Hoosier whose life and example have enriched the State with wisdom, judgment, and grace. A documentary about her life will premiere April 2018.

Leon Mordoh is a self-made man who holds both his family and his community in the highest esteem. His is part of a large Sephardic family; his parents immigrated from Monastir and created a life in Indianapolis for Leon and his brothers. The fitness center at the JCC is named in memory of his late brother, Geon (z"l), and his other brother, Sol (z"l), enjoyed swimming at the center for years and was active



(see Legends, page IN 12)

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EVENTS*(continued from page IN 4)***Zikaron BaSalon**

Sat., Jan. 27 from 7–9 p.m. Join JFGI for an intimate conversation about the Holocaust at the Shaliach house. More details coming soon. Contact Roie Gonen at shaliach@jfgi.org or 317-800-9350.

HHAI-PTO WinterFest

Sun., Jan. 28 from 3–6 p.m. in the Hasten Hebrew Academy Cultural Arts Center. Silent auction, bingo, bounce houses, face painters, Mah Jong, magic show, game truck, optional: *kosher* dinner for purchase. \$10/person-\$36/family. Contact PTO@hhai.org.

A Conversation with Chuck Todd – Rescheduled

Tues., Jan. 30 from 7–9 p.m., at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Chuck Todd is NBC News' political director, moderator and managing editor of *Meet the Press*, the flagship Sunday morning public affairs program and the longest-running broadcast in television history. Todd was chief White House correspondent for NBC, becoming political director in March 2007. A self-described political junkie, he has earned a reputation as one of the most passionate journalists and sharpest analysts in America, named the "Most Powerful Journalist in Washington" (*GQ* magazine, 2012). Cost \$25. Contact Lisa Freeman at lfreeman@jccindy.org.

Sharing a Powerful Story of Survival

Thurs., Feb. 1, from 6:30–8 p.m., the BJE Holocaust Education Center of Indiana will be bringing to our community the powerful story of Hanna Kohner, a survivor of four concentration camps. The story will be told by Julie Kohner, Hanna's daughter and founder of Voices of the Generations, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the memory and personal stories of Holocaust survivors. For more info contact Dina David at ddavid@bjeindy.org or 317-255-3124.

Cocktail Judaism

Mon., Feb. 5 from 7:30–9 p.m. Join Rabbi Dennis Sasso for Cocktail Judaism, an explosive mixture of conversation, humor, and spirits. February's topic is "Public Safety and Law Enforcement: Perspectives from the "Beat" and from the "Bench." Speakers will be Judge Paul Felix (Hamilton County Circuit Court) and Dan Rosenberg (IMPD Officer). We 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.

2018 JFGI Super Sunday

Sun., Feb. 25 from 9 a.m.–6 p.m., in the Laikin Auditorium of the JCC. Super Sunday is the fundraising event where volunteers come together and make phone calls to donors for 2018 Annual Campaign donation. Contact Irina Brodskiy 317-726-5450 or ibrodskiy@jfgi.org.

Documentary on Eva Kor – Premiere

Thurs., April 5 at 7 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall. *Eva A-7063* a documentary by Ted Green and Mika Brown in partnership with WFYI, Indianapolis' PBS affiliate, highlights an Indiana story with international scope and impact. Narrated by Hollywood icon Ed Asner and featuring an all-star cast. Tickets will go on sale at wfyi.org sometime in January. For more info contact Project Impact Manager Epha Riche at eriche@wfyi.org. See a trailer for the documentary at www.thestoryofeva.com.

Ongoing

Rebetzin Nili Gingold-Altchek from Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation leads a *Torah* discussion for women at Starbucks at 86th & Ditch every other Sunday morning at 11 a.m. To find out more contact her at (561) 405-0472. ✨

Hope and Healing – a bereavement support group*Interview with Paula Glanzman Goldberg*

"Hope and Healing" is an open discussion group created and led by Paula Glanzman Goldberg and co-led by Brenda Kenyon, LCSW, meeting usually the second Tuesday of each month from 6–7:30 p.m., at the JCC (see next meetings in Events p. IN 4). It is for anyone in our Jewish community who is dealing with death, whether it is a recent or past loss.

What inspired you to start the bereavement support group?

I was inspired to create a grief support group for our Jewish community after meeting with a local woman who had suffered a devastating loss. She needed the support of our community, and it just didn't exist. She tried other non-Jewish groups, but felt something was missing. Having personally dealt with losses of close family members, I understood her need, so I called Lori Moss at Jewish Family Services, and we worked on a plan to begin this type of group.

What age range is appropriate for the attendees? (see Goldberg, page IN 18)

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BY RABBI BENJAMIN SENDROW

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Chanukah is one of the most interesting holidays in the Jewish year. As a post-biblical holiday, it is closer in religious significance to *Tu B'Shevat* than it is even to *Purim*. Although not a *Torah* holiday, *Purim* is at least Biblical. And yet, this holiday which is so minor from the religious perspective is extremely important on an experiential level. It is a rare Jewish household in which the *Chanukah menorah* will not be glowing.

We are neither the first nor the only people to have a light festival. What makes ours unique is that it is not only the Festival of Lights, but a time of rededication. Dedication is the translation of the word *Chanukah*. In 165 BCE, it referred to the rededication of the Second Temple, which had been desecrated by the Greek Empire. *To what does it refer in 5778 – 2017?*

There are probably as many answers to that question as there are people reading this message. The important thing is that as we light the *Chanukah* candles and exchange presents (yes, that is because *Chanukah* falls close to Christmas, but I simply embrace it), let us bring a deeper and richer meaning to the holiday.

The events that led to the establishment of *Chanukah* were centered around one idea, that the Jewish people were willing to fight a bigger and more powerful enemy before we would give up our Jewish identity.

After a debate on the subject, it was decided that one candle would be lit on the first night of *Chanukah*, and work up to eight. Let that one candle be your Jewish soul as it is today. As the *menorah* grows fuller and brighter, let it fill your soul with renewed dedication to your Jewish self and your Jewish community. If we can make that happen, my friends, then there is no holiday more important than our beloved post-biblical *chag ha-orim*—Festival of Lights, *Chanukah*.

Wishing you a most meaningful eight nights.

Rabbi Sendrow has been the spiritual leader of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla in Carmel, Ind., for seven years. Read more of his writings and listen to his sermons at www.shaareytefilla.org. Follow him on Twitter at twitter.com/CSTRabbi. ✨

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.

Civic Theatre – Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Thurs., Dec 14, depart JCC at 5:30 p.m. A reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of many colors. Told entirely through song, the musical follows preferred son Joseph. After being sold into slavery by his brothers, he ingratiates himself with Egyptian noble Potiphar but ends up in jail after refusing the amorous advances of Potiphar's wife. While imprisoned, Joseph discovers his ability to interpret dreams, and he soon finds himself in front of the mighty but troubled, Elvis-inspired, Pharaoh. Joseph's solution to Egypt's famine elevates him to Pharaoh's right-hand man and reunites him with his family. FREE show, trans. \$10.

Classic Movie Club – A Dog's Purpose

Fri., Dec. 15, 2 p.m. A devoted dog (Josh Gad) discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan (Bryce Gheisar). As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self. This month we will meet at Traditions at North Willow, 1703 W. 86th Street. After the movie, you may stay for dinner (appetizer, choice of entrée, drink and dessert) for \$8. No charge for movie. Open to the first 18 people who sign up.

Tea at Serenity, 135 S. Main Street, Zionsville

Wed., Dec 20, 1:30 p.m. Indulge in one of Indiana's newest grand traditions – *Afternoon Tea by Occasions Divine*. The staff works their magic ensuring an authentic and memorable experience, from your very first sip of a secret tea blend right through to the freshly-baked raisin scones served with clotted cream and strawberry preserves. The theme of this tea will be the same menu as teatime served at Buckingham Palace. \$24 includes transportation and all food.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra – Classic Hollywood

Sat., Jan 13, time TBD. Justin Freer and the ISO perform the music of Hollywood cinema classics! Featuring legendary golden

age composers like Steiner, Korngold, Hermann, Newman, Waxman, Goldsmith and others. Hear beloved film scores such as *Gone with the Wind* and *The Adventures of Robin Hood* as well as a few surprise selections. This is not part of the Coffee Pops Series. Cost TBD.

Indiana Repertory Theatre – A Raisin in the Sun

Wed., Jan 24, depart JCC at 9 a.m. After years in a crowded, run-down, inner-city apartment, the Younger family dreams of a better life in the green, sunny suburbs. But when opportunity comes along, will they agree on the best route to get there? And will the gates be open to them? \$27 includes show & transportation.

Clowes Memorial Hall – Beautiful – The Carole King Musical

Wed., Jan 31, depart JCC at 6:30 p.m. The inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband, Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music; she wrote the soundtrack to a generation. Featuring a stunning array of beloved songs, including "I Feel the Earth Move," "One Fine Day," "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," "You've Got a Friend" and the title song, "Beautiful." \$94 includes show and transportation. ✨

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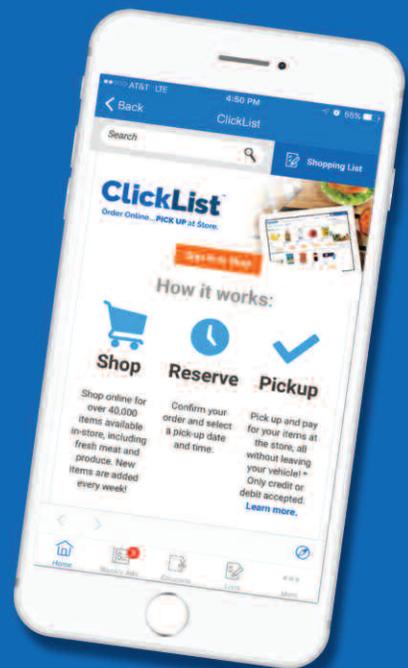


Exhibit featuring the works of Indianapolis artist Suzy Friedman

Sponsored by the Suzy Friedman Fund for the Arts, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

An Artful Life: The Works of Artist Suzy Friedman, will open on Fri., Dec. 8,

at the JCC-Indy. Suzy Friedman – a prolific Indianapolis-based fine artist specializing in painted landscapes, still life, mosaics and Judaic art – passed away in February of 2017. Her artistic brilliance survives in her exquisite works, many of which will be on display in this exhibit curated by friends, family and the community she so dearly loved. The exhibition will feature dozens of Suzy's original works including paintings, mosaics, Judaica and textiles.



Suzy, z"l

An opening reception will be held on Sun., Dec. 10, 2017 at the JCC from 2-4 p.m. The event will feature a brief program, light refreshments and a tour of the "An Artful Life." Suzy's family and friends will be attending.



Throughout her prolific career as a fine artist, Suzy displayed remarkable artistic range – using oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, ink, pencil, cut glass and more to produce timeless works of art. She also created hundreds of pieces of Judaica, including tallitot (prayer shawls), wedding Ketubahs (certificates), Torah ark curtains, Torah mantles, along with baby naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and significant life events certificates. Hundreds of pieces of her unique Judaica items belong to members of the local Jewish community.



The exhibit will be open through Jan. 12, 2018. For more information, please contact the JCC at 317-251-9467. Suzy Friedman's work can be viewed at SuzyFriedmanArts.com.

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Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (JTB)

BY LYNNE FOSTER SHIFRISS



Readers may want to consider a trip to Bloomington for Indiana's only Jewish theatre, Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (JTB). Their production of *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* opened Dec. 2 and is running through Dec. 10. The play by Alfred Uhry is set in 1939 Atlanta.

In talking about his previous play, *Driving Miss Daisy*, Uhry said "I wrote a play about my childhood in Atlanta. Playwriting 101 tells you to write what you know, and that's what I did." (From *broadway.com*.) In *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, the playwright also illuminated the culture of his childhood.

Before World War II, Jewish communities, particularly in the Atlanta of Uhry's memory, were separated into German Jews and Eastern European Jews. The two communities did not socialize or worship together.

In *Ballyhoo*, Uhry explores the themes of assimilation, prejudice and Jewish identity. As the play opens, a Christmas tree is being decorated in the living room.

The tree is symbolic of the attitudes which become obvious – the struggle of the German Jews to come to terms with who it is they are. Trying to become as alike as they can to the Atlanta Christian population doesn't work – the character Sunny remembers being removed from a country club pool as a child because of her Jewish name.



Courtesy photo: Lisa Podulka (L) and Julie Dixon (R), at rehearsal, play daughter and mother, respectively, Sunny and Reba.

The dance, *Ballyhoo*, which only German Jews can attend, is like the last, wistful attempt to not see the tragedy which is approaching, the war and the Holocaust, which will change society.

The character Joe, as he becomes involved with Sunny, brings from the broader Jewish world knowledge and

Heller awarded

BY LYNNE FOSTER SHIFRISS

Audrey Heller, co-founder of Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (JTB), was recently awarded for her contributions to the artistic community in Bloomington.

Ivy Tech's Center for Lifelong Learning in Bloomington celebrated its 10th anniversary and on Nov. 10, five community members were honored with 2017 Community Arts Awards, which are given to advocates, educators and businesses.

Heller, a retired professor from the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Indiana University, said that she was "absolutely stunned" by the award. Probably nobody else in Bloomington's Jewish and arts communities was surprised to see Heller honored for her artistic endeavors. Throughout her working life and especially in her retirement years, Heller has found creative ways to use her theater training.

Heller received her bachelor's degree at Boston University in Speech Pathology and her master's in Speech Pathology at Pennsylvania State University. She spent a year studying Theatre at Columbia University's school of drama and has taken directing courses at Indiana University and Cal. State University at Long Beach.

For many years, Heller was involved with Puck Players Puppet Theater, delighting local children at the public library with lively performances.

She was Producing Artistic Director, directing productions for Diversity Theatre and co-coordinator for the MOSAIC Film Festival, which highlighted works about inclusion and handicapped issues. Diversity Theatre gave performances at area schools and for several years, the MOSAIC Film Festival provided local citizens a glimpse into the lives of those dealing with handicap and prejudice.

Heller related how the idea of forming a Jewish theatre began: "I was doing a lot of things at Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington on Friday nights. I would do some sort of production – I think it was instead of the *drash* – about famous Jewish women, Jewish women artists. So I was already doing that. And Paula (Heller's cousin, Paula Gordon) and I were doing staged readings for the book club."

pride in Jewish life.

The play's exploration of identity and prejudice, of searching for what is important, especially during the *Chanukah*/Christmas season in the Midwest, will be deeply meaningful to many.

Indiana University professor Dale (see Shifriss, page IN 12)



Audrey Heller, with her husband Ken.

Finally, Heller related, her friend and fellow congregant at Beth Shalom, actress Bakol Ruben Gellar, attended one of Heller and Gordon's staged readings. Gellar was impressed.

Out of that experience, Heller and Gellar began to talk about the idea of bringing more Jewish theater to Bloomington, and JTB began in 2005. Although co-founder Gellar moved to Israel several years ago, JTB has continued to thrive with Audrey Heller as Producing Artistic Director.

(See Shifriss bio p. IN 12.) ✨

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in programs there prior to his death. Leon and his older brother, AI, continue to carry on many of the traditions that their parents dreamed to make happen for their family.

David A. Wolf (BSEE, M.D.) has conducted a total of seven spacewalks, using both the American and Russian spacesuits, and has logged 47 hours and 5 minutes of extravehicular activity. He served as a USAF senior flight surgeon in the Air National Guard from 1983 to 2004, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



He has logged more than 2,000 hours of flight time, including air combat training as a weapons systems officer (F4 Phantom jet), T-38 Talon, and competition sport aerobatics (Christen Eagle). David retired

SHIFRISS

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McFadden is directing the upcoming show: “[Uhry’s] particular story has universal appeal for many of us who feel that embracing the positive beliefs and values of our ancestors makes us all better Americans and better human beings. Uhry’s work will endure since he writes primarily about how one’s own family creates and struggles with how values are passed down and then lived.”

Play Info:

What: *Last Night of Ballyhoo*

When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 7, 9; 3 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10

Where: Ivy Tech Waldron’s Rose Firebay theatre, 122 S. Walnut St., Bloomington

More: Find out more at jewishtheatre-bloomington.com/. Get tickets at 812-323-3020 and online at bctboxoffice.org. Parking is available at the Fourth Street



from NASA in December 2012. He now works as a private consultant, serves as Extraordinary Scientist in Residence for the Indianapolis Children’s Museum (the largest of its kind), and is an active public and motivational speaker. ★



Courtesy photo: Sarah Leaffer (back) and Gail Bray (front) at rehearsal play daughter and mother, respectively, *Lala and Boo*.

Garage, directly across the street from the Rose Firebay theatre.

Shifriss is a resident of Bloomington, Ind. A former president of her synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, she now serves as their co-chair of Ze HaYom (This is the Day): Social Action and is a member of the synagogue’s Chevra Kadisha. She recently retired from the Herald-Times in Bloomington, where she was editor of the Religion and Neighbors pages. ★

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Obituaries

Gerald "Jerry" Fivel, 85, died peacefully in his sleep on Oct. 4, 2017. Jerry was born in Spring Grove, Ind., on Aug. 8, 1932. Jerry was the beloved husband of over 60 years to Joyce "Dolly" Fivel, and was a wonderful father to Suzy (Dr. Larry) Falender, Steve (Leslie) Fivel and Sheryl (Dr. Louis M.) Profeta; seven grandchildren: Joe (Rachel) Falender, Jessica Falender, Abby Fivel, Sophie Fivel, Max Profeta, Eli Profeta and Zachary Profeta. He was preceded in death by his parents, Abe and Frieda Fivel, and brother, H. Jack Fivel.



He was a graduate of Purdue University, where he was a proud member of the Purdue Marching Band and a founding member of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. Jerry served proudly as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Jerry founded and owned Indianapolis Meat Company for more than 40 years. He was a lifelong member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and a member of Jewish War Veterans. Jerry enjoyed music, art and most of all spending time with his wife and family.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to Foundation Fighting Blindness, (blindness.org), Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (lls.org) or Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

Louis L. Mervis, 83, passed away Oct. 8, 2017. He was born Aug. 26, 1934 in Danville, Ill., the son of Isadore and Martha Ann Friedman Mervis.



Lou built a small scrap business in Danville into a thriving multi-state industrial leviathan, while also playing key roles as civic leader, philanthropist,

political adviser, and chairman of the Illinois State Board of Education. He died of complications from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He will be deeply missed by family, friends, and colleagues.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, the former Sybil Stern, sons Adam (Laurel Kroack), Phillip (Sheryl Facktor), Michael (Julie Weisfeld), Joshua (Lynn Eicken), and daughter Ellen (Liam Tully). In addition, they helped raise three others: Jeffrey Cohodes, Pavel Nejezchleb, and Carla DuChene. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, his sister Jacqueline Mack and her husband Dr. Ted Silberstein. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older sister Selma Young.

He joined Congregation Shaarey Tefilla in Carmel, Ind., where three of his sons are members after his synagogue Congregation Anshe Kneset Israel in Danville closed.

The funeral and burial were held Oct. 11 in Danville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hillel Building Fund at Indiana University (www.iuhillel.org), the Endowment Fund for the Boys and Girls Club of Danville (850 N. Griffin St., Danville, IL 61832) or the Danville Symphony Orchestra Foundation (715 W. Fairchild Street, Danville, IL 61832). Read a full obituary at the following link: <http://obituaries.commercial-news.com/obituary/louis-mervis-1934-2017-987722581>.

Ralph Segall, 93, was born on Aug. 25, 1924 and passed away Oct. 9, 2017.



Ralph was proud to be a veteran of World War II. He served as a medic in the United States Army, landing on the beach in Normandy under General Patton's command. After he and his beloved wife Rosalie were married, they moved to Indianapolis, where for over 30 years, he was the Manager of the Medical Marketing department of Eli Lilly and Company. He was president of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck from

1979–1981.

Ralph loved the water; he and Rosalie were avid boaters. They had many enjoyable experiences cruising up and down the Ohio River with friends on their boat dubbed the "Sea-Gal". After living in Indianapolis for 42 years, they retired to Naples, Fla., where they spent the second half of their lives surrounded by many new friends.

Ralph was active in the Jewish Community serving as President of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. He volunteered at Score of Naples as well as Avow Hospice in Naples. He would listen to the stories the patients told him and write down their memories. He would then compose a booklet of these memories to give to the patient which would later become a keepsake for the family.

Ralph was gentle, kind and wise; with a wonderful outlook on life. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Besides his beloved wife Rosalie of 67 years, he is survived by daughters Margaret Segal, Linda (Kirk) Staff and his "adopted" daughter Somporn Vajiranuroch from Thailand. He was the grandfather of Rabbi Scott (Emily) Segal, Janet (Zev) Jankovic, Jennifer (Jason) Smith and Sean Staff. He was blessed with 7 great-grandchildren as well as nieces, nephews and cousins who he adored.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2017 at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens. Donations in his name can be made to the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, 991 Winterberry Dr., Marco Island, Florida 34145 or the of Southwest Florida, 28441 Bonita Crossings Blvd., Bonita Springs, Florida 34135.

Robert Allan Monat, 68, passed away on Oct. 10, 2017. Bob was born Feb. 6, 1949 in Brooklyn to Seymour and Adele (Weiss) Monat. He was the loving husband of Sharon (Rivlin) Monat for 46 years; beloved father of Jeremy (Jill), Andrew (Karen) and Elyse and grandfather of Elizabeth, Isaac, and newborn, Charlotte; older brother of Helene (Jerry Edelstein), George (Janis) and Richard. Family and friends were his greatest joys.

Bob was an Eagle Scout, Cub Master of Pack 22 at Greenbriar School for five years and active member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) since 1980. He was a dedicated teacher and mentor to the children whom he taught to be good people and parents, and he was a cheerful friend to many.

Bob was a 1971 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Electrical Engineering and a member of

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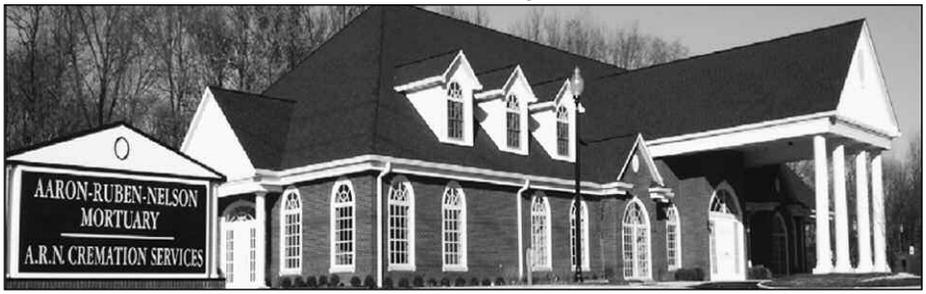
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A computer programmer and holder of two patents (including one he held with his father), Bob owned Jerand Technical Services. Previously, he worked for Cooper Tire and RCA. He was also a published author of Pro/Engineer, Quick Reference and a respected expert in the field of computer-aided design.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 16, 2017 at IHC and burial followed at IHC North Cemetery. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Robert Edward Peale, 87, passed away peacefully in Carmel, Ind., on Oct. 14, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 5, 1930 to Harry and Flora Peale in Indianapolis.



Bob is survived by his wife Beverly (nee Dickinson), daughters Tammy Falender (Bob) and Missy Arnold (Mike), son Steve (Melissa), and grandchildren Kaitlyn Peale, Hannah Peale, Emma McGowan (Shawn), Ashley Falender, Zachary Falender, Max Arnold and Bo Arnold. Beverly and Bob were married at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation in 1959 and have been members ever since.

A kind and modest man, Bob will be remembered for his sense of humor, ingenuity and love for his family. He touched many people through the years as an educator and business owner.

Bob graduated from Manual High School in 1948 and received a BS in Mechanical Engineering (1952) and MS in Industrial Engineering (1953) from Purdue University. Upon graduation, he worked at Allison Transmission in Indianapolis and holds several patents.

In 1963, he joined Purdue University in Indianapolis as a lecturer and eventually became full professor and chairman of the Department of Manufacturing Technology at IUPUI. Bob won several teaching awards during his career, and the Robert E. Peale Award for the Outstanding Baccalaureate Degree Student in Mechanical Engineering Technology was established at his retirement in 1992.

Bob served as a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force reserves, receiving an honorable discharge in 1966.

Upon his retirement, Bob began working alongside Beverly at Peale's Theatrical store, which had originally been established by his parents as a department store in south Indianapolis. The store closed in 2017 after nearly 60 years in business.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17, at

Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Burial followed at IHC North Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Robert E. Peale Award for the Outstanding Baccalaureate Degree Student in Mechanical Engineering Technology at IUPUI. Contact: Tami Tarpley at tatarple@iupui.edu or 317-274-7904.

Bernerd Bogar, 85, passed away Oct. 22, 2017. He was born in Cleveland on Sept. 19, 1932 to the late Armin and Sophie Bogar. He graduated from Glenville High School in 1950, worked in a Cleveland brewery for three years, then served in the United States Army from 1953–1955. While in the army, stationed near the Arctic Circle, Bernie decided a college education would better serve him than returning to the brewery.

Bernie attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he received an undergraduate degree. He completed graduate school at Indiana University and earned a Ph.D. in economics. In 1966, Bernie accepted a faculty position at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. He retired from IUPUI in 1996. Bernie testified as an economics expert in many cases in state and federal Indiana courts. He authored the first set of Indiana Child Support Guidelines.

Bernerd is survived by his wife, Carolyn Rader Bogar; his son, Andrew J. (Renee) Bogar; daughter, Sydney L. Bogar Draper and step-son, Aaron M. Rader, and former-wife, Eva S. Bogar. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Geraldine Elconin and Verne Weinbaum and his brothers, Arthur and Donald Bogar. He has numerous nieces and nephews, including a great-nephew, Jakob L. Pierce.

Funeral services were held Oct. 25th at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation where he was a member. Burial followed in IHC South Cemetery. Friends wishing to make a memorial donation may do so to IHC, or to a charitable organization promoting social justice.

Irwin Cohen, 73, of Carmel, passed away Oct. 28, 2017. He was born in Brooklyn to Saul and Elizabeth Cohen. His parents lived in Rockville, Conn., where Irwin graduated from high school in 1962. He graduated from the University of Connecticut, and received a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Michigan. He worked for the State of Indiana, retiring from the Department of Workforce Development in 2008.



Irwin is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dr. Harry Cohen. He is survived by his loving wife, Harriet, son, Matthew, daughter-in-law, Jessenia Barron-Cohen, and sister Vicki Orchier.

Memorial services and visitation were held Nov. 5, 2017 at **ARN Funeral & Cremation Services**. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to American Lung Association. Interment was private.

Beatrice Borman Fink – Latin student, newspaper reporter, special education teacher, mother of five, and wife of the late Irving Fink, Indianapolis attorney – died at home on Nov. 2, 2017 surrounded by family.



Beatrice was born in Toledo, Ohio in 1921, the daughter of Jewish immigrants from Russia and Lithuania. She was a standout student and leader at Scott High School and then at Toledo University.

She was working on the city desk of the *Toledo Times* when she met Irving Fink, a Jewish soldier from eastern Ohio. After just a few dates, he went off on a convoy to the European theatre. Their romance blossomed through letters they exchanged throughout the war, and two weeks after he returned from the service they married in Toledo on Sept. 2, 1945.

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By LYNNE FOSTER SHIFRISS



There was an excited buzz. Women introduced themselves and spoke of what brought them to “Ready to Run,” convened by Women4Change Indiana (W4CI), on Oct. 28 at IUPUI’s Tower Ballroom.

Ready to Run is a national program, originating from the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University’s Eagleton Institute. According to Jennifer Nelson Williams, co-founder of W4CI, the Ready to Run program aligned with its values and goals. Although the national program offers support, W4CI developed curriculum and secured speakers for the Indianapolis event.

During the day-long bipartisan training to give women information and skills to run for public office, attendees heard personal and inspiring stories from several women of accomplishment, as well as panel discussions about the “nuts and bolts” of running a campaign, crafting effective messaging, fundraising, using traditional and social media and much more.



Photos credit: Ted Somerville Photography

How W4CI began

On the morning of Nov. 9, 2016, Williams woke with a sense of despair. She thought that in order to cope with what had happened in the presidential election, the only answer for her was to “be the change I wanted to see in the world.” She talked to her friend and mentor, Rabbi Sandy Sasso, Senior Rabbi Emerita, from Congregation Beth El-Zedeck, where Williams is a congregant.

They decided to have a gathering, scheduled for a late afternoon in November, in a meeting room at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary Funeral and Cremation Services in Zionsville, where Williams is a funeral director.

The flier about “Women’s Summit for Change: Cocktails and Conversation,” said “If you want to make a difference and do not know where to start...”

They expected many women would be interested in crafting a way forward. They didn’t expect the more than 500 women who showed up.

Sasso said, “We were together to resurrect those values which we cherished. We had one paramount purpose – to organize and to find effective ways to move forward and protect the rights and freedoms we held dear. We believed we could get past the deep sense of loss, and find others



who would want to create a movement to respond to the fears we all had.”

From that meeting, Women4Change (see Women4Change, page IN 16)

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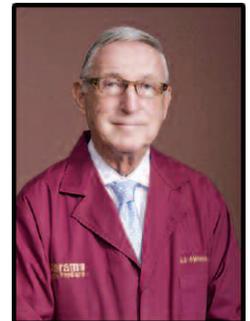
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Indiana emerged. A steering committee was formed to guide the new group.

Civility

As Williams thought in the aftermath of last year's election, W4CI reflects the philosophy that each person must "be the change." In that spirit, an overarching theme of W4CI is civility. The group has developed a civility pledge:

- I pledge to be civil and respectful in my public discourse and behavior.
- I will honor the dignity of others, whether in agreement or disagreement.
- I will respond to incivility and speak up in the presence of name-calling, stereotypes, slander and slurs.
- I will do this for the sake of our children, for the healing of our country, for the future of democracy and for peace.

A new structure

In October, W4CI formed a board of directors and hired Executive Director Rima Shahid. Shahid was a founding member of the W4CI Steering Committee.



As Executive Director, she now leads the daily coordination of W4CI activities and programs as well as strategic plans for growth and impact, while engaging the organization's base of grassroots volunteers.



Rima Shahid

Shahid previously worked at the Muslim Alliance of Indiana, where she served as Executive Director from 2015 to 2017. During that time, she significantly enhanced the alliance's impact by developing major new programs and initiatives to build community. She is also a well-known speaker at political and interfaith events throughout Indiana.

W4CI events

Women4Change Indiana partners with other groups to hold events that educate women on the issues of importance to them.

Many W4CI events center around civic literacy, voter rights and redistricting reform.

Recent events in which W4CI was a partner include a program on gerrymandering in Indiana. Another was "Revive Civility" at Congregation Beth El-Zedeck, in which community leaders and educators talked about modeling civility in their own lives and why civility is important in civic life, highlighting its power to calm the culture wars so present in today's divided society.

At this writing, the group, as a partner in the Indiana Coalition for Independent Redistricting, plans training on how to lobby at the Statehouse for redistricting reform, as well as fundraising events at local restaurants and businesses to celebrate the organization's first anniversary.

For more

Interested people may sign up for information at women4changeindiana.org or like the Facebook page at facebook.com/Women4ChangeIndiana/.

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Their first child was born while Fink attended University of Michigan Law School and his first law job brought them to Indianapolis in 1948. They had four more children and since buying a house in 1953, lived on the northeast side.

During the years of raising a family, Bea took on many civic and volunteer roles. She helped reorganize the Sunday School curriculum for children at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. She worked for Young Audiences, enlisting musicians from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to show and play their musical instruments for children of local public schools.

In her 50s, Beatrice pursued a teaching license and Master's Degree with a specialty in learning disabilities, then worked as a special educator in the Indianapolis Public Schools for 28 years. She was committed to building on every child's assets and capacity to learn. She received a fellowship from the Lilly Foundation in 1981 to spend several months researching and bringing back information about innovative practices in special education throughout the country. She spent time in Vermont, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

She was a proactive, engaged and energetic grandmother, welcoming grandchildren for days or weeks to her home during weekends and summer breaks. The year her oldest grandchild graduated from college, they travelled together to Vilna, Lithuania to study Yiddish.

In 2008, Beatrice was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. She found emotional and physical support as well as many years of kinship from the men and women of Rock Steady Boxing. Beatrice was inspired to tape up her hands, put on the boxing gloves, and practice the drills that helped combat muscle and coordination challenges of Parkinson's. She soon became known as "Killer Bea."

Irv, her husband of 69 years, died in 2015 and the past two years have been challenging without her lifetime anchor. Bea had two brothers who predeceased her – Aleck and Leonard. Her younger brother, Sam, lives in Ringoes, NJ.

She leaves behind five children: Leon Fink (Susan Levine) in Washington, DC; Dale Fink (Betty Zimmerberg) in Williamstown, Mass.; Elaine Fink (Robert Shapiro) in Cincinnati; Hugh Fink in Los Angeles; and Laurel Fink (Larry Lingenfelter) in Indianapolis. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Anna, Simon, Gideon, Ben, Lilly, Jacob, Julia and Claire and five great-grandchildren, Nina, Naila, Julius, Louisa and Naomi.

Funeral services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, Nov. 5th. The

family requests that contributions in her memory be made to Rock Steady Boxing, www.rocksteadyboxing.org or to INSOURCE/Special Education Parent Support, <http://insource.org/>.

Irwin A. Becker, 85, of Northridge, Calif., passed away Oct. 30, 2017. Irwin was born on Aug. 1, 1932 in Indianapolis. He was a scrap metal broker. He was a member of AZA and played on their basketball team. He loved photography and the Indianapolis 500 where he worked as an official photographer. He graduated Shortridge High School in 1950 and Indiana University in 1956 because he interrupted his college education to serve two years in the US Army.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years Renee (Dennis) Becker, originally from Cincinnati, his daughters Cheryl (Steve) Leff and Saron (Steve) Vivanco, and son Jay (Sheryl) Becker, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services for Irwin took place on Nov. 2nd in the Eternal Light Chapel of Eden Memorial Park in Mission Hills, Calif., officiated by Rabbi Ahud Sela.

Donations in Irwin's memory can be made to Temple Ramat Zion (www.trz.org) or to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (www.jwv.org). Renee Becker can be reached at reneedbecker@yahoo.com.

M. Joseph (Joe) Zuckerberg, 80, passed away Nov. 4th at his home. Joe was the devoted son of Harry and Rose Zuckerberg. He was a graduate of Shortridge high school and a 1958 graduate of Indiana University.

Joe spent his life working in the Men's clothing business. He started as a very young man working for his father at A. Zuckerberg and son

Department Store on South Meridian Street. They later expanded the business to include uniforms of all kinds. Joe branched out to become the first retailer in Indiana to specialize in extra-large sizes and named it the "Style Store for Big and Tall". He really enjoyed the relationships that he developed over the years with his customers. Joe loved life, playing tennis, poker and traveling. Most of all he loved spending time with his wonderful family.

He is survived by his son, Mark (Lois) Zuckerberg, Daughters: Rhonda (Keith) Fried and Jill (Dr. Robert) Butler. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Allison, Mitchel, Rachel, Taylor, Josh, Jake, Max, Danny, and Abbey.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7th at Congregation Beth-el Zedeck, where memorial contributions may be made. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Mark A. Rubin, 56, of Indianapolis, passed away Nov. 5th at his home. Funeral services were Nov. 7th at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. He is survived by his wife Jamie Rubin, parents Joann and Aaron Rubin and sister, Sheryl Rubin.

Frederika Leyvand, 92, of Carmel, passed away Nov. 5, 2017. She was born on April 20, 1925 in Priluky, Ukraine to Charles and Bronislava (nee Hainchinko) Eskine.

Fredericka had a master's degree and was a fashion designer in Moscow. She and her family came to the US and made their home in Indiana. She was a proud member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

Her husband, Emil preceded her in death in 2010. Survivors include her son, Alex and his wife Irina and their daughter, Maria. Graveside services were held in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on Nov. 9, 2017. **(see Obituaries, page IN 18)**



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Audrey Klein Cohen, 91, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away in Las Vegas where she had resided since 1996. She was a long-time member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Hadassah. Audrey was a math teacher at Ben Davis High School and Westland Middle School and later worked for the State of Indiana until her retirement.

She is survived by her two sons, Barry S. (Carol) Cohen and Lance; grandchildren, Ostra, Stacey, Alison and Joshua; great-grandchildren, Rachel, Allison, Jackson, Jack, Reid and Charlotte. Audrey was preceded in death by her husband, David; son, Martin and brothers, Robert and Gene Klein. Funeral services were held Nov 12th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Dr. Charles Richard Epperson, Jr., 80, passed away Nov. 14, 2017. He was born in Princeton, Ind., on Aug. 3, 1937, son of Charles R. and Thelma Epperson. He graduated from Evansville Reitz High School in 1955, DePauw University in 1959, and Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1965.

As an USAF Cadet with a medical discharge, Charlie relished his experiences flying jets and flew airplanes for the rest of his life. He was an avid member of the Central Indiana Soaring Society, often piloting the tow plane. In addition to his dental practice, he was an Assistant Professor of Dentistry at the Indiana University, teaching for 28 years. As a member of the Players Club, Charlie, was cast as Linus in two separate productions of *Charlie Brown*. He and his wife, Judie, became accomplished Hunter Jumper Riders; owning and showing Briard and Affenpincher dogs.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 37 years, Judith Epperson; son, Eric (Marcy) Epperson; and a daughter, Deborah (David) Schwarte.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46208 or to DePauw University, 300 E. Seminary St. P.O. Box 37 Greencastle, IN 46135.

A funeral service was held Nov. 17th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Edith Bernstein, 82, of Indianapolis, passed away on Nov. 17, 2017. She was born in Storogunez, Romania to the late Simon and Molly Ronen. Edith was a Holocaust Survivor and a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). She worked as a retail sales associate at Lazarus and also at Macy's in Paramus, NJ for over 13 years.

Edith is survived by her children, Richard (Jennifer) Bernstein of New York City, Gwen Hughey of Indianapolis, and Ted Bernstein of Westfield, Ind.; grandchildren, Michelle and Eric Hughey; great-grandchild, Josh Hughey. She was preceded in death by her son Allan Bernstein and brother Benedict Ronen. A Graveside Service was held on Nov. 21, 2017 at IHC North Cemetery in Westfield, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to Trees for Israel, www.shiva.com/trees-for-israel.

Gideon Batelman, 74, of Indianapolis died Nov. 19, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. Gideon was born on February 25, 1943 in Rishon Lezion, Israel. In 1966, he left Israel for Canada and then the United States for educational opportunities. He received his undergraduate degree from Salem State College and went on to receive his Master's degree in Education from Indiana University. He spent much of his career as a Hebrew teacher and the last 25 years of his working career as a proud business owner. He was a member of Congregation B'nai Torah.

He leaves behind his wife of almost 45 years, Esther Batelman; children Kareen Shapiro (Hal) and Asaf Batelman (Robyn); grandchildren Micah Shapiro, Nessa Shapiro, and Jonah Batelman; and sister Ze'eva Kadan (Dovi).

Graveside services were held Nov. 20, 2017, at B'nai Torah Cemetery. Donations may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (lls.org) and Crohn's and Colitis Foundation (ccfa.org).

Two members of our community passed away as we were going to press so we were not able to get their full obituaries yet.

Freida (Bunny) Cohen passed away Nov. 28 at the her residence at Keepsake Health Facility in Columbus, Ind., and the funeral was Nov. 29 at Beth-El Zedeck South Cemetery on Kelly Street.

Bunny is survived by her three daughters, Dianne Spofford, Andrea (Jim) Ferguson, and Stephanie (Les) Tracy; ten grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sun., Jan. 21 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. The family will be available for

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All adults are welcome – it is actually a much richer experience when we have a varied age group because we all come at this from different angles and can help each other in different ways.

Would a person from any of the Jewish denominations be comfortable attending this group?

Absolutely! Anyone who identifies as Jewish or wants to talk about their loss among Jewish people is welcome.

Is there a dress code (what should one wear)?

There is no dress code – go for comfort!

Is there a period of time after the death of a loved one where it would be too soon to attend the group?

It's a personal choice, and people are welcome to attend whenever it feels right. Sometimes it takes two to three months after a loss before one feels comfortable enough to talk about it in a group setting.

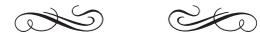
Are non-Jews welcome to attend and would they feel comfortable?

Anyone is welcome to attend. In this situation, sometimes, religious differences are less important than the shared experience of loss.

What can you tell me about the woman who co-leads the group?

Brenda Kenyon, LCSW, is an end-of-life counselor and grief specialist currently in practice at St. Vincent Hospice Bereavement Program in Indianapolis. She holds a Masters degree from Hunter School of Social Work in New York City and is also a Creative Arts Therapist with a degree in Music Therapy. She believes in the healing power of art, music, ritual, poetry and writing to highlight meaning in life, dying, and grief.

Brenda can be reached by email at: bekenyon@stvincent.org. ☆



visitation at 1 p.m. on that day. The family requests memorial contributions be made to any youth fund at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

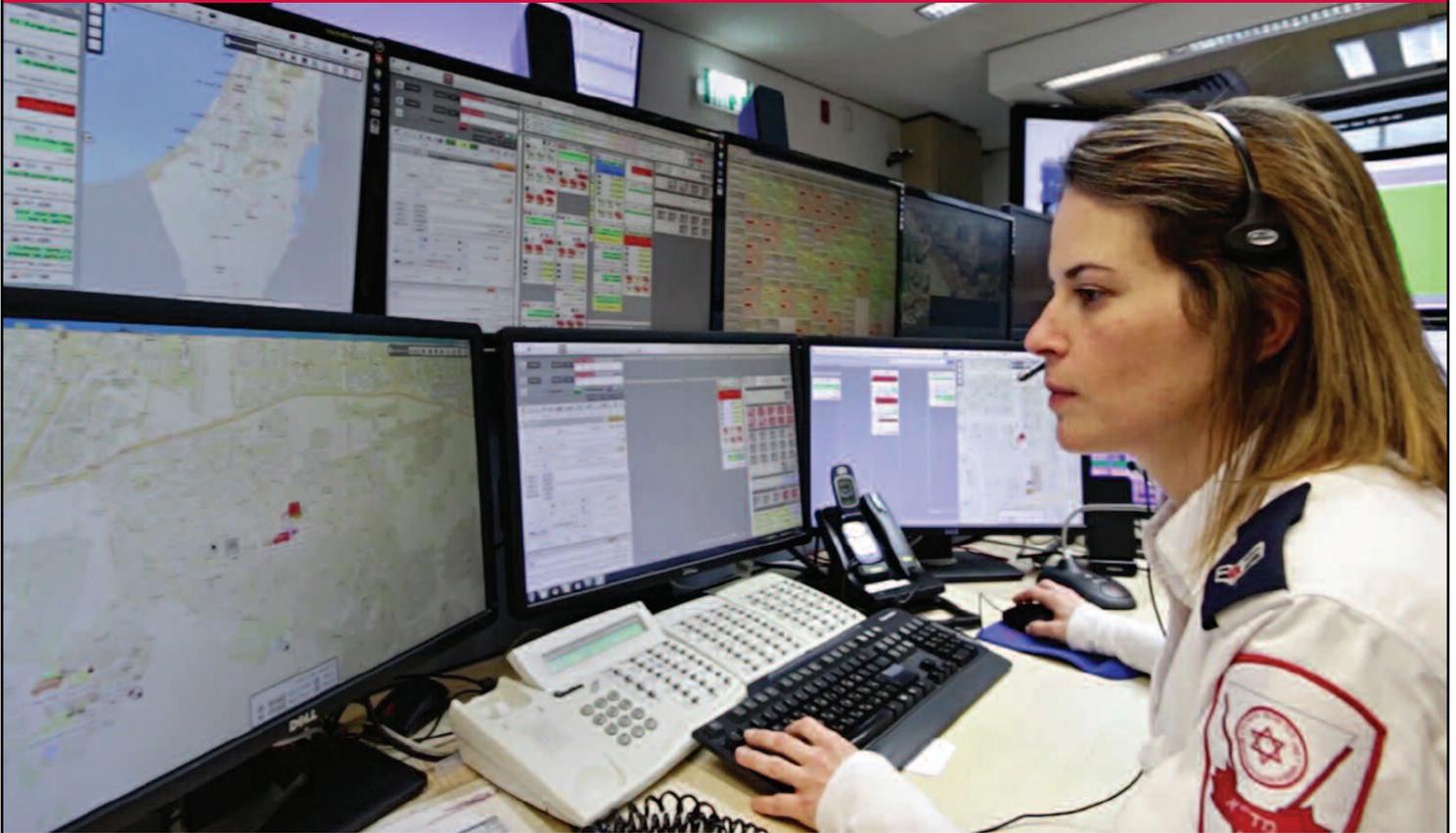
Florence Gail Nelson passed away Nov. 28, and a graveside service was held Nov. 30 at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on Eller Rd. in Fisher, Ind. ☆

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CARMEL, IND. Supporter of Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF), Dan Fox, Carmel resident, was part of a group of more than 30 who concluded an intense six-day bicycle ride through Israel Oct. 20–26. Joining the American FIDF supporters for this cross-country ride, which began in southern Israel, was a group of wounded Israeli combat veterans who have benefited from FIDF rehabilitative programs and prosthetic devices, and Israeli pro cyclist Roy Goldstein.

The more than 30 cyclists from across the U.S. covered over 350 miles and a total vertical climb of more than 22,000 feet. The ride allowed the participants, all of whom are avid riders, to show solidarity with and support for the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) while experiencing Israel from the seats of their bikes.

“The FIDF Bike Ride Israel was an amazing opportunity to connect with the land of Israel and the IDF soldiers who defend it. Cycling gave us an up-close perspective of Israel’s beauty,” said Fox. “We were inspired by the wounded veterans who rode alongside us, and by visiting IDF bases and meeting the brave young men and women who stand guard over our homeland on behalf of Jews worldwide.”

Beginning at the Red Sea in Israel’s southernmost city, Eilat, the cyclists headed north, riding through the Ramon Crater in the Negev Desert, before continuing to Ashkelon, and finally finishing in Jerusalem. Along the way, the group visited national landmarks, ancient historic sites, and Israeli military bases. The participants met active-duty soldiers serving on these bases, Lone Soldiers who serve in the IDF with no immediate family in Israel, and combat veterans who benefit from the FIDF IMPACT! Scholarship Program.

The following link is to a short video



Dan Fox on the FIDF ride.

from the cycling tour. (Video credit: Aviram Frige) www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiBcEmr5zLg&feature=youtu.be

The footage is available upon request.

FIDF was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors as a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization with the mission of offering educational, cultural, recreational, and social programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for the soldiers who protect Israel and Jews worldwide. Today, FIDF has more than 150,000 loyal supporters, and 20 chapters throughout the United States and Panama. FIDF proudly supports IDF soldiers, families of fallen soldiers, and wounded veterans through a variety of

innovative programs that reinforce the vital bond between the communities in the United States, the soldiers of the IDF, and the State of Israel. For more information, please visit: www.fidf.org. ✨



FIDF cyclers. (Dan Fox is second from right.)



FIDF group photo with veterans. (Dan Fox is standing, third from far left.)

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