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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Two Noah's – first cousins with same name. Noah, is a popular name in the Slutzky and Loewenstein houses. **Noah LeMar Slutzky** (below, right) was born Aug. 10 to **Jackie** and **Charlie Slutzky**. Jackie's parents are **Sandy Schwarz** and **Jim Schwarz** of Indianapolis. Charlie's parents are **Marilyn** and **Rodney Slutzky** of Highland Park, Ill. Noah was named after his great-grandfather **LeMar Gelman, z"l**.

Noah Walker Loewenstein (below, left) was born Dec. 15 to **Alissa** and **Andy Loewenstein**. Alissa's parents are **Kathy** and **Gary Cohen** of Indianapolis. Andy's parents are **Jody** and **Paul Loewenstein** of Milwaukee, Wisc. This Noah was named after his great-grandfather, **Norman Cohen, z"l**. Great-grandmother for both Noah's is **Eleanor Gelman** of Indianapolis.



Julie and **Gabriel Wilson**, as they welcomed their first child, **Louis Burton Wilson**, on Feb. 10, 2018, in New York City. He is the first grandchild of **Lindsey** and **Alan Cohen**, Indianapolis, and **Sharon Kaitz** and **Jonathan Wilson** of Newton, Mass. Louis is the first great-grandson of **Jane Brown** of Richmond, Va., and **Charlotte Kaitz** of Newton, Mass. Louis is named for his great-grandfathers **Louis Katz** and **Burton Brown**. His Hebrew name also honors his great-



grandfather **Jack Cohen**. His proud aunts include **Allison Cohen** and **Meredith Cohen** along with an uncle, **Adam Wilson**.

Jennifer and **Russell Colburn** on the birth of their son **Remington Nash Colburn** (below) on Feb. 12, 2018 in Chicago. Maternal grandparents are **Gene** and, the late, **Rickie Star**. Paternal grandparents are **Jerry** and **Alison Colburn** and **Robert** and **Elaine Kirschner** of Los Angeles. Great-grandfather is **Alex Star** of Indianapolis. Alex has two great-grandsons who live in Israel who are grand-children of his son and daughter-in-law **Dr. Louis** and **Janie Star**.



The **Schusterman twins, Yankel** and **Beztalel** (above, before, with their parents; below, after), sons of **Rabbi Mendel** and **Fraidel Schusterman**, for their *upsherin* (first haircut for boys at age 3) that took place on Feb. 14, 2108. For the first three years of life, a boy is a baby – a receiver, not yet ready to give. At the age of three,



his development takes a leap. He is now ready to actively participate in the process of his education. The world will soon begin to benefit from the *mitzvot* (good deeds) he will perform.

Donald and **Janet Stillerman** (below) who were married 62 years on Feb. 26, 2018.



Joani Rothenberg (below) for being named a 2018 Health Care Hero by Indianapolis Business Journal (IBJ) in February. She has been an art therapist at St. Vincent Hospital for five years. Her own artwork includes illustrations, Jewish ceremonial art, murals and landscape paintings. Among the places her work can be found locally is the lobby of the Jewish Community Center, for which she created a 50th anniversary mosaic, and at the Hasten Hebrew Academy. Link to article on Joani in the IBJ: ibj.com/articles/67694-health-care-heroes-rothenberg-offers-healing-through-art. See her artwork at artbyjoani.com. "Joani is an amazing artist and does so much in the community. A well deserved honor," wrote Joel E. Epstein.



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About the Cover

Be Like Miriam
By Carolyn Frankel

This art depicting Miriam from the Passover story is from the book, *Be Like Rachel: Lessons of Character from Women of the Bible* written and beautifully illustrated by Carolyn Frankel.



Frankel, a writer and artist, was an elementary school educator teaching through the arts for 38 years in the Ohio public schools. She wrote this book to teach children not only about the Matriarchs of the Bible but as a vehicle to teach good character. She believes this is a lifelong task for everyone and the world is in need of seeing more examples of this now.



C. Frankel

In order to achieve “enduring external success we must continue to build a strong moral core,” she writes. “I want readers to think about how they can contribute to something larger than themselves, which can only come when we answer the question of what qualities of character each of us want to work on.”

In the book, Frankel gives background information on each biblical woman followed by helpful lessons one can glean from the good character traits they all demonstrated. Then hopefully one will strive to emulate these traits in his or her own life.

Below are the women in the book with the good character traits they exhibit. Each woman is stunningly, artistically portrayed by Frankel helping the reader feel a kinship with her.

Eve – *Be Responsible & Accept Consequences*; **Naamah** – *Protect the Planet*; **Sarah** – *Believe in the Power of Your Dreams*; **Hagar** – *Determination*; **Rebekah** – *Promise Keeper*; **Rachel** – *Kindness*; **Leah** – *Faith*; **Miriam** – *Inspiration*; **The daughters of Zelophehad** – *Cooperation*; **Deborah** – *Leadership*; **Ruth** – *Devotion & Loyalty*; **Hannah** – *Gratitude*; and **Esther** – *Courage*.

Every classroom should have a copy of this book and it also makes a great coffee table art book, as well. Even though it was written for children, adults appreciate the message this book communicates.

For more details or to purchase the book, go to her website: carolynfrankel.com, or email: FrankelArts@gmail.com, or on Facebook: [facebook.com/AuthorCarolynFrankel](https://www.facebook.com/AuthorCarolynFrankel) ✨

Editorial

Below in italics are excerpts relating to Passover from an upcoming booklet of lectures and interviews that I did when I lived in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The first one is from a lecture by Dr. Edward Hoffman, an adjunct associate psychology professor at Yeshiva University in New York who has written many books on psychology and Judaism. The topic was “Dealing with Stress the Jewish Way.” Hoffman said “self-reflection” is one important way to keep stress from becoming overwhelming.

Some of the great Chasidic masters said one should put aside one hour each day for introspection. Hoffman agrees with this and adds that besides a brief period of quiet time daily, each person needs to put aside part of a day every week to answer the following type of questions: Where am I going with my life? What kind of person have I been? How have I been treating others? Have I forgotten my own needs?

In the Jewish tradition, this is the purpose of the Sabbath and it is an important way to keep stress from becoming overwhelming. Also in Judaism, there are special times of the year, built around the holidays, which are meant for self-reflection.

One of those times is in the spring during Passover, the holiday which commemorates the exodus out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom. The Kabbalists viewed this holiday in symbolic terms. The task of this holiday is for each individual to examine what is keeping him or her in bondage or darkness. What is preventing him or her from moving ahead in a spiritual way.

Everyone is enslaved by different things such as food, alcohol or work. One needs to confront these issues. This is an ongoing process that every Jew should do every year. Then it becomes a personal experience, not just an abstraction or something with only historical significance.

See the entire article on our website at the following link: <https://jewishpostopinion.com/?p=3252>.

This second one is made up of a few different paragraphs from a lecture by Rabbi David Zeller, z”l, given at Temple Beth Abraham in Oakland, Calif. Rabbi Zeller was an internationally known musician, lecturer, and workshop leader in Jewish mysticism, spirituality and meditation, as well as in transpersonal psychology. Learn more about him at www.davidzeller.org.

Rabbi Zeller said that everyone thinks the real miracle of the Passover story is all the magical events such as the burning bush, the ten plagues, and the splitting of the Red Sea. He did not think it is those.

He explained that it is a metaphysical

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Simchas Welcome! Had a recent joyous occasion in your family or Jewish organization? *The Jewish Post & Opinion – IN Edition* welcomes your announcements for placement in our *Simcha* section (see page 2). Submit photos and text to: jpostopinion@gmail.com. **Next Deadline: May 4, 2018.** All decisions on publishing, date of placement, size of photo, and length of announcement are at the sole discretion of the publisher.

AEPi (Epsilon Epsilon Chapter) Sorority is planning a reunion for those who graduated from Indiana University in 1974–1981. It will be held in Indianapolis October 5–7, 2018. Please contact Diane Lutz (dslutz1@gmail.com) or Nancy Stein Brown (nsbrown54@yahoo.com) for additional information.

law that in order for a person to achieve a new goal, he or she must first desire it strongly. In other words one must be thinking, wishing, praying, begging, and demanding it, but the Israelites had been slaves for so long that they were not thinking about freedom. Perhaps they were wishing for an easier life, but freedom was unimaginable.

Rabbi Zeller said that the true miracle of the Passover story is that the Israelites were given a lifestyle improvement even better

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Community Events

KKMI 50th Anniversary Commemoration

Wed., April 4 at 5 p.m. at the Landmark for Peace Memorial, 1702 N. Broadway Street, Indianapolis. The Kennedy King Memorial Initiative (KKMI) will host the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and Robert Kennedy's Indianapolis speech. Join national and local dignitaries for this official commemoration event, featuring songs, remarks and remembrances by civic leaders, religious leaders, artists, and more. JCRC Executive Director Lindsey Mintz is on the board for this event and President of Emmis Communications Jeff Smulyan is on the Honorary Committee.

Documentary on Eva Kor – Premiere

Thurs., April 5 at 6:30 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. For more info contact Project Impact Manager Epha Riche at eriche@wfyi.org. See a trailer and get tickets for the documentary at www.thestoryofeva.com.

Mimouna Celebration at Etz Chaim

Sun., Apr 8 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Join us for the North African tradition of eating sweets the day after the last day of *Pesach!* Moroccan delights and live musicians entertain us with beautiful sounds created with authentic instruments. Contact Batya Auerbach for more info batya@etzchaimindy.org or 317-251-6220.

Indiana Campus Superstar presented by the Hillel at Indiana University

Sun., Apr. 8 from 7–9 p.m., at the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, 4000 Michigan Road Indianapolis. (317) 923-1331.

Future celebrities will blossom when homegrown talent competes for a \$5,000 grand prize again this year in Campus Superstar 2018! The ten finalists will sing hits from Broadway shows as the audience enjoys this year's theme "Back to Broadway". The competition, open to any college student in the state of Indiana and the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center's largest fundraiser, is chaired by Dick Leventhal.

The contest, based on the hit TV show, *American Idol*, has run annually since 2004. Mark your calendar to join us for the crowning of Campus Superstar 2018 at the Final Show at 7 p.m. Go to indianacss.com to learn more about this exciting show and sponsorship opportunities.

Cocktail Judaism

Mon., Apr. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Join Rabbi Dennis Sasso for Cocktail Judaism, an explosive mixture of conversation, humor, and spirits. April's topic is the next part in his series "Varieties of Jewish Expression". The topic is Distinctiveness of Orthodox Judaism with Rabbi Mendel Schusterman. We will meet at Matteo's Ristorante Italiano located at 1351 W. 86th St. Coffee, tea and desserts are compliments of Beth-El Zedeck. Matteo's is open for dinner on Monday night. RSVP to Jennifer Hodes, 317.253.3441 or jhodes@bez613.org or www.bez613.org.

Bereavement support group

Tues., Apr. 10, and May 8 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 contact Paula at pgoldberg@jfgi.org or Julie at 317-529-5497.

NEXTGen Happy Hour

Tues., Apr 10, and May 8 – NEXTGen hosts a community Happy Hour for Young Adults to meet in a fun, social setting every second Tuesday of the month. For more info contact Matthew Kramer-Morning 317-715-9261 or mkmorning@jfgi.org, www.facebook.com/jfginextgen.

Community Holocaust Memorial Day Observance

Wed., Apr 11 at 6 p.m., Community *Yom Hashoah* traditional liturgical ceremony at the Albert & Sara Ruben Holocaust Memorial behind the JCC, and 7 p.m., join us at Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, 6939 Hoover Rd., for "The Impact of the Holocaust on Sephardim" followed by candlelighting by survivors and their families.

State of Indiana Reading of Names Ceremony

Thurs., Apr 12 from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., at the Indiana Statehouse Rotunda, 200 W. Washington St. State and city dignitaries will share reflections followed by a names reading ceremony.

City of Carmel Holocaust Remembrance Program

Fri., Apr 13 at noon at the Studio Theater at the Center for the Performing Arts, at 4 Center Green. Dignitaries, (see Events, page IN 8)

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than what they could possibly imagine.

Haggadah is a highly developed spiritual tool that can realign one's consciousness and change one's life. It's important not to change the Haggadah too much but to simply say it. "Haggadah" means "to tell." "Pesach" means "the mouth tells." So much of the focus on Pesach is on expressing, on talking. One simply has to say it.

There is a familiar Jewish teaching that each Jew is supposed to think of the exodus story as not merely historical but to feel as if he or she is personally going out of Egypt. According to Rabbi Zeller, when a Jewish person observes Passover by experiencing the *seder*, that person has the opportunity to receive a miracle in his or her life, something even better that what he or she can imagine.

Pesach is an opportunity. It's not just a historical celebration, not just a great time to have family and friends get together for a good meal. Pesach is a breakthrough in time from the realm of eternity. It is the breakthrough in the world of hiddenness to that which can be revealed.

What happened 3,000 years ago can be repeated, not just commemorated on Pesach night. Pesach is a time to sit at your seder table, go through the Haggadah and experience a breakthrough.

The full article on this can be found on our website at the following link: <https://jewishpostopinion.com/?p=3244>

Not included in the article but mentioned in the lecture were these two paragraphs below.

I learned from Shlomo Carlebach that when we break the matzah, we cover half of it up, conceal it and hide it. There's a whole part of me I don't know, it's hidden. I lost it. In the Gemora it is said this is done to keep the attention of the children so they don't leave the table. Shlomo says the afikomen, the half of the matzah that is covered up represents the part of you that is lost and the only ones that can bring it back to you are your children. What our children can reveal to us about ourselves is precious.

Another teaching from Shlomo is about maror (bitter herb). What is the reason we say a bracha (blessing) over something so bitter and why do we want to remind ourselves of it now that we are free? We are not trying to remind ourselves. The reason we eat it and taste its bitterness is because we are saying to ourselves, "Thank God, that it tasted bitter when we were in Egypt because if it hadn't I would have never left." Sometimes we need to feel the pain and if we don't, we don't know how much of a slave we are.

Chag kasher v'sameach!

Jennie Cohen, March 28, 2018 ✨

MAZEL TOV

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Mike Blain (below) who turned 90 on March 2, 2018.



Mike (c. 1953, at age 25) survived the Holocaust and immigrated to the United States only to be drafted in the Army and sent to Korea before he was a US citizen.

Joel and Debbie Epstein (below) on their 30th wedding anniversary March 20, 2018.



Joel and Debbie Epstein as Rabbi Dennis Sasso officiates at their wedding March 20, 1988.

Eva Kor (below), a Holocaust survivor, who was honored by The United Way of Central Indiana on March 15, 2018, as one of their **100 Heroes** – people who have “used their skills, passions and talents to make the community a better place.” The honor came just three weeks before the premiere of “Eva,” WFYI’s feature documentary produced with Ted Green and



Mika Brown (see more in Events, p. IN 4).

Yuval and Michelle Sharon on the birth of their son **Hayden Col** (below) on March 4, 2018. Maternal grandparents are **Barry and Leslie Browner** of Atlanta, Ga. Paternal grandparents are **Cantor Giora and Clara Sharon**. Hayden’s Hebrew name is **Hayim Yehonatan**. At the *bris* on March 11, blessing were recited by **Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow** and by **Mr. Sidney Dunn**, congregation president of Cong. Shaarey Tefilla, Carmel, Ind.



honored by the Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC) as the 2018 Interfaith Ambassadors of the Year. The event was at CIC’s 4th annual dinner on March 18th held in the Deer Zink Events Pavilion at Newfields (IMA). The Sasso’s dynamic leadership and clarion voice has inspired action and strengthened relationships among people of different faiths throughout central Indiana, and beyond!



(L-R) CIC Executive Director Charlie Wiles, 2018 Honorees Rabbi Dennis Sasso and Rabbi Sandy Sasso, and CIC Board Chair and JCRC Executive Director Lindsey Mintz.

Rachel Block, daughter of **Mark and Karen Block** and granddaughter of **Marilyn Block** is graduating from Indiana Wesleyan University in April 2018 (see **Mazel Tov**, page IN 6)

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The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington presents...

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – The 2018 season of the Jewish Theatre of Bloomington opens with *Church and State* written by up-and-coming playwright, Jason Odell Williams and directed by Liam Castellan, a third year MFA directing student at Indiana University. The show will run for two weekends in May at the Ivy Tech John Waldron’s Rose Firebay. *Church and State*, recently nominated for Best New Play by the Off-Broadway Alliance, “deals seriously with the timely issues of faith and policy while hilariously capturing the “modern lunacy of politics.”

Three days before his bid for re-election in North Carolina, a Republican senator, played by Indianapolis actor, Stephen Hunt, makes an off-the-cuff remark to a blogger that calls into question his belief in God and guns. As his devoutly Christian wife, played by Abby Lee, IU MFA theatre candidate, and his liberal Jewish campaign manager, played by Tess Cunningham, IU theatre student, try to contain the damage, this look at how religion, guns, and social media influence our political system is simultaneously funny, heartbreaking, and uplifting. Joined by Jonathan Golombiecki ISU theatre graduate playing multiple roles, the cast of four will bring to Bloomington audiences, this timely and highly contemporary play.

Church and State has been credited with many positive reviews. It has been called “Flawless” by *Stage Raw*, “Furiously Funny” by *Arts in L.A.*, and “Extraordinary” by the *Santa Monica Press* and from *NPR*, “a cracking script! I wish every member of Congress could see it!” Through his work, Jason Odell Williams “has managed to do (see JTB, page IN 12)



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with a major in Biology. Rachel will be attending South College in Knoxville, Tenn., this coming fall to pursue a Masters degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

Sidney N. Dunn, the recipient of the American Academy of Osteopathy’s 2018 Academy Award in recognition of his contributions to the osteopathic profession. Mr. Dunn is the executive director of both the Osteopathic Cranial Academy and the Osteopathic Cranial Academy Foundation, as well as, the current congregation president of Cong. Shaarey Tefilla, Carmel, Ind. ✪



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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 317-251-8881, unless stated otherwise.

Dance Kaleidoscope – DIVOS (The Men)

Thurs., Apr 5, depart JCC at 9 a.m., DIVOS (The Men) will include pieces by nine choreographers, all inspired by the music of their favorite male singers or groups in a lively show. In addition, Nicholas A. Owens will choreograph to the music of Prince, and DK Artistic Director David Hochoy will create a piece to songs sung by Sir Elton John. This will be a very personal program, delightfully mixing humor, heartbreak and hope, plus showcasing the company's beautifully athletic dancers. Breakfast first at Illinois Street Food Emporium. Show FREE, Trans. \$10, Breakfast at your expense.

Campus Superstar at the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Sun., Apr 8, depart JCC 6 p.m. Indiana's Campus Superstar is a vocal talent competition open to any student attending any college or university in the state of Indiana. Soloist singers from all backgrounds, representing the full spectrum of musical genres, will enjoy an equal opportunity to win the big \$5,000 cash prize or one of nine other top prizes. \$16 includes show & transportation. (see more on p. IN 4)

Book Club

Tues., Apr 10 at 10:30 a.m. Meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Cultural Arts Center of the Hasten Hebrew Academy, 6602 Hoover Rd. We will be discussing the book, *The Girls of the Atomic City: The Untold Stories of the Women who Helped Win World War II*. There is no charge and the books are provided. Books are usually also available in Large Type and in audio format. Everyone is welcome. Discussions are lively and thought-provoking.

Travel Club – Annual sale at Vera Bradley Outlet in Ft. Wayne

Wed., Apr 11, depart JCC 10 a.m. Choose from a huge selection of purses and accessories. Lunch at Casa, an Italian restaurant. Limited to the first 12 people who sign up. \$28 includes entrance fee and transportation. Lunch at your expense.

Carmel Community Players – Ragtime

Thurs., Apr 12, depart JCC 6 p.m. At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing, and anything is possible. Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the-

century New York, three distinctly American tales are woven together – that of a stifled upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician – united by their courage, compassion and belief in the promise of the future. Together they confront history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair and what it means to live in America. Show FREE. Transportation \$10.

Hole in the Wall Club

Mon., Apr 16 at 11:30 a.m., at The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, 3835 E. 96th Street. The Claddagh Irish Pubs bring the best of Ireland to American guests, serving modern twists on the finest traditional cuisine paired with perfect pints of beer in an authentic and friendly setting. No transportation provided. Lunch at your expense. Call Jackie Hayden at 317.253.7268 to RSVP.

Plant Club – Pottery by You

Wed., Apr 18 at 11 a.m., at 2280 W. 86th St. Spring is here, and we thought it would be fun to paint some pottery. We'll meet at the store and select our projects. There will be someone to help us. Lunch afterward at Rusty Bucket. Cost depends on your selection. Lunch at your expense.

ISO Coffee Pops Series – Josh Kaufman

Fri., Apr 20, depart JCC at 9 a.m. Winner of *The Voice*, host of the 2016 IPL *Yuletide Celebration* and Indiana's favorite adopted son, Josh Kaufman joins the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for Broadway blockbusters, smash soul hits and his original songs. \$47 includes admission and transportation.

The Center for the Performing Arts – Michael Feinstein

Sat., Apr 21, depart JCC at 7 p.m. Feinstein, founder of the Great American Songbook Foundation and artistic director for the Center for the Performing Arts,

takes the Palladium stage once again for an evening of timeless music. Call Janet for pricing.

Classic Movie Club – Darkest Hour

Mon., Apr 23 at 2 p.m., at Traditions at North Willow, 1703 W. 86th St. A thrilling and inspiring true story begins at the precipice of World War II as, within days of becoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill (Academy Award winner Gary Oldman) must face one of his most turbulent and defining trials: exploring a negotiated peace treaty with Nazi Germany or standing firm to fight for the ideals, liberty and freedom of a nation. Open to the first 18 members who sign up. Movie FREE. Dinner \$8.

IRT – Looking Over the President's Shoulder

Wed., Apr 25, depart JCC at 9 a.m. Hoosier Alonzo Fields spent two decades as Chief Butler at the White House, serving Presidents Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower. A hit in theatres across the country, this funny, poignant, uplifting memoir returns to the IRT by popular demand. Lunch after the show. \$28 includes show & transportation. Lunch at your expense.

Civic theatre – Hairspray

Thurs., Apr 26, depart JCC 5:30 p.m. It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen, Tracy Turnblad, has only one desire – to dance on the popular "Corny Collins Show." When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin and integrate a TV network – all without denting her 'do! Show FREE. Transportation \$10.

The Center for the Performing Arts – Itzhak Perlman

Sat., Apr 28, depart JCC at 7 p.m. (see Seniors, page IN 12)

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EVENTS

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Bell Choir performance, candlelighting, keynote by survivor Frank Grunwald.

Havdalah and Israeli Dancing

Sat., Apr 14, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS), 849 W. 96th St. Enjoy a *Havdalah* service followed by Israeli dancing led by Rhea McDonald. **Worship Services:** Please see our calendar to learn about ongoing Friday and Saturday morning worship offered by CBS: www.bethshalomindy.org

BBYO – J-Serve Indianapolis

Sun., Apr 15 from 12–2 p.m., or 1:30–3:30 p.m. Join Jewish teens in grades 6–12 as we transform the library in the BJE into a place for PJ Library families to enjoy their books! Questions about registration? Contact BBYO City Director Roz Knapp at indianapolis@bbyo.org.

Hadassah Book Club

Sun., Apr. 15 at 2 p.m., *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish. Hostess Fredalyn Kaseff. **Mon., May 21** at 7 p.m., *Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com.

University of Indianapolis

Holocaust Remembrance Program

Mon., Apr 16 at 7:30 p.m., at the Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center, 1400 E. Hanna Ave. *Out of Darkness Opera of Survivors* featuring vocal performances to three chamber pieces – “Another Sunrise”, “Farewell Auschwitz”, and “For a Look and a Touch”.

Yom HaZikaron - Israel Memorial Day

Tues., Apr 17 at 6:30 p.m., in the JCC Laikin Auditorium. The Theme this year is *achi* (my brother). All ages all welcome but dress code is black pants or skirts and white shirts or blouses. Ceremony will be led by Roie Gonen, our Jewish community *shaliach*. For more info contact him at shaliach@jfgi.org or 317-800-9350.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Wed., April 18 topic will be on Businesswoman Carrie Marcus Neiman. An award winning program that chronicles the lives of American Jewish women who have made a mark on American or world history. Meets at Donato's at 11:30 a.m., near Thrifty Threads on the southwest side of 86th & Ditch. For more information contact Phyllis Russell at Therussells46032@aol.com.

Jewish Healing Services

Wed., Apr. 18, at 6 p.m., and **May 16**

at 5:45 p.m., at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. A contemplative and musical Healing Service. Whether you come to attend an evening *minyan*, enjoy the chanting, say *Kaddish* for a loved one, or wish healing for others and yourself, you are welcome! Please RSVP to Rabbi Shelley Goldman at sgoldman@bez613.org.

Parents Night Out (PNO)

Sat., Apr. 21, 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**. 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.

JFGI's Israel Independence Day and JCC's Earth Day Celebrations

Sun., Apr 22 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. This year, JFGI's Israel Independence Day celebration will be held in collaboration and conjunction with the JCC's Earth Day Community Celebration! All of the *Yom HaAtzmaut* activities will have a connection to the environment in recognition of Israel's leadership in sustainability, irrigation, energy efficiency, and technology. **10 a.m. –noon – Yom HaAtzmaut Family Learning Event, JCC Laikin Auditorium.** Create portraits of famous Israelis using everyday objects, make a map of Israel out of cardboard and other recycled materials, and use upcycled fabric to put together an Israeli flag! Finished projects will be on display during the Earth Day Community Celebration. **Noon–4 p.m. – Israel's 70th/Earth Day Celebration, outdoors on the Jewish Community Campus (Sablosky Pavilion)** Enjoy the “May the Forest Be With You” theme, hands-on activities for all ages, live Israeli music, recycling, and more! There will be an emphasis on how Israel embodies the value of *tikkun olam* and literally “repairs the world.”

Cong. Beth Shalom Goes to the Theater

Sat., April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Join the CBS Sisterhood in an evening of theater. *Ragtime* is set in turn-of-the-century New York. The lives of an upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician are all united by their desire for a brighter tomorrow. To reserve a spot, contact Sally Seidenstein at sseidens@comcast.net.

Lag B'Omer Picnic

Thurs., May 3 from 5–7:30 p.m. at the JCC Sablosky Pavilion. Chabad's annual *Lag B'Omer* Picnic is an event not to miss! Great food, fun, entertainment for the whole family. Cost \$12. For more info contact Avi and Nini Grossbaum at 317-698-6724 or rabbi@chabadindiana.org.

Victory Day Celebration

Sun., May 6 from noon–3 p.m. for the annual Russian Victory Day Celebration. Contact Katya Klauz for more details at 317-259-6822 or kklauz@jfgi.org.

Hooverwood Guild Annual Spring Lunch & Card Party

Wed., May 9 from 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Market District, 116th St., between Spring Mill Rd. & Illinois St., Carmel. Door prizes! All proceeds benefit Hooverwood. Cost \$23 payable to Hooverwood Guild. Your check is your reservation. Mail to Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Rd., Indpls., IN 46260. Deadline May 2nd. Questions: Judy Himelstein 317-445-5083 or Babs Cohn 317-698-1998.

HAI-Life Awards Dinner

Wed., May 23 from 6–9 p.m. at the Hasten Hebrew Academy Cultural Arts Center for annual fundraiser. Contact Toni Scott at tscott@hhai.org.

Unequal Treatment of Women Under the Law

Fri., May 25 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Friday evening services begin at 6:30 p.m., at 849 W. 96th St., located in between Ditch and Spring Mill on the Indianapolis side of the street. Speaker on this topic will be Sheila Suess Kennedy, Professor, Law & Public Policy, School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

Torah Discussion for Women

Rebetzin Nili Gingold-Altschek 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. See her profile for it on Facebook called Espresso Torah: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1976603142623223/about/>

Lunch and Learn

Lox and bagel lunch followed by study led by Rabbi Yisrael Gettinger. Meets in the library at Congregation B'nai Torah at noon on most Mondays. Currently the class is studying *Sefer Melochim* (Kings) and *Eliyahu Hanavie* (Elijah the Prophet). For more info, call the office at 317-253-5253. ✨



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Their story echoes our own:

We were enslaved
They were interned in camps

Our babies were drowned
Theirs burned in pyres

We died by lash
They by gun and torch and knife

We crossed the sea to freedom
They walk for many days and ford a river in search of refuge

We were sustained by manna from heaven
They need humanitarian aid to survive

Our shared history demands that we act. We must respond with an open hand and an outstretched arm.

As survivors of persecution, annihilation and exodus ourselves, it's our turn to call out for others, imploring, demanding: Freedom.

Indianapolis, please join AJWS's campaign to learn more and respond to the Rohingya crisis.

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For more information, contact **Brad Sugar, AJWS Midwest Executive Director**, at **312.579.3630**.



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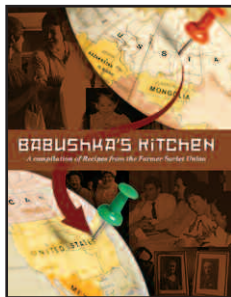
BY SHEILA GREENWALD

On Feb. 18, 2018, 210-plus community members came to the JCC to hear stories about the former Soviet Union from the Indianapolis resettlement families. The free program, with refreshments, was held in JCC's Laikin auditorium.

It was presented by the Indianapolis Greater Jewish Federation, The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS), Jewish Family Services, Indianapolis Jewish Center, and the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council. It was sponsored by the Leonard and Marion Freeman Fund and the Heritage Support Grant which is provided by the Lilly Endowment Inc.

A diverse panel featuring Pierre Atlas, Lori Moss, Stacy Klauz, Boris Gorlin, and moderator Leo Grabovsky spoke about the wave of immigration from the Former Soviet Union to Indiana back in the 1970-1990.

Attendees had an opportunity to purchase *Babushka's Kitchen: a compilation of recipes from the Former Soviet Union*. This cookbook was compiled with the help of many local Holocaust Survivors



Attendees, shown above and in photo below, enjoyed the program.

from the Former Soviet Union; proceeds will benefit the KAVOD program, which offers services and programming for Holocaust Survivors.

Also available for purchase was a new publication from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society called *Journey to Freedom-Russian Resettlement in Indiana*. This was the first community program to launch one of IJHS's publications. The stories were from different communities around the state.



At the end of the program, many of the foods were put out to sample: salad, mini pies, borscht, apple pie plus and more. ✨



HHAI contest winners

BY SARAH SNIDER

The hard work of the fall paid off once again in the spring for Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis Humanities students in the Letters About Literature contest! Every year the Library of Congress solicits letters from students to the author of a book that changed their life or world view.

In the state of Indiana alone, 1,550 letters were written and submitted by students. Mrs. Berg and I are so excited and proud to have students win 1st place in the state for their division.

In Level II (7th & 8th grade), Yael Cohen won 1st place for the second year in a row. In the years that I have been working with students, I have never seen any student even place two years in a row, much less win. Yael's letter to chef Marcus Sameulsson about his book *Yes, Chef* discussed the powerful role food and cooking plays in culture, identity and family.

Yehuda Noff took 1st place in Level I (5th & 6th grade) with his letter to Sheila Cole about her book *The Dragon in the Cliff*. Both Yael and Yehuda's letters now move on to national level judging against the other state winners.

Jano Vasquez-Jaffe won 2nd place in the state for his letter to Leon Leyson about his book, *The Boy on the Wooden Box* and Shay Orentlicher followed up her 2nd place performance last year with an Honorable Mention, which means her letter was one of the 10 considered for 1st place. Shay wrote to author Angie Thomas about, *The Hate You Give*.

Yael Epstein also received an Honorable Mention in Level I for her letter about Robert Munch's *Love You Forever*. Below is a list of the HHAJ students (and their book) who received Semi-Finalist – letters that made it to the last stage of judging. To put it in perspective, out of the 1,550 letter received, 100 are recognized with awards, and 15 of those were HHAJ students.

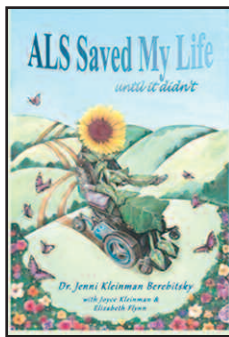
Eva Glazier, *Scumble*; Max Hill, *Story of My Life*; Tahlia Alkobi, *Real Friends*; Yoav Ehrlich, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's* (see HHAJ, page IN 11)



ALS Saved My Life

Most people know life will not necessarily go as they planned. But what do we do when nothing goes as we had hoped? How do we cope with unpredictable changes in body and spirit – changes that require constant shifting of our view of ourselves, other people, and the world? Dr. Jenni Berebitsky, of Indianapolis, diagnosed in 2009 with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease), has been forced to find answers to these questions every day.

With the hope of helping others move forward after life-altering events, Jenni shares her story of life with ALS, outlining both the practical and existential changes needed to adapt and thrive. Embodying the idea that courage does not always roar, Jenni reveals the combination of self-reflection, radical acceptance, grit, and social support that have allowed her to remain true to herself while living her life to the



Drs. Jeff and Jenni Berebitsky and their son Philip, age 10.

fullest. Jenni's book is available on Amazon: <http://amzn.to/2DG3b7T>

At 33, when Jenni was finishing her final year of medical residency, she had been married two years to the love of her life, Dr. Jeff Berebitsky, and they had a son Phillip, 18-months of age. That is when she found out she had the disease. She was given 18 months to live. Now 42, Jenni has out lived her diagnosis by more than eight years. Most people diagnosed with ALS die within two to three years. If you're lucky, you live five. Jenni's life continues to be a blessing and a miracle. ✨

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Stone; Brooke Fridell, *Wonder*; Shirel Moalem, *Out of My Mind*; Lidya Solomon, *Real Friends*; Kenna Sondhelm, *Okay for Now*; and Gabriel Vasquez-Jaffe, *Hiding in the Spotlight*.

Sarah Snider (7th & 8th grades) and Patricia Berg (6th grade) are humanities teachers at HHAI. ✨



Book author Dr. Jenni Kleinman Berebitsky with her mother, Joyce Danenberg Kleinman, and Jenni's son, Philip.

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LINK – Discovering Your Israel Connection

The Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis is the first to implement a new middle school curriculum – and has already reregistered for next year. LINK – Discovering Your Israel Connection is a 6-lesson unit that allows students to explore the historic Jewish roots to Israel while discovering their own personal, modern connection.



LINK just received a major four-year grant from the Jonas Family called The Etta E. Jonas Israel Fellowship Program. It subsidizes the entire cost to Jewish educational institutions which includes the curriculum, all materials, educator training, tech and content support, as well as opportunities for educators to receive continuing Israel education via webinar.

There is a limited number of schools that can participate. Register ASAP by the

April 25 deadline at: IsraelLink.org/EttaJonas
Through a sophisticated, interactive, on-line application, LINK was developed by teachers, curriculum writers and internet experts. The outcome is a platform designed to enable students to determine for themselves, through experiential and project based learning, their own, unique Israel connection.

Middle school students discover an Israel not usually found in traditional Jewish curricula and reflect the best of what matters to them. They discover an Israel that is diverse, where humanitarian aid is a priority, and are inspired by Israel's innovations and technologies that are making a positive, global impact.

LINK is headed by Mina Rush, Director of Middle School Education and programming for StandWithUs, an international Israel education organization.

"The motivation was to create a program that could reverse Jewish students' diminishing relationship to Israel as evidenced by recent polls. By introducing them to the aspects of Israel that speak to the core values of today's youth, by giving them the space to explore and discover why Israel matters without a predetermined agenda, the connection they forge will be honest, informed and lasting," explains Rush.

A year-long pilot project in Jewish day

and supplementary schools across the US was completed in July, 2017, representing all Jewish denominations. Data revealed:

- Students showed a 45% increase in knowledge and understanding about Jewish continuity in Israel; a 55% increase in recognizing the challenges Israel faces in size, demographics and location and a 75% increase in understanding Israel's diversity.

- Students showed a 78% increase in knowledge about Israel's role in global humanitarian and disaster aid and its efforts at home with refugee and economic migrant populations. They also exhibited a 60% increase in understanding about the global impact of Israeli advances in technology.

Teachers reported that students readily engage in the lessons and look forward to their experience with the curriculum. They articulate not just an increase in knowledge, but pride in and a connection to Israel.

To learn more about the curriculum and to schedule a demonstration, visit www.IsraelLink.org or contact: minar@IsraelLink.org.



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what most have not, which is to take this divided country and break through the walls of our heart and make us think and feel," reports the *Times Square Chronicles*.

The performance dates for *Church and State* are May 10, 12, 17, and 19 at 7:30 p.m., and May 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and will be available through the BCT box office in person (114 E Kirkwood Avenue), by phone, or online (www.bctboxoffice.org). More info, visit jewishtheatrebloomington.com and find us on Facebook.



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The reigning virtuoso of the violin brings his remarkable artistry to the Palladium. Israeli-American violinist and conductor Itzhak Perlman has been making waves since his 1958 appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show at age 13 and remains one of the great ambassadors and popularizers of classical music. Call Janet for pricing.

Spring Fling Fundraiser

Sun., May 6 at 1 p.m., at Traditions at North Willow, 1703 W. 86th St. Spring is just around the corner! Buffet luncheon will include a variety of sandwiches, green salads, a fruit salad, a pasta salad, desserts and drinks. Live musical entertainment and raffle prizes. Feel free to bring guests. \$30/person by May 1 or \$35 at the door.

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Jewish Refugees, Hoosier Rescue: Sarah Wolf Goodman and “The Dignity of Man”

BY JILL WEISS SIMINS, INDIANA HISTORICAL BUREAU & HOOSIER STATE CHRONICLES

In the spring and summer of 1938, the small amount of \$360 could save a Jewish child fleeing persecution in Nazi-ruled Austria. There was a small window of time when just over 1,000 visas were available for these small refugees, but there were no funds.

Meanwhile, representatives from thirty-two of the world’s democracies met in Evian, France, to address the growing refugee crisis. The diplomats at the Evian Conference each stood and expressed sympathy for the refugees and then accomplished little. The United States, like most of the other nations present, offered neither to ease immigration restrictions nor commit public funds.

While the world largely turned its back on the Jews of Europe, one Hoosier woman did not.

Sarah Wolf Goodman was a fixture of Indianapolis society, a prominent Jewish civic leader, and a supporter of the arts. She was herself born in Austria in 1886 and came to the U.S. as a young child. She moved to Indianapolis after her marriage in 1924 to Jack A. Goodman, founder of the Real Silk Hosiery Mills. She was smart, ambitious, and well-connected. She commanded respect and could sway public opinion. And in response to the events of the spring and summer of 1938, she did exactly that.

Youth Aliyah, a Hadassah-sponsored organization, was quickly and desperately trying to raise the funds needed to transport Jewish Austrian refugee children to Palestine on 1,100 visas which would expire come September. Goodman had an idea.

She had recently received a \$10 check enclosed in a letter from a young girl asking her to use it to save refugees. Mrs. Goodman was inspired by this act of selflessness and thought maybe more Indianapolis children and their families would want to help.

She published a letter in the (*Indianapolis*) *Jewish Post* calling the community to action. Like today, spring was the time families gathered to celebrate graduations and confirmations. In lieu of cufflinks and fancy pens, she encouraged everyone to send donations for Youth Aliyah. In turn, the honored child would receive a card from Goodman celebrating his or her selflessness. The *Jewish Post* praised her endeavor and its readers responded with their small contributions.



Mrs. Jack Goodman, Jan. 25, 1946 Indianapolis *Jewish Post*, p. 4. Photo by Zalman Cohen.

Her plan saved two children.

The *Jewish Post* reported: “Out from under the blighting shadow of the Nazi swastika over Austria, Jewish boys and girls are sailing away to a life of opportunity and human service in Palestine as the result of a plan translated into action by

Indianapolis’ own Mrs. Jack Goodman.”

The \$750 she raised might not seem like much, but it was a sizable sum in the midst of the Great Depression, when the average income was just over \$1,000 a year. And her plan spread to other cities. A thousand children were saved by this push for the Youth Aliyah fund. Goodman wrote, “It will never be forgotten that two of this number were saved by the young people of Indiana.”

Goodman did not quit after the drive to help Austrian children ended. She did not quit as the horrific details of the Holocaust trickled and then flooded into newspapers. She spoke around the country, continued to raise money for Hadassah and Youth Aliyah, and helped form new chapters in other cities. She traveled to Israel to visit the clinics, schools, and scientific farms set up by Hadassah. Regardless of her gender, the *Jewish Post* named her Indiana’s Jewish Man of the Year for 1945. In 1953, she became the first woman president of the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation. In 1956, the *Post* referred to her as “without a doubt the most prominent Jewish woman in the state.”

At her 85th birthday, she looked back on her accomplishments, and perhaps to the 1938 drive to save the children of Austria.

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Obituaries

Jane Strashun Rothbaum, 99, died peacefully on Feb. 5, 2018. She was born on July 24, 1918, in Indianapolis to Lillian Shapiro Strashun and Louis Strashun. She graduated from Tudor Hall School and from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Mass. She was happily married for more than 30 years to Maurel Rothbaum, who preceded her in death. Her family's business was Rost Jewelers, where she lent a helping hand during holiday seasons. She was active in many community organizations, including the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI), Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), National Council of Jewish Women, Brandeis Women's Committee, and the 500 Festival. Her kindness, intellect and wisdom made her the center of a large and loving circle of family and friends.



She is survived by her three children, Donald A. Rothbaum, M.D. (Sandra), of Carmel, Ind.; Jean Rothbaum Meadows (Stanley), of Highland Park, Ill.; and Robert J. Rothbaum, M.D. (Cynthia), of Clayton, Mo. She was "Nana" to her 16 grandchildren: Daniel Rothbaum (Monica), Anne Pizer (Billy); Michael Rothbaum (Karen); Lia Kettens (Niels); Mark Rothbaum (Michelle); Jonathan Rothbaum (Gina); Aaron Rothbaum (Jill); Jessica Rothbaum; Matthew Meadows (Norah); Judith Meadows (Marc Krichavsky); Peter Meadows; Emily Perito (Andrew); Martha Rothbaum (Matthew Kishlansky); Rebecca Galen (Justin); Laura Lambeth (Matthew); and Jacob Rothbaum.

She had 28 great-grandchildren: Adam and Seth Rothbaum; Micah, Samuel and Naomi Pizer; Meyer, Simon, Isaac and David Rothbaum; Kiefer and Zachary Kettens; Esther and Oliver Rothbaum; Elliana and Clara Rothbaum; Madeline,

Daphne and Chloe Meadows; Mira, Ethan and James Krichavsky; Coleman and Hamilton Perito; Maxwell and Raphael Kishlansky; Jackson and Emerson Galen; and Sawyer Lambeth. Her sister Gloria Baernkopf predeceased her. She was the beloved aunt of Jeffrey, Marc, and Ronald Rubenstein, Dayna Lucas and David Baernkopf. To her many friends she was "Lady Jane."

The family thanks her wonderful caretakers Audrey Jackson, Kimberly Cole, Lisa Garrett, Alysia Gray, Brenda Grinter, Patricia Harris, Janie Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Valencia Maragh, Phylesa Perry and Mary Walls.

Funeral services were Feb. 12, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to the JFGI, IHC or a charity of the donor's choice.

Alana Catherine Spitzberg, 71, passed on Feb. 6, 2018. She was born on Aug. 26, 1946 to Nellie and Cleoffice Arnold in Gary, Ind. Graduating from Andrean High School and later Purdue University with a degree in computer programming, she was one of two women in the class. Lana started her professional career as a programmer for Indiana Bell in Indianapolis and has remained a resident throughout her life.

Her days as a young woman were filled with running the household and raising three children. She was continually acting as the primary caregiver not only to her immediate family but extended family and friends as well. Lana's life was defined by her service to others.

In her later life, Lana married Daniel Spitzberg, MD and became a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation in 2004. Her commitment to the congregation and community was strong as demonstrated in her idea to provide new congregational and High Holy Day prayer books to the IHC family. Lana and Dan have been actively involved with Indiana University and in particular, the endow-

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Sarah Wolf Goodman stated. "Anything one does that helps in any way to make the life of another more livable is the greatest reward one can reap. My interest is in the dignity of man – regardless of his denomination."

Jill Weiss Simins is a historian and a musician with a love for uncovering the lesser-known stories from Indiana history. She has worked for the Indiana Historical Bureau since 2008. Her ongoing project, created in concert with the United States Holocaust Museum's History Unfolded initiative examines what Hoosiers knew about the events leading up to the Holocaust through their newspapers. You can follow her posts at: <http://blog.newspapers.library.in.gov/>. She lives in Irvington with her husband Russell and way too many vinyl records. ☆



ment for the Danial H. and Alana C. Spitzberg Hall located in the Glick Eye Institute. Lana and Dan have spent their most recent years enjoying their home in Scottsdale and being loving and supporting grandparents to 13 grandchildren.

Lana is survived by her loving husband, Daniel; son Jason Randolph (Victoria); son Tyler Randolph (Joanne); daughter Joanna (Randolph) Schuchman (Jeff); father Cleoffice Arnold; daughter Laura (Spitzberg) Carafiol (Dennis); daughter Julie (Spitzberg) Graziano (Paul); brother Peter Ross; grandchildren Grace Covington, Lila Covington, Zachary Schuchman, Isaac Schuchman, Aidan Randolph, Harrison Randolph, Olivia Randolph, Jack Randolph, Camille Carafiol, Mimi Carafiol, Alexis Graziano, Nicholas Graziano and Mia Graziano.

Funeral services were Feb. 9, 2018 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Spitzberg Bassler Arnold fund at IHC. Arrangement entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Murray Butler, 92, devoted husband, father, brother, and grandfather passed away Feb. 12, 2018 in Indianapolis.



Murray was born in Philadelphia Jan. 20, 1926, to Joseph and Ann (nee Reese) Butler. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WWII and worked in retail management during his career.

Murray was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Monument Masonic Lodge, Elks Club, Scottish Rite and an active and talented member of the Senior Citizens Art Group.

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He is survived by his beloved wife, Sarah Holtzman Butler, his children, Randy (Monica) Butler and Lisa (Brian) Welcher; grandchildren, Aaron, Ethan, Benjamin, Evan, Kelsey and Austin; and sisters, Terry Pelz and Elaine Emanuel; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Feb. 17, 2018 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Friends may leave a message of condolence or see a more extensive obituary by visiting www.arnmortuary.com.

Melvin Goldfarb, 93,

of Indianapolis, formerly of Louisville, passed away Feb. 14, 2018. A survivor of the Holocaust, Melvin often said that his life began on May 6, 1945, liberation day. He met his wife in a displaced persons camp and together they made their way to the US, sponsored by one of Melvin's cousins.



He worked as a salesman and later was the owner of a Little Giant grocery store near the University of Louisville campus. When U of L expanded, Melvin purchased F&G Department Store in Old Louisville and continued running the store until

his retirement.

Melvin is survived by Esther, his loving wife of 70 years, sons Charles (Nancy) of Indianapolis, David (Judy) of Seattle, and Perry of San Diego, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 18 at Herman Meyer Funeral Home in Louisville.

Wolf Pakula, 96,

passed away Feb. 15, 2018 in Portland, Oregon where he had lived for the past several years. He was born March 23, 1921 in Czeiniewice, Poland. He was a Holocaust survivor, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. From 1978–2011 Wolf lived in Hollywood, Fla., where he co-founded Young Israel Congregation (Ahavat Shalom).

Wolf is survived by his sons, Barry (Cynthia) Pakula of Indianapolis and Harold (Barbara) Pakula of Portland; grandchildren, David, Alex Pakula and Malka (Noah) Hochstadt; great-grandchildren, Zea and Arielle Pakula and Kovi, Shoshana, Aliza and Sara Hochstadt. Wolf was predeceased by his wife of 62 years Rose.

Funeral services were Feb. 19 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Kesser Israel, 6698 SW Capital HWY, Portland, OR 97280; Congregation B'nai

Torah 6510 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or Young Israel Congregation, 315 Madison St., Hollywood, FL 33019.

Aaron "Harry" Nahmias, 91,

life-long resident of Indianapolis passed away Feb. 15, 2018. He was born Sept. 7, 1926 to Sam and Clara Nahmias. He was a graduate of Manual High School, where he was a high school state track champion. Following high school, Harry served in the United States Navy during World War II.



Harry and his brothers Joe and Morris "Amos" Nahmias founded Atlas Office Supplies and Atlas Paper.

He was an avid golfer and was a long-time member of Broadmoor Country Club, a member of Congregation Etz Chaim and Congregation Beth Shalom.

Harry was deeply devoted to his family, he is survived by his children: Carol (Rabbi Stanley Halpern), Moe (Joetta) Nahmias, Steve (Helen) Nahmias, Scott (Trish) Nahmias, Lenny (Dina) Nahmias; brother, Joe Nahmias, sister, Betty Calderon; sister-in-law, Rose Black; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Harry was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 65 years,

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Friday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. *Sip some java as you stroll through the exhibit.*

Saturday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. *An adult evening: wine tasting; desserts by Patachou, Inc.; wine glass painting; and gourmet coffee bar.*

Sunday, April 22, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. *Last Chance! Final day of the exhibit, with gourmet coffee bar.*

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Rachel who passed away in Feb. 2017.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Etz Chaim Feb. 20, 2018; burial followed in Etz Chaim Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, <http://donate.jdrf.org>, or The Jackson Center for Conductive Education (the jacksoncenter.org). Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Stanley Grossman, 84, passed away on Feb. 16, 2018. He was born in Bronx, N.Y., on March 17, 1933. He was a loving husband to Ruth Grossman for 56 years and a beloved father and precious grandfather known as “Dada” to his grandson Jonathan.



He was a learned man who obtained his PhD from the University of Wisconsin and became a tenured professor of history at Ball State University for several decades, where he touched the lives of his many students. His areas of expertise covered French and German Intellectual History.

He never forgot his and Ruth’s wedding anniversary or family members’ birthdays. He loved to surprise her, and he and Ruth regularly went out on “dates” even later in his life when his knees were complaining. He found time for activities with his two daughters as they grew up, such as long evenings reading aloud past bedtime, camping with a father-daughter club, joining them for lunch during school hours and watching girl movies they chose over and over again.

He was a onetime treasurer for Temple Beth-El in Muncie, Ind. Throughout his life he enjoyed golf, tennis, playing bridge, world travel particularly to France, reading and constant learning. He is survived by his loving wife, two daughters, two grandsons, in-laws, a sister, one nephew, one niece, and two great nieces.

Funeral Services were held Feb. 21 at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla and burial followed at Ezras Achim Cemetery, Indianapolis. Arrangements by Flanner Buchanan-Carmel.

Martin Grossman, 88, died peacefully on February 17. One day later, his wife, Audrey Grossman, died in her sleep. She was 84. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary just three weeks before.

Martin was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He was born in 1929 in St. Louis. His mother, Rebecca, was from St. Louis, and his father, Samuel, was a Jewish immigrant from the Polish-Russian borderlands. Samuel and Rebecca owned

and operated a hardware store in downtown St. Louis. Martin had one older brother, Alvin, who died in 1996.

Martin received his degree in architecture from Washington University in St. Louis and then served in the US Army Corps of Engineers until his honorable discharge in 1956. He married Audrey (Kreitman) in 1956. In 1957 they moved to Indianapolis, where Martin worked in construction management and where they raised their three children, David, Joan and Daniel.

He and Audrey helped lead social action activities at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), and were enthusiastic patrons of theater and the arts. After he retired, Martin volunteered with Interfaith Hospitality Network and organized shelter, meals and support at IHC for homeless families. The program was designed to help parents who were trying to get into the workforce and gain stable housing. Martin cared deeply about social justice.

Martin was kind, generous, good-natured and helpful to friends and neighbors. He had a reputation for being able to fix anything, and loved to “tinker,” as he liked to say. He built beautiful pieces of furniture, was a spirited gardener, and loved to make things of all kinds with his hands. He enjoyed the outdoors and up until he was in his 70s, he hiked and camped in the Hoosier National Forest. He also loved the National Parks out West, and traveled the world with Audrey on numerous cruises that took them to almost every continent. In retirement, Martin and Audrey were avid bridge players and became Life Masters in 2016.

In recent years, Martin suffered from Parkinson’s disease, which had become severe at the end of his life. He and Audrey are survived by five grandchildren – Jasper, Izzi, Jesse, Eva, and Alice. A memorial for both Martin and Audrey was held Feb. 25, at Broadmoor Country. Cantor Janice Roger officiated.

Audrey K. Grossman, 84, died peacefully in her sleep at home in Indianapolis on Feb. 18. Her husband, Martin Grossman, died the day before. Both were surrounded by their three children, David (of St. Louis), Joan (of New York) and Daniel (of San Francisco).

Audrey was born in St. Louis in 1933. Her father, Abraham, was a Jewish immigrant from Poland, who ran a number of small businesses. Her mother, Gertrude, worked in a defense factory during World War II and later as a secretary. Audrey had one younger brother, Arvin.

At the age of 16, Audrey began her studies at Washington University in St. Louis, where she majored in European Literature in Translation. She was the first woman

editor of *Student Life*, the university’s student newspaper. Audrey wrote editorials that criticized the racist practices of student fraternities and sororities, and under her leadership *Student Life* announced the admission of the first African-Americans to the university with the largest headline the paper had ever published. She graduated in 1953 and studied in Bordeaux, France, for a year as a Fulbright Scholar.

In 1955 she met Martin Grossman and discovered they both patronized one of the few racially integrated restaurants in St. Louis. They married in 1956 and moved to Indianapolis shortly thereafter. Audrey was an editor with *TV Guide* until the birth of David in 1957. In the 1960s, she was active in the cooperative nursery school that David and Joan attended, and with Martin participated in many social justice activities at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

When Daniel started grade school in 1974, Audrey began law school at I.U.P.U.I. and went into practice with a focus on family law, which she enjoyed immensely. She became a highly respected family law attorney, and was among the first in her field in Indianapolis to work as a mediator, helping clients avoid costly litigation. Her final case was argued and won before the Indiana Supreme Court in 2010. She retired at the age of 77. Audrey’s life story is archived in the collection of The Indianapolis Women’s Oral History Project at the Indiana Historical Society.

Audrey had a passion for theater, politics, books, and bridge. She loved travel, and together with Martin, she visited almost every continent of the world on numerous cruises, despite the limitations of long-term rheumatoid arthritis. She was a friend to many, and maintained an extended family of friends that reached back to when she and Martin first moved to Indianapolis. Audrey was a loving grandmother. In retirement she and Martin were enthusiastic bridge players and became Life Masters in 2016.

Along with her children and grandchildren, Audrey is survived by her brother, Arvin, who lives in Dallas.

David Hoffman, 87, Holocaust survivor, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away on Feb. 20, 2018, in Boca Raton, Fla.

David was born on March 27, 1930 in Chust Czechoslovakia (today Khust, Ukraine) to Leib and Chana Hoffman. In the spring of 1944 and at the age of 14, David and his family were transported to Poland and imprisoned in the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp where his parents and four of his siblings perished. Over the next year, David survived the squalid conditions of four Nazi prison

camps before being liberated by the 925th Engineer Aviation Regiment near Allach, Germany. While serving as the unit's official mascot, the American Red Cross was able to locate and reunite David with his older sister who was living in Chicago. He immigrated to the United States in March 1946 as the Red Cross Poster Boy and his story of survival was recounted in papers throughout the nation.

David was a 1951 graduate of Hyde Park High School in Chicago, and attended Woodrow Wilson Junior College before transferring to Indiana University in 1953 where he graduated with a degree in History in 1956. He met his future wife, Miriam "Sunny" Shapiro on the Bloomington campus and the couple were married in Indianapolis Jan. 27, 1957. They moved to Lawrence, Kansas where David opened up the Hideaway Campus Pizzeria, the first pizza parlor west of the Mississippi, alongside his business partner Les Gerig.

In 1968, David sold his pizza parlors and moved his family to Indianapolis where he began a 40-year career in sales at The Uniform House. He became a part owner of the company in 1982.

He was a longtime member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, an avid reader and a Silver Life Master Bridge player. He and Sunny loved to travel, spend time with their beautiful family and he never shied away from speaking about the Holocaust and bearing witness to the horrors of the Nazis. He recently completed his autobiography, which will be published posthumously.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam "Sunny" Hoffman; son, Dr. Joel (Carol) Hoffman; daughter, Debbie (Michael) Sapper; five grandchildren, Ian, Lauren, Ella, Michael and Sarah. He was preceded in death by his son, Danny Hoffman. Funeral services were Feb. 25, 2018 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Selma E. Jacobs, 100, of Indianapolis passed away Feb. 26, 2018. A lifelong resident, she was born July 12, 1917 to Joseph and Bessie Kay. Selma worked as a sales associate in cosmetics for many years.

She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Beth-El Sisterhood, and the Hooverwood Guild.

Selma was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Takamoto; three granddaughters; sister, Helen Lefkowitz; niece, Denise Silbert; and nephew, Howard Lefkowitz. Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 2018 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Karen Rogers Hecht, 67, of Indianapolis, passed away March 1, 2018. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Karen moved to

Indianapolis in 1980 and was heavily involved in ORT and other Jewish organizations. At her passing she was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom. A teacher for many years, her passion was teaching Special Education.

Karen is survived by her husband Ken; sons, Jason Glenn and David (Sara) Glenn, daughter Jaime Levinberg; grandchildren, Hadley, Brady and Emery Glenn, Brooke and Zach Levinberg; step-granddaughters Chava and Rivkah Bunes. She is also survived by her mother, Georgia Rogers; siblings, Janice (Elliott) Bennett, Stephen (Lihi) Rogers, Jimmy Rogers, and Gary (Jilly) Rogers. Karen will also be forever remembered by numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Harry Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Congregation Beth Shalom (bethshalomindy.org/) 4000 W. 106th Street, Suite 160-118 Carmel, Indiana 46032. The funeral was held at Flanner Buchanan-Carmel, 325 E. Carmel Dr., on March 4, followed by a burial service at Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery in Fishers.

Irving Freeman, 91, passed away on March 7, 2018, surrounded as he often was by his loving family. Born on Jan. 20, 1927 in Indianapolis, he was the son of Manuel Freeman and Yetta Rosen.

Known to his family as "Big Irv," he was a natural salesman and people person extraordinaire, selling premium and ad specialty items and working with dairies and oil companies before he retired at age 75 from Kipp Brothers. After attending Indiana University, he graduated from University of Missouri in 1950 with a BS in marketing.

In addition to his beloved family, Big Irv loved and served both the Indianapolis and national Jewish communities. Until his death, Irv served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Union for Reform Judaism. Irv previously served as President of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), Hooverwood Home for the Aged, and Park Regency. For more than 30 years, Irv chaired the Cemetery Committee at IHC.

Big Irv was an Eagle Scout and served in the U.S. Army from 1945-1946.

In 1952, Irv married his first love, Barbara Heiman, from Oklahoma City whom he met on a blind date. Together, they had four children and many, many more whom they "adopted" along the way.



They were blessed with 8 extraordinary grandchildren who loved texting with their very modern grandfather and sharing many wonderful meals together (though very few merited a rating of more than a 6!). Irv was devoted to his family; he dropped everything to be with them and traveled miles, braving tornados and blizzards to break bread.

Irv and Barbara were married 59-1/2 years when she passed away in 2011. After her death, Irv found a second love in Jackie Larman with whom he shared cocktail hours, home-cooked meals, travel and deep gratitude for life and family. Jackie, who has become known as the Irving Whisperer, was by his side when he passed.

For more than 40 years, Irv attended IU Football games with his son-in-law Roland Dorson and every other member of his family. Despite optimism and hope, he was unable to experience IU's return to the Rose Bowl during his lifetime.

Big Irv was preceded in death by his beloved wife Barbara, his parents, and his brother Herschel for whom Irv cared since the age of 5 until Herschel's death. He is survived by his special love, Jackie Larman; his children, Lisa Freeman and Kevin Hardie, Patti Freeman Dorson and Roland Dorson, Martha Freeman, and Eddie and Laurie Freeman; as well as his grandchildren, Benjamin Dorson, Michael Hardie, Daniel Dorson, Sarah Freeman, Becca Hardie, Max Freeman, Maddie Leistikow and Justin Leistikow. Irv also leaves behind many wonderful "adopted" children including Marc Aronstam, Susie Beiman, Susan Howe, Marci Reddick and many, many more.

Big Irv was loved dearly by so many people. He was the embodiment of the Yiddish term *mensch* for the way he shared his huge heart. He will be missed terribly by his family and friends.

Services took place at IHC March 11 with interment at IHC Cemetery South on Kelly Street in Indianapolis. In lieu of flowers, Irv requested that donations be made to IHC or Hooverwood Home for the Aged. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Ronald M. Popp, 81, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on March 11, 2018, in Deerfield Beach, Fla., where he and his wife, Sue, spent winters. Ron was born Oct. 14,



1936 to Roger and Marijane Popp and attended Public School #80, Shortridge High School and Indiana University. While at IU, Ron was one of the founding

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members of the Beta Iota Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. The founding of the House had a special place in his heart. The elements of hard work, brotherhood, lifelong friendships and community service continued as recurring themes throughout his life.

Ron was deeply involved in civic life in Indianapolis, contributing to numerous community service organizations including The Columbia Club, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), Rotary International, and SCORE. Ron was the first Jewish president of the Murat Shrine Clowns and was also known as “Pop-O T. Clown”. He was a proud business owner, working alongside his father, and brother, Douglas Popp at Roger Popp Inc, until Ron’s retirement in 2004. He was president of the National Industrial Glove Distributors Association (NIGDA). Ron was also involved in numerous professional societies related to his business.

In 1957, Ron married the love of his life, Susan Popp. They spent 60 years together. Ron and Sue worked side by side and travelled extensively, but nothing was more important to them than their family.

Along with Sue, Ron is survived by his brothers, Dr. Richard Popp (and his wife Janis), and Douglas Popp (and Sharon Linder); children, Lori & Gary Moss, Beth and Abshalom Meiri and Amy Popp; grandchildren, Ethan and Rachel Moss, Mark and Dana Moss, Raphael, Yonatan, Ephraim and Binyamin Meiri, and Jillian Popp; as well as a large extended family. In addition, Ron is survived by hundreds of friends, many of whom he has known since childhood.

The funeral was March 15, 2018 at IHC. Donations in Ron’s memory can be made to Jewish Family Services/Popsie’s Pantry, 6905 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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

Beverly Earlene (Dickinson) Peale, 83, passed away peacefully in Carmel, Ind., on March 12, 2018. She was born Dec. 14, 1934 to Earl and Agnes Dickinson in Indianapolis.



Beverly was preceded in death in October 2017 by her beloved husband, Robert Peale, after 58 years of marriage. Beverly and Bob were married at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) on July 19, 1959 and were members ever since.

Beverly is survived by her brother David Dickinson of California; daughter Tammy Falender (Bob) of Carmel, Ind.; son Steve

(Melissa) of Columbus, Ohio; daughter Missy Arnold (Mike) of Noblesville, Ind.; and grandchildren Kaitlyn and Hannah Peale, Emma Falender McGowan (Shawn), Ashley and Zachary Falender, and Max and Bo Arnold.

Beverly will be missed as a loving mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Her grandchildren will remember her *kugel* and “butter beans,” her wonderful homemade Halloween costumes and the many hours she played games and cards with them. She loved clowns, sequins, the color purple, dance and theatre.

Beverly graduated from Howe High School in 1952 and studied at Butler University. A dancer her entire life, she owned her own dance studios and taught lessons to thousands of students over the years.

Upon her mother-in-law’s death in 1980, Beverly took over the Peale family store on Shelby Street in Indianapolis, which had originally been established by Bob’s parents as a department store. Beverly transformed it into a well-known dance and theatrical fabric store, Peale’s Theatrical, serving many high school and studio dance groups. Peale’s Theatrical also sold fabrics to professional theatre companies in Indianapolis. Bob began working alongside Beverly after his retirement from IUPUI, and the couple closed the store in 2007 after nearly 60 years in business.

Graveside services were held March 16 at IHC North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given to Kids Dance Outreach in Indianapolis at kidsdanceoutreach.org. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services.**

Dean A. Gossett, 56, of Carmel, Ind., loving father of Isabel Sara Gossett and loving son, uncle and friend, passed away on March 17, 2018.

A graveside service was held March 20, 2018 in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) Cemetery South in Indianapolis.

Dean was born on April 12, 1961 in Wyandotte, Mich., to Jean and Doris Gossett. He graduated from Carlson High School in 1979 and then proudly served in the US Navy where he was trained as an Aviation Electronics Technician.

Dean was a Purdue graduate with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He worked at Raytheon in Indianapolis as a Chief Engineer on various programs.

Dean was a member of IHC. His interests included computers, riding motorcycles with his brother, David, watching classic movies and reading technical journals.

Dean is survived by his daughter, Isabel (13); his brother, David Gossett of Orlando, Fla.; niece, Stephanie Gossett Burton; and

sister, Pam McIntyre of Pensacola, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, pages.teamtraining.org/in/yourway18/jcross or IHC Social Justice Fund.

Bernard (Bernie) De Koven, 76, passed away March 24, 2018. He was born in Wisconsin to Rabbi Ralph and Esther De Koven. He attended Temple University and received a Masters degree in theater from Villanova University.



In 1971, De Koven and his family established The Games Preserve, a retreat center for the study of games and play located in Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1976, De Koven designed Playday on the Parkway for the city of Philadelphia – the culminating event in Philadelphia’s Bicentennial celebration.

De Koven was an American game designer, author, lecturer and fun theorist. He is most notable for his books, *A Playful Path* (www.aplayfulpath.com/the-book), *The Well Played Game*, and *Junkyard Sports*, his co-founding and contributions to the New Games Foundation, his pioneering work in computer game design and for his long-running web sites: deepFUN.com and aplayfulpath.com. One of the numerous publications in which his writings appeared is *The Jewish Post & Opinion*, where he contributed a regular column from 2009–2011.

He met the love of his life Rosanne (Rocky) Friedlander while both were studying in Israel and they were married in 1966. They raised their two children and helped raise their five grandchildren who all survive him. Children are Shael De Koven (Tom) Weidenbach and Elyon Avram Micah (Julie Bachrach) De Koven, and grandchildren are Lily and Cole Weidenbach, Maya Ahuva Yetzirah, Reina Chanah Hadassah and Zevulun Racchmiel De Koven.

Bernie encouraged people to incorporate play into every aspect of their lives – to cook playfully, teach playfully, say hello to strangers playfully. He said games serve to help nurture playfulness.

A graveside service was held on March 26 at the B’nai Torah cemetery. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to the Indianapolis Parks Foundation: www.indyparksfoundation.org (please note Bernie’s Project). A Play Day at Ellenberger Park will be held later this spring to honor Bernie De Koven’s life and legacy of play. ✨



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Light of the Nations (LOTN) has been working diligently to create something wonderfully special for the holiday. It is an extremely unique, musically artistic approach to the Passover journey. Having recently completed our virtual, streaming Haggadah, we encourage you to check out this original, modern and relevant Seder video.

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