

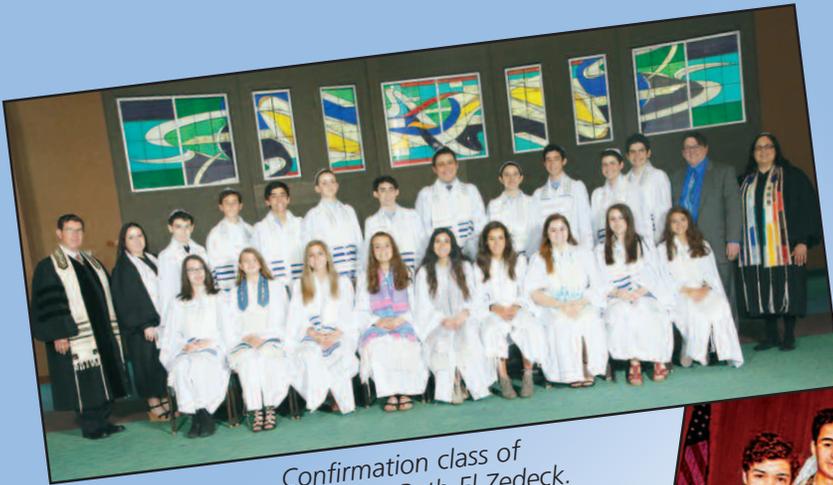
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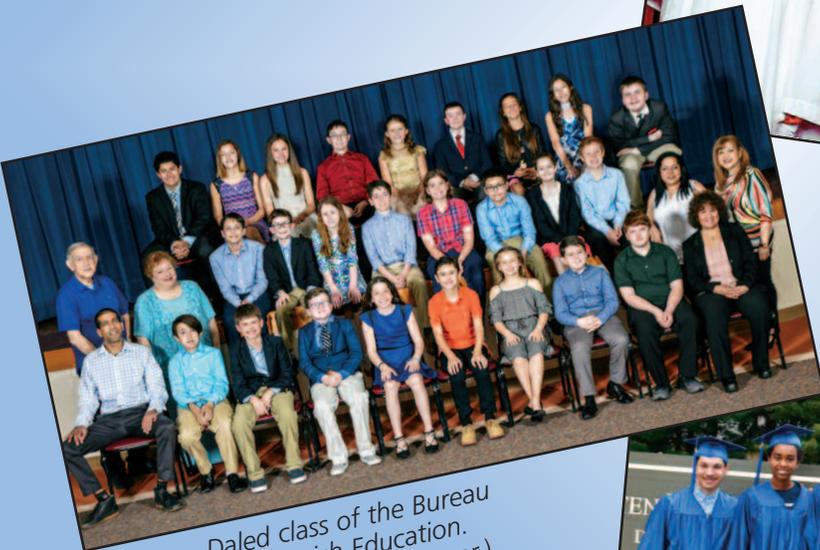
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Confirmation class of
Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.



Confirmation class of Indianapolis
Hebrew Congregation.



Daled class of the Bureau
of Jewish Education.
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Eighth Grade class of The Hasten
Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

Mazel Tov,
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Graduates!

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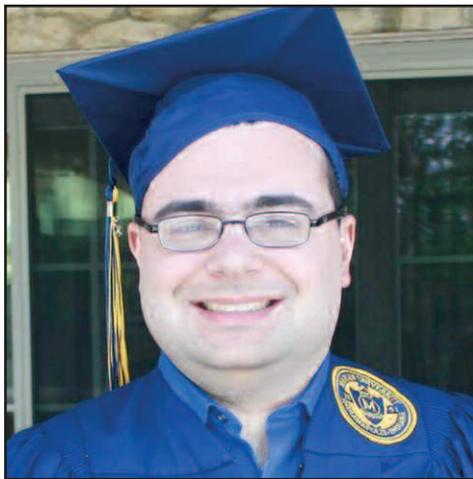
Franci Fealk and **Michael Skolnick** (below) on their marriage in Louisville, Ky. on May 28, 2017.



Kate Slabosky and **Kevin Altevogt** of Columbus, Ind., on the birth of their son **Louis David Altevogt** on March 7, 2018 in Indianapolis. Grandparents are **Barb** and **Les Altevogt** of Brooklyn, Mich., and **Marcella** and **Alex Slabosky** of Indianapolis.



Ellen Voskoboynik, daughter of **Irene Fox** and **Michael Voskoboynik**, graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelors Degree of Science in Nursing. She will begin her work as RN (Registered Nurse) in the Community Hospital East Emergency room in July. She was selected as the class speaker for her class. You can see her in her cap and gown and hear her speech at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-p_7usGas0&feature=share



Griffin Harp (above), son of **Charlie** and **Cindie Harp**, on graduating from Marian University.

Mira Shere, daughter of **Colleen** and **Mark Shere**, on graduating from Yeshiva University, Stern College for Women in December with a Computer Science degree.



Elyse Goldberg (below) and **Ben Goldberg** (above, right), children of **Paula Glanzman Goldberg** and grandchildren of **Linda Glanzman** on their graduates. Elyse graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in May with a BA in Communications and French Language/Literature. She is moving to New York where she landed a job at Frank PR, a public relations firm in Manhattan. Ben who was the president of his class graduated in



June from Carmel High School and will be attending the University of Michigan – Ross School of Business in the fall.

Eva Kor (below) on receiving an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from DePauw University President Dr. D. Mark McCoy.



More good news is that the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center will have a new home. The former First Financial Bank building (below) at 643 Wabash Avenue, in downtown Terre Haute, Ind., is donating the structure to Indiana Landmarks, plus contributing \$110,000 to help stabilize it and replace the roof over the next six months. Indiana Landmarks intends to pass ownership to CANDLES while retaining a protective covenant on the building.



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Editorial

When I first started writing more than 15 years ago, I expressed the concept that words matter – those we speak, write and even those we think have ramifications. Therefore my goal for the newspaper was to publish more words that heal and fewer words that hurt.

I wrote about the emotional effects of words of encouragement, praise, and kindness compared to words of blame, disapproval, criticism and condemnation. The former leave one feeling grateful, uplifted, and happy; the latter can lead to sadness, anger, and frustration. In my following editorial, I mentioned how these emotional feelings can affect the physical body.

I asked my readers to test this for themselves and see if it rings true for them. My suggestion was to sit quietly in a comfortable chair with phones turned off and other distractions curtailed. Close your eyes and breathe deeply into your abdomen for a few breaths. Then begin to think about one of the happiest times of your life. Imagine all the details of what took place. Where were you? What were you wearing? Who were you with? What was the weather like?

To get the most out of it, I recommended including the five senses – taste, touch, smell, sound, and sight. In other words, if one is remembering a beach experience, think about the *sound* of the waves, imagine the *sight* of sea gulls flying above, the *smell* of salt water, and the *feeling* of the wet sand between your toes.

After a few minutes, stop and let your mind go through your body from head to toe examining how you feel. Is your heart pounding or is there a warm feeling in it? Are you taking several shallow breaths or breathing slowly? Are your muscles tense or relaxed?

Now begin to think about someone who you think has treated you unfairly. Imagine in detail all the things they said and did to you. After a few minutes stop and again review places in your body. Are your teeth clenched, or is your jaw relaxed? Are your palms sweaty, or your hands in fists? Is your thinking clear or cloudy? Does your stomach feel as if it is in a knot? Now gradually open your eyes.

Next I wrote that I expect you will notice at least a slight difference in how you feel after the two different memories, and I hope you will feel more peaceful after the first one. Continuing, I stated that many scientific studies in the last several years have shown how the mind affects the body and if one is constantly bitter over a long period of time, it can cause illness. That is not breaking news.

What is new for me is that I realized recently when I am conflicted about a situation, especially if it is something new, easily 30 minutes can go by before I even realize that I am having one troubling thought after the other. Therefore, if one would like to improve one's health, a huge first step is simply being aware of one's thoughts.

However sometimes even once I catch myself immersed in unhelpful thoughts – which rarely lead to positive action – I still will not let go of them. I plunge right back into the whirlwind of thoughts. This is almost like a dog with a toy clenched in his jaws and when one tries to get it from him, he simply clenches tighter.

This reminds me of a favorite saying of my mother, Helen Cohen, z"l. "Don't say, he's upsetting me, say I'm letting him upset me," she announced periodically. She attributed that to the book, *Your Erroneous Zones: Step-by-Step Advice for Escaping the Trap of Negative Thinking and Taking Control of Your Life* by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer.

This first book Dyer wrote in 1976 has sold more than \$34 million copies. He passed away in 2015, but in between those years, he wrote more than 40 more books, including 21 *New York Times* bestsellers.

This also reminds me of what Viktor Frankl, author of *Man's Search for Meaning*, said while in a concentration camp. "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: to choose his attitude in any given set of circumstances."

What is also new for me is not only that I am able to catch myself a little sooner than before and change my thoughts to something more positive but also I have become more aware of lesser annoyances and decided I do not need to get tense over those either.

One of the strategies that has helped me let go of these unnecessary thoughts is practice. A short time after I started writing, I wrote about a friend who frequently gets ideas on how to improve his business on the Sabbath but since he does not write on that day, he will remember a key word or two so that when the Sabbath is over he can investigate his idea.

I valued learning about his Sabbath observance because I can awaken on a Saturday morning and think about business nonstop for an hour before I realize what day it is. Also now on a workday when I am caught in an unending stream of unproductive thoughts, I can pretend it is the Sabbath and let go of them more easily. I can duplicate that feeling of relief that today I don't need to fret, fix or create anything.

I am grateful to look back at my earlier editorials and see that, even if slowly, I have made some progress. Also rewarding

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Jennie Cohen, July 4, 2018 ✨

Community Events

Cong. Beth Shalom Book Club

Sun., July 8, from 3–5 p.m. Join us in an interesting discussion centered on this month's selection, *Kabbalah: A Love Story* by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner. "Sometime, somewhere, someone is searching for answers...in a 13th-century castle...on a train to a concentration camp...in a New York City apartment. Hidden within the binding of an ancient text that has been passed down through the ages lies the answer to one of the heart's eternal questions." To be held at the home of Susan Meyers. Contact Sharon Karp at skarp@iu.edu for more details go to bethshalomindy.org.

NEXTGen Happy Hour

Tues., July 10, and **Aug. 14** at 7 p.m. 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.

Shabbark Shabbat

Fri., July 13, 6:30 p.m., at Congregation Beth Shalom, 849 West 96th St. Bring your favorite canine, human, and lawn chairs to this relaxing Shabbat outdoor service honoring our beloved pets. Followed by doggie treats, water and an *Oneg* for humans. For more info contact Mickie Gurvis at mgurvis@comcast.net.

Jewish History in Indiana: Top 10 Archival Documents

Sun., July 15, 2–3 p.m. at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio St. Since 1972, when Joseph Levine of Fort Wayne founded the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, this state-wide organization has been building up its archival collection. Today the ever-growing collection is housed by the Indiana Historical Society and is open to the public to research on site. Dr. Wendy Soltz, Executive Director of IJHS, will highlight ten documents from the collection and an overview of IJHS. This presentation is part of a series of Top 10 programs which focus on synagogues and temples, and Jewish cemeteries, monuments, houses and businesses across Indiana. Cost \$10/\$5 members. Register at: indianahistory.org/events/jewish-history-in-indiana-top-10-archival-documents/

The 3rd Annual Indianapolis Israeli Film Festival July 15–19.

Presented by JCC Indianapolis, the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations

Council, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. \$10 per film; \$40 for a Festival Pass good for all five films! The films explore Israeli society through fascinating, humorous, inspiring, and controversial Israeli features and documentaries. All films include English subtitles. All films held in JCC's Laikin Auditorium except the first one. See trailers and buy tickets at jccindy.org/israeli-film-fest/

Maktub: Sun., July 15 at 6:30 p.m., opening reception, 7 p.m., screening at The Athenaeum 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis 46204. After criminals Steve and Chuma end up as the sole survivors of a deadly terrorist attack, they begin granting wishes from notes that have been placed in the Western Wall. Not appropriate for children. Title sponsor Abrams EyeCare Associates (John and Diane Abrams).

An Israeli Love Story: Mon., July 16 at 7 p.m. Based on the true story of the 1940s love affair between Pnina Gal and Eli Ben-Tzvi, son of Israel's second president.

The Testament: Tues., July 17 at 1 p.m., and **Wed., July 18** at 7 p.m. When Holocaust researcher Yoel examines classified files in an attempt to stop construction on land where a brutal massacre took place, to his surprise he finds a previously unseen testimony from his mother.

Shelter: Tues., July 17 at 7 p.m. Israeli Mossad agent Naomi is sent to Hamburg, Germany to protect Mona, a Lebanese informant recovering from plastic surgery in order to assume her new identity. Stuck in an apartment together for two weeks, the relationship they develop is soon exposed to the inescapable threat of terror. Not Appropriate for Children. Israeli diplomat Moran Birman will speak at the screening.

The Essential Link: The Story of Wilfrid Israel: Thurs., July 19 at 7 p.m. The story of Wilfrid Israel, a wealthy Jewish businessman and owner of Berlin's largest department store in the 1930s, who helped save thousands of Jews and played a key role in the Kindertransport operation. Title sponsor Dr. Myron and Myrna Weinberger. Myron will speak at the screening, and a Skype session with filmmaker Yonatan Nir and dessert reception will follow.

Hadassah Book Club

Mon., July 16 at 7 p.m., *And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer. Hostess Judy Koor, Shelbourne Greene in Carmel 46032. **Mon., Aug. 20** at 7 p.m. Hostess Carol Arenstein. Book selection TBD. No September meeting due to holidays. **Mon., Oct. 15**. Hostess Annette Gross. Book selection TBD. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaineh1@gmail.com. Look forward to beautiful *Roses for Rosh Hashanah*. Flyer

will be in the mail soon.

Bereavement support group

Tues., July 17, and **Aug. 14** 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: Paula at pgoldberg@jfgi.org or Julie at 317-529-5497.

Tot Shabbat

Sat., July 21, 9 a.m., at Congregation Beth Shalom, 849 West 96th St. All young children and their favorite adults are invited to a special Tot Shabbat filled with crafts, stories and music. The theme is, "A Year of Blessings – The Goodnight *Sh'ma*". Children will be introduced to blessings that are recited throughout the year. Contact Jen Warriner at jenwarriner@gmail.com to RSVP.

Coexistence (featuring Zach Schaffer)

Wed., July 25 from 6:30–8:30 p.m., at the JCC. The "People of the Western Galilee" photo exhibit, a Partnership together Western Galilee initiative spear-headed locally by Freddie Kelvin and Dena Elisabeth Eber and soon to be hanging in the JCC Indianapolis art gallery, showcases the area's diversity by sharing the life stories of 30 Jewish, Arab Christian, Arab Muslim, Druze, and Ethiopian Israelis.

For the exhibit's closing event, Israel Action Network Community Strategy Associate, Zach Schaffer, who is also on the board of the Israeli/Palestinian shared society organization Friends of Roots, will lead a workshop on multiculturalism, coexistence, and the transformative power of art and storytelling to help people understand each other. Reception to follow. Sponsored by JCC, JCRC and JFGI.

Family Promise

Thurs., July 26, from 5–7:30 p.m. Please join the Congregation Beth Shalom Social Action Committee as we partner with Second Presbyterian Church to serve dinner, provide children's programming, and support our Family Promise guests. To volunteer, contact Barbie Stenacker at stenacker@comcast.net.

Documentary on Eva Mozes Kor

Thurs., July 26 at 6:30–9 p.m., in JCC's
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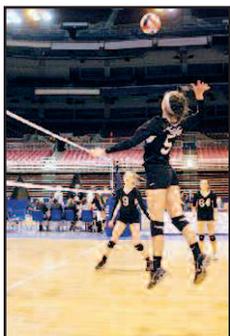


The Goodman Shoes Bowling League champions **Jeremy Rosenstein, Jared Green, Jeff Eshowsky, Barry Wides, Jay Walerstein, Scott Freeman, Scotty Wilson and Avrum Herman.**

Deborah Judith Toof (below), daughter of **Joel and Cheryl Toof**, of Carmel, Ind., on her marriage to **Adam Mikail Jonovski**, son of **Mendo and Riza Jonovski**, of Cincinnati, on May 12, 2018, at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Newfield Gardens. Stephen L J Hoffman, Justice of the Peace, of Covington, Ky., officiated. Deborah and Adam both attended the University of Cincinnati, and met as undergraduates studying in the DAAP program. The couple resides in Orange County, Calif.

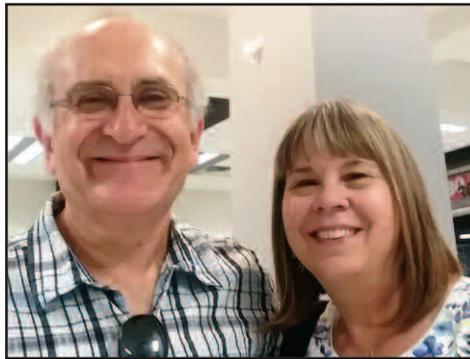


Anna Voskoboynik, (below, left) and **Iszabel Cohen**, (below, right) – both graduates of HHAI – on their selection to the Team USA Volleyball for the upcoming Maccabi Games. See more on their websites: http://support.maccabiusa.com/site/TR?px=1090894&fr_id=1100&pg=



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Shawna Glazer-Klopfert and Tibor Klopfert on celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary on May 22, 2018.



Tahlia Alkobi (below, in white dress), daughter of **Saar and Shirley Alkobi** on becoming a *Bat Mitzvah* on *Shabbat*, May 26th at B'nai Torah, and on Sunday, May 27th a beautiful and remarkable Bat Mitzvah party was held at Hasten Hebrew Academy (HHAI). Special thanks to Dina Cohen who helped make this occasion unforgettable. Also in the photo is her older sister **Lynne Alkobi** (below, left) who graduated from HHAI this year.



Photo by Denis Ryan Kelly Jr.

Rachel Huebner of Manhattan on her marriage to **Ari Kaissar** of Evanston, Ill., at the Rockleigh in New York on June 3, 2018. The wedding was presided over by Rabbi Joe Wolfson who is the JLIC rabbi at NYU where the groom was a student at the Stern School of Business until his gradua-



tion a few weeks before the wedding. The bride's parents are **Marshall and Dina Huebner** of Manhattan, and the grooms parents are **Amy and Guy Kaissar**, previously of Indianapolis, but currently in Evanston. Grandparents are **Karen and Chuck Cohen** of Indianapolis and **Amiel and Rachel Kaissar** previously of Indianapolis, but currently in Florida and New York. Attendants for Ari were his 3 younger brothers, **Ilan, Erez and Gil** plus several close friends, and attendants for Rachel were her 3 younger sisters, **Leora, Abigail and Shira**, plus several close friends. The newlyweds met on a Passover program in Costa Rica in 2013. She recently graduated from Harvard with a degree in psychology and will be working at the Tikva Fund starting in July. He recently graduated from NYU with a degree in finance and will be working for PJT starting in July. They will be living on the upper west side in Manhattan.

Kyle and Carrie Katz on the birth of their son **Avi Jordan Katz** born on June



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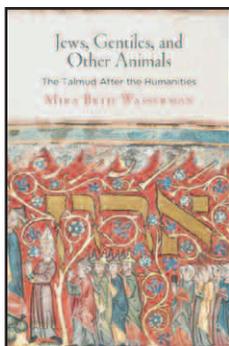
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5th, weighing in at 8 lbs., 5 oz., and 20-1/2 inches long. Kyle is the son of **Leslie Kraft Katz** and **Ronnie Katz** and the grandson of **Adele** and **Gerald Kraft**. Carrie is the daughter of **Debbie Kuntz**.

Mira Beth Wasserman, a former rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Ind., on winning the American Academy for Jewish Research Salo Baron Prize for her book, *Jews, Gentiles, and Other Animals: The Talmud After the* **Wasserman**



Humanities, University of Pennsylvania Press. Noteworthy for its impressive integration of multiple intellectual perspectives, for its intellectual maturity, and for the lucidity of its exposition, *Jews, Gentiles, and Other Animals* speaks to a community that extends to all fields of Jewish studies and beyond.



The American Academy for Jewish Research (www.aa jr.org)

is the oldest professional organization of Judaica scholars in North America. The Baron Prize honors the memory of the distinguished historian Salo W. Baron, a long-time president of the AAJR, who taught at Columbia University for many decades.

Pickleball champions at the JCC-Indy, **Jeremy Rosenstein** and **Sandy Schwarz** (below), traveled down to Fairfield Glade Racquet Center and won the Tennessee Tourney Gold in Mixed Doubles Under 50 Division. Jeremy also came away with Silver in the Mens Doubles Under 50 Division and had a festive weekend with superb competition.



Sylvia and **Mike Blain** on the birth of their 17th great-grandchild **Shayna**, (**Shayndel Bracha**) **Pittleman** (above) born in Jerusalem on Sylvia's birthday June 17th. She weighed 7.5 lbs., and was named at the *Kotel* on June 18th. Shayna is the fifth child and fourth girl born to **Jenny (Blain)** and **Josh Pittleman**. Her maternal grandparents are **David** and **Susan Blain**, Cherry Hill, N.J., and paternal grandparents are **Mark** and **Carin Pittleman** of Milwaukee. Her paternal great-grandparents are **Mike** and **Sylvia Blain** of Cleveland (formerly of Indianapolis.) Maternal great-grandparents are **Rose** and **David Raduziner**, Hudson, Mass. (see *Mazel Tov*, page IN 10)

IHC welcomes new Cantor

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation welcomes **Cantor Aviva Marer**. She comes from Temple Emanu-El of Edison, N.J., and brings her husband **Jim** and their son, **Benjamin**. Cantor Aviva Marer grew up in Ottawa, Ontario. Born in to a family of Bene Israel Jews from India, she grew up with a strong cultural sense of Indian Judaism. Her grandfather built the first synagogue in New Delhi, which still stands.



She completed a *Cantor Marer* Bachelor's Degree in Classical Voice in 2005, and a Master's Degree in Choral Conducting in 2007. She has had the distinct honor of conducting internationally renowned ensembles all over the world. In May of 2013, Cantor Marer was ordained from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. During her time at HUC-JIR, she was awarded the Women of Reform Judaism Prize twice.

She has had the pleasure of working (see *Marer*, page IN 8)

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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.

Conner Prairie: Star-Spangled Symphony

Wed., July 4, depart JCC at 6 p.m. Wear your red, white, and blue for the ISO's annual celebration of America. The ISO will salute all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. This summer-time tradition features symphony favorites, including Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, complete with real cannons and spectacular fireworks to cap off the evening. \$37 includes admission and transportation.

Lunch Cookout & Game Day

Wed., July 11 at 11:30 a.m., at Stonecrest of Meridian Hills, 8549 N. Meridian St. We have been invited to a special afternoon of fun. We'll have a cookout lunch followed by bingo, mah jongg, dominoes, card games and bridge. Let Janet know which game you are interested in playing. No charge for members. No transportation provided.

Concert on the Canal: Brenda Williams

Thurs., July 12, depart JCC at 5 p.m. The show will feature classic R&B hits from the '60s and '70s. Order dinner from the grill, café or bring your own. \$19 includes transportation and table seating.

Indianapolis City Market

Wed., July 18, depart JCC at 10 a.m. Every Wednesday farmers bring their fresh fruits and vegetables to the market. There is also an Amish bakery. After shopping we will have lunch there on the patio. Transportation \$10, and lunch at your expense.

Eleven at the Pyramids

Fri., July 20 at 11:30 a.m., 3500 Depauw Blvd. Eleven at the Pyramids is the student-run restaurant of The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Indianapolis. The restaurant offers a unique combination of real-world experience and instructional content while creating a quality dining environment for patrons. Menu and price TBA. No transportation provided.

Picnic in the Park Classic

Sun., July 22 at 7 p.m., depart JCC at 6 p.m. Please join us for our annual picnic at Lions Park in Zionsville. *Love Songs of the 60's* will include "I Can't Help Falling

in Love with You," made famous by Elvis Presley and performed by Edward Zlaty & GMH Jazz Orchestra. Transportation \$10. Kosher hot dogs and other treats available for a donation.

Classic Movie Club: Ladybird or Disobedience

Mon., July 23, 2 p.m. at Traditions at North Willow, 1703 W. 86th Street. *Ladybird* is the story of Marion McPherson, a nurse, who works tirelessly to keep her family afloat after her husband loses his job. She also maintains a turbulent bond with her teenage daughter who is just like her: loving, strong-willed and deeply opinionated.

In *Disobedience*, New York photographer, Ronit Krushka, flies to London after learning about the death of her estranged father. Ronit is returning to the same Orthodox Jewish community that shunned her decades earlier for her childhood attraction to Esti, a female friend. Their fortuitous and happy reunion soon reignites their burning passion as the two women explore boundaries of faith and sexuality. Dinner will be Chicken Parmesan, salad, spaghetti, vegetable, strawberry-rhubarb pie, coffee, tea or soft drink. Open to the first 18 members who sign up. Movie FREE to members. Dinner \$8.

Baseball – Indianapolis Indians vs. Rochester Red Wings

Tues., July 24, depart JCC 6 p.m. We will have excellent seats. Dinner – hot dog, chips, drink and ice cream – will be served to us. \$37 includes transportation, admission ticket and dinner.

Civic Theatre – Guys and Dolls

Wed., July 25, depart JCC 5:30 p.m. Set in the Manhattan of Damon Runyon's short stories, *Guys and Dolls* is considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy. Gambler Nathan Detroit tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck. Meanwhile, his girlfriend Adelaide, a nightclub performer, laments that they've been engaged for 14 years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler Sky Masterson for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing Sarah Brown, the straight-laced missionary, as a result. Show FREE. Transportation \$10.

The Round Barn Theatre at Amish Acres – Copacabana

Sun., July 29, depart JCC at 9 a.m. We'll arrive in Nappanee in time for lunch and shopping before the show. Barry Manilow's unforgettable hit song is brought to life
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Laikin Auditorium. Join Eva Kor and award-winning filmmaker Ted Green for a special screening of *Eva*, a story of a remarkable journey: from the Josef Mengele experiments at Auschwitz, through years of anger and anguish, to starting the largest manhunt in history and, later, a global movement of peace and forgiveness. Fighting off time and failing health, this 4 foot 9 inch, 83-year-old woman from Terre Haute travels the world to promote what her extraordinary life has taught: peace, humanity and healing.

Narrated by Hollywood icon Ed Asner, *Eva* includes on-camera appearances from CNN's Wolf Blitzer, former NBA great Ray Allen, TV and movie star Elliott Gould and many others who reveal touching accounts of Eva's impact on their own lives. This special screening is in partnership with Ted Green Films and WFYI, Indianapolis' PBS affiliate. See a trailer for the documentary at www.thestoryofeva.com. Cost \$15. For more info contact Lev Rothenberg at lrothenberg@jccindy.org or 317-715-9233.

Tu B'Av Services

Fri., July 27, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom 849 West 96th St. 46260. According to tradition, *Tu B'Av* was the beginning of the grape harvest and was considered one of the two most joyous days on the calendar. *Shir HaShireem*, the Song of Songs, was originally a series of poems dedicated to physical love and by the first century was interpreted as declaring God's love for Israel. We will explore the roots of this seldom-observed celebration, and the music surrounding spiritual love.

Give a Shvitz – Sweat for a Cause (NEXTGen Workout Fundraiser)

Sun., July 29 from 1–2 p.m., at JCC's Mordoh Fitness Center. Strength training and PiYo with Jacqueline Goldstein. For more info contact Matthew Kramer-Morning 317-715-9261 or mkmorning@jfgi.org.

Etz Chaim MD Speaker Series Lecture

Thurs., Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at 6939 Hoover Rd., Pediatrician **Dr. Freshteh Farahan-Mintz**, will be the last speaker in this series. Light refreshment will be served. Free of charge no RSVP needed, simply come and enjoy. For more info call 317-251-6220 or go to etzchaimindy.org or facebook.com/etzchaimindy.

Parents Night Out (PNO)

Sat., Aug. 25, 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! 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.

Hoosier Jewish Legends Hall of Fame Induction

Sun., Aug. 26, at noon at Table at Market District, 11505 N. Illinois St., Carmel. Join the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for its celebration of the third class of inductees into the Hoosier Jewish Legends Hall of Fame. The following individuals were selected for their significant contribution to life in Indiana. Gerald Kraft, Indianapolis; David Piser, South Bend; Joan Wolf, Indianapolis; Cantor Janice Roger, Indianapolis; and Lois and Sidney Eskenazi, Indianapolis. Please watch for further details; to purchase tickets (cost \$36) send reservation checks to Indiana Jewish Historical Society, 6705 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, 46260. Questions? Contact: Chairperson Mark Roger at mroger@artandtex.com or Co-Chair Sheila Greenwald at sheilaeg@aol.com.

Jewish Healing Services

Wed., Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5 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.

Torah Discussion for Women

Rebetzin Nili Gingold-Altchek from Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation leads a *Torah* discussion for women at Starbucks

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for Congregation Rodeph Sholom of Manhattan, Temple Israel of Staten Island, Riverdale Temple of the Bronx, and Temple Emanuel of Roanoke, Virginia. A renowned singer with impressive vocal ability, Cantor Marer has performed twelve shows to date at Carnegie Hall with the prestigious choral group Essential Voices USA. ★



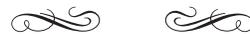
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onstage in this entertaining nightclub spectacle. "Her name was Lola. She was a showgirl..." So begins this tale of romance and stardom that has captivated audiences across the globe. After the show we'll have a Threshers Dinner – relishes, soup, two kinds of meat, vegetables, pie and coffee or tea – and then return home. \$69 includes show, lunch, dinner and transportation.

Beth-El Zedeck – Table Settings

Mon., Aug. 6, at 600 W. 70th St. Meet in lobby at 11 a.m. Local designers, florists, decorators, and retailers will join together to display innovative tablescapes. No charge for members. ★



at 86th & Ditch **every other Sunday** 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 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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The last graduation speech at the BJE

By CANTOR JUDY MEYERSBERG



The year is 1911. Our President is William Howard Taft. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City burns down, killing 146 people and mobilizing workers to insist on legal changes improving workplace safety. The first Indianapolis 500 is run and won by Ray Harroun driving a Marmon Wasp, and a visionary leader dreams of opening a modern Hebrew school [in Indianapolis]. Imagine a cutting-edge community school for boys and girls, staffed by professionals who will be tasked with teaching Hebrew, instilling love of the language, the culture and the liturgy.

That man was Rabbi I E Neustadt, and his overriding concern was to promote *klal yisrael*, community, and give his pupils, both boys and girls, entree to the worldwide Jewish community by mastering the Hebrew language in modern, prayer book, and biblical form. This was a revolutionary idea in its time. Remember it would be 11 *more* years before the *Bat Mitzvah* of Judith Kaplan Eisenstein, and 37 years before the birth of the modern state of Israel.

Having the idea for this kind of school, and breathing life into it, is one thing in a New York City, or a Chicago, or other major Jewish magnet area. It is quite another thing to promote this idea in Indianapolis, where the Jewish population is less than 1 percent of the general population in 1911. Rabbi Neustadt refused to give up and began fundraising in 1905. In November of 1911, the United Hebrew School was born. The individual congregations were small, but by combining their children, this aggregate constituted a viable base to support such a system, and the ambitious curriculum of the forward-thinking Rabbi.

At his death in 1913, the United Hebrew School was renamed the Rabbi Neustadt United Hebrew School to honor his memory and vision. A short 10 years later, the school opened the first Jewish early childhood program in Indianapolis. Change and expansion became the hallmark. In 1924 our name changed to the Jewish Educational Association (JEA); as a need arose to relocate further north, the Auxiliary initiated a fund raising campaign to purchase the land for our current building.

Educational innovation and expansion continued: with Federation and Auxiliary support we created one of the first language labs in the state, the Auxiliary

built the JEA library and staffed it with professionals. Support continued to flow throughout the community to foster love of Israel, the people, and the language. Out of the Domont family's generosity, three generations of Indianapolis Jewish high school students received funding for study trips to Israel; and in the 1960's Hebrew school began the tradition of observing GUCI *shabbatons* so students could speak and live with Hebrew.

Acknowledging our expanded role in the community, the JEA became the Bureau of Jewish Education in 1980. As the BJE, we educated people of all ages, from toddlers to nonagenarians, through formal and informal settings. We have continued to innovate, incorporating distance learning options into our programs, adding the latest in AV and smart board technology to our toolbox of teaching methods.

The newest program for the BJE is our Holocaust Education Center. It began through the efforts of our librarian, Dena Weinstein, who conceived and ran our Holocaust Trunk program until her death in 2002. The BJE has been the leading organization for Holocaust education for the State of Indiana for nearly 20 years. The BJE's Holocaust trunk program, teacher training program and statewide educational programs have helped hundreds of teachers

and thousands of students throughout the state of Indiana to better understand the context and implications of this dark period of World history.

While the Bureau has always been in the vanguard of cutting edge education, we *have* seen family life and educational goals shift. We have striven, to the best of our abilities, to teach your most precious legacy, your children. I'd like our teachers to stand. You see standing before you over 135 combined years of teaching experience. And would our staff also rise. While they only represent 30 combined years of work, without their dedication to the Bureau and its values, the teachers would not be able to do their work. We, the teachers thank you.

But this is not just a stroll down memory lane. We are here to celebrate our Dalet graduates, who today mark the completion of four years of effort and study. We hope that we have been able to pass on to you, our graduates, a spark of the passion and love we have for Hebrew and Judaism.

Some of you will think of Hebrew school and remember *suk shekels*, lighting the *Chanukiah* during *Chanukah* on the Plaza, participating in model Passover *seders* and *Tu bish'vat seders*, *Shimon omer* with Mr. Cohen, or maybe even trope

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Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

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A beautiful story

Reprinted from National issue, March 7, 2018

For many years our family has a custom to organize a family reunion in Bloomington, Ind., during the winter vacation. For me this is a happy occasion, but it involves a lot of traveling and effort, as I live in Israel.

This year I was not able to travel, but I did participate in the reunion over the phone. Amazing! When I first came to Israel 50 years ago it was very difficult and expensive to make a phone call to America. Now I just pressed a few buttons, and I was able to spend a few special hours talking to my relatives gathered in Bloomington, and it didn't cost me even one penny! I pay \$8 a month to my cell phone company, and then I can call anywhere in Israel and in 30 other countries and talk as long as I want for no additional charge.

In addition, one of my sons, his wife and six of my grandchildren were at the reunion. They live in Buffalo, NY. They borrowed a minivan to make the 10 hour drive, even though the weather was very cold.

Now, I will let my son tell you about their trip:

"Ten minutes before we arrived we got a flat tire. *Oy Vey!* This was not my van and I could not find where the spare tire was hidden. Then some very nice policemen stopped and helped us.

"Finally we arrived. I helped my Uncle Larry to put on *tefillin*, and then put them on myself. Then I had to find a place to fix the flat tire. The only place that was open that Sunday, New Year's Eve, was Walmart. I left them the van to fix, and went shopping.

"While I was doing this my father called, and asked me to put *tefillin* on with my cousins.

"Wow! After driving 10 hours and changing a flat tire in the freezing weather, I was not happy to take on this project. I told my father that I am sorry, but right now I am shopping. By the time that I return to the reunion, the sun will have set, and then it will be too late to put on *tefillin*.

"My father asked me to take a break and go back to help my cousins put on *tefillin*. Then I could finish shopping. Well, it is a

mitzvah, a good deed, to honor your father. Therefore I should try to fulfill his request. I left my shopping cart and went over to see if they had finished fixing the van. The van was fixed! I drove it around to the food department. There I would check out, and go back to the reunion.

"I was thinking by the time I waited in line and checked out, it would be too late to put *tefillin* on my cousins, but what else could I do? Well, *Hashem*, our G-d, had other plans for me.

"I went back to where I had left my shopping cart. It had disappeared! My heart said to me: *Hashem* wants you to put *tefillin* on your cousins. Leave everything and go do these *mitzva*hs! I quickly looked around the whole store, but could not find my cart. I looked around again. I realized that *Hashem* wanted me to go back already, to help my cousins to put on *tefillin*. That is why my shopping cart had mysteriously disappeared!

"Amazing! I drove back, and three of my cousins put on *tefillin!*"

What are the lessons that we learn from this story? Do *mitzva*hs! Put on *tefillin!* Light *Shabbos* candles! Make people happy! Drive 20 hours to make your uncles, aunts, and cousins happy. (They were so happy to see my children and grandchildren.)

Help your family, friends, readers and whoever else you can to do more *mitzva*hs! Every *mitzvah* that we do brings holiness and happiness into our lives and into our world. The time I spend praying is the best time of every day. I am communicating and coming closer to our Father, our Creator. Then I can spend the rest of the day doing His will, His commandments, to make my life better and my part of the world better. And when my little part of the world gets better, then the whole world is getting better!

Do your part. Make your life better and make the world better. This will bring us to the time that the world will be completely good.

We are now about to celebrate *Pesach*, our redemption from Egypt. We wish all of you a *kosher* and happy *Pesach*. And just as our forefathers were redeemed, so too we hope and pray that *Hashem* will redeem us already from our present exile, now! We want *Moshiach* now!

Rabbi Benzion Cohen can be reached by email at bzioncohen770@gmail.com. ★

MAZEL TOV

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Shayna was the name of Mike's youngest sister who perished in Auschwitz.

Norman and **Gail Ettinger** on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2018, and **Barry** and **Cynthia Pakula** on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 23, 2018. An *Oneg Shabbat* was in given in their honor at Congregation B'nai Torah on June 16th preceded by moving speeches given by both Norman and Barry. Two couples that came from out of town for the event were **Marvin** and **Michelle Hershenson** from Hollywood, Fla., and **Rabbi Yisrael** and **Naomi Homnick** came from Chicago. ★



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class, using your hand signals, and getting up to physically connect words, trope and melody with body motions. Whatever your individual memories of your time at the Bureau, we all wish for you a sense of comfort and ease with the Hebrew language; we hope we have planted seeds of curiosity about Hebrew that will cause you to enter into a relationship of lifelong study, participation, and belonging; and may you grow from strength to strength.

During your presentation, you will recite the *Shehecheyanu*, a blessing thanking God for giving us life, sustaining us, and allowing us to reach this moment. And this week we will complete the reading of the book of Leviticus, with *Behar-B'chukotai* which speaks about time such as sabbaticals and the jubilee year, and receiving a life of blessing by following the commandments. Just as we will chant a special phrase asking to be strong and finding strength in one another when concluding the reading this coming *Shabbat*, I ask everyone here and now, to repeat after me: *chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik*.

Cantor Meyersberg joined the BJE in 1997, directing the B'nai Mitzvah Program as well as serving as Interim Bureau director this past school year. Hailing from Spokane, Wash., she earned Bachelor's degrees in Piano and Voice Performance from the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. She received Cantorial ordination and earned her Master's of Sacred Music from the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1992, and was recently awarded a Doctor of Music, honoris causa in 2017. ★



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HAI students create Virtual Worlds with Rambam students in Akko

Last summer, Gil Klempert from the Partnership2Gether contacted Michael Voskoboynik, technology coordinator at Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. Klempert asked Voskoboynik if he would be willing to take on a new innovative project called "Virtual Worlds". He and his students would work together with the Rambam School, their sister school in Akko, Israel. After two months of training, which HAI students received from Eureka World (the organization that created the environment), they began their exciting journey!

Each student in both schools created his or her own avatar and built a mini-world using creation tools and coding. They "met" virtually with their Israeli counterparts in real time to "light" the Menorah on Chanukah, "plant" trees on Tu B'Shvat and participate in a Passover Race. This race is a virtual obstacle course in which the student, via his or her avatar, drives a car. On the way to reach the finish, he or she encounters various obstacles such as answering questions correctly in order to move on.

Little did they know, but the Eureka World was so excited about what they achieved, that they invited them to their main event of the year, 3D-TON, 24-hour challenge, that took place in Haifa. Five HAI students were selected from grades five and six to go on the trip and to participate in the 3D-TON.

3D-TON challenge featured many teams from different Israeli schools. HAI students received special introductions because they were the only group from outside Israel. They were lucky again to team up with friends from the Rambam School. In over 24 hours, they created two 360 degree environment projects: "Synagogues around the World" in Virtual Worlds and "The Time Machine Game" using CoSpaces. The judges really loved their creations and gave them 90% and 85% respectively!

For most students, it was their first trip to Israel. They also visited Jerusalem's Old City and the Kotel, Masada, Yad Vashem, Akko and Tel Aviv. In Jerusalem, they witnessed and participated in numerous exciting Yom Yerushalayim festivities. In Tel Aviv they took a trip and had an important meeting at Beit Hatfutsot (Museum of the Jewish People).

Even though their unforgettable journey is over, they know that they will continue



Here we are! HAI ISTE 2018 Chicago happy presenters! Thank you ISTE for inviting us and allowing us to proudly represent our great school, Indianapolis Jewish community, city and state!

their fruitful collaboration with our Israeli counterparts on many different levels!

Mr. Voskoboynik created a website where one can see several wonderful photos and videos of the experience: <http://hhai.edtech.weebly.com/mr-voskoboynik.html>

On June 24, Mr. Voskoboynik took 12

students to represent the Indianapolis Jewish community, city and state at the International EdTech conference (ISTE – International Society of Technology Educators) in Chicago (above). They gave three presentations. This is the second year in a row they have been invited to ISTE. ✨



Israel Wax Museum: In honor of Israel's 70th anniversary, on May 6th, 70 Hasten Hebrew Academy students, grades 2-7, portrayed 70 Israeli personalities from Biblical times to present day in wax museum style with first graders introducing in song.

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The Casbah at Etz Chaim

An evening of fun and fundraising, “Casbah at the Etz” took place at Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation on June 10. Headed by **Israel and Parisa Keisari**, scrumptious Middle Eastern food was prepared and served by Keisari Catering Company. A traditional selection of Moroccan and Middle Eastern sweets was lovingly prepared by Etz Chaim Deborah Sisterhood. Delightful live music of traditional and original Middle Eastern music was performed by The Salaam Ensemble.

On the Casbah committee were **Batya Auerbach, Gina Berger, Kelly Bodner, Lannie Cohen, Vika and Rakhel Farahan,**



Ilana Mordoh and Cathi Weiner. Title sponsor was **Leon Mordoh** and Platinum

sponsors were **Mrs. Meyer P. Nahmias** and **Mike and Christa Klein.** ✨



Hadassah donor recognition

The Hadassah donor luncheon was held on June 24 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, honoring donors and nurses. The title of the event was, “Healing the Land and the People” in honor of Hadassah first bringing nurses to Israel 100 years ago. Two nurses in attendance were **Jodi Friedman** of Carmel and **Betsy Frank** of Terre Haute. Keynote speaker was **Kacy Spivack**, a recent past vice president of National Hadassah. An honorarium was given to **Deedle Kahn** for her many years of leadership and contributions. Also honored for that reason were as **Helaine Herman** and **Phyllis Russell**. Beautiful weather and a good turnout helped make this a wonderful afternoon! *Photos by Cindie Harp.* ✨



Above: Immediate Past Region President Teree Farbstein (L) and Honoree Deedle Kahn. Below: Mother and daughter Beverly Berkowitz and Fran Susskind Resler.

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Hadassah Associates Natan Erdberg (L) and Av Herman (R) flank past chapter president, Shirley Aprison.



Obituaries

Joan Dee Kahn, 89, passed away on March 23, 2018. Born in Chicago on Feb. 19, 1929 to Melvin and Jean Adams, she lived most of her life in Indianapolis. She attended Grinnell College. Joan will be remembered for her generosity and kindness. She was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC); past president and life member of League of Women Voters; docent and member of the Indianapolis Museum of Art; past president and supporter of the Asian Art Society. Joan was also a long time member and supporter of the Indianapolis Children's Museum and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Joan enjoyed bridge and travel.



She is survived by her sons Arthur Dee (Mary Lou Popolizio) of Rochester, NY and Michael Dee, M.D (Marsha) of Louisville, 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, brother Melvin Adams, husbands Joseph Dee and David Kahn, and son Lawrence Dee.

Funeral Services were held at the IHC Chapel on May 6th. A celebration of life was held at Marquette Manor on May 5th. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Francine Rosenberg, 78, long time resident of Indianapolis, passed away on April 2, 2018. She was born Sept. 19, 1939 in Chicago to Nathan and Betty Levinson.



She was extremely active in the Indianapolis Jewish Community as a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), the Hooverwood Guild and serving on the IHC Cemetery Committee.

Her family was the light of her life. She is survived by: husband, Gabriel J. Rosenberg, MD; daughters, Natalie (Pat) Reams, Terry (Pascal) Decaudin; son, Andrew (Debbie) Rosenberg; brother, Steven Levinson and sister, Eileen Zucker; grandchildren, Lesley Cook, Sarah Reams, Alexander, Erin-Rose, Claire and Dasha Decaudin and Ally and Jason Rosenberg.

In 1989 Gabe and Fran's youngest daughter, Laura, passed away. In her memory, the couple established two funds in her honor: one at North Central High School for a deserving art student and the other at the JCC of Indianapolis.

In Fran's memory, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Laura Rosenberg Fund c/o JCC Indianapolis, 6701 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Funeral services were April 5, 2018 at IHC.

Randee Sibul Gelbert, 64, passed away April 14, 2018. She is survived by her loving husband and daughter, Larry and Rachel Gelbert. She was the daughter of the late Louis and Magda Sibul of Skokie, Ill. Additional survivors include her sister Sheryl Hough Golland (Allen) and brother Mark Sibul (Shelly), and many loving nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held April 19, 2018 for immediate family members. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the breast cancer research organization of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services.**

Leonard M. Goldstein, 97, passed away April 20 in Carmel, Ind. Len was born in Cleveland Sept. 27, 1920, to Rose and Mitchell Goldstein. He graduated from Ohio State University, and soon moved to Fort Wayne, where he lived with his wife Rikki for the next 71 years. He worked in export management, spending the bulk of his



career with the company he founded, Midland, Inc. Len's civic engagement occupied him until a few weeks before his death, including serving on the boards of local arts organizations, civil and constitutional rights groups, community physical and mental health providers, and institutions devoted to Jewish community life. He also served a term as president of the Fort Wayne Community Schools Board. A passionate advocate of fairness and justice, as well as his views on how to achieve them, he was a frequent contributor to the OpEd page of the Fort Wayne newspapers.

Len is survived by his wife Rikki, his children Michael, Steven, Jan Goldstein and Lisa Post, and his grandchildren Ben and Jon Barefoot; Amanda and Anya Goldstein; and Cort, Arlee, Zach, and Kailee Post, several great-grandchildren and a sister Marianne Wheeler of Tucson, Ariz. Services were held at Achduth Vesholom Temple, Ft. Wayne on April 23. Burial ceremony at Lindenwood Cemetery, well-wishers were invited to a luncheon gathering back at the Temple. Arrangements by D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

Marsha Ann Landau, 81, of Carmel, Ind., beloved mother and grandmother, dear friend, aunt and sister, died on April 18, 2018. She was born Feb. 11, 1937 to Jack and Hazel (Gold) Gross in Cleveland. She settled in Indianapolis and raised three children: Laura (Greg) Miller, David (Patrick Lynch) Landau and Karen (Jim) Burrows. A graduate of Butler University and active in the Indianapolis Jewish community, she worked for the Jewish Community Center for more than 10 years. Later in life she happily settled into the role of doting grandmother to five grandchildren whom she adored: Stefan Burrows, Nick Miller, Blake Burrows, Jordan Burrows and Emily Burrows. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and sister, Judy (Frank) Grace.



Words cannot adequately express how terribly missed she is and will be. Funeral services were April 22nd at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.**

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Marsha Landau to the Humane Society of Indianapolis, 7929 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Lori Weinman Kirby passed away April 26, 2018, Lori Kirby – *Chana Leah bat Freidel (v'Leibel)* – (per Sephardic custom, a person is identified by



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his/her mother's name); beloved wife of 34 years of George Kirby; beloved mother of Yonatan (Yoni), Michael (Mike), and Daniel (Dani); beloved daughter of Florence and the late Leonard z"l Weinman; beloved sister of Barbara Profeta and aunt to her children, Michelle and Ian Powers, and David Profeta; beloved sister-in-law of Leslie Kirby; dear friend.

The *levaya* (funeral) took place April 29th, at Levine's Funeral Home in Brookline. The *kevara* (interment) followed at the Beth El Cemetery at Baker Street.

Shiva was observed at the late residence of Lori, a"h, and George, yl"t, in Newton Centre, Mass.

Flo Schwartz Robins, 85, longtime resident of Indianapolis, passed away in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., on May 5, 2018.

Flo was born in Scranton, Pa., to Samuel and Esther Schwartz on March 25, 1933. She was a graduate of Norfolk Virginia Business College. Prior to devoting her time to raising and caring for her family, Flo worked as a Comptometer operator for Ford Motor Company and then worked alongside her husband to build their family business, Delco Foods.

Flo was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ), B'nai B'rith Women, Life member of Hadassah, member of BEZ Sisterhood and a Lion of Judah of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

Flo will be deeply missed by her beloved family who survive her; her husband, Arnold "Buddy" Robins; son, Michael B. (Julie) Robins; daughters, Dr. Starla Goldman and Dr. Helen G. (Steve) Nahmias; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held on May 9th at BEZ North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to BEZ, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260 or Palm Beach Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Dr. Marshall C. Yovits, 94, passed away on May 4, 2018 in Deerfield, Ill. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on May 16, 1923 and grew up in Schenectady, NY. After spending the War years in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he earned his PhD in physics from Yale University in 1951.



Among his many subsequent career accomplishments was being named a Computer Pioneer by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. In

addition, he started and built a world-class Department of Computer and Information Science at Ohio State University and then became Dean of Science at Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis.

More impressive than those career milestones was his steadfast adherence to his principles and constant striving to do the right thing. Whether it was openly protesting (and disobeying) Jim Crow laws in the 1940s South, constantly giving to charity, or being utterly humble about his own talents, he served as an example for all. For most of the final 40 years of his life, he lived in Indianapolis, where he was a committed and involved member of Congregation B'nai Torah, serving for several years as president and board member and giving freely of his time and efforts.

Dr. Yovits was preceded in death – by only a few months – by his beloved wife of 65 years, Anita. He is survived by his daughter Mara, sons Bruce (Nancy) and Steven (Julie), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Shalom Memorial Park in Arlington Heights, Ill. on May 6, 2018. He will be dearly missed.

Adam Charles Nelson, 52, was beloved husband and best friend of Shirley, nee Bonk. Loving father of Lily and Max; devoted son of Myrna L. Nelson and Ronald (Susan) Nelson; dear brother of Laura (Matt) Burton; cherished son-in-law of the late Eugene T. and the late Gisela J. Bonk; adored brother-in-law of Carolyn (John) Wagner and Ralph Bonk; loving nephew of Sherwin Landerman, Diane Nelson and Alan Nelson; proud uncle of Zev, Tova and Ezri Burton and Ted, Laura and Julianne Wagner; and fond step brother of Rachel Gilbert and Dan Haug. He will be missed by many extended family and friends.

Adam was an attorney by training, but most recently was an Associate Partner in IBM's Global Data Privacy practice where he held multiple patents. Service was at Chicago Jewish Funerals in Buffalo Grove. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery, Barrington. The Family asks that in lieu of flowers and charitable contributions that donations be made to Lily and Max's education. Checks should be made payable to Shirley Nelson c/o Merrill Lynch, 510 East 96th Street, Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Arrangements by: Chicago Jewish Funerals, 847-229-8822, www.cjfinfo.com

Michelle Saralizabeth Dvosken, 46, beloved daughter, mother and friend passed away in Brooklyn on May 6, 2018.

She was born June 26, 1971.



Michelle attended Park Tudor School, graduated with honors from Emerson College in Boston and received her master's degree from New York University in Interactive Telecommunications. She worked as a Senior Manager at Equinix in New York City. Michelle also was a Certified Olympic Trainer and has trained in Colorado. Michelle also worked as a Legal Medical Manager for a large law firm in New York.

She was an avid New York Jets fan and loved animals, dancing and music.

Michelle is survived by her daughter, Eva Crawford of New York; parents, Sheila and Jared Dvosken; brother, Michael Dvosken of Los Angeles; aunt and uncle, Arlene and Neil Martin of New York City; aunt, Rosel Barowsky of Los Altos, Calif. Michelle was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neubauber and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dvosken and numerous cousins.

Funeral services were held in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North on May 16, 2018.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indy Humane, www.indyhumane.org or Spay Neuter Services of Indiana, www.spayneuterservices.org/get-involved/donate/

Dr. Stephen B. Leapman, 75.

Beloved wife of Judith L., nee Lavine. Loving father of Rebecca (Stephen) Lerner, Shana (Adam) Scholder, and Samantha (Scott) Spolter. Proud Zayde of Ella, Aden and Mica Lerner, Maya, Naomi and Talia Scholder, Eitan, Yoni and Ari Spolter. Dr. Leapman was a transplant surgeon at Indiana University. Also, he served as the Executive Associate Dean of Medical Education at the Indiana School of Medicine. Dr. Leapman was a long time devoted member of Congregation B'nai Torah and was very active in supporting the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis.



A funeral service was held May 15 at Chicago Jewish Funerals in Skokie and interment was at Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to Chai Lifeline, www.chai-lifeline.org or Congregation Darchei Noam of Glenbrook, www.darcheinnoam-glenbrook.org. Condolences can be sent to Judith Leapman 3332 Lake Knoll Drive, Northbrook, IL. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

Andrew Jay Dunitz, 56, of Tucson, Ariz., passed away May 16, 2018. He was (see Obituaries, page IN 17)

Will We Open the Golden Door?

BY JILL WEISS SIMINS

“Mother of Exiles: Hope for Those Seeking Freedom” . . . This headline ran in a Midwestern newspaper along with a picture of the Statue of Liberty and these relevant words:

“At a time when isolation has become a fetish for many, it is fitting to recall some of the evidences of America’s pride as a place of refuge . . . One such landmark, symbolizing the hope of peoples who migrate from their homeland to this foreign shore, is the Statue of Liberty. . . . There is a sonnet on the wall at the base of the statue that is worth re-reading today, when so many are again fleeing from the hand of oppression.”

And while it seems that this article could run in today’s newspaper, the year was 1939. The sonnet includes the well-known words:

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free*

These words have come to symbolize America as a shining beacon of democracy and a safe harbor for those seeking a better life. However, not everyone knows that these words were written by a Jewish American poet named Emma Lazarus or that the poem was inspired by the plight of Jewish refugees fleeing the pogroms of Eastern Europe in the 19th century. In the full poem the statue is named “Mother of Exiles” and she tells the reader:

*Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”*

In June 1939, the United States had the



The caption reads: “Small boats crowded with tearful relatives mass about the German liner, *St. Louis*, as that vessel sailed from Havana with 907 Jewish refugees on board. Cuba denied them entry because they lacked legal permits. The ship anchored 12 miles out of the harbor. (Central Press Phonephoto)” *Hammond Times*, 06-07-1939



The caption reads: “Passengers aboard the *St. Louis*. These refugees from Nazi Germany were forced to return to Europe after both Cuba and the US denied them refuge. May or June 1939. – US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Dr. Liane Reif-Lehrer”

opportunity to open that golden door to save the lives of over 900 Jewish refugees. Instead, the door was shut by indifference, xenophobia, and antisemitism.

The story of the *St. Louis* is well-known to many. Recently, however, several historians have attempted to revise the interpretation of the events, absolving the United States and the FDR administration of any responsibility towards these asylum seekers. Thus, it remains valuable to go back to

contemporary newspaper sources and decide for ourselves what really happened. And as Hoosiers, it is worth finding out what the average Indiana newspaper reader knew about the events and meditating on the uncomfortable question: Could we have done anything different?

On May 13, 1939, the ship *St. Louis* left Nazi Germany for Cuba with 937 passengers. Most were Jewish refugees who held U.S. visas but were prevented from arriving in the States by the quota system that limited immigration. They hoped to await their turn to immigrate to the U.S. in Cuba. Unknown to the *St. Louis* passengers, however, the Cuban government had invalidated their landing certificates. Thus when the *St. Louis* arrived in Havana on May 27, all but 28 passengers were “barred from landing,” according to the (Indianapolis) *Jewish Post*.

The ship was soon out of supplies and hope. The *Indianapolis Star* relayed reports from ship guards who “reported the situation among the refugees as desperate,” that “women and children cried continuously,” and that “calls for meals for the most part went unanswered.” Little boats began to encircle the *St. Louis*, some of them rented by family and friends of the refugees who had previously immigrated. They were (see *The St. Louis*, page IN 19)

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born in Chicago to Nelson “Sonny” Dunitz and Mimi Feinstein Dunitz on June 14, 1961. After attending Arizona State University, Andrew worked as a club manager throughout the United States.

He is survived by his father, Nelson “Sonny” Dunitz and stepmother, Serane Blatt Dunitz; brother, Michael (Shayna) Dunitz; sister, Juli Dunitz; stepbrothers, David (Pamela) Blatt, Larry (Nicole) Blatt and Michael (Robert Paulson) Blatt; and nieces and nephews, Jordan, Maggi, Danni, Katie, Kayla and Samuel. Andrew was preceded in death by his mother, Mimi Dunitz.

Services were to be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services.**

William Paul Schwartz, 89, dear husband, beloved father, treasured brother, loving grandfather, and loyal friend, passed away in Northbrook, Ill. on May 19, 2018. He was born Sept. 14, 1948 in Oklahoma City. William was the Executive Director Emeritus of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. He is survived by his daughter, Jolie (Alan) Genender; his grandson, Joshua Genender; and his brother, S. Robert Schwartz. William was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Schwartz.

Funeral services were held May 22nd Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Burial followed at IHC North Cemetery in Westfield, Ind. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to the Bill Schwartz Memorial Fund at Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation at www.sam-fdn.org or Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation at 8701 Founders Road, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268. Funeral arrangements made by **ARN Funeral & Cremation Services.**

With heavy hearts, the family of **Kenneth Hecht, 80**, of Indianapolis, shares that he passed away May 30, 2018. Ken, born on May 1, 1938 in Bronx, NY to the late Murray, z”l, and Fanny (Hochman), z”l, Hecht, was a graduate of DeWitt Clinton High School at the age of 16. Following his father’s musical talents on the violin, Ken studied music and classical piano from the age of 3 and was certainly considered a child prodigy having reached the heights of performing at Carnegie Hall as a teenager.



Though he continued his deep love of symphonic music and playing the piano

throughout the rest of his life, a twist of fate diverted Ken from a musical career. He went on to study chemistry at City College of New York, and subsequently received his Master’s Degree from Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., in biochemistry.

After returning to New York to pursue a medical degree, fate led him to meet his soulmate, Rona Cooper, z”l, also of the Bronx, at a music concert at Tanglewood in Massachusetts. They soon married in August of 1963 and lived the most loving and happy life, while raising their two children in a traditional Jewish home.

Positions in product development and management with various companies in the pharmaceutical industry led Ken, his bride, and their young family to New Jersey, southern California and Massachusetts before arriving back in Indianapolis in 1976 for a position with Bio Dynamics (later Boeringer Mannheim and Roche Diagnostics). Retiring from that industry and not wanting to uproot their family again, Ken and Rona ventured into business together, opening one of the first quick print shops in the area. Later calling it KenRo Printing, for nearly 20 years, Ken handled sales and Rona managed the shop, till her illness forced its closing shortly before her passing in 2001.

Meanwhile, their deep-rooted love for Judaism led Ken and Rona to join a small group of other Jewish families in 1992 in forming a new Conservative synagogue, Congregation Shaarey Tefilla. Ken would later serve as its fourth president and Rona led the sisterhood and *kosher* kitchen. Ken would later also chant and lead Sabbath morning services.

Ken was blessed to fall in love and marry again in 2003 to another transplanted New Yorker, Karen (Roger) Hecht, z”l, who preceded him in death just three months earlier. Ken is survived by his children, Stacey P. (Charlie) Bunes of Indianapolis and Adam M. (Jocelyn) Hecht of Highland Park, Ill.; grandchildren, Chava and Rivkah Bunes and Ryan and Evan Hecht; and his older sister, Susan Ebenstein of New Jersey. Ken was also close with and will be greatly missed by Karen’s son, Jason Glenn, as well as, his and Rona’s fellow Indiana transplant “brother and sister” Simon and Marilyn Shimberg, along with many friends of the Shaarey Tefilla congregational family.

Services and a celebration of Ken’s life were held June 3 at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla. In lieu of flowers and in memorial to Ken, contributions are requested to be made to Shaarey Tefilla and the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. Arrangements were entrusted to Flanner Buchanan-Carmel.

Luverne Gillock, 96, passed away on

May 30, 2018. She was born June 12, 1921.

Luverne was the mother of Dan (Susan) Gillock, Bill, Cheryl, and Tom; grandmother of Leah, Nathan, and many other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Private *Shiva* was held for the family.

Laura Pollikoff Kligerman Sirota, 95, passed away quietly in her sleep on May 31, 2018. She was born in New York City to Russian immigrants, Abraham and Anna Polliakoff (nee Vornchuck) in 1922.

She graduated from Music and Art High School in New York City where she played the bassoon. She went to City College of NY and in her later years to Nassau Community College and C.W. Post where she obtained her B.A. Degree and graduated magna cum laude in 1976.

She was married to Max Kligerman in 1947 with whom she had two children, Andrew D. Kligerman of Hillsborough, NC and Diane R. Schiff of Indianapolis. After Max Kligerman’s passing in 1978, she met Leonard Sirota, whom she married in 1984, and who died in 1994. During her later years, she was great friends with Sam Kaplan who passed away in 2018. She always loved music and tennis and was a piano teacher for most of her married life. She was loved and adored by her four grandchildren, Michael and Jason Schiff and Anna and Alice Kligerman as well as her many friends in Florida. She will always be remembered as a loving Mother and Grandmother with a great sense of humor and a warm heart.

Private *Shiva* was held for the family. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to TideWell Hospice in Sarasota, FL in her name.

Arthur V. Appel passed away on June 1, 2018. Arthur was the father of Sarah Appel and Juliet (Alan) Duncanson and brother of Dorothy Cohen. Services were held in the Chicago area on Tuesday, June 5th.

Nelson Ira “Sonny” Dunitz, 84, beloved husband, father, step-father, brother, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend, passed away suddenly on June 6, 2018 in Indianapolis. He was born Feb. 1, 1934. Sonny was a graduate of De Paul University and De Paul Law School. He practiced law in Chicago for 50 years, litigating several high-profile cases.

Sonny was active in Chicago Democratic politics and was a strong supporter of the Chicago Jewish community. He was a member of several Chicagoland synagogues, including North Shore Congregation and Beth Shalom. He moved with his wife to Indianapolis in 2011 and quickly made a home for himself. He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, a local

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OBITUARIES

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R.O.M.E.O group and a vibrant member of two monthly poker games, as well as Jewish Lawyers.

Sonny is survived by his wife, Serane Blatt Dunitz; children, Michael (Shayna) Dunitz and Juli Lynne Dunitz Keller; brother, Allen (Gloria) Dunitz; sister, Elaine (Carl) Lemler; step-children, David (Pamela) Blatt, Lawrence (Nicole) Blatt and Michael (Robert Paulson) Blatt; nieces, Dawn (Robert Rosen) Drewganis and Tracey Dunitz; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and his faithful companion, Izzy.

Sonny was preceded in death by his wife, Mimi Dunitz; and his son, Andrew. Funeral services were held June 10, 2018 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Marion Davis, 94, passed away on June 10, 2018. Marion was born in New York City, and raised in Cincinnati where her father, the late Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, was a professor at the Hebrew Union College. The only child of Abraham and Rose Cronbach, Marion was educated at University School in Cincinnati, Franklin Junior College in Massachusetts, and at the Cincinnati Art Museum School of Fine Arts. In 1944, she married Maurice Davis, then a student at Hebrew Union College. As her husband was invited to serve congregations in Cleveland, Lexington, Ky., Indianapolis, and White Plains, NY, she involved herself in each city teaching Arts & Crafts as well as serving on the boards of the Council of Jewish Women, Temple Sisterhoods, and other volunteer organizations, teaching in Religious Schools, as well as volunteering and doing occupational therapy at multiple hospitals.

Rabbi Davis, a champion of civil rights and a battler against cults that preyed on young Jews, predeceased her on Dec. 14, 1993, at the age of 72. He had served Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation from 1956–1967, and wrote a column for this newspaper from 1956–1990. He participated in the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., on March 21, 1965 with Martin Luther King, Jr.

She is survived by her sons, Rabbi JayR (Hedvah) Davis of Boulder, Colo., and Rabbi Michael Davis of Wichita, Kansas; grandchildren, Talia (Daniel) Haykin, Ronin, Ben, Zahava, Jonathan, and Miriam Davis; and great-grandchildren, David and Eva Haykin.

While always being “her own person,” Marion has also been deeply involved in the world of Judaism. As daughter, wife, and mother of rabbis, she has been to her family and friends a living example of an

eshet chayil, a valorous woman, who exemplifies the human and ethical values of Judaism. Funeral Service were June 14, 2018, at Temple Sinai in Cranston, R.I. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Rabbi Maurice Davis Confirmation Class fund, Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Av, White Plains, NY 10606. Downing & Lahey East Mortuary, Wichita, KS.

Ruth (Singer) Neumann, 90, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away June 9, 2018.

Born in Vienna, Austria on May 21, 1928, she came alone to this country fleeing the Nazi regime at the age of 10. Ruth was a proud American Citizen who graduated high school early and became a bookkeeper. She will always be remembered as a gentle, understanding, kind, and witty soul. She will truly be missed.



Ruth is survived by her loving children, Vicki Neumann and Gary (Pam) Neumann; grandchildren, Lauren (Philippe Jackson) Neumann and Leah (Marcio) Braz da Silva; and great-grandchildren, Jax and Ines Jackson. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Harry; and grandson, Logan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Graveside services were held June 13th in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Kenneth Alan Glaser, 58, born Feb. 20, 1960 took his final ride on June 10, 2018. His ride began with dirt bikes in New York, followed by travels on his prized Ducati on which he explored the roads of Northern California. He graduated from Butler University with a degree in Radio/TV and began his career at Emmis Broadcasting. Soon after, he traveled to San Francisco where he continued his career at KBLX as a music director. Later in life he decided to change careers and enter the technology field.



He starting working at ESIGNAL as a customer service representative, later becoming a senior QA engineer where he spent the last 19 years working.

Ken is survived by his son Wes, daughter Marissa, son-in-law Thomas and their three children, Emma, Koltyn and Landyn. He is also survived by his parents, Ernest and Janice Glaser of Carmel Ind., his brother Steve and sister-in-law Catherine of Tucson Ariz., his sister Debbie and brother-in-law RJ of Carmel Ind., his Uncle Harvey and Aunt Sharon of

Greenbrae Calif., former wife, Theresa Ribeiro and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held June 21, 2018 at Jess C Spencer mortuary in Castro Valley. A local memorial service will be held at **ARN Mortuary** on July 8th at 2 p.m.

Jonathan Michael Zoll, 37, of Carmel, passed away June 12, 2018. He was born in Indianapolis to Steven and Nancy Zoll on August 7, 1980. Jonathan was a 1998 graduate of Zionsville High School. He worked at his family’s restaurant supply business, Zesco Products. Jonathan will be remembered for his hard work ethic and his love of golf.

He is survived by his parents; sisters, Stacey (Kevin) Hetrick of Carmel and Ashley Zoll of Noblesville; niece, Zoey Hetrick; and nephew, Connor Hetrick.

Funeral services were June 18th at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**, and burial was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Villages of Indiana, www.villages.org.

Joseph A. Borinstein, 92, passed away June 6, 2018. Born in Indianapolis in 1926 to Wilfred (Tweet) and Caroline (Lindy Rubens) Borinstein. Joe graduated from Shortridge High School with the class of 1944 and completed his training with the Air Force as World War II was winding down. Joe then attended the University of Michigan where he received a degree in economics in 1950.



Following college, Joe joined his father and uncles in A. Borinstein Inc, the family scrap metal business, originally founded by his grandfather. Joe eventually assumed ownership of this legacy operation and impressively guided the company through its most successful years. Joe embraced life to its fullest and never gave up serving the needs of his family even when hit with the crippling challenges of devastating losses.

Joe was preceded in death by his sons, Joe (Buzzy) and John Borinstein; his sister, Roseann Cohen; daughter-in-law, Lisa Borinstein; grandchildren, Luke and Emma Borinstein. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Wilma, and children Cathy Borinstein, Bill Borinstein (Pam), Bob Borinstein (Jeanne); step-children, Patrick Craine (Karen), Jackie Craine, Melissa Craine, Heather Jenkins (John). He was blessed with 17 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

A private service will be held on Saturday, July 7th. A public reception afterwards will be held to celebrate Joe’s life for those wishing to pay their respects from 4–6 p.m. at Athens Restaurant located at 2284 W. 86th Street. ✨

THE ST. LOUIS*(continued from page IN 15)*

close enough to wave and shout to each other, but not to be reunited.

While Jewish organizations raised funds and negotiated with the Cuban government, the *St. Louis* aimlessly cruised the Caribbean. The *Kokomo Tribune* and the *Indianapolis News* reported that the *St. Louis* was “appealing by radio to nations of the new world to relieve her of her terrified passengers before there was a wave of suicides.”

One of those countries to which the refugees appealed for asylum was the United States. On June 5, the *St. Louis* sailed along the Florida coast. The *Lafayette Journal and Courier* reported that the passengers could see the lights of Miami “and the gleaming walls of luxurious beachfront hotels.” The *Tipton Daily Tribune* reported: “A coast guard patrol boat had trailed the ship as it passed near here watching its movements, guarding lest some of its desperate passengers jump overboard and attempt to swim ashore.” One headline from the *Lafayette Journal and Courier* perhaps summed up the situation most succinctly: “Refugee Ship Cruising Off Florida Coast: American Authorities Are Keeping Close Watch on Vessel that Has 907 Unwanted Jews Aboard.”

After negotiations broke down, the *Kokomo Tribune* reported that “victims of one of the strangest sagas of the sea renewed an appeal to President Roosevelt for last-minute intervention.” But relief never came. The *Tribune* closed the article by reporting: “Captain Schroeder decided to steer for Germany.” While, the ship ultimately did not land in Germany, for several days, the media reported that the Fatherland was the intended destination. And yet the United States did not intercede.

Fortunately, Jewish relief organizations were able to negotiate with four European countries for the placement of the refugees: Great Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, and France. Only those who arrived on British soil would find safety.

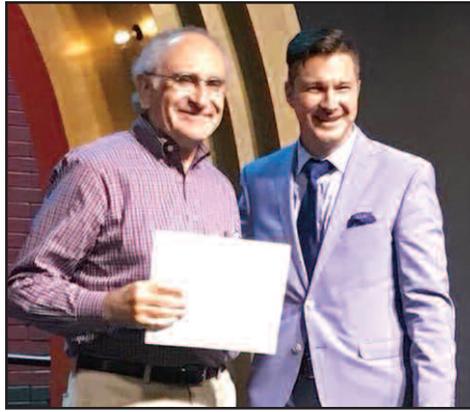
Of the 620 *St. Louis* passengers returned to the European continent, 532 suffered under Nazi occupation in Western Europe. Of these, 254 died in the Holocaust.

As we continue to debate who is and who is not allowed through the Mother of Exile’s golden door, we should consider whether we can improve on her legacy.

Learn how we can confront genocide: www.ushmm.org/confront-genocide

Read a longer version of this story: blog.newspapers.library.in.gov/refugees-of-the-st-louis/ (photo of *St. Louis*, right)

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

The Ronen Chamber Ensemble awarded grant

The Ronen Chamber Ensemble received an Arts Council of Indianapolis Grant. Tibor Klopfer (L), president of their board, represented the Ensemble. Jeff Bennett, Deputy Mayor of Indianapolis for Community Development bestowed the award. He was pinch-hitting for the mayor who could not be there.



Ronen Chamber Ensemble (L-R): Ingrid Bellman, cello; David Bellman, clarinet; Gregory Martin, piano; JiaRong Gan, violin; Alistair Howlett, flute; and Jennifer Christen, oboe. See more at: www.ronen-chamber.org/welcome.htm or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RonenChamber/



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. ✨



Puppetmaster Peggy Melchior with her marionette on May 8, performed at a special concert for Mother’s Day held at the Wood Room of Hilbert Circle Theatre with music, puppets, winds and strings. Peggy, owner of Melchior Marionettes, delighted everyone with her performance, especially the children. How wonderful to have the Ronen Chamber Ensemble accompanying her every move with beautiful music! Photo by Idrienne Steiman.



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Hailed by *Time* magazine as “a deep dive into a strange, history-shaking year” and by the *New York Times* as “remarkably prescient,” *For Liberty: American Jewish Experience in WWI*, the latest special exhibition at the National WWI Museum and Memorial, portrays what life was like as an American Jew on the home front and the battlefield through remarkable stories and unique artifacts.

“One of the most noteworthy aspects of this exhibition is the unique perspective it provides,” said National WWI Museum and Memorial Senior Curator Doran Cart. “Seeing these extraordinary objects in person and gaining a deeper understanding of American Jewish lives during WWI is a truly incredible experience.”

Service men and women were not segregated by religion or ethnicity except for African Americans. Trying to discover their American identity, 1917, the year that the United States entered WWI, was a unique time for Jewish Americans at home and at war.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise spoke for many when he wrote in the *New York Times* that military service would “mark the burial, without the hope of resurrection, of hyphenism, and will token the birth of a united and indivisible country.”

Featured objects from the exhibition include a letter from American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) leader Louis Marshall appealing to Jewish philanthropists like Julius Rosenwald to support the Ten Million Dollar Fund, American Jewish composer Irving Berlin’s draft registration card, and two handwritten drafts of The Balfour Declaration by Leon Simon from July of 1917, the document that outlined British support for the establishment of the Jewish state of Israel.

The trials and tribulations and the lasting effects of WWI on the American Jewish population are also shown through documents such as a map that notes the amounts pledged to the JDC for Jewish war sufferers and a poster showing a shipment of *kosher* meat being loaded onto the SS Ashburn in New York City, bound for Danzig, Poland.

For Liberty: American Jewish Experience in WWI, originally exhibited as *1917: How One Year Changed the World*, is organized by the National Museum of American



Jewish History in Philadelphia and the American Jewish Historical Society in New York and made possible in part by the National Endowment of the Humanities: Exploring the Human Endeavor.

Bank of Blue Valley, the Regnier Family Foundation, and Herb and Bonnie Buchbinder are sponsors of the exhibition’s appearance in Kansas City with the *Kansas City Jewish Chronicle* and KCPT serving as media sponsors.

This special exhibition will be open to the public at the National WWI Museum and Memorial from Fri., June 29–Sun., Nov. 11, 2018, in the Wylie Gallery. For more information, call the museum at 816-888-8100 or read about it at this website: theworldwar.org/explore/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/liberty-american-jewish-experience-wwi ✨




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