

Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Jayne and David Sigman as they welcomed their first child **Shoshana Tova Sigman** (below) Nov. 28, 2017 in Washington, D.C. She is the first grandchild of **Carol and Mark Sigman** of Carmel, Ind., **Robin and Rick Kane** of Raleigh, N.C., and **Mitchell Stroud** of Greenville, N.C. Shoshana is the great-granddaughter of **Irving and Renee Cell** of Scottsdale, Ariz. Her Hebrew name honors her great-grandfather **Stanley Sigman** and her great aunt **Trudy**. Her proud aunt and uncle are **Kimberly and Matt Friedman**. (Mark Sigman's name was inadvertently omitted from the Etz Chaim Gala committee in our July 4, 2018 edition.)



Ian Plaskoff (below), son of **Robyn and Dr. Josh Plaskoff**, grandson of **Dee and Sanford Schwartz** and younger brother of **Ryan** on becoming a *bar mitzvah* at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on May 5,



2018. One important lesson from Ian's *Torah* portion, *Be'har* was that when we give *tzedakah*, we must not be thinking about what we will receive in return. We are simply to help others for the sake of helping out.

As part of Ian becoming a *bar mitzvah* he worked with a local organization, Sheets From Home, that does just that. Sheets From Home (www.sheetsfrom-home.org) provides fun bed sheets and gifts to children who are undergoing cancer treatment in hospitals all over the country. These gifts help to make a long hospital stay a little more like home.

Ian asked his friends and family to donate fun children's bed sheets. During his *bar mitzvah* party, guests wrote messages on special tags that were included with each set handed out. Ian also made a generous financial contribution to the organization from some of his *bar mitzvah* gifts.

Why Sheets From Home? Ian's good friend, Brad, who lives in Florida, has been undergoing cancer treatment at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Tampa for the past year. Sheets From Home was kind enough to send him a special package, even though they were not yet affiliated with that hospital. Ian was able to collect over 50 sets of sheets to be donated in Brad's honor. At the end of June, Ian traveled to Tampa, Fla., to personally deliver the sheets, with his friend, to St. Joseph's Children's Hospital. Sheets From Home now has an ongoing relationship with St. Joseph's so even more children can benefit from these special gifts in the future. See more photos at: <https://jewishpostopinion.com/?p=3514>

Alec Zeitlin (above, right), son of **Debbie and Robert Zeitlin**, younger brother of **Adam** on becoming a *bar mitzvah* on June 30th at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla. His *Torah* portion was *Balak*, which is in the Book of Numbers. One thing he learned is that causeless hatred means one hates someone for no reason. The *Talmud* says that hating someone for no reason is as bad or worse as idolatry, adultery, and murder combined.

He anticipated that he would be nervous on the *Bimah*, but as the service went on he became less nervous because he had practiced a lot. Many out-of-town relatives came including his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Since many of them live far away, he was very happy that they were able to celebrate with him.

The primary teachers who helped him prepare were Cantor Judy Meyersberg of the BJE and Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow of my congregation. Instead of doing a *mitzvah* project, Alec received the *Ner Tamid* award which is the Jewish religious emblem for Boy Scouts. For that he did



service hours, learned about Jewish people and organizations, and about Jewish populations in different cities.

"My favorite part of my *Bar Mitzvah* training was meeting with all the people who helped me. It was fun because I could ask questions and they would answer them and then I would learn something new. The most difficult part of preparing for my *Bar Mitzvah* was remembering all the different tunes to all the different prayers to make sure that I lead them correctly in the service. My advice for someone who is preparing for their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* is to practice a lot and feel confident while doing all of the prayers that they need to do," Alec said.

David and Miriam Ziskind on the birth of their son, **Levi Jacob** (below), on July 4th in Atlanta. Grandparents are **Marcy and Ivan Ekhaus** of Indianapolis and **Les Ziskind** of Washington D.C. Levi has two older brothers **Ezra**, 5, and **Micah**, 3.



Harry Alexander Kosene and Ines Choucino Storani on the birth of their son, (see *Mazel Tov*, page IN 5)

About the Cover

To Our Year

By Suzy Friedman, of blessed memory

Judaica art was the focus of Suzy Friedman's work for many years. Her creations are a reflection of her own spirituality – born of a childhood spent gathered around the family *Shabbat* table, the familiar fragrances of chicken soup, *challah*, and candles lingering through *Shabbat* services at synagogue – the holiday songs echoing throughout each season of a celebrated heritage. These are the memories that inspired Suzy's unique Judaica art interpretations, works that are at once reminiscent of our people's sense of oneness and belonging, of survival and miracles.



Suzy

Suzy began her career as a Judaica artist designing calendars, book covers, posters, and event invitations, for a variety of local Jewish organizations. Mediums included watercolor, colored inks, oils, and acrylic. As demand for Suzy's work increased, she began designing *tallit*, *atarot* and *tallit* cases in needlepoint canvas as well as painted designs on hand-dyed raw silk. Each *atarah* was created to express the essence of the individual who would wear it. Her well-renowned *ketubot* were designed and executed in much the same way to illustrate the spiritual individuality of each newlywed couple.

Later, Suzy worked in pastels and oils focusing on landscape and still life. She also created three-dimensional Giclee-process *ketubot* and other Judaic themed prints. She taught art to secular and religious school students, and she taught mosaic classes in her home studio.

Suzy Friedman received her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Indiana University and her Master's Degree in Art Education from IUPUI at Herron.

Suzy Friedman passed away on Feb. 24, 2017. Besides being an extraordinary artist, she was a warm, generous woman who brought out the best in her students, family and friends. Her commissioned artwork can be found in synagogues and homes throughout the country.

An Artful Life: The Works of Artist Suzy Friedman (pictured p. IN 5) is available to purchase from her website (www.suzyfriedmanarts.com) as is some of her artwork. This volume is a veritable celebration of her works. Throughout her prolific career as a fine artist, Suzy displayed remarkable artistic range—using oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, ink, pencil, cut glass and more to produce timeless works of art.

This collection showcases some of
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Editorial

In my editorial for our July 4th Indiana edition, I wrote about the importance of paying attention to words and how saying, hearing and even thinking them can make one feel. (See it at: <https://jewishpostopinion.com/?p=3510>).

I gave a quote by Viktor E. Frankl's from his book, *Man's Search for Meaning: The classic tribute to hope from the Holocaust*. About his experience in a concentration camp he wrote, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: to choose his attitude in any given set of circumstances."

I know atrocities are taking place in our world but I did not imagine there was such a ghastly situation of this nature, although smaller in scope in our country today.

Since that editorial, I saw Oprah interview Anthony Ray Hinton, author of her newest book club choice, *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*. The book is about his experience of being unjustly accused of murder and forced to spend 30 years on death row. He was a 29 year old black man out mowing his lawn in Birmingham, Ala., when two white policemen approached, handcuffed him and took him to jail. He never got bail or an arraignment but spent the next 30 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

Even though he was at work when the crime was committed and his boss vouched for him, he passed his lie detector test with flying colors and a gun found at his mother's house did not match the bullets used in the crime, an innocent man was found guilty by an all white prosecutor, judge and jury.

Fourteen years into his sentence Attorney Byran Stevenson, founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Ala., took on his case but it took them 16 more years to prove his innocence.

I'm not going into the hideousness of what Hinton experienced on death row for three decades, but I want to point out that if he can come away from that experience with no bitterness, hopefully I, and the rest of us, can let go of lesser grievances. I do not mean to minimize another's challenges even though they may seem small compared to Hinton's, because each individual's struggles are difficult for him or her.

Also one cannot compare oneself to another person because what is easy for one is difficult for another and vice versa. For example, if an introvert and an extrovert go to the same party and the introvert introduces himself and talks to only one other person that may be a huge accomplishment for him whereas if the extrovert introduces himself and talks to several

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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: Sept. 5, 2018.** All decisions on publishing, date of placement, size of photo, and length of announcement are at the sole discretion of the publisher.

people that may be no effort for him at all.

Since *Rosh Hashanah* begins the evening of Sept. 9th this year and Jews are supposed to be thinking about forgiveness and making things right in time for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, I am sharing an excerpt from this interview (https://talktv.site/talktv/J_OsrtmDcc98/oprah-winfrey-facebook-live-with-anthony-ray-hinton). Hopefully this will help motivate some of us to do what we are asked to do at this time of year.

Oprah: How could you go through all this and not be angry?

Anthony Ray Hinton: They had already taken everything away from me. When you allow people to dictate your anger or your happiness, you are giving them far too much power. I was not going to give them anymore than they had already
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Community Events

EDITORIAL

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Helping children develop

How nurturing relationships boost literacy skills & brain development – Wed., Aug. 29 from 6:30–8 p.m., in the Cultural Arts Center of Hasten Hebrew Academy, 6602 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. Did you know that 90% of a child’s brain development happens in the first 5 years? Find out how nurturing relationships in a young child’s life can strengthen literacy skills and brain development during these important early years.

Sponsored by: JFGI, Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, JCC ECE, and PJ Library. Contact Ashley Flaumenhaft, aflaumenhaft@hhai.org or 317-251-1261.

Community Shabbat Dinner for 20s and young 30s

Fri., Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Not for singles only and children are welcome. This will be a full course traditional Shabbat meal. Dinner is free and donations are welcome. Reservations required. Space is limited. Address will be given upon your RSVP to office@injewishdiscovery.org, or texting Rabbi Schusterman at 317-698-6423. Please specify how many people you are reserving for.

Rosh Hashana Activity Day

Sun., Sept. 2, noon–2 p.m., at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 W. 96th St. Bake your own honey cake with Chef Nancy, real honey bees, *shofar* factory, *Rosh Hashana* crafts, snacks. No charge, donations welcome. 317/698-6724

Torah and Tea

Tues. Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Shoshi Yaari. Calling all women for a relaxing and stimulating hour. Contact office@injewishdiscovery.org, or text Rabbi Schusterman at 317-698-6423 for address.

Rosh Hashana Celebration at the Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch

Thurs., Sept 6 from noon to 1 p.m. in the JCC’s Laikin Auditorium. Come and celebrate the Jewish New Year, *Rosh Hashana*! RSVP by calling 317-259-6822 or send an email to Christy (cmorris@jfgi.org) or Ruthie (yarning@hotmail.com). Transportation may be available upon request. The Libby Fogle Lunch Bunch meets **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at noon at the JCC for great food and conversation with friends. These well-balanced lunches are available to anyone over the age of 60 for only \$3. The meals are subsidized through CICOA, Aging and In-Home Solutions. Sponsor: Jewish Family Services.

taken. I had to ask a higher power to remove the hatred from my heart.

The first three years all I thought about was revenge. I lived and breathed it, but then realized it was destroying me. This is not who I am or how I was brought up to be. I could not laugh anymore and I was the type of person who not only wanted to laugh but loved to make others laugh. I



CBS High Holy Day Services

Sun–Mon., Sept. 9–10 and Tues–Wed., Sept. 18–19, all community members are welcome to participate in Congregation Beth Shalom High Holy Day services. Services will be led by Rabbi Stanley Halpern and Cantorial Soloist Andrew Morstein. Children’s services begin at 9 a.m., followed by morning services beginning at 10:30 a.m. *Erev Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur* services begin at 7:30 p.m. Child care is available from 10:15 a.m., to noon. For a complete listing of High Holy Day programming please visit our website at bethshalomindy.org. All services are held at University High School, 2825 West 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032.

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knew I had to let this hatred go.

Oprah: I think this is important revelation for anybody to realize that you don’t have to be in a darkened 5 x 7 foot cell unjustly sentenced to death to be carrying revenge in your heart. If you are jealous or holding a grudge against somebody, that’s killing you as much as you would want to kill them.

Hinton: Forgiveness is not about the other person. I didn’t forgive them because they asked me to or so they could sleep good at night. Forgiveness has nothing to do with them, it was about me. I wanted to be as happy and as whole and complete as I could be. The only way I could do that was to forgive them, and I hope they have come to their senses and found a way to forgive themselves for what they did to me.

“Forgiveness is giving up the hope that the past could be different.” This is quoted from the Oprah Winfrey book, *The Wisdom of Sundays: Life-Changing Insights from Super Soul Conversations*.

The upcoming High Holiday season prescribing *cheshbon hanefesh* (self-reflection) is a good time to examine these values mentioned above. We wish our readers *Shana Tova* (Good Year) a happy, healthy and prosperous 5779!

Jennie Cohen, August 22, 2018 ☆

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MAZEL TOV

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Hugo (Ugo) Alejandro Kosene (below), on July 23rd at New York Presbyterian Hospital, NYC. (7lb. 7oz.). He was welcomed by his maternal grandmother, **Ms. Carmen Storani** and his aunt, **Ms. Carmencita Choucino Storani**. Also in attendance were his uncle, **Sami Mustaklem**, **Ms. Lori Klein** and his paternal grandfather, **Gerald Kosene**.



Paula and Ned Fogle on celebrating their 35th anniversary. They were married July 24, 1983 (below) by Rabbi Ronald Gray previously of Congregation B'nai Torah.



Amanda and Jared Goldwasser on the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Stewart Goldwasser** (below), born July 31st. Her name honors her maternal great-grandmother **Sarah Katz**, of Indianapolis and



paternal great-grandfather, **Stewart Lipp**, of Troy, Ohio. Her Hebrew name is **Sarah Shoshanah**. Her maternal grandparents are **Edward Hasten** and **Dora Hasten** and her paternal grandparents are **Joseph Goldwasser** of Kansas City and **Wendy Lipp** of Dayton, Ohio. Maternal great grandparents are **Mark** and **Anna Ruth Hasten** of Indianapolis and paternal great-grandparents are **Ann Goldwasser** of Camarillo, Calif., and **Marilyn Lipp** of Troy, Ohio.

Elana and Isaiah Kuperstein on celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary on Aug. 8th with their children and grandchildren (below).



Team USA Volleyball (below) with two HHAI graduates **Anna Voskoboynik** (#5) and **Iszabel Cohen** (front row, second from left) who won bronze medals by defeating Team Israel (Raanana) 3-1 at the Maccabi Youth Games in Israel in July – such an outstanding achievement!

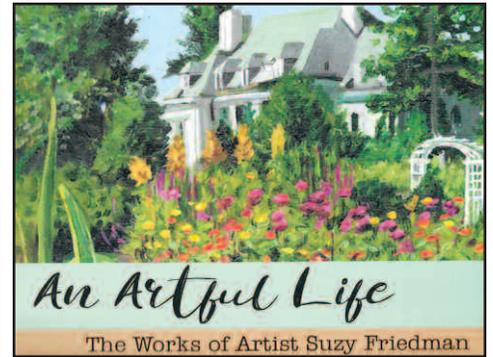


Cantor Robert Zalkin won first place for two years in a row for his storytelling ability at the Indiana State Fair. The contest called, Liar's Club is sponsored by Storytelling Arts of Indiana and is held annually on the opening night of the fair. They have two separate categories, one for adults and one for children. Anyone can enter the contest by signing up prior to the event that starts at 7 p.m.



Dovid Grossbaum (right), son of **Nini** and **Rabbi Avrohom Grossbaum** on his engagement to **Chana Vogel** of London.

Martha Karatz is culminating a 40 year professional career in Indianapolis,



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Suzy's most dazzling works, while demonstrating her uncommon ability to skillfully interpret her vision in a variety of media. Each section of the volume contains words of introduction that bring the reader closer to the artist herself and revealing how her bold evolution as an artist continued without end.

At the end of her life, Suzy was at the height of her artistic brilliance, saying in January, 2017: *"I just needed to draw and paint. I needed to feel the subject...and the immediacy of the light and the textures. I loved the mixing of the paint, and understanding that I could accomplish more with less. And I learned to know when I needed to stop. I really just needed to paint..."* ~ Suzy Friedman

About 30 pieces of Suzy's art will be on display in the library of the Indianapolis Art Center until Oct. 2nd. ☆



almost 30 of those at the JCC. She started at The Children's Museum as PR director and then at the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in a similar role. She was Editor and General Manager of *Indy's Child* magazine.



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Greater Indianapolis gathers in solidarity against anti-Semitic graffiti vandalism at Carmel synagogue

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla (CST) in Carmel, Ind., a suburb of Indianapolis, suffered anti-Semitic vandalism when large Nazi flags with a swastika and Iron Crosses were spray painted on its structure adjacent to the synagogue. The damage was done overnight on July 27th, and was discovered after Saturday morning services.



The structure behind the synagogue where the vandals painted the graffiti. Ed. note: Images of the uncovered symbols of hate are pervasive in the media. JP&O has deliberately elected not to further propagate those images.

The synagogue in conjunction with the local Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) held a solidarity gathering at CST on July 30th. The sanctuary and adjoining social hall were overflowing with well over 1,000 people of all ages and faiths from throughout the area.

Local clergy of many different faiths,



A massive gathering fills Congregation Shaarey Tefilla in solidarity with the synagogue.

community leaders (see p. IN 7 for full list), and the mayor of Carmel gave inspiring speeches that demonstrated their support to the local Jewish community. Each speaker shared messages in condemnation of the act and of complete solidarity, peace, love,

and support vowing to stand shoulder to shoulder against all forms of hatred, bigotry, and intolerance. Many other government officials, or their representatives, and local rabbis were present to add their support.

This incident inspired Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to call on lawmakers to (see Solidarity, page IN 7)



Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla addresses the gathering.



Billboards of support in Indiana displayed by Lamar Advertising.

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High Holy Days at a Glance

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Sept. 9 @ 8:00pm

Rosh Hashanah Services

Sept. 10 @ 8:30am and 11:00am

Kol Nidre Services

Sept. 18 @ 6:15pm and 8:30pm

Family Yom Kippur Service and

Yom Kippur Nefesh Service

Sept. 19 @ 8:30am

Yom Kippur Traditional Service

Sept. 19 @ 11:00am

Visit www.ihcindy.org for our full schedule. Contact the IHC Office at 317-255-6647 for tickets. We suggest a minimum \$36 donation for all guest tickets.

Arrests made in vandalism case

On August 16th, less than three weeks after anti-Semitic graffiti was found on the property of the synagogue of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla (CST), two arrests were made. Federal charges were filed against Nolan Brewer, a 20-year-old Cloverdale, Ind. man, as were state charges against an accomplice – a 17-year-old girl who is not being named because she is a minor.

A press conference (below) was held at the office of the US Attorney Josh Minkler to announce the arrest and some details of the evidence against the accused. Carmel, Ind. Police Chief Jim Barlow, Mayor Jim Brainard, Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow (of



CST) and some congregational leadership were present.

The overwhelming support CST has received locally, nationally and internationally has spoken far more loudly than the hateful graffiti. The solidarity established from this incident will continue long after it has been cleansed from the walls. ✨



SOLIDARITY

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pass a hate crimes law in the next state legislative session. Indiana is one of only five states that do not have such a law.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) offered \$5,000 in exchange for information relating to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of this act. Greg Maurer of the ADL stated that a 57% increase over the previous year of anti-Semitic acts have been documented in 2017. Congregation Shaarey Tefilla worked with local law enforcement and the FBI in their investigation. Work to remove the graffiti began Aug. 1st and was completed by the 3rd.

In another act of support, on August 2nd, twelve billboards of "LOVE" with a Star of David were installed from South Bend to Mooresville, Ind (see photo p. IN 6). *The Jewish Post & Opinion* spoke to

Chris Iverson, Vice President and General Manager of Lamar Advertising, the company responsible for designing and installing the billboards. We asked him if someone had approached him and asked him to do this.

He responded "no", the company did this on its own initiative. They wanted to counteract the hateful images that the vandals had made at the synagogue. He said their job is to tell a story with images and pictures. After considering several designs, they picked this image to let the vandals and other like-minded people know that what was done is unacceptable in our community and elsewhere. They reached out to Outfront Media and Fairway Outdoor Advertising to help them accomplish their mission. Another report on this supportive act can be found at: <https://www.wishtv.com/news/local-news/billboard-shows-support-for-vandalized-carmel-synagogue/1339991382> ✨

Speakers/organization

Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow,

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

Mayor James Brainard,

Mayor, Carmel Indiana

Rabbi Shelley Goldman, *Chair of the*

Indiana Board of Rabbis and Assistant Rabbi

at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis

Emily Schwartz, *B'nai B'rith Youth*

Organization (BBYO), Indianapolis Chapter

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Charlie Wiles, *Center for Interfaith*

Cooperation, Executive Director

Lori Bievenour, *Senior Pastor, St. Peter's*

United Church of Christ, Carmel

Aliya Amin, *Muslim Alliance of Indiana,*

Executive Director

Angie Martinez, *IndyPride, President*

Adrienne Slash, *Board Member and*

President of the Exchange at the

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The Rev. Bruce W. Gray, *Rector, Holy*

Family Episcopal Church, Fishers

Dr. Anita Joshi, *Hindu Temple of*

Central Indiana

Chris Paulsen, *Indiana Youth Group,*

Executive Director

KP Singh, *Sikh Satsang of Indianapolis*

Ruth Ellen Homer, *The Church of Jesus*

Christ of Latter-day Saints

Annette Gross, *Vice President,*

Indianapolis PFLAG

Maria Pimantel-Ganon, *Local Advocate*

and Member of both the Hispanic/Latino

& Catholic Community

Greg Maurer, *Board Member,*

Anti-Defamation League

Lindsey Mintz, *JCRC Executive Director*

Corey Freedman, *Congregation Shaarey*

Tefilla, Board President

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu!

From all of us at

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla,

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The full list of High Holy Day services
is available at www.shaareyefilla.org



EVENTS

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Rosh Hashanah Open House

Tues., Sept. 11 from 6–8 p.m., at 1112 Oakwood Trail, Indianapolis, 46260. Join the Schusterman’s for delicious *Rosh Hashanah* refreshments and to hear the *Shofar* blowing (every 15 minutes as needed) on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*.

NEXTGen Happy Hour

Tues., Sept. 11 and **Oct. 9** 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 mk morning@jfgi.org, www.facebook.com/jfginextgen.

Parents Night Out (PNO)

Sat., Sept 22 and **Oct. 27** 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.

Community Sukkot Event

Wed., Sept. 26 from 4:30–7 p.m., at 1112 Oakwood Trail, Indianapolis, 46260. **Soup in the Sukkah.** For more details contact office@injewishdiscovery.org, or text Rabbi Schusterman at 317-698-6423.

CBS Fall Barbeque Shabbat at GUCI

Fri., Sept. 28 from 6:30–8:30 p.m., welcome the autumn season and join Congregation Beth Shalom for this fun and spiritual annual event. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, kid’s activities, and worship. What could be better? 9349 Moore Road, Zionsville, IN, 46077. RSVP to Becky Paul at bselig70@gmail.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 *minyán*, 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.

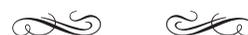
Cocktail Judaism

Mon., Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m., join Rabbi Dennis Sasso for Cocktail Judaism, an explosive mixture of conversation, humor, and spirits. October’s topic is What’s Keeping You Up at Night?: Jewish Perspectives on the Upcoming Elections with Professor Judy Failer, Ph.D., Political Science, IU; Hannah Kaufman Joseph, Shareholder Katz Korin and Cunningham PC; and David Sklar, Government Affairs Director, JCRC. 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., Oct. 9 or 16 (TBD) and **Nov. 13** at 6 p.m., in Room A-17 of the JCC. JFS and Ascension Health and Home invite you to a Jewish bereavement support group, co-facilitated by Brenda Kenyon LCSW and Paula Glanzman Goldberg. While everyone processes grief and loss differently, healing is enhanced by sharing with others who have experienced loss. Together, the group will address the social, emotional and spiritual dimensions of grief from a Jewish perspective. This program is free of charge, and no registration required. More information contact:

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MAZEL TOV

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She started at the JCC as director of membership, communications, marketing and special events and continued for 18 years in that role. The last 10+ she led the JCC’s fundraising efforts.

During those years she planned and executed 16 years of the JCC’s annual dinner and auction, 9 years of golf tournaments, 10 years of the JCC Deli Wagon at the Indiana State Fair, 7 years of the JCC’s Earth Day Community Celebration, the amazing Tiny House Roadshow, not to mention playing a key role in the renovation/expansion of the JCC and campus in the mid-1990s and the aquatics complex in 2003, and raising millions of dollars for the JCC.

Martha has also been active in the community as a devoted supporter of, and volunteer for, several local organizations including Indy Fringe Festival, Heartland Film Festival, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) and the Anti-Defamation League. Martha plans to stay very busy. She will be around the JCC often taking water therapy classes, Pilates training and eventually getting back on the tennis court. ★

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Path to greatness riddled with twists and turns

Famed American artist Peter Max, was born in Berlin in 1937 to two German Jewish parents, Salla and Jacob Finkelstein. In 1938, Jacob fortuitously secured passage for himself and his family along with a number of other Jewish refugees on the SS ConteVerdi, an Italian ocean liner departing from Marseille, France to Shanghai.

Max was among 30,000 Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai from 1933–1941. About 18,000 of them settled in the “designated area for stateless refugees” to live with local residents.

In Shanghai, Peter’s mother, Salla, who was a fashion designer, cultivated his artistic skills, while his father, Jacob, who was an astute businessman, stimulated his business acumen – a combination that contributed to his development as one of America’s most successful artists.

Peter had a nanny in Shanghai who was nine, only six years older than him. “I still remember how she held my hands, drawing circles and circles on papers to teach me to draw pictures,” said Max. The little girl had the techniques to teach him because her

father was a painter, Max added.

Max recalled that his nanny would take him outside to draw under the sun and draw the sky full of stars at night, which made him a “good artist”. The nanny taught him to use multiple colors to draw the sun, the sky and the moon, which helped him grow into a world-famous artist.

In 1948, as Mao Tzu Tung’s army advanced on Shanghai, Peter and his parents quickly settled their affairs in Shanghai and joined a boat of Jewish emigrants from Shanghai to Israel. It was 1948 and coincidentally the trip took 48 days, as the Suez Canal was closed during the Arab-Israeli war, forcing them to reverse course and sail around Africa into the Mediterranean Sea to Haifa.

Peter was eleven years old when he and his family arrived in the new independent state of Israel. The family was taken to Tiberius, on Lake Kinneret (the Sea of Galilee), and eventually moved to a house near Mount Carmel in Haifa. There, Peter attended grade school and learned to speak Hebrew. His mother, Salla, encouraged his art interest by sending him to take painting classes with Professor Hünick, a Viennese painter.

Soon after, Peter developed a fascination with astronomy. Salla arranged to have him sit in an astronomy course at the

Technion – Israeli Institute of Technology. Peter spent five years in Israel before departing for America in 1953, with a six-month stopover in Paris.

In 1998, Peter Max was honored to become the official artist for Israel’s 50-year anniversary as a nation. “I have been asked to become official artist for many events in sports, music, ecology, etc., but becoming official artist for Israel’s 50-year anniversary was the most special as it not only celebrated my own Jewish heritage, but also the wonderful time I had spent there as a young boy,” said Max.

In an article in the *Baltimore Jewish Times* from April 18, 2018, Julia Yensho owner of Y:ART Gallery in Baltimore said this about him: “Peter Max is truly a pop-art visionary. His presence in the art world during the counterculture of New York City in the 1960s shaped his art, which in turn influenced America’s youth from the ‘60s to the present with its vibrant colors and message of peace and independence. The electrifying colors and shapes that emerge from his canvases are animated and exhilarating. They are as influential in today’s hip pop-culture as they were 50 years ago and will continue to be 50 years from now. In other words, Peter Max is timeless.”

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Special times

Over the years I have had many personal audiences with our spiritual leader, the Rebbe of Lubavitch. I spent hundreds of hours listening to the Rebbe talk and expound on many different *Torah* issues and *Torah* laws.

The Rebbe spoke on many occasions that we are now living in very special times. A lot of positive changes are happening. Take for example war and peace. For thousands of years our planet was plagued by one war after another. The strong countries went to war and conquered the weaker nations. Twenty-five hundred years ago the Persians ruled over most of the world. Two hundred years later the Greeks went to war and conquered the Persian empire. Two hundred years later the Romans went to war and conquered the Greeks. And in between and before and after were many big and small wars.

In recent times World Wars I and II brought terrible destruction, and death, injury and suffering to tens of millions.

However, 78 years ago, things began to change. In 1940 many countries joined together to form the United Nations. The main goal of this organization is to bring peace to the entire world.

This was a major turning point in world history. Over the years more and more countries joined the U.N. and today almost every country in the world is a member. Today almost all of the nations of the world are trying to live in peace with each other. Just recently, North Korea decided to make peace with South Korea and the rest of the world.

Now the stronger nations are no longer going to war to conquer the weaker nations! And even more amazing, they are doing the opposite! Now many of the stronger nations are making big efforts to really help the weaker nations, and all those in need, everywhere on our planet!

I remember growing up in Indianapolis. This was at the time of the "cold war" between the U.S. and her allies, and Russia and her allies. Many of our neighbors built bomb shelters in their basements. They were afraid that Russia might attack us with atomic bombs.

Thirty years passed and miraculously the cold war ended. Russia and the U.S. made peace with each other, without any destruction, and without a single casualty!

Russia and the countries of the former Soviet Union went through amazing

changes. For 70 years the Soviet Union was ruled by a communist dictatorship that caused terrible suffering. I have heard that Stalin and his government put 50 million innocent citizens to death! And how many more were tortured in prison and sent to spend years in prison or in hard labor camps in Siberia?

Why were these people cruelly murdered? What were their "crimes"? For example, if you believed in G-d, and publicly observed His Commandments this was a terrible crime in communist Russia. Why? Because this proved that you didn't believe in Communism. Communism opposed belief in G-d and religion, calling it the "opium of the masses".

Then, in 1990, the communist dictatorship miraculously came to peaceful end. The rulers of Soviet Union themselves decided to end the communist dictatorship.

Why do we call this a miracle? The end of the communist dictatorship in Russia was a major revolution. In the past, such major revolutions involved bloody wars. In 1776 America declared independence. However, the English rule over America did not end peacefully. America had to fight and win a bloody war of independence to gain her freedom. How did the communists come to power in 1920? Also by winning a bloody civil war that lasted for years and

MAX

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Peter Max's exquisite paintings will be on exhibition and available for acquisition in a presentation at CV Gallery (www.cvart-andframe.com) Indianapolis' premier fine art gallery. The exhibition opens with pre-views on Sat., Sept. 8th and runs through Sat., Sept. 15th. An uncrating event kicks off the Exhibition on Fri., Sept. 7th and not-to-be-missed Gallery receptions for the public have been announced: Fri., Sept. 14th from 5-8 p.m., and Sat., Sept. 15th from 4-8 p.m. ★



killed many thousands.

So when communism died a peaceful death in Russia in 1990, without even one casualty, this was an amazing miracle.

All of this brought tremendous benefits to over 200 million residents of the former Soviet Union. Now they are allowed to believe in G-d and live good and happy lives. Now they do not live in fear of the government and the secret police.

And this brought great benefits to all of mankind. This brought about the end of the cold war and the arms races. From then on America and Russia stopped

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Morning Service 10:30 AM

Taschlich 12:00 PM

Tuesday, September 18

Erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre Service 7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 19

Yom Kippur

Children's Service 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Morning Service 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Afternoon Discussion 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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Paula at pgoldberg@jfgi.org or Julie at 317-529-5497.

Hooverwood Guild Annual Raffle

Thurs., Oct. 11 at Broadmoor Country Club. The drawing will take place as part of the Guild's annual luncheon. Tickets are \$10 each or 11 for \$100. Cash prizes are \$1,000, \$500 and two for \$250. The raffle raises funds to enhance the lives of Hooverwood residents. Need not be present to win. You can drop off payment to Karen at Hooverwood or mail your check to Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260. For more info call 317-493-2782.

Hadassah Book Club

No September meeting due to holidays. **Mon., Oct. 15.** *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Hostess Annette Gross. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com. Look forward to beautiful Roses for Rosh Hashanah Sept 7.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Wed., Oct. 17 learn about writer Nora Ephron, presented by Marion Garmel, and **Wed., Nov. 14** opera singer Beverly Sills, presented by Phyllis Russell. Meet at Donato's at 11:30 a.m., near Thrifty Threads on the southwest side of 86th & Ditch. Other upcoming dates are **Dec. 12, March 13** and **April 10**. An award winning program that chronicles the lives of American Jewish women who have made a mark on American or world history. For more information contact Phyllis Russell at therussells46032@aol.com.

20th annual Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts Oct. 17–Nov. 12

Opening night is Mitch Albom – internationally renowned best-selling author, **Wed., Oct. 17** at 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ), 600 W. 70th St., Indianapolis. His book, *Tuesday's with Morrie*, which has sold over 16 million copies and is celebrating its 20th year in publication, is the best-selling memoir of all time.

Sponsored by BEZ and presented in partnership with Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts. Albom's latest book, *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven*, will be released the week before he arrives for the festival. Cost: \$30 w/book, \$25 without. For more info contact Lev Rothenberg at lrothenberg@jccindy.org or 317-715-9233.

Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series

Thurs., Oct. 25, Rabbi Sandy Sasso and BEZ member Jennifer Nelson Williams will be speakers in the Propylaeum's 2018–2019 Women's Enrichment Series. This series brings outstanding women in our community and state to tell their own stories of achievements and challenges. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. prior to their presentation at 6 p.m. For more information and tickets, go to: www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-2019-marilyn-k-

glick-womens-enrichment-series-tickets-45521083787

Documentary on Eva Mozes Kor – broadcast debut

Thurs., Oct 25 at 8 p.m., on PBS. *Eva A-7063* the 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. See a trailer at www.thestoryofeva.com. ★



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Myers Dinner Theatre, Hillsboro Indiana: Meet Me in St. Louis

Wed., Sept. 5 (depart JCC at 9 a.m.). Based on the heartwarming MGM film, *Meet Me in St. Louis* is a rare treasure in the musical theatre – a wholesome and delightful portrait of a turn-of-the-century American family. It is the summer of 1903, and the Smith family eagerly anticipates the opening of the 1904 World's Fair. Over the course of a year, the family's mutual respect, tempered with good-natured humor, helps them through romance, opportunity and heartbreaks. Memorable musical numbers include "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "The Boy Next Door," "The Trolley Song," and "Whenever I'm with You." \$53 includes admission, lunch and transportation.

Actors Theatre of Indiana: A Comedy of Tenors

Wed., Sept. 12 (depart JCC at 6:30 p.m.). Currently sweeping the country and playing to sold-out audiences, the characters from *Lend Me A Tenor* are back in this fast-paced, over-the-top farce! One hotel suite, four tenors, two wives, three girlfriends and a soccer stadium filled with screaming fans. What could possibly go wrong? It's 1930s Paris, and the stage is set for the concert of the century – as long as producer Henry Saunders can keep Italian superstar Tito Merelli and his hot-blooded wife, Maria, from causing runaway chaos. Prepare for an uproarious ride, full of mistaken identities, bedroom hi-jinks, madcap delight and the music of La Traviata. *A Comedy of Tenors* evokes the classic screwball comedies of an earlier time. \$37 includes admission and transportation.

Fall Fundraiser: Supper in the Garden

Sun., Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. (depart JCC at 4:15 p.m.) at Serenity, 135 S. Main St., Zionsville. Dinner and music with a special guest star. Raffle prizes. \$30 w/o transportation, \$40 w/transportation.

ISO: Anthem Coffee Pops Series: Cirque Goes to the Movies

Fri., Sept. 21 (depart JCC at 9 a.m.). Epic movie music is combined with Cirque aerialists, contortionists, strong men and dancers! \$49 includes admission, transportation and coffee and pastries.

Murat Theatre at Old National Centre: The Lion King

Sun., Sept. 23 (depart JCC 5:30 p.m.). A lively stage adaptation of the Academy Award-winning 1994 Disney film, *The Lion King* is the story of a young lion prince living in the flourishing African Pride Lands. Born into the royal family, precocious cub Simba spends his days exploring the sprawling savanna grasslands and idolizing his kingly father, Mufasa, while youthfully shirking the responsibility his position in life requires. When an unthinkable tragedy, orchestrated by Simba's wicked uncle, Scar, takes his father's life, Simba flees the Pride Lands, leaving his loss and the life he knew behind. Eventually accompanied by two hilarious and unlikely friends, Simba starts anew. But when weight of responsibility and a desperate plea from the now ravaged Pride Lands come to find the adult prince, Simba must take on a formidable enemy and fulfill his destiny to be king. A vibrant and exciting tale from the great creatives at Disney, *The Lion King* is a story of love

and redemption that nobody should miss. Our seats are in Row F center. \$90 w/o transportation, \$100 w/transportation.

A Fair to Remember: Indiana State Fairgrounds

Fri., Sept. 28 from 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (depart JCC at 9 a.m.) at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St. A health event and luncheon designed for adults ages 55 and older. The 11th year that the event will be hosted by Community Touchpoint, a Community Health Network program promoting healthy life transitions for older adults. Keynote speaker: Dave Dugan from the Bob and Tom Show on radio. In addition to the keynote presentation, registration also includes a physician panel from Community Health Network discussing the latest health topics for aging and older adults, buffet lunch, health screenings, musical entertainment and access to more than 100 vendors.

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Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series:

Wed., September 5 ~ Stewart Center, Room 313 at 12:30 p.m. Paul Benhamou, Professor Emeritus of French, School of Languages and Cultures, Purdue University, "A la Recherche de mon Pays Perdu: Memories of my experience in Algeria"

Wed., October 17 ~ Stewart Center, Room 313 at 12:30 p.m. Andrew Fahrenbach, Winner of the 2018 *Edward Simon Essay Prize in Jewish Studies*, "If I Were a NEPman: A Sholem Aleichem Film Adaptation in the Soviet 1920s"

Wed., November 14 ~ Stewart Center, Room 313 ~ 12:30 p.m. Thomas Busch, Retired Tippecanoe Circuit Court Judge, Lafayette, Indiana, "From Prayer to Action: The Alternative Philosophies of

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making new atomic bombs, and most of the older ones were dismantled. Billions of dollars that were spent on armament and defense are now diverted to peaceful and practical purposes, to help all of mankind.

What is the cause of all of these changes for the good that we see now in our world?

The Rebbe told us that our generation is the last generation of the period of exile, evil and suffering. And that soon our generation will be the first generation of a new period, the period of redemption and eternal good, happy and healthy life.

Our prophets and Rabbis call this new period the "Days of the Messiah". Open the Bible to the book of Isaiah Chapter 2, Verse 4 where he talks about a time when there will be no more war, and weapons will be converted to useful tools.

We already see the beginning of the fulfillment of this prophesy. During the past 70 years we see a steady decline in the numbers of wars and the destruction



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caused by them. We see almost all of the nations of the world making efforts to live in peace. We see atomic bombs dismantled, and the uranium from them is now used to produce electricity for peaceful needs.

The Rebbe spoke many times about how each and every one of us can help to bring our redemption, to bring the "Days of the Messiah". Every good deed that we do, every time that we fulfill one of G-d's commandments, we bring goodness and holiness into our world.

This goodness and holiness is added to all of the goodness and holiness that our ancestors brought into the world for thousands of years. Soon our world will be completely good and holy. How many more good deeds are needed when will we fill the quota that is necessary in order to bring our final and complete redemption? We don't know. But we do see that now we are very close to the finishing line. We see remarkable things happening in our world.

Let us all devote our lives to doing good. This will bring us much happiness and fulfillment, and hasten the time when our entire world will know only good.

We hope and pray that this will happen soon. We want *Moshiach* now!

Rabbi Benzion Cohen lives in K'far Chabad, Isarel. He can be reached by email at bzioncohen770@gmail.com. ☆

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and the Etz Chaim Congregation*



Obituaries

Cheryl F. Ratzman, 76, of Indianapolis, passed away July 2, 2018. She was born Nov. 26, 1941 in Charleston, W.V.

She is survived by her children, Karen Ratzman, David (Cheryl) Ratzman, and Jonathan (Kristen) Ratzman; grandchildren, Emma, Adam, and Sam Ratzman, and Kaitlyn and Trevor Proehl; and sister, Susan Cooperman. Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents; son, Michael Marc Ratzman; and granddaughter, Julia Ratzman.

Graveside services were held in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on July 5th. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish National Fund, Riley Children's Hospital, or to Susan G. Komen. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.arnmortuary.com.

Howard Katz, 80, of Indianapolis, passed away on July 10, 2018. He was born in New York City on Oct. 13, 1937 to George and Isabelle Katz. He was a graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology and received his MBA from University of Chicago.

Howard is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joan Werner Katz; his children, Harold Katz of Gaithersburg, Md., Suzanne Katz of Hyattsville, Md., and Jonathan (Sarah) Katz of Berrick Salome, UK; and his beloved grandchildren, Becca, Lanie, Sophia and Oliver Katz.

Graveside funeral services were held in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Cemetery North on July 12th. Arrangement entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson**.

Alice Joy Blumenthal, 68, of Westfield, passed away July 12, 2018. She was born Aug. 1, 1949 in Youngstown, Ohio. She is survived by her sister, Grace Sobel; and her nieces and nephew. Graveside services were held at

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery on July 15th. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Irene Zukerman Johnston, 74, of Walnut Creek, Calif., passed away July 12, 2018 at her home under the care of hospice. Born March 18, 1944, in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of the late Abe and Rae (Davis) Zukerman.



Irene graduated from Shortridge High School in 1961, and attended Indiana University. She was the business manager for USA Diving, the national governing body of the Olympic sport, for 27 years, and continued as the assistant treasurer for the USA Diving Foundation until her death. In 2010, Irene relocated to Walnut Creek, Calif., to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren. She worked alongside her daughter and son-in-law as the business manager at San Francisco Auto Repair Center, the auto repair shop they own in San Francisco.

In her spare time, she was an avid mahjong player. She played weekly in two different games until her recent illness. She also was actively involved in National Council of Jewish Women, a supporter of Planned Parenthood, and was involved at Congregation Beth Israel Judea in San Francisco.

She is survived by her daughter, Michele (Gary Siegel); and grandchildren, Seth, Benjamin, and Lily of San Francisco. She is also survived by her brothers, Howard (Elaine) Zukerman of Indianapolis and Ed (Elaine) Zukerman of Boca Raton, Fla.; six nieces and nephews; and her two cats, Tippy and Dolly.

Funeral services were held on July 15th, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, followed by burial at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Donations may be made

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Lecture in Religion: Mon., October 15 ~ Rawls Hall, Room 1062 at 8:00 p.m. James Loeffler, Associate Professor of History and Jewish Studies, University of Virginia, "Three Days in December: How Zionism, Human Rights, and Genocide Came Together and Fell Apart in 1948" Co-sponsored by the Purdue Jewish Studies, Religious Studies, and Human Rights Programs. ★



to Congregation Beth Israel Judea, 625 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132, or Cat House on the Kings, 7120 S. King River Rd, Parlier, CA 93648-9720.

Michelle Topaz Roland, 22, passed away on July 27th.



Michelle graduated from North Central High School and became a licensed cosmetologist from their J. Everett Light Career Center. She loved animals and was in the process of signing up for veterinarian school at Truman University in Chicago. She was always helping people in need, without expecting anything in return. She loved people and was loved by all.

Survivors include her brothers, Todd and Adi, and parents, Scott and Shoshi Roland. A funeral service was held on July 30th at the Hebrew Orthodox Cemetery, 1220 North Logan Street, Mishawaka, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, 6939 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Sandy Hill, 78, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother passed away in the early morning hours of July 29, 2018. Sandy was born on Dec. 15, 1939 in Buffalo, N.Y., to Moe and Betty (nee Jacoby) Ertis.

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Film about Jenni wins award

Grateful (right), the movie about Jenni Berebitsky's life won the Audience Choice Award at the International Heartland Film Shorts Festival July 26–29 at Newfields (formerly Indianapolis Museum of Art).

Next stop is The Circle City Film Festival September 27–29, then The Heartland International Film Festival October 11–21, both in Indianapolis. A lot of wisdom and humor are packed into this 17 minute film and Jenni's warm-heartedness shines through. Director Paul Nethercott said making this film changed his life. ★

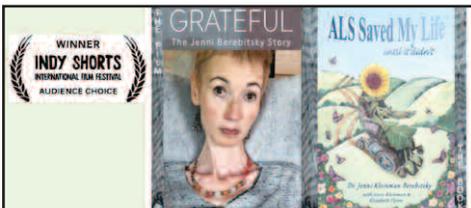
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The Indiana Jewish Discover Center co-directors are Rabbi Mendel and Fraidel Schusterman. For more info, go to inewishdiscovery.org/th/. To apply, go to inewishdiscovery.org/apply/. ★



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Sandy was an avid bridge player. She was an active member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ) and its Sisterhood, the Hooverwood Guild, a long-time volunteer and supporter of Second Helpings and was a volunteer reading teacher at Greenbriar Elementary School.



Sandy was an enthusiastic supporter of IU basketball and football, and loved to travel and experience all that life had to offer. Sandy was a passionate supporter of local and national politics and firmly believed that one should be civically engaged. She truly felt fortunate to have lived a full and enriching life. Sandy was grateful for the incredible friendships she had forged through the years.

Sandy was preceded in death by her loving husband, Sherwood; her son, Daniel and her brother, Rudolf. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth; her son, Rudolph Adam (Cindy); her brother, Theodore and her granddaughters, Amanda, Amber and Victoria.

Funeral services were held on July 31st at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in BEZ North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Second Helpings, (secondhelpings.org) or Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Rose Weinstein Freedman, 102, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on Aug. 7, 2018.



Rose was born on April 14, 1916 to Samuel and Ida Weinstein in Indianapolis. She was a lifelong member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, served as a Docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art for many years and was a life member of Hadassah. She loved nature, and had an amazing gift for finding 4 leaf clovers, having found hundreds over the course of her life. Rose and her late husband, Louis, owned and operated Freedman's Department Store in Frankfurt for over 50 years until their retirement.

Rose is survived by her devoted children, Judith (Harold) Kessler of Silver Springs, Md., and Alvin (Faye) Freedman of Plainfield; her 3 grandchildren and 6



great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings: Al, Ben, and Martin Winston; Esther Karabell, Harriett Glazier and Maurice Weinstein.

A visitation was held on Aug. 9th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Graveside funeral services were on August 10th in Beth-El Zedeck South Cemetery.

Morris Irwin Bank, 80, passed away on Aug. 6, 2018. He was born in Detroit July 18, 1938. He received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Michigan and spent most of his professional life in medical physics.



Morris was very fit, ate well, stayed active and was social. He played racquetball four times a week and lifted weights on his "off days". He was still taking piano lessons, singing in his choir, acting with his theater group. He studied *Torah* and argued about religion and politics. He was teaching himself to code in Python and C++, wrote passionate letters to his local politicians and was active in his Democratic group.

Morris traveled the world with his partner Beth and often on his own, seeking adventure and connection. In northern Michigan two weeks before his death, he

hiked, swam, sunbathed, biked, climbed up sand dunes, tubed down a river, laughed and played with his grandchildren, and, of course, ate so much (chocolate) ice cream, one of his favorite things to do.

Morris is survived by his loving companion and long-time partner Beth Fineberg. He was the cherished father of Andrew (Carrie) Bank and Alison Bank (Aaron Heller), adoring grandfather of five beautiful and bouncy grandchildren: Asher, Leila, Della, Dahlia and Nina. He was the dear brother of Sue "Marion" (the late Dick) Stegman, Sybil "Charlotte" (the late Art) Fiszbein, Thelma (the late Herb) Zucker, the late Bertha "Bee" (Sidney) Soifer, the late Millie Bank, the late Oscar (the late Goldie) Bank and the late Harry (the late Pearl) Bank. He is also survived by dozens of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

A funeral was held at Temple Beth Emeth in Ann Arbor on August 10th followed by burial at Washtenong Memorial Park – arrangements by The Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 N. Meridian Street, The Indianapolis JCC, 6701 Hoover Road, or Planned Parenthood, 3100 Professional Drive, P.O. Box 3673, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. ★

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KAPLAN

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New Testament but which stands on its own about the growth of faith and love of G-d with ethnically diverse characters. It is geared toward children ages 4–8 years. Parents can read the book with their children at face value with no connection to the New Testament.

The story is about a little girl and a little boy who plant a mustard seed in an empty garden and how it grows and becomes a humongous tree. There is an end note about the parable and questions to help

children understand the parable and how it applies to them.

Rabbi Sandy Sasso is Rabbi Emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis; first woman ordained as a rabbi by the Reconstructionist movement; first woman to serve as rabbi in a Conservative congregation; and part of first rabbinical couple to share a pulpit. She is also author of many children's books.

Amy-Jill Levine is a university professor of the New Testament and professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science.

The book is beautifully illustrated by freelance artist and children's book illustrator, Margaux Meganck of Portland.

Sybil Kaplan is a journalist, lecturer, book reviewer, food writer and author of *Witness to History: Ten Years as a Woman Journalist in Israel* and nine cookbooks. *Living in Jerusalem, she works as a foreign correspondent for North American Jewish publications and writes stories about kosher restaurants in Jerusalem for Janglo.net.* ☆



WEATHER

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snacks and watching a segment of the NOVA Documentary *Decoding the Weather Machine*, participants "speed-dated" with the experts, moving from table to table in order to ask questions related to their specific fields of expertise. Current and former HHAI students helped with child care, providing climate-conscious activities including repurposing old t-shirts into tote bags and capes, a climate board game, and an experiment involving the measurement of CO2 in exhaled breath. It was an enlightening and meaningful experience to all who attended and we hope this won't be the only event of its nature in the near future. ☆

*Best wishes for a sweet
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Selichot Evening
Saturday, September 1, 8:00 p.m.
"Souls on Fire: Stories and Songs to Inspire Your High Holy Days"
With Cantor Emeritus Bob Zalkin
Dessert reception catered by Charlene Sacks.
Supported by the Feigenbaum Musical Arts Fund.
Services will begin at 9:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Conversation
Wednesday, September 19, 4:00 p.m.
**A Broken System: Why American Elections Don't
Necessarily Reflect American Values**
With Professor Sheila Seuss Kennedy
Moderated by Todd Maurer
An engaging discussion on:

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- The Electoral College and other topics

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May all be inscribed for a year of life!
Join us for Free High Holiday Services
at the Chabad Center, Carmel, IN

Weather Together '18

On July 29, 2018, a group of civically-minded individuals from our community met in the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (HHAI) music room at an event called "Weather Together '18." More than 60 people from across the Indianapolis area gathered to learn more about the science of weather and climate in order to better understand the effects and progress of climate change locally.

Lonica Solomon (below, 4th from left), Bloomington, Indiana native and middle school science teacher at HHAI, was moved to make the event happen after the Indiana science standards changed to include climate change as a required subject to cover with 8th graders. She worked with Dori Chandler, Co-Chair of the Citizens Climate Lobby and state leader of the Union of Concerned Scientists; Myrna Gray, fellow IHC congregant; Joseph Bercovici, Bloomington native and longtime family friend; Maggie Hite, Carmel High School Orchestra teacher; Len Perel, HHAI alum and Carmel High School Sophomore; Eva Glazier, HHAI 8th Grader; as well as several others to plan and produce the event.



Lonica felt that since individual empowerment, inquiry, and community connections were such a crucial part of effectively teaching her students, families might also benefit from a similar opportunity. A number of experts joined the event, bringing knowledge of geology, epidemiology, weather preparedness and community activism to a conversation that was enriching and empowering.

These professionals were Dr. Yi Wang, environmental epidemiologist from the Fairbanks School of Public Health; Dr. Kathy Licht, IUPUI Professor of geological sciences; Mike Ryan, senior meteorologist for the national weather service of Indianapolis; Stephanie Schuck, expert in restoration ecology and education from Marian University; Topher Andersen, Citizens Climate Lobby state co-chair; and Jesse Kharbanda, executive officer of the Hoosier Environmental Council.

After noshing on some kosher teatime
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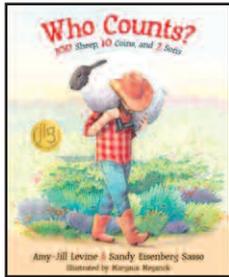
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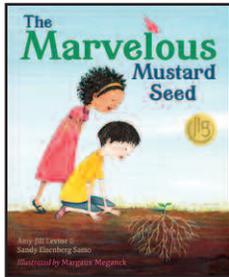
Children's stories with moral lessons

Who Counts? By Amy-Jill Levine and Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Westminster John Knox Press. \$16.95 hardback. 40 pgs. May 2017

A parable can be a simple story that illustrates one or more instructive lessons or principles or a story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. In this multicultural book, for children ages 4–8, the authors explain that these are a retelling of three parables from the New Testament's Gospel of Luke but with contemporary interpretations.



Why would teachers of Jewish children or parents want their children to read this book? The authors say they seek to “add a new understanding on what we imagine Jesus’ original audiences would have heard.”



In the first story, a bearded cowboy in a plaid flannel shirt, jeans, a cowboy hat and cowboy boots has lost a sheep. In the second story, an African-American woman with dark curly has lost a coin. In the third story, a Hispanic man with a large farm has two sons, one who leaves then returns and is lauded when he returns, while the son who remained feels unloved.

The authors tell us “the main message is about counting, searching for what is missing, and celebrating becoming whole again.”

When reading these stories, one should ask, “Have I lost something or someone and not paid attention? Is there someone I take for granted? What or who, have I forgotten to count?” Taking these questions seriously, we are better able to love our neighbors as ourselves.

An authors’ note to parents and teachers is at the end of the book. There is no mention of G-d or any religion, so parents of Jewish children can read the book with their children at face value with no connection to the New Testament.

The Marvelous Mustard Seed. By Amy-Jill Levine and Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, Flyawaybooks. \$16 hardcover. 40 pgs. April 2018

Once again Sasso and Levine have

combined their knowledge, enhanced by beautiful, colorful illustrations by Margaux Meganck.

The result is another parable from the (see Kaplan, page IN 18)

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