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(see About the Cover on p. IN 3)

Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Cal Shere (below), son of **Colleen** and **Mark Shere** who graduated this past summer from Bar Ilan University with a degree in computer science. Cal got a job in the Washington D.C. area.



"give" from the United Way Blog July 18, 2018."When Chuck moved to Indianapolis, he immediately became involved with the Jewish Community Center (JCC), a United Way partner agency that enriches the community by perpetuating Jewish tradition and heritage. Chuck's passion has always been sustaining Jewish identity, leading him to involvement with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and the Jewish Federations of North America. He's served in various roles within each organization, spanning from Board Member to President." (This photo and another are included at the following link: <https://uwci.org/blog-chuck-cohens-story/>)

Paige Gottlieb and **Kyle Lederer** on the birth of their daughter, **Glorie Mila** (below). Glorie was born on Aug. 15, 2018. Paige is the daughter of **Melanie** and **Oren Gottlieb** of Carmel, Ind., and the granddaughter of the late **Gloria** and **Bob Lutz**. Kyle is the son of **Joni** and **Jim Lederer** of Highland Park, Ill.



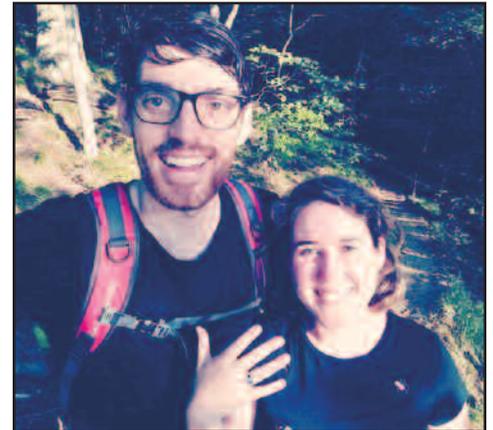
Robbert Calderon and **Alizée Malnoë** (below), of Normandy, France, on their marriage on June 23, 2018. Robbert is the son of **Steve** and **Marlene Calderon** and grandson of **Betty Calderon** of Indianapolis. Alizée is the daughter of **Marie-Christine** and **Michel Malnoë** from Saint-Samson. The bride and groom both have Ph.D.s and will be working as plant biologists in the Plant Biology Department at Umeå University in Umeå Sweden.



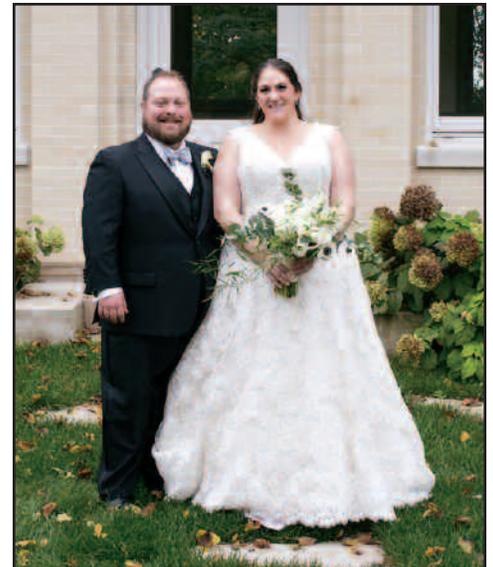
granddaughter of **Lee** and **Reuben Shevitz** on her engagement to **Ian Ceraolo**, son of **Carla** and **Paul Ceraolo** of Tampa Fla., grandson of **Rosalie Borselli** and **Carmel Ceraolo**.

Meredith is a Senior Assistant for Policy & Projects for U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH). Ian is the New Hampshire State Director for the voting rights organization, Let America Vote. A May 18th wedding is planned.

Sigal Tavel (below), daughter of **Aviva** and **Bob Tavel** on her engagement to **Ben Caley** of Australia. Ben's parents are **David** and the late **Bette Caley**, who was the daughter of Holocaust survivors from Poland. Sigal and Ben met on Kibbutz Maagan Michael when she was in Israel doing a gap year between high school and college. Less than two weeks after they got engaged Sigal was accepted into IU medical school. Sigal is a graduate of the Hasten Hebrew Academy. Ben is working as a mechanical engineer, and that's how he was able to move here.



Rachel Leigh Kesner (below), daughter of **Michael** and **Karen Kesner** of Deerfield, Ill., and granddaughter of **Josephine "JoBaby" Meyer** of Skokie,



Meredith Rose Shevitz (below), daughter of **Ellen** and **Richard Shevitz**,



Chuck and **Karen Cohen** (below, seated center) who shared their story, "Leading by Example" to inspire others to



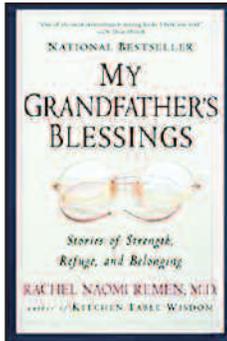
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Editorial

Reprinted from Dec. 8, 2004.

The following is an abridged version of a wonderful *Hanukkah* story that takes place about 60 years ago in New York. The author is now in her mid-60s and living in California. She tells about her early years learning from her grandfather, an Orthodox rabbi who emigrated from Russia. He died when she was 7.

Not only have I mentioned her before but also the book that includes her story. It is *My Grandfather's Blessings: Stories of Strength, Refuge, and Belonging*, by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. The title of this story is "Wisdom." I hope to capture the essence of it here.



In the first grade, Remen experienced *Hanukkah* in public school, where the teacher told the class that *Hanukkah* is what Jewish people celebrate instead of Christmas. The teacher went on to describe the story of the Maccabees and their battle to defend the Jewish people and how the oil that was supposed to last for only one day lasted for eight. She told the class that *Hanukkah* was about the Miracle of the Light.

Every afternoon after school Remen stayed with her grandfather until her mother finished work and came to take her home. On this afternoon she told him about what had happened in school. She asked him if he knew the story about the war. He said he did and responded, "War is a time of darkness. The *Hanukkah* story is one of many stories about darkness and light that people have told each other at this time of year.

"Winter is a time of darkness also," he told her. "The nights start earlier and last longer, so in the dark, people tell each other stories about the light to strengthen their hope. The story of the Maccabees is very old, but it is not the oldest story about darkness and light."

Then he took her into his study and lifted a *menorah* out of a drawer in his desk. He also took out matches and candles. Rather than the little candles that burn down in a few minutes, which she had seen at school, his *menorah*, which had belonged to his father in Russia, held large white candles that burned all night. Since it was the first night of *Hanukkah*, he handed her a candle and put another one in the *menorah*.

"The oldest story about darkness and light

About the Cover

Spinning Dreidel

Acrylic and ink on canvas

By Rabbi Yitzchok Mouly



Reb. Mouly

The *dreidel*: a symbol of *Chanukah* that the children in ancient times used as a decoy while hiding from the Greek soldiers and studying *Torah*. Today the dreidel is a *Chanukah* toy beloved by everyone, that just might spin us to a new perspective on the freedoms we enjoy today.

Adapted from my *Nine Dreidles* image, I wanted to convey the sense of movement and spinning with this painting. The *Nine Dreidles* are a wonderful piece, but it lacked the energy of a *dreidel*. Hung on an angle, this *dreidel* is in its element.

As a child Rabbi Yitzchok Mouly's upbringing was off the beaten path. Raised by former hippies, Mouly was exposed to far more color than one would expect in the rigorously Orthodox *Chassidic* community. Mouly's formal education in day schools in Australia and later at the Rabbinical College of America did not include formal art classes but his inner passion yearned for expression. After dabbling in various forms of art, Mouly found an expression for his creativity in the silkscreen process.

Mouly's art contrasts strong Judaic and *Chassidic* images with vibrant bold colors to create a startling combination which he describes as "Chassidic Pop Art". Mouly's art reveals that the essence of *Chassidic* thought is far from black and white. Under the black hat there is a wealth of vibrant colorful energy waiting to be released.

Mouly also teaches art classes and will come to your city on request. He is the founder of The Creative Soul and lives in Hillside, N.J., together with his wife, Batsheva, and six children. See more of his work on his website: moulyart.com ✨



is the story of the beginning of the world," he told her. He picked up his Bible and started reading from the first page. "In the Beginning, darkness was over the waters and the Spirit of God moved in the darkness like a great wind over the face of the waters. And God said, 'LET THERE BE LIGHT!'"

Then her grandfather said, "This is how the world begins. Life and all of its blessings begin with God's gift of light."

In order to show her what it was like "in the Beginning" to receive the gift of light, he told her that he would be turning out the lights. Since she was a little scared, he reassured her that he would be with her. Then he turned out the lamps in the study, which had no windows, and it was very dark.

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He struck a match and lit the candle she was holding. He told her to use the flame from her candle to light the candle that was already in the menorah. Then he took her candle and placed it in the menorah also. She looked at the two candles burning and felt a little better.

When the next evening came, they repeated the process. This time there were two candles in the "great candlestick" that she got to light. The candle lighting continued every night for six more nights, with one more candle added each night. On the last night, after all the candles were lit, the room was filled with light.

Remen told her grandfather how beautiful it was! He agreed and answered, "But God's *menorah* is even more beautiful. God's *menorah* is made of people, not of candles."

He noted the puzzled look on Remen's
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Community Events

Chanukah at Gymboree with PJ Library

Sun., Dec. 2, 9:30–10:30 a.m., at Gymboree, 12524 Gray Rd. Carmel, Ind. Enjoy this fun, active PJ Library event for children ages 5 and under! The entire gym floor will be turned into *Chanukah* activities, including: *gelt* hunt, flipping *latkes*, reading an interactive *Chanukah* story, making a *Chanukah* gift, taking a family photo in front of a *Chanukah* backdrop, Gymboree's signature parachute time. To RSVP, call Gymboree directly at 317-574-9626. Sponsor: PJ Library. Contact Leah Aft 317-715-9264 or laft@jfgi.org.

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) Children's Chanukah Party

Sun., Dec. 2, 10–11:30 a.m. Learn about the true meaning of *Chanukah* and party with the CBS Religious School. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 849 W. 96th St. All children and parents in the broader Jewish Community are invited. For more information, contact Diane Graul dwgraul@gmail.com.

Marking Shloshim (30 days) for Victims at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Congregation

Sun., Dec. 2, 10–11:30 a.m., in the Domont Auditorium of the JFGI Education Center (formerly BJE) at 6711 Hoover Rd. Text study: The Immigrant and Refugee in Jewish Tradition. At the conclusion of the first 30 days of mourning, a Jewish tradition is to study texts in honor of those who died. JCRC has invited Jeremy and Nina Price to lead a session in memory of the 11 who died in Pittsburgh. That congregation was targeted because of their support of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and their work with immigrants and refugees. By studying Jewish texts, we learn how Jewish values inform our community's advocacy on behalf of those who are forced to flee their homes. Please register at <https://goo.gl/wdMpdW>

Lights & Latkes Brunch at Hooverwood

Sun., Dec. 2, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Join us at 7001 Hoover Rd. for *latke* making, a brunch buffet, hot cocoa bar & a craft to celebrate the beginning of *Chanukah*! Contact Brittany Scheidt at bscheidt@hooverwood.org.

Chai Mitzvah

Sun., Dec. 2, 1:30–2:30 p.m. Our tradition tells us that a full Jewish life involves our head, heart, and hands. *Chai Mitzvah* is a program designed to enhance Jewish engagement. Join the CBS adaptation of this international uniquely designed program. This will be the initial meeting of

this monthly group. To learn more contact Diane Graul dwgraul@gmail.com.

Menorah Workshop at Home Depot with Chabad and PJ Library

Sun., Dec. 2, from 2–4 p.m. Build your own *menorah* at Home Depot, 9855 North Michigan Road, Carmel, Ind. Snacks and drinks included. Fun for the whole family. Free of charge! Sponsored by Chabad of Indiana and PJ Library. Contact Avi and Nini Grossbaum at 317-698-6724 or rabbi@chabadindiana.org or on www.chabadindiana.org.

Chabad Chanukah Celebration and Dinner

Sun., Dec. 2, 6–8 p.m., at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 West 96th Street, Carmel. Please join us for an evening of great food, and fun. No charge but all donations are welcome. Please RSVP early, so we can prepare appropriately. Contact Avi and Nini Grossbaum at 317-698-6724 or rabbi@chabadindiana.org or on www.chabadindiana.org.

Cocktail Judaism

Mon., Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., join Rabbi Dennis Sasso for Cocktail Judaism, an explosive mixture of conversation, humor,

and spirits. December's topic is, "Teach Us to Number Our Days" (Psalm 90): Jewish Ethics and Healthcare Issues" with Lori Moss, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services, and Evan Lubline, CEO of Hooverwood. RSVP to jhodes@bez613.org or (317) 253-3441. We will meet at Another Broken Egg located at 9435 N. Meridian St. RSVP to Jennifer Hodes, 317.253.3441 or jhodes@bez613.org or www.bez613.org.

Celebrate Chanukah with the Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch

Tues., Dec. 4 from 12–1 p.m., in JCC's Laikin Auditorium. This is a lunch program for adults age 60 and older. We will light the community *chanukiah* at 1:00. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday to socialize, enjoy a nutritious, hot *kosher* meal, and enjoy special programming. Cost \$3. For more information, contact Christy Morris: cmorris@jfgi.org or 317-259-6822. Sponsored by Jewish Family Services.

Jewish Healing Services

Wed., 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* (see Events, page IN 8)

Happy Hanukkah!

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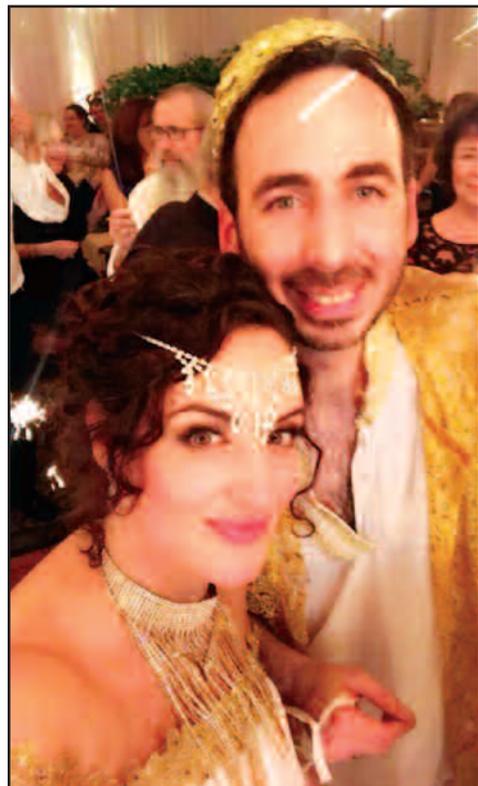
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Ill., married **Jacob Benjamin Katz**, son of **Don Katz** and **Lori Katz** (all of Carmel, Ind.), and grandson of **Larry** and **Arlene Weinberg**. The wedding took place Oct. 7th at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, with **Rabbi Vernon Kurtz** and **Cantor Benjamin Tisser** presiding. The Best Man was **Alan Mordoh** and the Maid of Honor was **Jenna Guzaldo**.

Groomsmen were **Matt Noland**, **Gavin Rourke**, **Mitchell Woodward**, **Jason Kesner**, **Sammy Katz**, **Joey Kesner**, and **Jeff Kahn**. Bridesmaids were **Shayna Weisberg**, **Haley Katz**, **Erin Levy**, **Mackenzie Kesner**, **Mia Weisberg**, **Sophia Weisberg**, **Kim Kesner**, **Leah Siegel**, and **Zoie Weisberg**.

The couple met in Bloomington, Ind., and will reside in Indianapolis. The groom is General Manager, Gorilla Plastic and Rubber Group and the bride is Program Director, Jewish Family Services Indianapolis. (Photo by Rick Aguilar Studios.)

Hannah Farahan, daughter of **David** and **Vika Farahan** and granddaughter of **Sophia** and **Vladimir Ilyin**, and **Ari Perklov**, son of **Mark** and **Chantal Perklov** of Haifa on their marriage Oct. 8th at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life in Carmel. **Rabbi Avi Grossbaum** officiated and catering was by **Dina Hasten**.



Stacey and **Charlie Bunes** (right, in 1993) on their 25th wedding anniversary, Oct. 10, 2018 – and Stacey’s birthday on

Oct. 9, and Charlie’s upcoming 60th birthday on Dec. 14th.

The Elementary Volleyball Team (right) of the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis are the Independent Schools League 2018 champions.

Ken Krueger (below) on being awarded The Meritorious Service Award from the Indiana Podiatric Medical Association on Oct. 20th for his work within the profession, as well as outside the profession such as his work with Special Olympics.



DeAnn and **Marty Silverman** (oval, right) on being honored at B’nai Torah’s annual dinner Oct. 28th with the Community Service Award for their extensive participation at the *shul* and the larger Jewish community especially the *Chevra Kadisha*. Keisari’s catering provided a scrumptious dinner for the event.



Daniel and **Sarah Kuperstein** (below) of Hoboken, N.J., on the birth of their daughter, **Chloe**, on Oct. 30, 2018. Paternal grandparents are **Isaiah** and **Elana Kuperstein** of Indianapolis and maternal grandparents are **Charlie** and **Jacqueline Kaufman** of New York City. Chloe has an older sister, **Odelia**, who was born in 2016.



Al Mordoh on his 98th birthday on Nov. 3rd.

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Dovid Grossbaum (below), son of **Rabbi Avrohom** and **Nini Grossbaum**, on his marriage to **Chana Vogel**, daughter of **Rabbi Yosef** and **Rivkie Vogel** of London on Nov. 8, 2018 in Brooklyn. Grandparents are **Rabbi** and **Mrs. Faivish Vogel**, **Rabbi** and **Mrs. Yosef Y. Hecht**, **Mrs. Rochel Pinson** and **Rabbi** and **Mrs. Betzalel Rotter**.



Margy and **Miles Kerr-Jarett** on the birth of their son in Israel. Grandparents are **Robert (Dr. Bob) Stoner** and **Ruth Stoner**, and **Geogina Rice** and **Gene Rice** of Boca Raton, Fla.; great-grandmother is **Mrs. Joan Stoner**.

Leibel (Lee) and **Blimi Kleinman Goldfarb** on the birth of their son in Israel. Paternal grandparents are **Ms. Marsha Weiner Goldfarb** and **Mr. and Mrs. Ben Goldfarb**, and great-grandmother **Mrs. Shirley Goldfarb** of Indianapolis. Maternal grandparents are **Mr. and Mrs. Meir** and **Suri Kleinman** and great-grandmother **Sarah Kleinman** of Brooklyn.

Professor Yaron Ayalon has appointed as the director of the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program and associate professor of Jewish studies at The College of Charleston (S.C.), effective July 1, 2019. A native of Princeton, New Jersey, who was raised in Israel and the United States, Ayalon holds degrees from Tel Aviv University (B.A.) and Princeton University (M.A., Ph.D.) His current position is with the History Department at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and associate director of the Jewish Studies Program. Prior to that, Ayalon taught at Emory University (2011-13) and the University of Oklahoma (2009-11). He and his wife, **Keren**, are excited to be moving to Charleston in June. ✨



Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

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Special Times – 2

In my last column (IN-8/22/18), I wrote about the special times we are living in. That almost all of the nations of the world are trying hard to live in peace with each other and end war. How atomic bombs are being dismantled, and the uranium is being used to produce electricity. Here we are beginning to see the fulfillment of prophecies of the true and complete redemption: that in the end of days a time will come when there will be no more war. This period, the end of days, is also referred to as the days of the *Moshiach* (Messiah).

Another prophecy is that in this period the world will be full of the knowledge of G-d. We can see now that this prophecy is also beginning to be fulfilled. When I was growing up 60 years ago communism was very strong. One of the super powers of the world was communist, and they were trying very hard to conquer the entire world. Even here in America communism had some popularity, and many colleges and universities had communist youth groups. Communism opposed belief in G-d and religion, calling it the opium of the masses. Teaching belief in G-d was a major crime. Those who lived in the Soviet Union had the choice: forget about religion and belief in G-d, or live in constant fear of the secret police.

In Israel there was a similar situation. The government at that time was leftist and anti-religious. They fought against belief in G-d and religion. In America the situation was not much better. Instead of worshipping G-d, many people worshipped the dollar, and all of the physical pleasures that the dollar could buy. People advised me that since I have a good head I should learn a good profession. Then I would be able to earn a lot of dollars. Then I could buy myself a beautiful house and a fancy car. This was my “religion”.

Even science was weakening belief in G-d. For thousands of years we understood that there is a Higher Power that created us and is giving us life. But two hundred years ago science came up with different ideas. According to the theory of evolution, life just came about by accident. If so, then there is no need to believe.

The results? My siblings and I like many millions grew up with little or no belief in G-d. However, when I turned 17, things began to change. In June, 1967, the world held its breath. Israel was at war, and was vastly outnumbered. Then G-d showed us amazing miracles. In only 6 days Israel

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 or 317-220-5126, unless stated otherwise.

Civic Theatre – *Mary Poppins*

Thurs., Dec. 6, depart JCC at 5:30 p.m. The jack-of-all-trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises, “Anything can happen if you let it.” Suggested donation of \$10 for transportation.

IPL Yuletide Celebration at Hilbert Circle Theatre

Fri. Dec. 7, depart JCC at 1 p.m. Indiana's best holiday tradition for family's returns! Ring in the holidays with Jack Everly, Angela Brown, Josh Kaufman and special guests as they bring to life the magic of tap dancing Santas, festive carols, and larger-than-life puppetry alongside the ISO. \$53

Dance Kaleidoscope – *Home for the Holidays*

Wed., Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. They're back with another holiday celebration! Act one will be the beautifully artistic piece *Let There Be Light* (The Story of Hanukkah). Act two will be a fun collection of pieces that celebrate Christmas festivities and traditions. Following the performance, we will have lunch at Serenity. Lunch \$20 + suggested donation of \$10 for transporta-



overcame all of her enemies! Since then we have seen many, many miracles, large and small. During the gulf war in 1991 Iraq fired around 70 scud missiles at Israel. Some of these missiles were shot down, but many struck cities here in Israel, destroying and damaging hundreds of houses and apartments. Miraculously, not even one person was killed!

In 1976 Israel held elections, and the parties who opposed belief in G-d lost. Now the government of Israel is not fighting belief in G-d. In 1990 communism almost completely died a sudden peaceful death, (see Benzion, page IN 13)

tion for show & lunch.

Lunch at Serenity

Wed., Dec. 12 at 2 p.m., at 135 S. Main Street in Zionsville. Janese Trevor, who played for us at our September fundraiser, will perform. Lunch will be favorites from the L.S. Ayres Tea Room – Chicken Velvet Soup, Chicken Pot Pie, Health Sandwich and Chocolate Pecan Ice Cream Bell, etc. Lunch \$20 + suggested donation of \$10 for transportation if not attending show.

Holiday Party Fundraiser

Thurs., Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. You won't want to miss our holiday party fundraiser and raffle. We'll start out with a delicious dinner featuring tasty chicken, salad, vegetables, rolls and butter, special dessert and coffee or tea, all for only \$35. Caterer will be MBP Catering. We have a fantastic program planned for you. Indianapolis Arts Chorale will perform *Sounds of the Season: Home for the Holidays*. The Chorale's 40+ auditioned singers represent some of the finest talent in the state. There will be fantastic raffle prizes.

Raffle chairperson is Carolyn Lowe. Please contact her at 317-437-0121 regarding donations. No transportation provided. Suggested donation \$35.

Classic Movie Club – *Big Miracle*

Mon., Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at Traditions at North Willow, 1703 W. 86th St. Adam Carlson (John Krasinski), a reporter based in a small town in northern Alaska, can't wait to land a job in a bigger market. Then, the story of a lifetime practically lands in his lap: A family of gray whales is discovered near the Arctic Circle, trapped by rapidly forming ice. Along with the descending media comes Rachel Kramer (Drew Barrymore), an environmental activist and Adam's ex-lover. Together, they try to rally an international coalition to save the whales before it's too late. Movie FREE to members. Dinner \$8 payable that day.

Broadway Across America – *The Book of Mormon*

Tues., Dec 18, depart JCC at 7 p.m. for Clowes Memorial Hall. *The Book of Mormon* is a musical comedy about two young Mormon missionaries who travel to Uganda as they attempt to share their scriptures with the inhabitants of a remote village. \$79

New Year's Eve Dinner

Mon., Dec 31 at Bravo, 2658 Lake Circle Drive. We have had many requests for New Year's Eve dinner at Bravo again. If you are interested, call Janet for reservations. Dinner from the menu at your expense. ✨

EVENTS

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for a loved one, or wish healing for others and yourself, you are welcome! Please RSVP to Rabbi Shelley Goldman at sgoldman@bez613.org.

Chabad Chanukah Party at Park Regency

Thurs., Dec. 6 from 6–8 p.m. at 8851 Colby Blvd. For more info contact Abraham Grossbaum 317.698.6724 or rabbi@chabadindiana.org or on www.chabadindiana.org

NEXTGen Light it Up!

Sat., Dec. 8 from 8–11 p.m. Join NEXTGen and the Jewish community for our annual premier event! The Speak Easy Downtown, 47 S. Meridian St. Sponsor: Gershman Partners. For more info contact Matthew Kramer-Morning 317-715-9261 or mkmorning@jfgi.org or www.facebook.com/jfginextgen. Cost \$36 in advance, \$45 at the door.

CBS Annual Chanukah Celebration and Dinner

Sat., Dec. 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., candle lighting, entertainment and activities for

the kids, *latkes*, and dinner prepared by the Congregation Beth Shalom Brotherhood at Congregation Beth Shalom, 849 W. 96th St. All are welcome to join the fun. **Shabbat Services:** Also, join CBS on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday nights at 6:30 p.m., followed by an *Oneg* or *Davin & Dine*, a community dinner out. Visit bethshalom.indy.org for details.

Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis Chanukah Campaign Dinner

Sun., Dec. 9 from 7–9 p.m. Contact Toni Scott at 317-251-1261 or tscott@hhai.org

Bereavement support group

Tues., Dec. 11 at 6 p.m., in Room A-17 of the JCC. JFS and Ascension Health and Home invite you to a Jewish bereavement support group, co-facilitated by Brenda Kenyon LCSW and Paula Glanzman Goldberg. While everyone processes grief and loss differently, healing is enhanced by sharing with others who have experienced loss. Together, the group will address the social, emotional and spiritual dimensions of grief from a Jewish perspective. This program is free of charge, and no registration is needed. For more information please email Paula at pgoldberg@jfgi.org or Julie at 317-529-5497.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Wed., Dec. 12, politician Elizabeth Holtzman, presented by Marion Garmel. Meet at Donato's at 11:30 a.m., near Thrifty Threads on the southwest side of 86th & Ditch. 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.

Hadassah Book Club

Sun., Dec. 16., at 2 p.m. *The English Spy* by Daniel Silva. Hostess Carol Arenstein. **Sun., Jan. 20**, at 2 p.m., *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com.

CBS Book Club

Sun., Jan. 6, 3–4:30 p.m., at Congregation Beth Shalom, 849 W. 96th St., CBS Book Club will be discussing *The List, a Novel* by Martin Fletcher. The author has captivated television audiences for 35 years as a foreign correspondent for NBC News. Now, Fletcher combines his own family's history with meticulous research in this gripping story of a young Jewish family struggling to stay afloat after World War II. Contact Susan Meyers at susmey4014@gmail.com for details.

Tu b'shvat at CBS and with PJ Library

Thurs., Jan. 17, 6:30–8:15 p.m., *Tu b'shvat Seder* at Congregation Beth Shalom, 849 W. 96th St. All are welcome to participate in this annual event observing man's extraordinary relationship with trees and all their bounty. **Sat., Jan. 19**, 9:30–11 a.m. *Tu b'shvat* for Little Sprouts. Join CBS and the PJ Library when we celebrate the wonder of trees through crafts, music, games and of course food. Contact Mickie Gurvis at mgurvis@comcast.net for details.

CBS afternoon program

Sun., Feb. 17, 2–3:15 p.m. The Indiana State Police will be conducting a presentation titled "Active Shooter" at Congregation Beth Shalom, 849 W. 96th St. All are welcome to attend this important and informative talk. Please check out the CBS calendar on our website www.bethshalomindy.org for additional details and programming.

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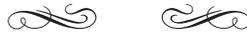
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- 2nd Candle: Mon., Dec. 3** at 5:00 pm –
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- 3rd Candle: Tues., Dec. 4** at 1:00 pm –
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at 5:00 pm – Hasten Hebrew Academy
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- 4th Candle: Wed., Dec. 5** at 5:30 pm –
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- 5th Candle: Thurs., Dec 6** at 5:00 pm –
Hooverwood Jewish Home with Jewish
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- 6th Candle: Fri., Dec. 7** at 5:00 pm –
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- 7th Candle: Sat., Dec. 8** at 5:00 pm –
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- 8th Candle: Sun., Dec. 9** at 6:15 pm –
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On Nov. 5, 2018 the granddaughter (above, right) of JP&O columnists Rabbi Benzion Cohen got married in K'far Chabad, Israel. LtoR (right): Father of the bride, Eran Gindes, Father of the groom Yaakov Natanov, Groom, Yisrael Natanov, Bride, Chaya Mushka Gindes, Mother of the groom, Shoshana Natanov, and Mother of the bride Nechama Dina (Cohen) Gindes.



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BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library Reopens

The reopening of the BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library at the former Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) took place on Oct. 28th. A warm welcome was given to all who came, including a few volunteers. Some of the guests checked out books and a few returned books to be returned to the Nora library. There was a lovely reception of pastry for all those that attended.

Patrons can have books delivered to this branch from any library in the Indianapolis Public Library system and the broader community can access this library's extensive collection of Judaic resources. Plans are to have a drop-off box located on site for easy book returns for the entire IndyPL system. The Maurer Library is a member of Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL).

Some highlights of the library's collection include: Children's book about Jewish holidays and values; Jewish textual reference books, including *Torah*, *Talmud* and rabbinic commentaries; Jewish educational reference books and teacher resource materials; Holocaust books, posters, and videos to inform learner of all ages; A collection of books in Yiddish,

including the complete writings by Sholom Aleichem; and A wide variety of Hebrew books, ranging from Hebrew instructional texts to modern Hebrew novels.

Library hours are Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., and Tuesday from 1–4 p.m. The library will be closed on some Jewish and secular holidays. For dates, see library calendar at www.jewishindianapolis/library. Marcia Goldstein is the Library Coordinator. Phone: 317-614-1837. Email: library@jfgi.org.

Below are a few words from the CEO of the Indianapolis Public Library Jackie Nytes who attended the opening:

Last Sunday, a windy and wet fall day, I had the good fortune to attend the Jewish Community Library's Grand Reopening. Located on Hoover Road, on the north side, and part of the Jewish Community Center (JCC), it is a very special part of a large and active campus of activities of all sorts. For example, my sister-in-law told me she knew of it because she plays tennis there every Wednesday night and she is Catholic. While that is neither here nor there, the reopening of any library is a joyous moment in my mind!

The reopening of this Library is especially poignant for a number of reasons. This is a library that was once part of our Shared System and as such, provided a

convenient library service point to participants in the activities of the BJE and the JCC, and also to the residents of the area who loved having library service close by. When it dropped out of the Shared System and eventually closed completely there was a real sense of loss. The decision after several years to re-open was met with much joy, and the decision to rejoin the Shared System as well was real confirmation of the value our partnerships bring to the community.

Once again the neighbors will have the convenience of a drop off and pick up point for materials from our library. And we made with this one connection, a huge improvement in the diversity of materials easily available to our patrons. The Library includes nearly 1100 books in Hebrew – I loved looking at *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in translation! But all of their circulating items and their reference collection, which is so rich, are now in our catalog, and the circulating items can be requested for use by all our patrons. They have a strong collection of materials on the Holocaust and actually circulate trunks of materials for classroom use on this important subject.

Timing on this reopening was poignant given the events in Pittsburgh which are so tragic. The need to find ways to talk about

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Nina Price is Director of Jewish Education Initiatives and is in charge of the Director for Holocaust Education.



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In Solidarity with Pittsburgh

A local communitywide memorial gathering for the 11 killed in Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue on Oct. 27th took place Oct. 29th at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) (left, Cantor Aviva Marer of IHC opens the ceremony). Many interfaith partners and city leaders spoke or were in the audience of more than 1,000 who attended. **Speakers:** Rabbi Brett Krichiver (IHC), Rabbi Avraham Grossbaum (Chabad Center for Jewish Life), Pastor Rob Fuquay (St. Luke's United Methodist Church), Imam Ahmed Alamine (Indianapolis Muslim Community Association, Masjid Al-Fajr), Rabbi Dennis Sasso and Cantor Melissa Cohen (Congregation Beth-El Zedeck), Lindsey Mintz (Jewish Community Relations Council), Indiana Lt. Governor Susanne Crouch, Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, Professor Jeremy Price, and Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows (Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis). Links to video of the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndyJCRC/videos/2374476419450941/> or go to JCRC on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IndyJCRC/> and scroll down to video. (Photos by Charlie Bunes)



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From the JCRC Facebook page: (above, middle) Thank you to Indiana Senator Todd Young for meeting Oct. 31st with representatives of The Indianapolis Jewish Community. We had an excellent conversation about security issues and how we work together to confront anti-Semitism. And also (above), thank you to Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, for the wonderful meeting Oct. 30th with Indianapolis's Jewish community and leaders. In a time that is particularly hard for us you have given the Jewish community hope, strength, and ideas for future collaboration. We look forward to our future work together!

Like New Again

Matthew J. Silver owned and operated a wood furniture business in Broad Ripple Village for over 25 years, and now repairs and restores wood furnishings from his home workshop in the Meridian Kessler neighborhood. At his store he designed custom furnishings to order made by local craftsmen, and offered solid wood furnishings manufactured by U. S. family-owned businesses, many of whom had been in constant operation for well over 100 years. Although he now specializes in chair repair – “Legs loose? Back busted? Arms askew? If this is you, call 911. If this describes your wood chair, call Matthew” – in fact he has brought back to usefulness a variety of wood items for customers in the greater Indianapolis area, from doors to table supports to bookcases, drawers and cabinets since 1990 (see ad p. IN 12). His last storefront was near the Broad Ripple post office on Carrollton, “just 29 1/2 steps south of Broad Ripple Avenue” read all his ads. Each item offered for repair presents a challenge different than the last, and each is approached with the promise of a better day. Additionally, Silver has written for *The Jewish Post & Opinion* since 2003. Also, his band plays traditional American folk music, performing at Hooverwood, the JCC and at numerous venues around central Indiana. ✨



EDITORIAL

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face and continued: “The story of *Hanukkah* says that God’s light burns in the darkness even without oil, and it is so. That is one of the miracles of the light. But there is more.

“There is a place in everyone that can carry the light. God has made us this way. When God says, ‘LET THERE BE LIGHT,’ he is speaking to us personally. He is telling us what is possible, how we might choose to live.

“But one candle does not do much in the darkness. God has not only given us the chance to carry the light, he has made it possible for us to kindle and strengthen the light in one another, passing the light along. In this way God’s light will shine forever in this world.”

Remen ends the story with her own conclusion: “After many years I have found that often we discover the place in us that carries the light only after it has become dark. Sometimes it is only in the dark that we know the value of this place. But there is a place in everyone that can carry the light. This is true. My grandfather said so.”

Jennie Cohen, November 28, 2018 ✨

BENZION

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and now hundreds of millions can safely believe in G-d. In fact, now the governments of the former Soviet Union actually support religion, and religious schools and institutions. Belief in G-d is growing stronger every day.

Today even science can be used to strengthen our belief in G-d. Take for example DNA, the genetic code. According to recent research, DNA is an amazing combination of at least 3,500,000,000 components, all exactly arranged in a special order! Compare this with the 32 volumes of the Hebrew Encyclopedia, which altogether have less than 100,000,000 letters. If someone would tell you that even one page of the encyclopedia just happened by accident, you would think that he was crazy. And where is all of the amazing mind boggling information of the genetic code? Inside of tiny, tiny, cells that you can only see with a microscope! Today, any person who reads this and is honest with himself cannot say that life is just an accident.

Yes, we are living in very special times. We look around and see that belief in G-d is getting stronger and stronger. On one hand, this is a result of all of the miracles that G-d is showing us. On the other hand, we also have a hand in this. The Lubavitcher Rebbe has helped me and many millions to believe in G-d and to work hard to help all of mankind to strengthen their belief in G-d! It is indeed up to each of us to strengthen our own belief in G-d, and to help others to strengthen their belief in G-d. Until soon, very soon, the whole world will be full of the knowledge of G-d.

How do we do this? Go to your local Chabad House and learn the secrets of life.

Learn how to recognize all of the small miracles that G-d does for each of us every day. Learn about the true and complete redemption, the days of *Moshiach*, that we are already beginning to see. If you live near a Chabad House, offer the Rabbi your assistance. If you don’t have a local Chabad House, go to one of the Chabad websites and learn. You can become the emissary of the Rebbe in your community, and strengthen belief in G-d and Jewish observance. It is up to each of us to strengthen belief in G-d and knowledge of G-d. Thus we will all help to bring *Moshiach* now!

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



Four authors with Indiana ties were honored at the 2018 Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award Dinner (back row, L–R) authors Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, and Deborah E. Kennedy. (front row, L–R) The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation President Roberta Jagers, author James Alexander Thom, and Marianne Glick, director at Eugene & Marilyn Glick Family Foundation.



LIBRARY REOPENS

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the tragedy with others who are seeking to understand more about the history and pain of anti-Semitism is an important moment for our libraries to do what we do best – provide information and insight into the challenges of our world today.

Knowing that the Jewish Community Library is back in business and a strong partner in the work we do is encouraging at this difficult time. We have shared the blog post Carrie Waterson created to help parents and educators talk with children about the tragedy (it is something we need more often than I wish) and their collection can help us increase the community’s knowledge and appreciation of the Jewish community and its rich history. We have many partners in the community at all levels, in addition to the Shared System, and our work is better because of these partnerships! ✨

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Obituaries

Inda Jane Larman Freid Singer, 96,

lifelong resident of Indianapolis, passed away on Sept. 17, 2018. She was born on July 17, 1922, to Pearl and Charles (Elkin) Larman. Inda was a graduate of Shortridge High School.



Inda was an active community volunteer and enjoyed lending her time to worthy causes. She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), a former vice president of their Sisterhood, a member of Hadassah and National Council of Jewish Women, a past president of Hooverwood Guild, and she volunteered at the Eiteljorg Museum and Indianapolis Museum of Art. Inda was also an avid golfer and was a 50+ year member of Broadmoor Country Club.

Inda was an astute businesswoman. She owned and operated Meridian Furniture for many years. She was a woman of high standards who expected the best from all of those around her. In return, you would be the recipient of her fierce loyalty and special praise.

She will be deeply missed by her beloved family. She is survived by her son, Dr. Michael (Jody) Freid; grandchildren, Chad (Jennifer) Freid, Jeremy (Jenessa) Freid and Amy (Mitch) Freid Ratnow; and great-grandchildren, Jasmine, Grayson, Shayla, Beckett and Dunham Freid, and Shep, Brock and Devyn Ratnow. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Audrey, Joanie, and Jackie Larman, and special nieces and nephews.

Inda was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jack, Herb, Leonard and Stanley Larman; and sister, Kaleh Reinsreiber; as well as husbands, Bert Freid and Milton Singer.

Graveside services were held September 21st at the IHC Cemetery North. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to IHC, Hooverwood Guild, or

the organization of the donor's choice. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services.**

Florence L. Leviton, 92, formerly of Indianapolis passed away Sept. 20, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Mae Hirsch and her husband, Jerome S. Leviton. She is survived by her daughters Anne E. (Gerald) Einsohn and Linda (Robert Newman) Leviton; sisters Joan Rubin and Pat (Leon) Gainsboro, and grandchildren Jeffrey Einsohn, Sara (Jeff) Thruston, Samuel Newman and Ethan Newman. She was a loving grandmother.

Florie was an artist and docent for the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Eiteljorg Museum, and the Children's Museum in Indianapolis. She was a big supporter of Indianapolis Art Center and you could often find her in the printmaking department there. She was a good friend to many and had a great sense of humor. She loved to entertain; she could whip a dinner together for company and make it look easy. She loved to read, play bridge and mah jongg and go to the symphony.

In 2010 she moved to Columbus, Ohio to be near her daughter Linda. She missed her buddies in Indy and kept in touch with them. Graveside services were private. Friends may leave a message of condolence for the family by visiting www.arnmortuary.com.

Jeffrey Charles Savitsky, 73, of Zionsville, passed away Sept. 22, 2018. He was born on June 8, 1945, in Brooklyn, to the late Israel and Rose Savitsky. He and his wife Carole, high school sweethearts in Bay Shore, N.Y., recently gathered with family and friends to celebrate 50 years of marriage.



Jeffrey enjoyed traveling, spending time on the beach, playing tennis, scuba diving, reading historical novels, watching movies, telling bad jokes, and spending time with his family. He was known for being exceptionally selfless and generous. He loved his grandchildren, who knew him as "Big Bub." His family also knew him as "el estante."

Jeffrey attended Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. [He received his Ph.D. in psychology from Vanderbilt University and his J.D. from Indiana University, and was a Professor of Psychology at Purdue University, where he conducted research and taught classes related to clinical psychology and the law. Later, he founded the Institute for Public Safety Personnel, Inc., in Indianapolis, where he worked with police and fire

departments around the country to develop and implement hiring and promotion processes.

Jeffrey was active in his support of political candidates and causes related to civil rights and social justice. He served as president of the Lafayette chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carole Savitsky; children, Kenneth (Kristen Beanblossom) Savitsky, Douglas (Erika Skoe) Savitsky; grandchildren, Greta and Foster Savitsky; brother, Stewart (Renata) Savitsky; and sister Selma Savitsky.

A memorial service was held Sept. 25, 2018, at the **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. A separate service will be held for friends and family on Long Island, NY. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to ALS Association, <http://www.alsa.org>, or to Planned Parenthood, <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>.

Sylvia 'Syl' Ann (Epstein) Hochman, 96,

wife of the late Harry Hochman (Sam's Subway Restaurants), passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2018. She was born Feb. 17, 1922 to Lena and Sam Epstein.



Sylvia loved to read especially inspirational books which she called books her friends. And all of her children loved to read as well. Her son Jhan wrote a book Green Cultural Studies that she loved to brag about. Sylvia was very personable and friendly, knew no strangers, had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. "If I can do the following three things each day, I am happy: take care of my daily living needs, thank God for my blessings, and make someone happy. I always look for humor in everything, no matter what is happening in my life."

Sylvia was president of the Toastmistress Club. She was a member of Hooverwood Guild for over 20 years and she volunteered with several charities. "Because I have varied interests and like to stay active, I belong to the Women of Worth (WOWS). We are a group of 10 diversified women who meet every two months for a luncheon meeting of the hostess' choosing. The subjects relate to various topics ranging from cultural, current events, and life issues. We have discussed many subjects and had multiple presenters that focus on learning. I have also participated in multiple OASIS classes, taken jazz as an adult, and try to walk on my treadmill every morning. All in all, I enjoy people and I love to hear them laugh."

Sylvia also loved to dance. While at Shortridge High School she performed in (see Obituaries, page IN 15)



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their Junior Vaudeville. In a play she was Minnie Haha. Later in life, she could still recite "By the shores of Gitchie Goomee". She got married and raised a family and that superseded any further stage performances. At one time, Harry and his family owned and managed 6 Sam's Subway restaurants in Indianapolis.

The family would like to extend their utmost gratitude to everyone who cared for Sylvia. Thank you for enriching her life and spirit to Dr. Alan Berkovitz, caregivers and friends at MorningSide, St. Vincent Hospital, and Hooverwood.

She was a devoted, loving, appreciative mother and wife to her family: Stephen (Julie, deceased), Linda (Wesley) Cadore, Jhan, Faith (KC) Cohen; grandchildren Allison, Claire Heffner, Kelsea Cadore, Kai and Keve Cohen; and brother, Joe (Esther) Epstein. Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Hochman and sister Lenora. Services were held Sept. 28th at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the Hooverwood Guild or a charity of your choice.

Harold S. Aron D.P.M., 90, born

May 11, 1928 to Frieda and Max Aron in New York City, passed away Oct. 2, 2018. He grew up in Detroit where he attended Central High School and Highland Park Jr. College.

Harold then attended the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, graduating in 1952. He entered the Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed at Wm. Beaumont Army Hospital at Fort Bliss, Texas until his discharge in 1954 at which time he came to Indianapolis.

Dr. Aron opened his office in April of 1955 and retired in July of 2001. He was active in local and state podiatric organizations, becoming president of the State Association in 1970 and was voted Podiatrist of the Year in 1983 and 1993.

Harold and his wife, Lorna (who passed away in Feb of 2007 after 53 years of marriage) volunteered for many years at the Convention Center, USO at the airport, Final 4, Pan Am Games, Children's Wish Fund and 500 Festival – just to name a few. After Lorna's death, Harold continued volunteering at the USO Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital and delivering Kosher Meals on Wheels for Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. He was a member of Broad Ripple Sertoma in its



early years and attended Beth-El Zedeck for over 50 years.

He is survived by his son, Dan (Maureen) Aron; daughter, Susan (Michael) Denardo; beloved granddaughters, Alexa, Ashley and Anna Aron, and Valerie Denardo; and three great-granddaughters, Nevaeh, Syllas and Rori Culmo. Harold was preceded in death by his brother, Allen Aron.

Funeral services were held at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services** on October 5th and burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, or Jewish Family Services.

Kitty Tavel, 95, a lifelong resident of

Indianapolis, passed away on Oct. 14, 2018. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School (with honors) and the University of Michigan. After WWII, she met Captain David Tavel soon after his return from the South Pacific and they were later married in Indianapolis. Together they raised four sons while establishing what became the

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largest family-owned optical company in the state of Indiana.

Mrs. Tavel's commitment to community service began through her children's Scout program. She went on to organize a women's group for the American Cancer Society (1966), joined a task force to create and establish a Docent Training Program for the Indianapolis Museum of Art (1970). In 1983 her late friend Daniel Efroymsen asked Mrs. Tavel to become a Board Member of The Nature Conservancy and help promote a similar women's group.

In 1970 at the request of Josephine Jamison (Booth Tarkington's niece) and Phyllis Bennett Solomon (then curator of Decorative Arts at the Indianapolis Museum of Art), Dr. and Mrs. Tavel and four other couples established the Decorative Arts Society of the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

In 1987 Mrs. Tavel was appointed to serve on Mayor William Hudnut's Indianapolis Clean City Recycling Commission. Mrs. Tavel's friend Gregory K. Silver had assisted her in securing a United States patent for a product to promote recycling waste materials. Mrs. Tavel was one of several early pioneers working to solve this worldwide dilemma. Also that year Mrs. Tavel was the only Hoosier to board the French Concorde on its first 23-day voyage around the world.

Mrs. Tavel was also a board member of the Clowe's Hall Women's Committee and volunteered with Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Dr. and Mrs. Tavel were avid golfers. In addition, Mrs. Tavel enjoyed tennis and swimming. She joined Broadmoor Country Club in 1939, where she remained a member for 55 years. In 1992 Mrs. Tavel designed and built Prestwick Hall, her last home. It is what would be described today as a "green" house.

Mrs. Tavel is survived by three sons, Dr. Alan G. Tavel, Dr. Larry S. Tavel (Sandi) and R. J. Tavel and daughter-in-law Tamara Tavel of Cincinnati; beloved granddaughters, Mollie Kaback (Josh), Lauren, Doni, Amy, Alison and Alexi Tavel and special companion, Pamela Mack. She was preceded in death by her son, Donald Louis Tavel and her husband Dr. David Tavel.

The family is very grateful to all the wonderful caregivers who made it possible for Mrs. Tavel to stay in her home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Donald Louis Tavel Memorial Fund, c/o Indiana University Foundation, P. O. Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402. Funeral services were private. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Charlotte Margolis Kline, 95, beloved wife, mother and friend, passed away Oct. 14, 2018. She was born on Dec. 21, 1922 in Dayton, Ohio. She attended Ohio State University and worked several years for the US Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base as a commercial artist. In 1955 she moved to Indianapolis and went to work in the advertising department of the Wm. H. Block Company as a commercial artist.

Charlotte was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), Temple Sisterhood and Indianapolis Art Center. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Jack Martin Kline; daughter, Jennifer Hope Kline (Michael) Sontz, and son, Adam Jay Kline. Graveside services were held Oct. 16th in IHC Cemetery North. Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity. Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Stanley J. Heimansohn, 89, beloved husband, brother and uncle passed away Oct. 17, 2018 in Plainfield. He was born in Evansville, Ind., to Isadore and Arlene Heimansohn on July 28, 1929. He worked from 1955-1999 for the Indiana State Board of Health as a lab technician and was a long time member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC).

In 2002 he lost his beloved wife, Marilyn. Survivors include his sister, Rose Lee (Arthur) Steinberg, brother-in-law, Stuart Stein and 8 nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to IHC, 6501 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or The Red Cross. Graveside services were held on Oct. 23rd in IHC Cemetery North. Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Max Joseph Katz, 36, beloved son, brother, grandson and friend, passed away Oct. 23, 2018. He was a graduate of

Carmel High School and attended Purdue University. He was a competitive diver and gymnast in his younger years. He owned and operated Beverage Glass Plus, LLC. Max will be deeply missed by those he loved and cared for, and he will be remembered as a loving caregiver.



He was an inquisitive inventor and loved attending music festivals. Max is survived by his mother, Lori; his father, Donald, brothers, Jake (Rachel) and Sammy and his sister, Haley (finace: Gavin Rourke) and his beloved dog, Tank. He was the grandson of Larry and Arlene Weinberg.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 26, 2018 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to NAMI, Jewish Family Services of Indianapolis, The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis to assist with Jewish education, Waterwheel Foundation or plant a tree in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

Lee Cohen Mallah, 89, of Indianapolis, passed away Oct. 31, 2018. Since her birth Aug. 11, 1929, Lee enriched countless lives through her inexhaustible strength, humor, warmth, and wit. She graduated from Manual High School. Following the passing of her late husband, dance partner, and love of her life, Joseph Mallah, in 1984, Lee remained engaged in her community and devoted to her family.



She was a lifelong member of the Etz Chaim Congregation and the Deborah Sisterhood, maintaining her cherished Sephardic heritage from the synagogue to her kitchen counter. She enjoyed listening to Frank Sinatra, retelling stories of Indianapolis' old south side, and making fast friends of strangers. She laughed hysterically, baked relentlessly, and cared unremittingly. As the keeper of memories, she was, and remains, an extraordinary hero in her family.

Besides her beloved husband, Lee was preceded in death by her brothers, Gilbert and Jack Cohen; sisters, Celia Klein and Marcie Sandler; and infant son, Ralph. She is survived by two sisters, Rebecca "Binnie" Kaplan and Esther Calderon; her beloved children, Gina Berger (Jay), Laurence Mallah (Brenda), Deborah Mallah, and Gloria Mallah (Lynn Smith); grandchildren, Amanda Hawkins, Lesley Mallah (Nolan Wingler), Jesse Berger, Alyssa Teitelbaum (Brad), Benjamin Linder, Jessica Mallah (Brock Dierks), Jobi

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Berger, and Jolie Mallah; and three great-grandchildren, Jackson Dierks, Lincoln Dierks, and Joseph Wingler. She loved each of them dearly.

A graveside celebration of Lee's life was held Nov. 2, 2018, at Etz Chaim Cemetery on South West St. Memorial contributions may be made to Etz Chaim Congregation or the Deborah Sisterhood. Arrangement by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Daniel "Danny" Alan Fineberg, 71, died peacefully in his Indianapolis home. He was born on Sept. 7, 1947 to Milton "Joshua" Fineberg and Jane Thompson Fineberg. He attended and graduated from Western Military Academy.



Daniel had a great zest for life. A good joke was always welcome and he loved to laugh. The food business was his career for many years. He managed a number of restaurants in Florida, Indianapolis and Cincinnati and finally opened his own, D.K. Brunchies, in the 1980s. Upon retirement from the restaurant business, Daniel was the proud owner of a hotdog cart that gave him and the surrounding community great joy.

He spent many years in Hollywood Beach, Fla., enjoying the beach, kayak excursions and camping all over the state. He liked nothing more than greeting fellow campers and getting acquainted by a bonfire, always willing to lend a helping hand. Daniel's laugh could make anyone smile. He loved beautiful music, bird-watching, tinkering with puzzles or gadgets, and was most happy when every detail of his life was labeled, recorded and organized.

Daniel faced many health challenges over the years, but always did his best to push forward beyond them, just so he could get outside and feel the sunshine on his face.

Daniel was preceded in death by his father, Milton Josh Fineberg; mother, Jane Thompson Goldsmith; step-father, Mel Goldsmith; and sister, Leslie (Steve) Mears. He is survived by his stepson, Geoffrey (Jenna) Mitchell; sisters, Susie Skok, Kathy Dugdale and Diane Kauffman; brothers, Mark (Scott) Fineberg and Jeff Goldsmith; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was looking forward to his 1st grandchild and loved his family very much.

A funeral service was held at **Aaron Reuben Nelson Mortuary** on Nov. 4th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Heart Association or to Down Syndrome of Indiana.

John Allen Lewis, 71, of Westfield, passed away October 31, 2018. He was born in Cincinnati on Aug. 22, 1947 to the late David and Amelia Lewis. After earning his Bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, John worked in the financial field, retiring as a senior level financial executive. Throughout his career, he served on multiple boards and mentored many future leaders in the industry.



He and his wife, Sue, loved to travel and enjoyed attending their grandchildren's activities and sporting events. John loved good food, good wine and good company. John was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC).

He will always be remembered for his humble nature, integrity and love for his family. John is survived by his wife, Janice "Sue" Lewis; daughter, Rochelle (Chris) Meisner; step-daughter, Mary Lovelady; grandchildren, Maxwell, Benjamin and Emma Meisner; step-grandchildren, Jonathan and Jessica Weber and Harley Young; and nieces, Lisa (Luis) Rios, Corrina (Josh) Knight and Tia Walle. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Byron Lewis.

Graveside services were held at IHC North Cemetery on Nov. 4th. Memorial contributions may be made to the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Steven K. Meltzer was born in Berehovo, Czechoslovakia in 1927. He and his family were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in the spring of 1944. He survived Auschwitz's infamous death march and was liberated by American Troops from Ebensee concentration camp in 1945. Steve immigrated to the United States in 1951. He was immediately drafted, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He was decorated with two bronze stars and an infantry combat award, serving active combat in the Korean War.



In 1957 he met his future wife, Myrna Gewurz (of blessed memory), at a synagogue dance. They moved to Long Island and raised their three children: Ronni Brenner (Michael), Shari Meltzer, and Jeffrey Meltzer (Leigh Regenstrief). Steve was an incredibly proud grandparent to Rebecca, Jessica and Alex Meltzer and Samantha and Asher Brenner. Steve enjoyed playing golf and loved following the stock market. He was able to marshal at several U.S. Opens.

The family would like to thank the staff

of Marquette Senior Living, where he spent the last 5+ years, after moving to Indianapolis in 2007.

Services and internment were held in New York. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make donations to the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis or Marquette Senior Living Foundation, Indianapolis. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Beverly Tys-Berson passed away peacefully in the company of her family on Nov. 1, 2018 at Marquette Manor in Indianapolis. Beverly will be remembered for her bubbly and outgoing personality, ability to make people laugh, and her caring for others. She was a champion of cultural and religious diversity, and offering assistance to the less fortunate.

Beverly was a graduate of Pennsylvania State University (Bachelor's) and Virginia Commonwealth University (Master's) in social work. She also received her Licensed Clinical Social Worker professional certification. Her proudest professional achievement was co-founding and serving as the first Executive Director of Youth Haven II, a shelter for troubled teenage girls in Roanoke, Va. Beverly was also an active member of and volunteer with Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis.

Beverly is survived by her sons, Adam (Beth) Waldo of Hinsdale, Ill.; Matt (Cathleen) Waldo of Delaware, Ohio; her grandchildren, Ann, Evan, John, Asher, and Andrew; and her sister, Lorraine Dorfman of Iowa City, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Berson. A memorial service was held Nov. 4th in Foundation Hall at Marquette Manor.

Charitable donations in lieu of flowers should be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Feed the Hungry Fund, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260, or to the Indiana University Foundation, Pulmonary Gift Account, Indiana University-Bloomington, Showalter House, P.O. Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Lois R. Ackerman,

95, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend and philanthropist passed away on Nov. 6, 2018. She was born on April 6, 1923 in Baltimore, MD to Lester and Beatrice Rosenthal.



Lois was a long-time member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Broadmoor Country Club and Innisbrook Golf Club in Tarpon Springs, Fla. She was an avid golfer and football fan. She and her husband, the late James Ackerman, developed Prairie View Golf Course in

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Carmel, Ind., and Lois supported many civic organizations.

Lois' greatest joy came from spending time with her family. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed the family dinners they shared. She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity by those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her children; Barbara (Brian) Nicholoff, Leslie Ackerman and John (Kathy) Ackerman; grandchildren, Justin Nicholoff, Allison (Brandon) Sparks and Jeffrey (Allison) Ackerman; and great grandchild, Emmett James Sparks. Lois was preceded in death by her husband and her grandson, Phillip Nicholoff.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to Paige Megenhardt for her care and companionship over the years.

Funeral services were held Nov. 9th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in IHC Cemetery North. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Parent Project MD, parentprojectmd.org.

Lubov Berman, 91, of Indianapolis, passed away Nov. 7, 2018. She was born in Tsaregrad, Moldova on April 27, 1927 to Kasril and Saura Dreinberg. She is survived by her son, Solomon (Svetlana) Berman; grandchildren, Daniel Berman and Irene (Erez) Nosrati; and great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Naomi. Funeral services were held Nov. 8th at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery.

Stanford Winnick, 81, long time resident of Indianapolis, passed away on Nov. 15, 2018 at Hooverwood. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on June 19, 1937 to Yale and Rose Winnick. During his career he worked in manufacturing, sales and as a quality control engineer. Stanford was a member of Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation and B'nai Torah.

Graveside services were held Nov. 18 in B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Survivors include his nephews, Jeff (Amanda), Brad (Tina) and Adam Winnick and his sister-in-law, Evelyn Winnick. Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

Bernard Frankovitz 83, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Nov. 18, 2018. Bernie was born in Indianapolis on April 20, 1935 to David and Sarah



Frankovitz. He served as co-owner of Frankovitz Market and Village Produce and later worked for 7-11 and Double 8. He was a former member and past vice president of Congregation B'nai Torah and past president of the Men's Club and was a member of the Grocers Association.

He is survived by his 4 daughters, Mona (Raphael) Blumberg, Sandra (Sam) Benson, Shelly (Jeff) Wasserman, and Francine Frankovitz; grandchildren, Zevvy Blumberg, Yonaton Blumberg, Tzipora Ben Ishay, Tehilla Blumberg, Eli Sheva Aronoff, Ayelet Benson, Abigail Wasserman and David Wasserman; siblings, Devera Gurvitz, Helen Goldstein and Herbie Frankovitz. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lea in 2014 and his sister, Treva Silverman.

Funeral services were Nov. 20th at **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, www.lls.org.

Alice Obadia Serrat, 89, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away on Nov. 19, 2018 at Hooverwood Nursing Home. She was born on Aug. 23, 1929 to Isaac and Rose Obadia in Larache, Morocco. She was bi-lingual, speaking both Spanish and French. Alice was an avid knitter, creating beautiful scarves and hats. She was also known for her lovely singing voice. Professionally she worked as a bank secretary. She was a member of Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation.

She is survived by her son, Gilbert Serrat and daughter, Annick Fartouh; her 7 grandchildren, Sandy, Steve, Jessica, Johana, Jennifer, Benjamin and Robin and her 6 great grandchildren, Wyatt, Nellie, Lylah, Leo, Emmett and Cami. Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Albert on Jan., 10, 2006; as well as her 4 siblings.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21st at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. She was laid to rest next to her husband in Etz Chaim Cemetery on South West St.

Memorial contributions may be made to Etz Chaim, 6939 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or Hooverwood Nursing Home, 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Jack H. Frisch, 73, of Indianapolis, passed away Nov. 19, 2018. He was born in Indianapolis to Leon and Blanka Frisch on Feb. 16, 1945. Jack earned diplomas from North Central High School, Indiana University, and IU School of Law. He began his law career in the Prosecutor's office and eventually moved into private practice.



Jack was a past president of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. He was an avid golfer and member of Broadmoor Country Club. As much as he loved watching IU, the Colts and the Pacers, his grandchildren were his greatest pride and joy.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha; children, Gary (Michelle) Frisch and Cathy (Craig) Weiss; grandchildren, Carlye and Andrew Frisch and Isaac, Ari and Ava Weiss; brother, Fred (Shelley) Frisch; and sister, Frances (Norman) Ochstein; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on Nov. 21st. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Ernestine Greenberger (Dworkin) Feeney, 82, passed away at her home at Marquette Senior Living on Nov. 22, 2018. Born in Sharon, Pa., on July 1, 1936 to Freda and Sidney Greenberger, she was a 1954 graduate of Sharpville High School and Case Western Reserve University.

She was a teacher at Ludlow Elementary School in Shaker Heights, Ohio in the 1960s and 70s, retiring in 1977. She was a resident of Shaker Heights, Anchorage, Alaska, Wolfeboro, N.H., Treasure Cay, Bahamas, and Indianapolis. She was active in many nonprofit organizations, including the Girl Scouts, Alaska World Affairs Council, Alaska Light Opera Theater, International Women Indiana, and the Wolfeboro Newcomers Club.

She is predeceased by her husband, James Feeney; parents, Freda and Sidney Greenberger; brother, Harvey; and stepsons James, Thomas and David Feeney. She is survived by her children, Jennifer Vigran, James Dworkin and Deborah Thompson; stepchildren, Ronald, Donald, Robert, William, Michael and Kathleen Feeney; and her beloved grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) on Nov. 25th. The family requests no flowers; memorial donations may be made to IHC, Marquette Foundation or your local Girl Scout Council. Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. ✨



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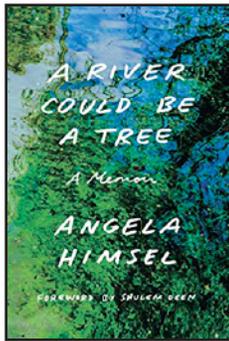
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Angela Himsel grew up in Jasper, Ind., seventh of eleven children in a German-American fundamentalist Christian family. She left there to attend Indiana University where she majored in religious studies. She spent two of her four years at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and eventually ended up in New York City where she earned an MFA in creative writing from The City College.



Himsel

Himsel converted to Judaism before her first baby was born and is now Sisterhood president at the Orthodox shul where she belongs with her husband and their three children. Although her articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Jewish Week*,



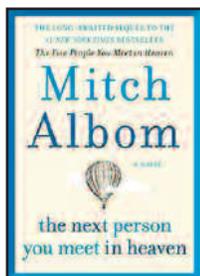
the *Forward*, *Lilith Magazine* and other places, *A River Could Be a Tree: A Memoir by Angela Himsel* is her first book.

Himsel was in Indianapolis on Oct. 29th to promote her book and gave a fascinating talk in JCC's Laikin Auditorium as part of the Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts. Her background was very diverse but she comes across as a warm, caring woman who is at ease because she finally found a lifestyle that she can embrace. The book has warmth, humor, and a multitude of religious and philosophical insights. It is an interesting story of struggle, doubt and finally personal fulfillment.

Himsel was able to connect with the only Jewish family from Jasper and she knew them growing up. Louise Newman and her daughter Dee were in the audience. Lou has retired to Carmel, Ind., with her husband Lenny to be near their daughters Heidi and Dee. One of several questions in the Q&A after her talk came from Lou and one from Dee. Before coming to Carmel, Lou and Lenny spent several years in Bloomington, Ind., volunteering at the senior living communities and playing music at places such as The Shalom Community Center, a day shelter and resource center for the homeless. ✨



Debbie & Joel Epstein (standing) joined over 500 people who listened to a phenomenal talk by Mitch Albom (seated) at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on Oct. 17th for the opening of the 20th annual Anne Katz Festival of Books and Arts. Albom's new book, *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven* is the sequel to *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. "His words and stories spoke to each of us. Albom is a mensch and may he continue to write books that remind us that all endings are beginnings if we open our eyes to experience them," remarked Joel.



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