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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Proud parents **Shelly Farahan Bassan** and **Eric Bassan** of Miami on the birth of their daughter **Leila**, Sept. 25, 2018. Maternal grandparents and great-grandparents are **David** and **Vika Farahan** (in photo below) and **Sophia** and **Vladimir Ilyin**. Paternal grandparents are **Dr. Isaac** and **Betty Bassan** of Florida.



Brandon and **Janice Roger** (top, middle) on their 39th wedding anniversary Nov. 30, 2018. It was held at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and officiated by Rabbis

Jonathan Stein and Dennis Sasso, Cantors Robert Zalkin and Chaim Naiman.



Matt and **Jen Fishman** on the birth of their son **James (Jamey) Fishman** (below) on Dec. 2, 2018. Grandparents are **Esther** and **Randy Fishman** and **Janet** and **Bill Thomas**. He was born in New Jersey, but they now live in Westfield, Ind.



Janie and **Mickey Maurer** on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at Temple Israel in New York City on Dec. 29, 1968 (below).



Evan and **Michelle (Cotlar) Kracoff** (below) on the birth of their son, **Oliver Herz Kracoff**, born Jan. 7, 2019, weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz. and 19 in. long. Maternal grandparents are **Dr. Jack** and **Sally Cotlar** and paternal grandparents are **Howard** and **Wendy Kracoff** of Manalapan, N.J.



Lenny and **Louise "Lou" Newman** (below now & then) on their 68th wedding anniversary Jan. 14.



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Editorial

April 14, 2019 was the sixth anniversary of the planting of a sapling in the Anne Frank Peace Park in front of The Children's Museum (TCM) in Indianapolis, the first one planted in the United States. The sapling was from the chestnut tree that stood outside the secret annex where Anne Frank hid with her family in Amsterdam during World War II. In 2009, the tree was more than 150 years old and was dying.

The tree had provided hope for Anne and those hiding with her. It was comforting for a teenager who was stuck inside for two years to be able to see the change of seasons through the tree. In addition, TCM received 10 other saplings that were slated to be planted at other locations in the United States.

Because TCM is one of the only museums in the country that has a BioTech Lab, (currently called STEM Lab) they had the capability to care for the saplings during the three-year quarantine period in which plants have to be observed before they can be planted when coming from outside the United States. They worked with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Indiana to help with the saplings and to make sure they were disease-free in order to prevent that spreading to plants here.

One of the reasons for writing about it is to let those who have not seen it know that it is now about 10 feet tall and looks magnificent, especially in summer.

I spoke to Jennifer Pace Robinson, vice president of experiential development and family learning at TCM to get an update on the tree and the Peace Park. She said the museum offers programs for schools and for families. These are done in the re-creation of Anne's room which is a permanent exhibit on the third floor and is basically a theater set.

This makes up one-third of a three-part exhibit titled, "The Power of Children Making a Difference". The other two are about Ryan White and Ruby Bridges. The section on Anne Frank is titled, "Facing Hatred: Daring to Dream: The Power of Words."

Robinson said the museum offers live performances by actors portraying Anne Frank's father Otto Frank, Anne Frank and Miep Gies, a woman who helped hide and bring food to the family. After the sapling was planted they added a photo to the exhibit of what Anne would have seen looking out her window. At the end of the program the actors come out of character, introduce themselves and they also reference the tree outside in front of the museum.

Robinson added that the museum's exhibit "Up Close and Personal" about Anne's life and legacy, includes how the



diary has been translated into 70 languages and how her spirit is still alive today. Anne wrote that she wanted to be a writer and had a desire to be recognized around the world. This has come true.

In the exhibit Robinson said they have recreated a pretend chestnut tree with one of the limbs coming down low so it is along the wall. They also have a counter with cut-out leaves like post-it notes.

After seeing the exhibit they tell the children, "We hope you can be more empathetic and you can recognize the power of children to make a difference in the world." Then they ask the children, "How can you promise to make a difference in the lives of someone who needs you?" They have a glass in front of the limb that is coming down and they ask the children to write their answers on the post-it leaves and hang them on the glass so they are like the leaves of the tree. TCM has a digital version of this on their website so anyone can type "a wish" or "a promise" and that goes into their virtual "tree of promise".

TCM keeps all those messages and enters them into a data base. They group them into categories about children who, for example, want to help their families, want to improve a negative experience they had at school, wish that we didn't have war. It gives the staff a great deal of satisfaction to see that the children are able to connect the stories of Anne Frank, Ryan White and Ruby Bridges, to bridge that gap and understand what that means for today.

The exhibit is for ages 8 and older. Robinson said they purposely made the exhibit at a level for children and not as detailed or upsetting as a visit to a Holocaust museum. They tried to frame the three stories through a child's eyes. They knew if they kept the exhibits at the level of a child's point of view, as opposed to getting into everything else that was going on at the time, it would be more

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manageable for them.

Before this permanent exhibit they had two temporary exhibits from the Anne Frank Center in New York. Robinson worked with local Holocaust survivor Mike Vogel, who worked tirelessly on setting up and taking them down. He was instrumental in helping make this permanent exhibit come to fruition. Unfortunately, he passed away before it was built, but his son Howard – now a regular volunteer – and daughter Caryn pitched in.

I asked Robinson if there have ever been any issues with hate groups wanting to harm the tree. She said, "No, but we have had a security camera on it since day one." They also have a fence around it and a devoted grounds crew who worked with DNR to make sure they used the proper soil and other important concerns.

We wish all our dear readers a Happy Pesach!

Jennie Cohen, April 17, 2019 *

Community Events

Power of Protest: The Movement to Free Soviet Jews

Mon.-Wed., April 1–May 15, at the JCC Indianapolis 6701 Hoover Road. One of the most successful human rights movements in history, this movement shows that voices raised in protest can lead to remarkable achievements. The JCC was chosen as a select site to display this unique exhibit from the National Museum for American Jewish History in Philadelphia. The display will be in the hall between the East and West door and in the Art Gallery area. In partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council, Indiana Jewish Historical Society, Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and Jewish Family Services. Contact Kelsey Eberle at keberle@jccindy.org.

Borns Jewish Studies Program

Fri., April 26 at noon at the Global & International Studies Building, Room 4067 at IU Bloomington. "Dissent and Decolonization in the Netherlands" is a European History Workshop with Jennifer Foray, Purdue University. Contact info: 812-855-0453 or iujsp@indiana.edu.

8th annual EARTH DAY at the JCC

Sun., April 28 from noon–5 p.m. on the Jewish Community Center campus, 6701 Hoover Rd. The theme of this year's celebration is "*Tikkun Olam...making the world a better place for you and me*". FREE, open to all, and focuses on "learning by doing" with over 75 hands-on interactive activities and demonstrations. New this year: the **Litter Bug and Bagel 5k Run** and 1k Walk (starting at 10 a.m.), **Beer and Wine Stations** and **ECO TECH** demonstrations of innovative technologies from Israel and Indiana. In addition, a major **Green Car Show** (most of the new electric cars including the Audi e-tron®) will be presented by the Tom Wood Automotive Group. Many of **Indy's best food trucks**, an expanded **Farmer's Market**, and the **J Café** will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs.

Memorializing the Holocaust for IJHS members

Sun., Apr. 28, from 1–4 p.m. at CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 1532 South Third St., Terre Haute, Ind. Indiana Jewish Historical Society Members are invited for a talk by Steve Carr on Holocaust memorials and popular culture with a focus on Indiana. Carr is an Associate Professor of Communication and affiliated with the Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Purdue Fort Wayne. After the talk we will

engage in discussion and Q&A. Finally, attendees will have the opportunity to tour the museum with staff and end the afternoon with a dessert reception. Free, but current IJHS members must RSVP.

Mimouna at Etz Chaim

Sun., April 28, at 5:30 p.m., at 6939 Hoover Road. Usher out *Pesach* in North African style with sweets and *chametz*-laden treats while enjoying lively Sephardic music. For more info contact Batya Auerbach at batya@etzchaim.org or 317-251-6220 or go to FB: @etzchaimindy.

2019 Annual Campaign Kickoff: The Soap Myth starring Ed Asner

Tues., April 30 from 7:30–9:30 p.m. at The Palladium at the Center for Performing Arts 1 Center Green Carmel, Ind. Seven-time Emmy Award Winner and five-time Golden Globe Winner Ed Asner – famous for his role as Lou Grant in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and most recently as narrator of *Eva: A-7063*, the award-winning documentary about Holocaust survivor Eva Kor – stars in this National Tour of *The Soap Myth*, a play by Jeff Cohen.



Taking place more than a half century after World War II, at the desperate urging of a passionate Holocaust survivor, a young investigative reporter finds herself caught in a battle between conflicting accounts of the Holocaust experience.

The drama unfolds around the central question of who has the right to write history – those who have lived it and remember, those who study and protect it, or those who would seek to distort it.

A "concert reading" of *The Soap Myth* has toured the country over the past several years, with Ed Asner's portrayal of Holocaust survivor Milton Saltzman called the crowning achievement of his illustrious career. The other cast members include Dee Pelletier, Ned Eisenberg, and Liba Vaynberg.

Tickets include a special post-performance talk-back session and dessert reception with the cast and a special guest!

Sponsored by JFGI Annual Campaign and The National Bank of Indianapolis. For more information and to purchase tickets \$30, \$25 or \$20, please visit: jewishindianapolis.org/SoapMyth or Contact Stephanie Dlatt at sdlatt@jfgi.org.

Yom HaShoah Community Memorial Service

Wed., May 1 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, 3085 W 116th St., Carmel. Topic: The Mirror – Looking Forward and Looking Back. Keynote featuring Isaiah Kuperstein, who will review events leading

up to the Holocaust in comparison to world events today. Dessert reception to follow. Contact Phil Lande plande@atlasrealty.com.

Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Thur. May 2 at 1 p.m., at Albert & Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial Garden, 6701 Hoover Rd. All are invited to come together to honor survivors of different generations and those who work toward advancing Holocaust education. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the JFGI Engagement & Education Center's Domont Auditorium (6705 Hoover Rd.) Contact Amber Maze at amaze@jfgi.org.

City of Carmel Holocaust Remembrance Program

Fri., May 3 at noon, at the Tarkington Theater at the Center for Performing Arts 3 Center Green, Carmel. Esther Davidson will share her moving story about growing up in the shadow of Nazi-occupied Poland. She will be joined by her daughter Sharie and granddaughter Naomi, which demonstrates to the community how her words resonate through the generations.

Congregation Beth Shalom Theater

Sat., May 4 at 7:30 p.m. Footlite Theater, *Children of Eden* at Hedbeck Theater, 1847 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis. We have reduced price group-rate tickets available to this Jewish-themed musical production. RSVP now to skarp@iu.edu for more information and to secure your seat.

Worship Services are held at 6:30 p.m. on the second, third and fourth Friday of each month at 849 W. 96th St., Indianapolis. Please join us. Direct questions to info@bethshalomindy.org or 317-306-5644. See our CBS website calendar, www.bethshalomindy.org, for more information and programming.

Remembering the Holocaust: An Interactive Educational Experience

Sun., May 5 from 3–5 p.m., at the HHAI Cultural Arts Center, 6602 Hoover Rd. Grand opening of the HHAI Holocaust Museum. A unique community experience will include a tour of the newly renovated interactive Holocaust Museum created by 5th–8th grade students; a premiere of the project process documentary; a musical performance featuring music of the Holocaust by Ball State University musicians; and authentic *shtetl* cuisine catered by Dina Hasten. For more information contact Toni Scott at tscott@hhai.org or 317-251-1261.

Cocktail Judaism

Mon., May 6 at 7:30 p.m., join Rabbi Dennis Sasso for an explosive mixture of (see Events, page IN 7)

MAZEL TOV

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Simcha (Eddie) Margolis of Indianapolis and the former **Sarah Feldman** of Toronto on becoming proud parents of a son, **Moshe Rimon** (below), born in Jerusalem on Feb. 13, 2019. Grandparents are **Mary Ann** and **Samuel (z"l) Margolis** of Indianapolis, and **Joseph** and **Ann Feldman** of Toronto. Maternal great-grandparents are **Joseph (z"l)** and **Helen Morgan** of Toronto. Moshe has five older siblings.



Lori Moss on March 5th for 35 years of dedicated service at Jewish Family Services.

Lynne and **Jordan Shiffriss** of Bloomington, Ind., who became new grandparents on Mar. 18, 2019 to twin girls (below), **Madelyn Eleanor Rose Shiffriss** 4 lb. 14.8 oz 16.5 in., born at 12:22 a.m., and **Eliza Ruth James Shiffriss** 5 lb. 2.2 oz. 18.9 in., born at 12:25 a.m. Their daughter **Amalia Shiffriss** is the proud mother. They were born at Cedar Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. When the nurses put the babies together Liza reached out and hung on to Maddy.



Sandy Schwarz and **Jeremy Rosenstein** for capturing the JCC's 1st Mixed Doubles Pickleball Tournament crown on March 21, 2019. They won first out of 12 teams. Second place was won by **Susan Vinicor**

and **Myron Glover**, and third place winners were **Eileen O'Brien** and **Warren Porter**. The pot-luck food spread was delicious and camaraderie of the Pickleball players was fun-filled!

Earlier, Sandy and Jeremy (below) each competed in a 3 day Pickleball tourney at the MAC in East Lansing, Mich. Dec.7-9, 2018. Jeremy brought home gold in Men's Singles and Men's Doubles. Sandy won silver in Women's Singles!



Grandparents **Marvin** and **Michelle Hershenson** who have a new grandson through their daughter and son-in-law **Elyse** and **Kenny Freed** (below). He was born in Houston on April 10th. He weighed 7lbs 8 ounces and is 20 1/2 in. long. He has an older brother **Asher**.



Justine Skillman (above with her class),
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MAZEL TOV

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HHAI's third grade teacher, as recipient of this year's Kohelet Prize for excellence in Jewish education. The Kohelet Prize is awarded each year to six educators who demonstrate extraordinary accomplishment in one of six core elements of progressive Jewish education. Mrs. Skillman was recognized for her entrepreneurial economics curriculum unit in the category of Real World Learning. This unit gives students the chance to live and breathe a true economy in order to gain an experience that will be able to carry with them as they grow in the real world. Justine's research-based conceptual curricula and giving students the opportunity to have this learning experience led to her earning this prestigious award. Mrs. Skillman will receive an unrestricted cash prize of \$36,000 for this accomplishment. Learn more about the Kohelet Prize at: <https://koheletprize.org/>



HHAI 2019 Spelling Bee (above) winners are **Iris E.** (First Place), **Odelia B.** (Second place) and **Kenna S.** (Third place). Iris placed in the top six at the North District Spelling Bee, which took place at the St. Richard's school.

Kenna S., 7th grade at HHAI, for winning the Indiana Author Prize in the Letters About Literature competition.

Rivkah Bunes, daughter of **Charlie and Stacey Bunes**, for recently being honored for being in the Top 25 of her sophomore class of almost 900 students at North Central H.S. with a 5.0 GPA. She has been accepted to NC's International Baccalaureate diploma program. Rivkah was also recently elected by her classmates to be the president of their junior class next year. And, to top it off, Rivkah was the only soph-



omore selected to this year's N.C. varsity softball team – as the starting shortstop.



Chava Bunes (above, right), also the daughter of **Charlie and Stacey Bunes**, a sophomore at Ball State University double-majoring in painting and psychology to become a pediatric art therapist, on recently being selected to the executive board of the Ball State University Dance Marathon, after two years as a committee member. The annual February event, with the slogan "For The Kids", is the campus' largest student-run philanthropic endeavor, raising money to benefit patients at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

The donations specifically fund the Magic Castle Cart and the Palliative Care Team at Riley. The Magic Castle Cart is full of toys and activities that are given out to the children and their families during their stays at Riley. The Palliative Care Team focuses on helping a child and their family live the best quality of life possible when the child is near the end of their life.

Learn more at bsudm.org. Donations may be made at: secure2.convio.net/rcf/site/TR/Events/General?px=1605973&pg=personal&fr_id=3761

Chava has also started accepting art commissions. Her full wall mural painting (below) of a fairy tale princess castle is in a child's bedroom. She's currently working on murals for a new wine bar in Zionsville. Contact her through Facebook. *



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conversation, humor, and spirits. Director of Public Arts at the Arts Council of Indianapolis Julia Muney Moore will speak on "Internment, Identity and Resistance: The Art of the Camps during WWII". At Beth-El Zedeck, 600 W. 70th Street. Coffee, tea and desserts are compliments of Beth-El Zedeck. RSVP to Jennifer Hodes, 317.253.3441 or jhodes@bez613.org or www.bez613.org.

Yom HaZikaron – Israel Memorial Day

Tues., May 7 from 6:30–7:45 p.m., in the Laikin Auditorium of the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center. It is customary to wear a white top and dark pants/skirt at an Israel Memorial Day ceremony. For more info contact Michele Boukai at mboukai@jfci.org or 317-475-4274.

Maccabi Tel Aviv Foundation and Soccer Club

Thurs. May 9, at **noon** at Indiana Interchurch Center, 1100 West 42nd St, Indianapolis, **and 7 p.m.** at Haste Hebrew Academy Cultural Arts Center. Join the Jewish community for a presentation and discussion on soccer and coexistence initiatives between Jews, Druze and Arabs with Yuval Shacham, executive director of Maccabi Tel Aviv Foundation. Free.

Parents Night Out (PNO)

Sat., May 11 and **Jun. 1**, 6–10 p.m., at the JCC. The PNO program aids in creating stronger family systems by offering parents of children with special needs a respite opportunity, as well as inclusive programming for children of all abilities in a safe, Jewish environment. Join us as we explore the world through a variety of activities, crafts, music and more! This program series is sponsored by Jewish Family Services. Contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfci.org for more information. Cost \$5 per child ages 2–12. Advanced registration required.

Soviet Immigration and Our Community

Mon., May 13 from 7–9 p.m., in JCC's Laikin Auditorium. Our community was deeply involved in the movement to free Soviet Jews. Come check out the Power of Protest exhibit at the JCC and join us for a panel discussion and Q&A with community members who were personally involved. It is not just history; it is our home. Stay after the discussion for a dessert reception and speak one on one with the panelists. Free, but pre-registration is recommended. Presented by Jewish Family Services. Contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfci.org for more info.

Bereavement support group

Tues., May 14 and **June 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: pgoldberg@jfci.org or Julie at 317-529-5497.

Gaga Workshop

Fri.–Sun., May 17–19 with Israel's Batsheva Dance Company member, Maayan Sheinfeld. **Gaga/People Workshops – Fri., May 17 & Sat., May 18** from 6–8 p.m., at Indianapolis Movement Arts Collective (IMAC) 4011 N. Pennsylvania St. **Gaga/Dancers Workshops – Sat., May 18** from noon–3 p.m. (Location TBD) and **Sun., May 19** from noon–3 p.m. (TBD). Gaga is an innovative healing movement practice developed by Ohad Naharin, one of the world's preeminent Israeli contemporary choreographers. Attend the workshop called *Gaga/People* where you can experience the connection of the body and the imagination (no dance experience needed). A *Gaga/Dancers* workshop for professional/advanced dancers will also be available. Registration and Information at: indymovementarts.org. Discounts available! For tickets, go to: [eventbrite.com/e/gaga-weekend-intensive-tickets-58997809035](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gaga-weekend-intensive-tickets-58997809035)

83rd Annual Hadassah Donor and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Sun., May 19, at 11:30 a.m., at Broadmoor Country Club. The keynote speaker will be Carol Bogar, a recent widow and former attorney who recently returned from Cuba on a trip sponsored by the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation LAF (Life After Fifty) group. She will talk about Jewish Cuba and other highlights of the historic return of Americans to the one-time haven of Cuba, which has been a communist country since Fidel Castro won a revolution in 1959. Lunch will be a buffet including a pasta bar, salad bar and grilled or smoked salmon, plus Mimosas. All this for only \$36. Your check will be your reservation. RSVP deadline is May 11. For more information contact Hadassah President Marion Carmel at mcarmel@earthlink.net.

Israel in the Park for Israel Independence Day

Sun., May 19, 4–7 p.m., at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel, 11677 Towne Rd. All

are welcome! The greater Indianapolis Jewish community is excited to host a celebration of Israel Independence Day.

From 4–5:30 p.m., local Jewish organizations and visiting artists from Israel will share family-friendly activities including: Community mosaic with visiting Israeli artist Or-nah Ran; Pipe cleaner craft with visiting Israeli wire artist Koby Sibony; Sensory exploration Israel map; Making Israel maps with flower petals; Henna tattoos; Bedouin tent with *shesh besh* (backgammon); Virtual reality goggles; Green screen Israel photos; Face painting and hair braiding; Israeli dancing; and more! Big Car Collaborative (bigcar.org) will also be in attendance, sharing their creative placemaking activities (i.e. yard games, postcards, Wagon of Wonders). Food for purchase will include falafel, shwarma, hummus (and toppings), salads, Turkish coffee, tea, and Israeli specialty drinks. Then **from 5:30–7 p.m.** will be a performance by visiting Israeli band Rockdim (rockdim.co.il/music) (below). For more info contact Michele Boukai at mboukai@jfci.org or 317-475-4274.

**Hadassah Book Club**

The following will meet on **Mon., May 20** at 7 p.m., *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Hostess and facilitator Annette Gross. **June 17** *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Hostess Jennifer Berday. **July 15** *Girl With Seven Names* by H. Lee. Hostess Freddie Kaseff. **Aug. 19** *Educated* by Terra Westover. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at helaineh1@gmail.com.

Hooverwood Open House

Thurs., May 23 from 4–6 p.m. Tour our newly renovated facility to see our beautiful private rehab suites and memory care pavilion. Learn about our new **Adult Day Center & Wellness** program that includes Rock Steady Boxing. Get a sneak peak of The Residences at Kraft Commons, our Assisted Living that will be opening this summer. Light appetizers & refreshments will be served. Contact Brittany for more information at 317-644-8257 or email Bscheidt@hooverwood.org. **Hooverwood Adult Day Center:** Hands-on Care & Medication Administration; Personal Hygiene Care including showers, baths & toileting; 2 Nutritious Meals & Snacks; Individualized Activity Programming & Outings; and Physical, Speech & (see Events, page IN 8)

Chassidic Rabbi

By RABBI BENZION COHEN

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It's Really Happening

Our spiritual leader, the Lubavitcher Rebbe told us many times that our generation is the last generation of the exile, and soon will become the first generation of our true and complete redemption. He told us that if we will just open our eyes and look carefully at what is taking place in the world, we will see that this is really happening.

The Rebbe gave us a few examples of this. The *Torah* tells us many things that will happen when our righteous king and *Moshiach* (Messiah) will usher in our complete redemption. Here is a partial list.

1. There will be no more war. Weapons will be converted into peaceful uses.

2. We will live forever. No more sickness or death.

3. There will not be any evil in the world. We will all lead good and happy lives.

4. Even those who have died will come back to life.

5. We will no longer live in exile. All of the Jewish people will live in the land of Israel.

Are these things beginning to happen? Our Rebbe tells us yes. For the first time in human history, almost all of the nations of the world are trying hard to live in peace with each other. Atomic bombs are being dismantled, and the uranium from them is being used to produce electricity.

Now almost all Jews can move to Israel. This was not the case 40 years ago, when the Soviet Union did not allow Jews to leave. Recently millions of Jews have moved to Israel, and now Israel has more Jews than any other country.

More and more people are learning to live good and happy lives. Fifty years ago I myself learned how to live a good and happy life, a life of *Torah* and good deeds. Since then me, my children and grandchildren have helped many thousands to lead better lives.

Here is an amazing story that happened recently with one of my neighbors here in Kfar Chabad. Four months ago I participated in a *Chassidic* gathering that my son Moti organized. I sat next to one of the young men, and we had a friendly little chat. It turned out that he was the son of one of my friends who lives a few doors away.

I didn't recognize him. I know most of the young men in our neighborhood, because we pray together in our local *Shul*. But this young man wasn't dressed like the other people in Kfar Chabad. He

shaved his beard and his head was not covered. He had become a drop out from the *Yeshiva*, and didn't come to pray.

Two months later I left our house in the evening to go to a wedding. I noticed a celebration going on under the house of this same young man. I was curious and went over to see what was going on. I saw my son Moti there and asked him what was happening. He told me that the young man had collapsed two weeks ago. His heart had stopped beating. They called an ambulance and administered first aid. That didn't help, so they gave him an electric shock to try to make his heart beat. His heart started to beat, but again stopped. They gave him another shock, and then another shock. They gave him altogether seven electric shocks, and then he came back to life. Now he and his family were making a thanksgiving celebration, to thank G-d for bringing him back to life. I asked my son to show me where the young man was sitting. He pointed him out, and I went over to talk to him.

I was pleasantly surprised. Now this young man was growing his beard, and his head was covered. I asked him if he remembered anything from this experience. He told me that all he remembers is that he saw his grandfather, who had passed away three years ago.

Wow! I was really inspired. As you surely know, life is not always easy. We all face difficulties. Every day we have many battles going on inside of us. Our good side tells us to eat healthy food, in the right amounts, and our evil side sometimes tempts us to eat that tasty junk food, or just to eat too much. Our good side wants us to be helpful and volunteer, but our evil side wants us to get upset and say "Why can't they just leave me alone?" Our good side tells us to live a good life, a life of *Torah* and good deeds. Our evil side finds all kinds of reasons not to live a life of *Torah*.

So here we saw a young man who grew up in a *Chassidic* home and community, but had left behind a life of *Torah*. His

EVENTS

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Breaking Bread for Rohingya Refugees: An Interfaith Iftar

Sat. May 25 at 7 p.m. in JCC's Laikin Auditorium/ The interfaith Iftar is being held to raise awareness and funds for Rohingya refugees. Iftar or breaking of the Ramadan fast will begin at 9:01 p.m. Tickets \$10. Sponsored by Jewish Community Relations Council, OBAT Helpers, Muslim Alliance of Indiana, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and Beth-El Zedeck. Purchase tickets at: www.eventbrite.com/e/breaking-bread-for-rohingya-refugees-an-interfaith-iftar-tickets-57122276266 *



heart had stopped beating and he had died. His soul went up to heaven, and saw there his grandfather. Now he knew for sure that he has a soul. Now he knows for sure that there really is another world, that there is heaven. Now he knows for sure that he has to live a life of *Torah*. The *Torah* teaches that we have a soul, and if we live a life of *Torah*, our soul will go up to heaven.

And now I know for sure that our redemption is really happening. The dead are coming back to life, and more and more of us are finding the good life, the life of *Torah* and good deeds. All of these good deeds are adding up, and soon, very soon the whole world will be completely good. Do whatever good deeds that you can to bring *Moshiach* Now!

We wish all of our readers a Kosher and very happy Pesach.

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

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About the Cover

Passover
By Karin Foreman



"*Passover/Pesach*" is a mixed media piece using paint with add-ins like fiber and molding pastes, coarse pumice gel and a mixture of other gels, various gesso, and blue and gold Interference paint that has the unique ability to "flip" colors when viewed from different angles. It changes between a bright opalescent color to its complement.

This piece features many elements from the Passover story found in Exodus. The pyramids represent the enslavement of the Israelites, the funnel-like cloud signifies death sweeping through the land of Egypt from Exodus 12:29 "²And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle." The moon stands for midnight. The swirls and waves symbolize the turbulent time between the awful plagues and the parting of the Red Sea to freedom from slavery. The three *matzot* are traditional elements used at today's *Seders* linking the past to the present. They are symbolic of the three castes of Jews – Priests, Levites and Israelites. Some link the three *matzot* to the three measures of fine flour that Sarah used to bake some "bread" for the visitors, which supposedly happened during Passover. They can also represent Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Regardless, *matzah* reminds us of liberation from bondage and redemption.

Karin Foreman creates artwork, graphic designs, and award-winning inspirational nature photography. She has won The Exposure Award and is featured in The Nature Collection. Her photography was honored at a private reception at the Louvre Museum in 2015. Her work was also featured at 4Times Square in New York, the Amsterdam International Art Fair at the Beurs van Berlage, the Architectural Digest Design Show in New York, The Monaco Yacht Show, Spectrum Miami during Art Basel Miami, Artexpo New York and just recently the LA Contemporary Artshow.

See more of her work on her website at www.karinforeman.com. She can be reached by email at karin_foreman@yahoo.com. *

New Assistant Rabbi joins Beth-El Zedeck

Rabbi Jennifer R. (Jenni) Greenspan has been elected as the new Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Rabbi Greenspan will be ordained by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in May. Currently she serves as Rabbinic Intern at Adat Ari El in North Hollywood, California and



at Congregation Beth Am in San Diego.

She has spent many summers and weekends at Camp Ramah in Ojai engaging children, teens, and adults in Jewish learning. She has also spent six years on the planning committee for Ruach Nashim, a retreat for Jewish Women to experience Shabbat, learning, and relaxation. A California native, she received her Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She and her husband, Brad, will be moving to Indianapolis in order to be here when her position commences in July. *

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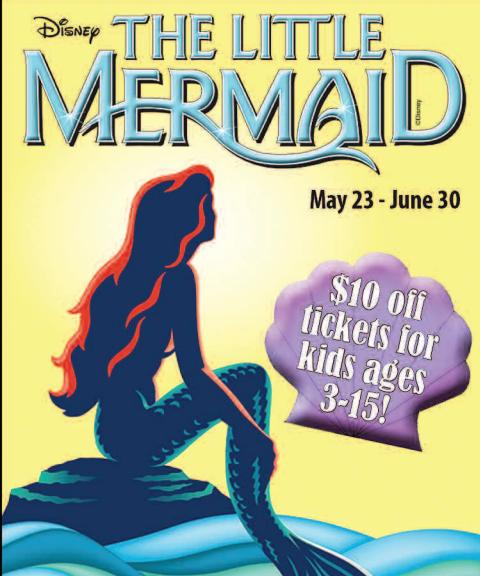


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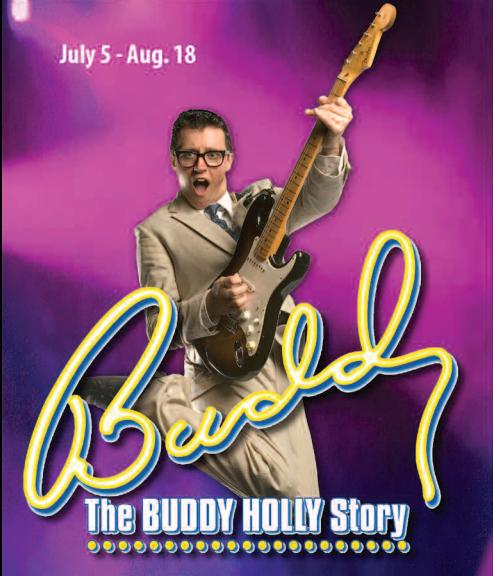


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Freudenthal Sisters Attend Stolpersteine Ceremony for Father

Tracie Mrakich (left) and Linda Tann, daughters of Kurt and Mary Ann Freudenthal, of blessed memories, were invited to attend the Stolpersteine ceremony for their father Kurt who fled Mannheim, Germany with his immediate family after Kristallnacht on Nov. 9, 1938.

After arriving at Ellis Island on Jan. 1, 1939, they went to Richmond, Ind., where Kurt's Aunt Frieda (Harry) Kaufman was their sponsor. Kurt ended up in Indianapolis when he got a job as a sportswriter for United Press. He met and married Mary Ann Schwartz and they had three daughters. Their daughter, Karolyn, did not make the trip to Germany.

Translation of captions and three paragraphs of the article from the local German newspaper, *Mannheimer Morgen*, (pictures right) is below.

Following Their Father's Traces

By Lisa Wazulin

Full of amazement and a little awestruck, the sisters look at the old stones that are worked into the wall in the middle of the Mannheim Synagogue. The remains of the former synagogue are a remembrance to the Mannheim Jews who became victims of the National Socialists during the Second World War. Tracie Freudenthal-Mrakich and her sister Linda Tann may not be able to understand what is written in German on the commemorative plaque. But it is already very clear to the two Americans with Jewish-German roots: We are very close to our father's past, and thus also to our own.

Four of the total of 23 Stolpersteine (Stumbling Stones) that artist Gunter Demnig will be placing all over Mannheim today are dedicated to family members of these women from the USA. This is why the two women made the long trip from the U.S. city of Indianapolis, bringing with them old photo albums and a great deal of curiosity. First of all, to personally witness the placement of the Stolpersteine, which a cousin had arranged beforehand, and also to learn more about their father's earlier life.

"We wanted to be at the placement to represent the whole family," says Linda Tann. Much like the rest of their family, some of whom still live in New York, they are not very religious, but do identify with the Jewish religion. "It is beautiful that the Stolpersteine show that our family has survived," says Linda. She and her sister Tracie are pleased that they can finally see the house where their father once lived.

A longer article about their trip and additional photos will be published later. *



Looking for Answers: Tracie Freudenthal-Mrakich (L) and Linda Tann in front of the remembrance wall made of original stones from the former Mannheim Synagogue.



Culture of Remembrance: Two sisters from the USA with Jewish-German roots travel to the "Quadratstadt" for the Stolperstein (Stumbling Stone) placement.



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The National Bank of Indianapolis' 25th anniversary and the retirement of its only CEO, Morrie Maurer

The start-up operation that cousins **Mickey** and **Morrie Maurer** co-founded opened as the state's smallest bank. Now after 25 years of Morrie at the helm, The National Bank of Indianapolis is the largest locally-owned national bank in Greater Indianapolis and one of the 350 largest banks in the nation. With more than \$2 billion in assets, over 50,000 accounts, and a reputation for highly personalized service and generous community support, the bank has become the kind the cousins believe Indianapolis deserves. Currently it has 13 banking offices in Marion, Hamilton and Johnson Counties, and the privately-held bank has more than 300 employees.

Morrie Maurer previously worked for Indiana National Bank from 1975 to 1992. Morrie Maurer's father, Sidney Maurer, ran the famous Atlas Grocery at the corner of 54th Street and College Avenue.

A quote from Ann Merkel regarding Morrie Maurer. "For 25 years, I had the great privilege of working with Morrie Maurer. He was an exceptional and principled leader. We all recognized, respected and appreciated his valuable skills and knowledge, and I am personally grateful for all that I learned from him. His strategic vision created not only a very strong financial institution, but also shaped our Bank's well-known reputation for delivering superior service, for local decision-making, and for supporting our community. I am thankful for the experience of working with him, and look forward to his continuing involvement as a member of our Board of Directors." *



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Seniors in Place

For additional events such as movies, singing club, knitting club, bingo and more, or to RSVP for these listed below, contact Ruth Gal at 317.557.2265 or rgal@jfgi.org, unless stated otherwise.

Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre – Newsies

Thurs., Apr. 25, depart from JCC at 6 p.m. Set in turn-of-the century New York City, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right! Suggested donation \$10 for transportation.

Broadway in Indianapolis – Waitress

Sun., Apr. 28. Inspired by Adrienne Shelly's beloved film and brought to life by a groundbreaking all-female creative team, *Waitress* tells the story of Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker who dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage. A baking contest in a nearby county and the town's new doctor may offer her a chance at a fresh start, while her fellow waitresses offer their own recipes for happiness. But Jenna must summon the strength and courage to rebuild her own life. Suggested donation \$51.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre – 42nd Street

Wed, May 8 at 11 a.m. We will be doing this with St. Luke's Elderberries. Aspiring chorus girl Peggy Sawyer lands her first big job in the ensemble of a glitzy new Broadway show. But when the leading lady breaks her ankle, will Peggy be able to step in and become a star? The famous score includes *Dames, We're in the Money, Shuffle Off to Buffalo, and Forty-Second Street*. Tickets: \$49. R.S.V.P.: call Janet at 317-220-5126. No transportation provided.

Book Club – Hasten Hebrew Academy

Tues., May 14 at 10:30 a.m., at 6602 Hoover Rd. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please call Monica Rosenfeld at 317.255.3604 or 317.691.5907 for more information. Books may be picked up at the JFS office Mon.–Thurs. from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., or Friday from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. All are welcome. No charge.

ISO Coffee Pops Series – The Doo Wop Project: Encore!

Fri., May 17 arrive at JCC at 8:45 a.m., to depart at 9 a.m. Hear the classic

JTB Presents Cherry Docs

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington opens its 2019 season with *Cherry Docs* written by Canadian playwright David Gow. It is directed by Liam Castellan, a local resident and recent graduate of IU's Masters in Directing program. The show will run for two weekends in May at the Ivy Tech John Waldron's Rose Firebay theatre.

Cherry Docs, a finalist for the Chalmers Award, deals seriously with the increasingly relevant issues of bigotry and redemption by bringing together two completely dissimilar characters: a Neo-Nazi skinhead and a Jewish Lawyer.

When a neo-Nazi Skinhead, played by Christopher Crider-Plonka, is charged with a brutal racist murder in Toronto, Legal Aid assigns him a Jewish lawyer, played by JTB veteran Jonathan Golembiecki, and they are forced to collaborate on a defense. The Skinhead is pushed beyond his prejudice, while the lawyer is forced to examine the limits of his own liberal tolerance and the demons that might be underneath it.

Cherry Docs is a white-hot examination of hate and how hard it is to uproot from society. It explores the notion that as soon as we look at hatred as being outside of our own experience, we separate ourselves from accountability. With this strong two-person cast and an experienced local production team, JTB is excited to bring this contemporary and timely play to Bloomington audiences.

Cherry Docs has been highly accredited with many positive reviews from productions across the United States and Canada. According to *The Theatre Mirror*, "Gow doesn't try to solve the world's problems," instead he leaves some of it up to the audience; and according to *Boston.com*, "You'll be thinking about it long after you leave the theatre." As a *New York Theatre Wire* reviewer stated, "Rarely do I leave a theater feeling I've seen a play so overwhelming and important that I

have to tell friends they shouldn't miss it."

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington is fortunate to have a talented, locally-based team for this production. The performance dates for *Cherry Docs* are May 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, at 7:30 p.m., and May 19 at 3 p.m. There will be talkbacks on Thurs., May 9 and Sat., May 18. Tickets for the production, in the Ivy Tech John Waldron's Rose Firebay, are \$25 and are available through the BCT box office in person (114 E Kirkwood Avenue) or online (www.bctboxoffice.org). Groups of 5 or more will receive a \$2 discount per ticket.

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to show. The 4th street parking garage is closed but there is free parking in the lot at 3rd and Washington, across from the First United Methodist Church. For more information on the Jewish theatre or on *Cherry Docs*, please visit jewishtheatrebloomington.com or find us on Facebook at: Jewish Theatre of Bloomington. *



Rosenfeld Named Fellow

IU Professor, Alvin Rosenfeld, has been named senior fellow at Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

The Centre is a Montreal-based international consortium of government officials, scholars, jurists, students and others united to pursue justice.

Rosenfeld is founding director of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism at IU, the only research center at a U.S. university dedicated to understanding and combating contemporary antisemitism. A widely respected scholar of the Holocaust, he is also the Irving M. Glazer Chair in IU's Borns Jewish Studies Program and a professor of English.



Senior fellows at the center are leading thinkers and advocates chosen for their contributions to the struggle for peace and justice. They seek to mobilize a constituency of conscience to defend democracy, human rights and protection of the most vulnerable.

Two other well known senior fellows are Professor Alan Dershowitz and Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, OBE. *

harmonies and soulful sounds of the Doo Wop Project as they perform everything from Frankie Valli and Smokey Robinson to Michael Jackson. Suggested donation \$10 for transportation. RSVP to Janet 317-251-8881. *



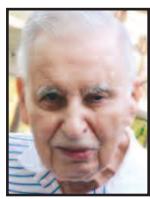
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Obituaries

Joseph S. Moskovitz, 95, a true family man, passed away peacefully on Nov. 27, 2018. He was born to European emigrants, Edward and Anna Moskovitz, on Nov. 17, 1923. A graduate of Manual High School in Indianapolis, he became a professional in the Insurance Industry, helping others plan for life's financial challenges. Joseph was a veteran of WWII. He served in the US Army Air Corps and General Patton's infantry during the European Campaign and helped liberate France.



Joseph was a voracious reader and student of Holocaust studies. Big Band/Swing music was dear to him and he often hummed songs by his favorites. Never one to prevent you from laughing out loud, his fun sense of humor will always be remembered. His beautiful wife, four children, and two grandchildren were a tremendous source of pride for him. Joseph enjoyed traveling and upon retirement he took several cruises with his wife, Sylvia. He was always thinking of others and had a way of providing the needed support and patience for any situation.

Joseph was a past member of Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis and a member of its Men's Club. He was also a member of Temple Israel in West Lafayette, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; sons, William, Paul, and Edward; daughter, Linda; and grandchildren, Jessica and Daniel. A graveside service was held in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on Nov. 30th.

Esther Amar Gasparovic, 94. The Cycle of nature has completed its course. The flame of a most wonderful life has gently subsided. Born March 19, 1924 in



Casablanca, Morocco, this raven-haired beauty immigrated to America in the early 1950's with help from her elder sister, Simone, a WWII army war bride.

Skilled as a seamstress and later a tailor, Esther quickly found employment. Her immediate successes allowed Esther to provide for her mother and young brother, who came later to this beautiful country she so deeply loved.

Esther found love and happiness later in life in her marriage to Nicholas Gasparovic who preceded her in death.

As the 7th born of 9 children, Esther leaves behind brothers, Albert Amar and Leon Amar of Florida as well as many loving nieces and nephews in the U.S. and Canada. This kind and gentle soul will be sorely missed.

Graveside services were held Dec. 10th in the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Janice Marie Epstein (Dasky) 62, died Dec. 13, 2018. She was a longtime resident of Indianapolis. She was born in Flint, Mich., Aug. 8, 1956.

She is survived by her devoted children and grandchildren Dr. Rebecca and Matt Pollack (Parker, Benjamin), Missy Epstein (granddog Louie), and Michael and Lindsey Epstein (Isabel and Olivia), and her siblings Joan Dasky, James Dasky (Jason, Brian), John and Susan Dasky (Andrea and Allie), and Jennifer and Billy Van Soelen (Max and Mia). She is preceded in death by her beloved parents Ambrose and Phyllis Dasky.

Janice was a devoted nurse. She worked for many years at Planned Parenthood and then as the Obstetric nurse for IU Health Family Medicine. She was "Miss Jan", a nurse, friend and mom to many that needed her. She always had an open heart, an open door and a drawer full of snacks.

She was a selfless friend, generous and loyal. She was your biggest cheerleader. She was a great cook. She loved to laugh

till she cried. She was fiercely proud of her children and grandchildren and happiest being with them. She fought many health battles in her life and was a true survivor. She will be dearly missed.

A private memorial was held by family. Condolences can be sent to Becky Pollack 3015 Crowder Ct, Charlotte NC 28210. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Planned Parenthood (<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>) or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (<https://www2.jdrf.org>)



Sylvia Moskovitz, 90, passed away peacefully Dec. 29, 2018. She was born Dec. 12, 1928. A true survivor of the hardship of the great depression, she was raised by her grandparents, Wolf and Bena Osip, in Washington, Ind. In spite of difficulties of being raised while separated from her brother and sister, she graduated from Washington Indiana High School and went on to Indiana University.

Having excelled at business while in college, she went on to work in the mortgage loan industry to support her growing family. An unconventional career for a woman of her generation, she was admired by many for her skills administering home mortgages to those that were new to the concept.

She met her husband, Joseph Moskovitz, on a blind date at the Indiana Roof Ballroom and was smitten. They married and danced their way through life. Often caught dancing in the living room with him, she sure knew how to cut a rug.

Once retired and an empty nester, she poured her love on her grandchildren, her cat, and all things family. She became a world traveler with her husband and travelled to several exotic ports of call. Soft spoken, modest and humble, she was easy to love and will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her children, William, Linda, Paul, and Edward (Carin); and grandchildren, Jessica and Daniel. The family would especially like to acknowledge Sylvia's daughter-in-law, Carin, and Carin's family members for the compassionate love and devoted care they gave Sylvia over the past 25 years.

A memorial service was held at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on Jan. 2nd followed by a short graveside service in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

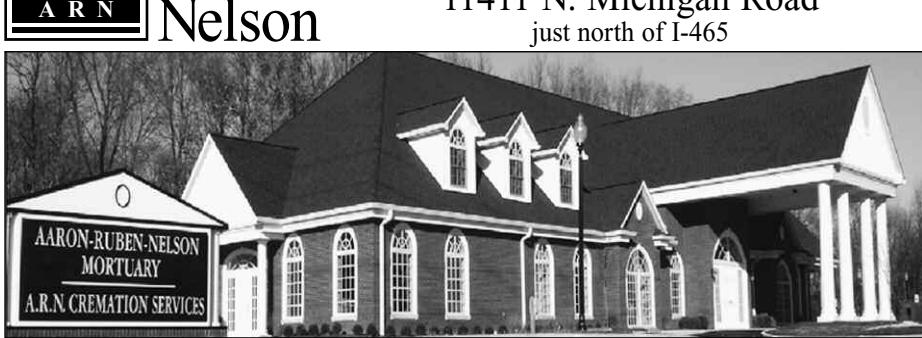
Grace (Bassel) Blumberg, 85, passed away Jan. 3, 2019 in Audubon, Pa., outside of Philadelphia. She was born March 14, 1933 in Windber, Pa., a small town near Johnstown, Pa. She was the

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wife of the late Harris; mother of Richard (Sharon), David (Debra) and Sandy (Eric) Koehler of Indianapolis; dear sister of Sara Slavin; Devoted grandmother of Lauren, Steven, Eliana, Gedalia, Alyssa, Jacob and Rachel.



Grace was an elementary school teacher who loved to teach throughout her life. Her love of art expanded in her adult and senior years. She sculpted in many mediums. She also taught sculpture to the blind, art on a dementia unit and adult literacy. Grace will be missed by her 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and all who knew her. Donations in her memory can be made to Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun, 1001 Paper Mill Rd., Erdenheim, PA 19038 or at <https://btbj.org/donate> or to the Arthur M Glick Jewish Community Center, 6701 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or at <https://jccindy.org/donate/>

Naoom Haimson, 93, passed away on Jan. 4, 2019. He is survived by his daughter Barbara (Elliot) Feltman and grandchildren Daniel Feltman and Rachel Lamson. He was predeceased by his wife Doris in 2005. Graveside services were held on Jan. 6th at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery.

Elliott Samuel Lehner, 78, passed away on Jan. 4, 2019. Elliott was born on May 4, 1940 to Abe and Mae Lehner in Gary, Ind. The family moved to Indianapolis and Elliott was raised here. He attended Shortridge High School and graduated from Broad Ripple High School. He was a long time member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Elliott spent his career in the wire and cable business, owning his own company. He was a lover and supporter of animals and animal causes.

He will be deeply missed by his loving sister, Dana (Ira) Sheridan; niece, Danielle; nephew, David; great niece, Ella; great nephew, Jake and companion, Sara Grimes. Funeral services were held on Jan. 9th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Beth-El Zedeck, ASPCA, or any no-kill animal shelter.

Barbara "Bobbi" Rosenbaum, 90, passed away Jan. 18, 2019. She was born Aug. 19, 1928 in Bicknell, Ind. to Roy and Sadie Pearl Keasling. She graduated from North Knox High School and attended



Butler University. Later, she received degrees from Winona School of Photography.

She married the love of her life, Steve Rosenbaum, and had one daughter Darlene Slaby (Ray). Together Bobbi and Steve ran a successful business, Steve Rosenbaum Photography in Indianapolis for nearly 30 years. She and Steve were long time members of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Bobbi had many talents and a deep love of the arts. She was an award winning cook, painter, photo colorist and active in theater productions in Florida. She had several exhibits of her works displayed at art fairs throughout southwest Florida and her paintings grace the homes of many proud collectors. She had an affinity for creativity in many forms with a love for music, dance and especially jazz. She was a voracious reader and kept a detailed catalog of the hundreds of novels she consumed.

After Steve's untimely passing in 1985, she closed the business and moved to Florida in 1988 to be nearer her sister, Rita Corn (Richard) who preceded her in death. While in Florida she attended Clowning School and took on the happy persona of "Bobbin" to perform at community gatherings, parades and children's

(see Obituaries, page IN 16)

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parties. Through the years she was an intense fan of Butler basketball and the Indianapolis Colts. She enjoyed the sunshine and active life in Florida until April of 2018 when she returned to Indianapolis to be near her daughter.

She always had a deep love and passion for all animals, especially dogs. Her loving rescue poodle, Whoozie, survives her. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Bobbi's name may be made to the Humane Society of Indianapolis or Canine Companions for Independence.

Bertha Neif, 84, of Carmel, passed away Jan. 18, 2019. She was born in Odessa, USSR on July 10, 1934 to the late Solomon and Ida Dinovitzer. She worked as an accountant in Russia before moving to the U.S. She also worked for the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland, Ohio, in the publishing office for 25 years.

She is survived by her husband, Alexander Neif; children, Ilya (Marina) Neif and Felix (Irma) Neif; grandchildren, Mitchell and Sam Neif; sister, Polina Galperin; and nephews, Michael and Stephen.

A funeral service was held on Jan. 21st at

the **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Burial followed in the Congregation Beth El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Lenora Burgauer, 96, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., passed away Jan. 20, 2019. She was born in Evansville, Ind., to Abe and Eva Cohn on Sept. 25, 1922. Lenora was a graduate of Manual High School. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ) and its Sisterhood, the Hooverwood Guild and Hadassah.



Lenora is survived by her children, Elaine (Frank) Safrin and Stephen (Barbara) Burgauer; grandchildren, Susan (David) Silver, Jeffrey (Grace) Safrin, Ronald (Jane) Safrin, Tyler Burgauer, and Megan Black; and five great-grandchildren, Jordan, Chad and Tori Silver; and Evan and Haley Safrin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert M. Burgauer; and siblings, Francis Goldman, Esther Fink, Helen Cowen and David Cohn.

The family gives a special thanks to her aid, Patricia de la Torre who took good care of her and was a true member of our family.

Graveside services were Jan. 23rd in BEZ North Cemetery. Memorial contributions

may be made to BEZ or the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Susie Beiman, 65,

artist, poet and business entrepreneur, passed away Jan. 28, 2019. She was born Aug. 28, 1953 to Inga, who emigrated to the US from Nazi Germany and married Jack, a first generation American of Russian heritage. Both preceded her in death. She is a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, where she previously sang in the choir.



Susie trained as a gymnast in her youth and was a devoted practitioner of Vinyasa Yoga throughout her life. She was also an accomplished poet, non-profit volunteer, and a graduate of Indiana University's school of fine arts, where she majored in jewelry design and silversmithing. One of her crowning achievements is the spectacular Carmel home on the river that she designed, built, furnished and lived in until her passing.

Early in her career, she worked for a jewelry manufacturer, but her independent spirit soon became ascendant and she embarked on a lifetime of charting her own course. Inspired by her Optometrist father, Jack, she developed and operated her own business supplying soft contact lenses to Ophthalmologists and Optometrists in five states.

Having mastered the art of business, the visionary in Susie emerged for her next enterprise. Because she loved to laugh and enjoyed visiting comedy clubs in other states (and the competent businesswoman shrewdly recognized their enduring potential), she developed *Crackers*, the first comedy club in the Indianapolis area which launched in 1982. She owned and operated *Crackers* from its Broad Ripple location until she sold her interest to a colleague in 1985.

For 27 years she owned and operated *Details*, an Indianapolis retail venue that originally featured only US and Canadian artists' handcrafted items, later added distinctive mass produced merchandise of a particularly unique and artistic design and appeal.

An artist to the end, she continued to create mosaic and wool felting pieces as a part of St. Vincent's Cancer Center art therapy classes. She deeply appreciated the creative opportunities, comfort and satisfaction that the artwork provided for her and others at their most challenging time.

A memorial service was held Feb. 1st at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Humane Society.

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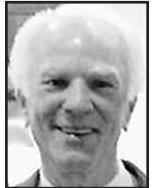
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Leon Mordoh, 82, passed away on Feb. 1, 2019. He was born on July 30, 1936, the youngest of four sons of Lora and Mallah Mordoh. He was preceded in death by his brothers Guion and Sol Mordoh. Leon is survived by his brother Al and sister-in-law Sharlette Mordoh. He was a loving uncle to Laurie Rosenbloom (Stan), Linda Mordoh (Larry), Gil Mordoh, Cindy Davis (Jack), Esther Mauffray (Bill), Mel Mordoh (Ilana), Marlene Jacobs (Neil), Mark Mordoh and Leah Riter (Ken). He is also survived by many great nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. Leon was the owner of HPS, retiring at the age of 80. He was a life member of Etz Chaim Sephardic Synagogue, a member of Rotary and Sertoma and was a worshipful master in the Masons. Leon was an avid golfer and past president of Broadmoor Country Club. He was extremely active in the Jewish community and enjoyed being chairman of Jewish Family Services. His generosity was known by many organizations and people.



In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Etz Chaim Synagogue or Jewish Family Services. Funeral Services were held on Feb 4th at in the Laikin Auditorium of the Jewish Community Center, and burial followed in Etz Chaim Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Boris Kiperband, 50, passed away Feb. 2, 2019 after a long battle with cancer (melanoma). IndyVestnik sends deep condolences to his mother Lidiya Kiperband and wife Tatyana Kiperband.

Boris has been well known in our immigrant community as a very kind, gentle man, always ready to help people. Many of us remember his volunteering with private driving lessons that helped us and our teenage children pass driving tests on the first attempt.

For many years, Boris worked night shifts at a bakery company (Hostess Brand, LLC / former Wonder Bread). His mother, Lidiya is one of the most active volunteers in our community. She always was and is selflessly helping a lot of people, especially the elderly, with everything she can.

Besides his mother and wife, Boris is survived by his beautiful daughter Sonya. Feb. 2nd was his and his wife's 12th wedding anniversary. A gravesite funeral took place Feb. 5th, at the Mokame Kodesh Cemetery, South West St., Indianapolis.

Leon Joseph Calderon, 90, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother, passed away Feb. 12,

2019. He was a life-long resident of Indianapolis, born on April 25, 1928 to Joseph and Pauline Calderon. He was a graduate of Manual High School, and was a US Army veteran of the Korean War.

Leon spent his career in the construction business, most recently serving as co-owner of C&C Remodeling with his late brother, Herman Calderon.

Leon was an active member of the Sephardic Jewish community and was a past president of Etz Chaim Congregation. He is a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC).

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Dolores "Dee" Calderon, his children, Paulette (David) Lumley, Marcia (Mark) Nigh, Jay Calderon and Esther (David) Grisham; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 15th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in IHC North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Nursing Home's Employee Fund: 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Francine Ruth Hurwitz, 80, of Indianapolis, passed away Feb. 18, 2019. She was born in Chicago to Samuel and Rosetta Rosenblatt on May 25, 1938, joining her dear sister, Joyce. She was raised on the southside of Chicago, and despite medical concerns requiring surgery, she had an exemplary scholastic record. She learned persistence at an early age and this motivated her throughout her life. Fran matriculated at Northwestern University, graduating remarkably in just over three years. Legend has it that several trips were necessary to Evanston to transport her many pairs of shoes.

At Northwestern University, Francine met the love of her life, her husband of 59 years, Dr. Roger A. Hurwitz. Their magnificent union and abject dedication to each other "set the bar high" for future generations. Together they traveled the world, enjoying art, music, food and fine wine.

For many years Fran taught elementary school in Chicago, Augusta, Georgia, Los Angeles California and finally Indianapolis. She continued to devote her time via participation in the Woman's Club of Indianapolis and Women's Garden Club. She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and served as president of Hadassah.

After family, Francine's true passion was art. She enthusiastically volunteered as a docent and researcher at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (now Newfields). She was a beloved member of their board of trustees, and frequent contributor to the museum.

Along with her husband, Francine was an avid collector of art, building a magnificent

home and surrounding herself with beautiful things. She was quite philanthropic, donating and lending work to museums around the country and even the world.

Most of all, she was the epitome of kindness – loved and revered by all those she touched. She cared deeply about people and left an indelible mark upon her family, friends and community. Her absence will be profound and she will never be forgotten.

Funeral services were held at IHC on Feb. 21st. Memorial contributions may be made to IHC or Newfields. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Rebecca Cohen Kaplan, 95, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend passed away Feb. 26, 2019. She was a life-long resident of Indianapolis, born on Jan. 16, 1924 to Albert and Regina (nee Camhi) Cohen. She was a graduate of Manual High School. Rebecca was a member of Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation and its Sisterhood. She was an avid Bingo and Poker player.



Rebecca is survived by her loving children, Gary (Margo) Mermelstein and Gayle (Trey) Cannon; grandchildren, Joshua, Tammy, Jeremy, Jason, Michael, Danielle, Lauren, Sage and Trace; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Aiden, Emily, Alex, Amelia, Zachary, Elliott, and Eros; and sister, Esther Calderon. Rebecca was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan and daughter, Janet Ferraro.

Graveside funeral services were held Feb. 28th in Etz Chaim Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

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Joan Bercovitz, 90, formerly of Flushing, N.Y., passed away in Tucson, Ariz.



She was born in Flushing, Queens, N.Y. on March 12, 1928 to Joseph and Miriam Newman. She moved from New York to attend college at Indiana University, where in 1949 she received her Bachelor's Degree in Management.

While attending college in Bloomington, Ind., Joan met and married her former husband. Together, they settled in Louisville, Ky., and had two daughters; Suzan (nee Weinberg) Guba and Ellyn (nee Weinberg) Langer.

After living in Louisville for more than 30 years, Joan started a new journey in life which allowed her to reestablish her college friendship with Marvin Bercovitz. Joan and Marvin were married three years later and spent the next 40 years together. They were inseparable.

Joan is survived by her daughters, Suzan and Ellyn; step-son, Alan (Janine); grandchildren, Bryan (Brittany), Brian, Jeff, Elizabeth (Patrick), Jennifer (Ryan), Brittany, Amy, Sabrina and Nathan; and

great granddaughter, Maya.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Marvin. Funeral services were held graveside, March 3rd in Lafayette Jewish Cemetery, Lafayette, Ind., where she was laid to rest beside her late husband, Marvin "Berky" Bercovitz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sons of Abraham Congregation in Lafayette, Ind., The Marquette Foundation or to a favorite charity. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Joseph Lenet, 69, of Indianapolis, passed away March 2, 2019. He was born in Chicago, to Erwin and Esther Lenet on Jan. 11, 1950. Joseph was a retired U.S. Air Force Major who loved being with family, especially his grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Patricia "Tish"; children, Dr. Adam (Dr. Laura Green) Lenet and U.S. Coast Guard Lieutenant Todd (Elena) Lenet; grandchildren, Avianna, Sydney, Joshua and Shayna Lenet.

Funeral services were held March 8th at

**A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services.**

He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Memorial contributions may be made to the IU Simon Cancer Center to support lung cancer research.

Fred Simon, 89, a founder of Simon

Property Group, died on March 4, 2019. He was born Feb. 8, 1930 in New York City to Max and Mae Simon. He married Helene and they moved to Indianapolis in 1960. He was an integral part of building the foundation for Simon Property Group and led the leasing team.



Mr. Simon enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling the world. He was an avid sports fan who loved the Indiana Pacers, Indiana University basketball, the New York Yankees, and the Chicago Cubs. He had a magnetic personality and was a friend, and mentor to those who knew him.

Mr. Simon was active in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis, the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), and the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. He was involved in many philanthropic endeavors and was the founder of The Helene G. Simon Hillel Center at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Arline Simon; his brother, Herb Simon; his daughters, Shari Simon Greenberg and Linda Simon Bennett; and his grandchildren, Arline, Harrison, Lillian, Jordan, Madison, Taylor, Shelby, Tera, Emma, Megan, and Ryan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helene; his brother, Melvin; his son, Jeffrey; and his granddaughter, Melanie.

Services were held in Palm Springs, Calif. In lieu of flowers, please send donations and condolences to the Simon family at Eisenhower Medical Center and the Indiana University Foundation.

Obituaries for the following will be published in our next edition:

Tobias "Toby" Cohen, 95, passed away Feb. 16th. **Larry Berns**, 73, passed on March 7th. **Irving Joseph Levy** 79, of Westminster, Colo., formerly of Indianapolis, passed away on March 9th. **Jordan Liebman**, 88, died March 10th. **Todd Andrew Pearson**, 33 passed away on March 14th. **Drew Jacob Yaakov Ben Yosef Schwartz**, 60, died on March 16th. **Irvin C. Rheins**, 84, passed away March 17th. **Jerrold "Jerry" Sol Leffel**, 80 passed away March 30th. **Richard "Dick" Reed**, 86, passed away April 8th. **Esther Siegel Epstein**, widow of Dr. Gerald Epstein, DDS passed away April 13th. *



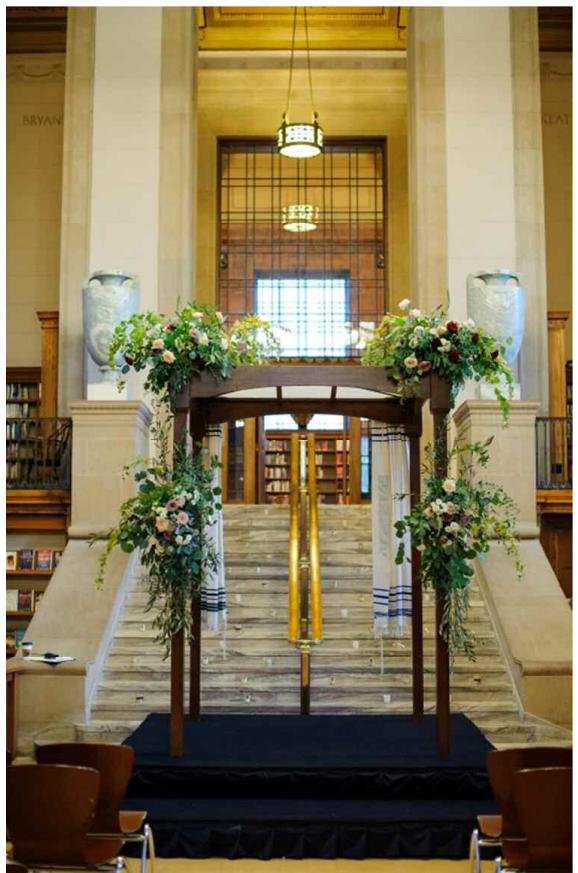
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Hoosiers Volunteer for Israel on IDF Medical Base

Stuart Fox and **Michael Kleinman**, both of Indianapolis, returned after two weeks in Israel performing volunteer work on an Israel Defense Force (IDF) medical base packing medical supplies in a medical warehouse.



Michael Kleinman (L) and Stuart Fox outside the volunteer dormitory.

They arranged their trip through Volunteers for Israel, an organization that recruits and screens individuals to work on IDF bases in conjunction with the Sar-El program in Israel. Hundreds of people from the United States join thousands from throughout the world who volunteer each year. During the summer and winter vacations, many students and teachers volunteer. As school was in session during the time of year these two participated, the average age of their group was a little older with mostly retirees.

They lived in a dormitory with each floor segregated by gender. They ate their kosher meals during the week in the base dining hall. Lunch was a meat meal, and usually quite good each day. Breakfast and dinner were dairy meals with plenty of vegetables.

Each evening they had a presentation by the soldier leading their group, the *Madreicha*. Over the weekend, Fox stayed with relatives on a *kibbutz* in central Israel, while Kleinman spent the weekend touring in Jerusalem.

This was Fox's first experience volunteering, although he has visited Israel several times. He noted that all the volunteers were extremely motivated using all their physical and mental abilities to do the very best job possible. They exhibited pride in themselves, their identity and in Israel. He stated, "It was gratifying and rewarding for me to have been associated with such a quality group of people from all over the world."

This was Kleinman's 7th time doing this. He remarked, "I really enjoy giving back to the state of Israel. The country is

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extremely important to me, and a close ally of the United States. The Volunteers for Israel program is a wonderful opportunity to show the people there that many individuals throughout the world want to help support them. The work is important and also very rewarding."

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Michael Kleinman working in the IDF medical supplies warehouse.

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