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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Sarah Vonnegut-Gabovitch and **Avihay Edri** on the birth of their daughter **Noa Edri** (below) on March 26th. Maternal grandparents are **Nonie** and **David Vonnegut-Gabovitch** and great-grandparents are **Dr. Ed** and **Phyllis Gabovitch** and **Rev. Tanya Vonnegut Beck** all of Indianapolis. Paternal grandparents are **Yehudit** and **Shimon Edri**.



Gadi and **Michele Boukai** (below seated), who first met on a bus in Tel Aviv, on their 30th wedding anniversary April 16th. To celebrate, they took a trip to Spain and were joined by their children and together they all celebrated Passover with a *Seder* of 600 given by *Chabad*. They also celebrated Michele's birthday, their son **Ben Boukai's** (L) graduation from the Georgetown University, Master in Science in Foreign Service program, and their daughter **Maya Tani Boukai's** (R) successful year at Hebrew University's Occupational Therapy school, pictured with Amir Cohen (center).



Joe and **Rachel Falender**, of Deerfield, Ill., on the birth of their son **Jeremy Seth**

Falender (below) on April 13, 2019. Paternal grandparents are **Dr. Larry** and **Suzy Falender**. Great-grandmother is **Joyce Fivel**. Great-grandfather is **Stan Falender** of Olympia Fields, Ill. Maternal grandparents are **Carey** and **Diane Smolensky** of Lincolnshire, Ill. (Photo by Rebecca Gould Photography)



Marion Garmel (below, left) on being the recipient of the President's Award from the Women's Press Club of Indiana on April 27, 2019. Pictured with **Viv Sade** at Hollyhock Hill restaurant.



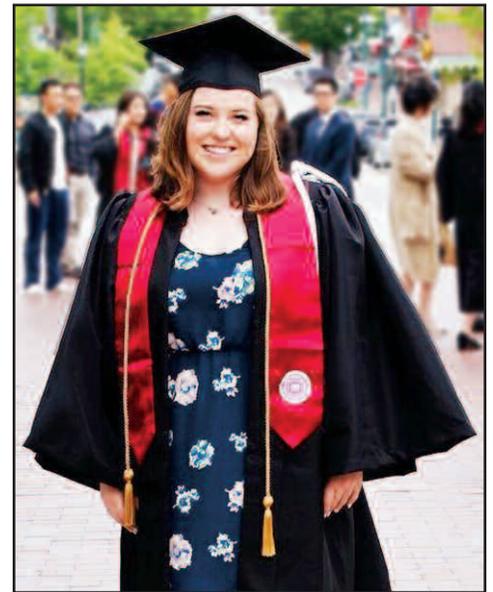
Professor Alvin Rosenfeld (below, left) on being honored by Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie with the Medal for Excellence during a special ceremony on April 28. Rosenfeld, a distinguished scholar of Jewish literature and Holocaust studies at Indiana University, was the founding director of both the university's pioneering Borns Jewish Studies Program in 1973 and the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism



in 2009. Rosenfeld was honored for his 50 years at IU and many contributions to the university and his academic field. The

medal, which reproduces in silver the jewel of office worn by IU's president on ceremonial occasions, is the highest honor an IU president can bestow. Rosenfeld is the Irving M. Glazer Chair in Jewish Studies and a professor of English in IU Bloomington's College of Arts and Sciences, and he served for 30 years at the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program. The Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism is one of the only university programs of its kind in the U.S. See more at the following link: <https://news.iu.edu/stories/2019/04/iu/releases/29-alvin-rosenfeld-receives-presidents-medal.html>

Moriah and **Ari Atlas**, children of **Pierre** and **Deb Luffer-Atlas** (bottom, left) and grandchildren of **Nicole Treves** and **Florence Dickerson**. Moriah (below) graduated magna cum laude from Kelley Business Honors with a BS in Marketing from the Kelley School at IU-B (Kelley Honors), with a minor in Cinema Studies and Production.



Ari (below, center), who will be going to Purdue, majoring in Bio Engineering, was awarded the inaugural Scott L. Ray Excellence in Science and Mathematics Scholarship by University High School (UHS) and the Ray family.



The late Scott Ray was a longtime UHS (see Mazel Tov, page IN 5)

Editorial

On April 30, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis had their 2019 campaign kick-off. One of the special events for that evening was a provocative play titled, *The Soap Myth* by American playwright Jeff Cohen. It starred Ed Asner, a seven-time Emmy Award and five-time Golden Globe Winner, famous for his role as Lou Grant in television shows, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* airing from 1970–77 and one of its spin offs titled *Lou Grant* from 1977–1982.

Also, sponsored by The National Bank of Indianapolis, the venue for the play was the dazzling Palladium at the Center for Performing Arts in Carmel. A delicious reception and chance to meet the performers was held afterward.

Asner was born in Kansas City to Russian Jewish immigrants and he was raised Orthodox. In person, Asner is a lot like he was on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* – cantankerous but endearing. He will be 90 in six months, but is still a talented actor.

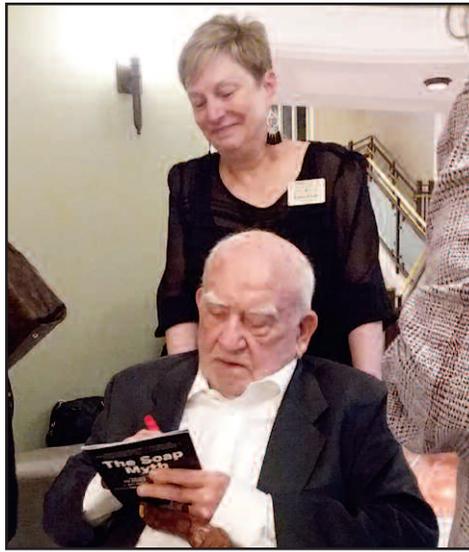
He told the *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*, a newspaper from one of the cities on the play's touring schedule, that he has no plans to retire, or to even slow down. "Are you crazy? Acting is life to me," Asner said. "It gives me energy."

The play had a narrator and only three other actors beside Asner. The other cast members included Dee Pelletier, Ned Eisenberg, and Liba Vaynberg. Both Pelletier and Eisenberg portrayed two different people in this play. The acting was excellent as was the plot.

Asner plays a disgruntled, but loveable Holocaust survivor who, during World War II, witnessed soap that was made from the fat of human corpses. He even has an actual photo of it. He would like the Holocaust Museum to include his story in an exhibit, but they say they cannot since there is not enough documentation to back up his story.

The director of the museum claims this is vitally important because otherwise Holocaust deniers will say it is a made-up story. Furthermore, they will claim that the other Holocaust exhibits were also fabricated. The observer of the play has to make up his or her own mind about what is fact and what is a myth and how important that difference is.

Ironically, on May 31, one month after I saw the play, I received the following press release. Along with it was a letter to the Executive Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Sara Bloomfield. The letter, signed by 37 scholars expressed dismay at the omission of Carl Laemmle from the "Americans and the



Holocaust" exhibit at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

We do not have room to list all 37, but two are writers we have published: Rabbi Prof. Allen Podet, State University College At Buffalo and Dr. Rafael Medoff, The David S.Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies.

PRESS RELEASE

Hollywood mogul saved Jews from Hitler – so why does U.S. Holocaust Museum ignore him?

Thirty-seven prominent Holocaust scholars, filmmakers, and other public figures have signed a letter expressing concern about the refusal of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to recognize a Hollywood producer who saved hundreds of Jews from Hitler.

The letter was organized by Sanford C. Einstein, an entertainment industry executive from Northern California, whose father was one of the Jews rescued by Hollywood mogul Carl Laemmle.

Laemmle was responsible for such legendary films as *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Phantom of the Opera*. Himself a refugee from Germany, Laemmle served as a financial guarantor for several hundred Jews so they could flee from his hometown of Laupheim and other parts of Nazi Germany.

Laemmle's rescue efforts were cut short by the Roosevelt administration, which informed him in 1938 that he was too old to be considered a reliable guarantor for any more refugees. He was 71 at the time.

There is no mention of Laemmle in the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, although individuals who aided far fewer numbers of Jewish refugees are included – such as Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus, who brought 50 refugee children to America.

The curators of the exhibit, Daniel Greene and Rebecca Erbelding, claimed to Einstein

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Simchas Welcome! Had a recent joyous occasion in your family or Jewish organization? *The Jewish Post & Opinion – IN Edition* welcomes your announcements for placement in our *Simcha* section (see page 2). Submit photos and text to: jpostopinion@gmail.com. **Next Deadline: Aug. 10, 2019.** All decisions on publishing, date of placement, size of photo, and length of announcement are at the sole discretion of the publisher.

that Laemmle was left out of the exhibit because they "were limited by a lack of artifacts or visual material related to Laemmle." Yet the *New York Times* and other news outlets had no trouble finding visual materials about Laemmle when they published articles about him in recent years.

(See, example: www.nytimes.com/2014/04/13/movies/unlike-his-peers-a-studio-chief-saved-jews-from-the-nazis.html.)

And, back to the play, sometimes a valuable part of a performance takes place during the questions and answers afterward. It was then that Jeff Cohen mentioned PBS had filmed the play in New York. He hoped it would eventually

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Community Events

Bereavement support group

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

NEXTGen Happy Hour

Tues., June 11 and **July 9** from 6–8 p.m. NEXTGen hosts a community Happy Hour for Young Adults to meet in a fun, social setting every second Tuesday of the month. For more info contact Matthew Kramer-Morning 317-715-9261 or mkmorning@jfgi.org, www.facebook.com/jfginextgen.

Indiana Court of Appeals at the JCC

Wed., June 12 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Experience a proceeding by Indiana's second highest Court as they hear an actual case right here in Laikin Auditorium.

Judges Margaret G. Robb, Paul D. Mathias and Robert R. Altice will hear oral arguments for an actual, pending case. The three-member panel of appellate judges, court staff and attorneys for the parties will participate. Don't miss this close-up look into our judicial system. Event FREE but pre-registration is appreciated. Contact Kelsey Eberle on Facebook [facebook.com/events/321687301852463/](https://www.facebook.com/events/321687301852463/) or at keberle@jccindy.org.

Hadassah Book Club

The following will meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. **June 17** *Becoming by Michelle Obama*. 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 helaine1@gmail.com.

Random Acts of Flowers with JFGI Women's Philanthropy

Wed., June 19 from 6–8 p.m., at Random Acts of Flowers, 1057 E. 54th St., Suite F, Indianapolis. Join us for an evening of floral arranging! View a demonstration, then produce a floral arrangement to take with you and a second arrangement that will be delivered to residents at Hooverwood to brighten

up their *Shabbat* tables. Cost \$25. Ticket price includes container, flowers, and instruction on floral arranging. For more info contact Margo Fox at 317-715-9268 or mfox@jfgi.org.

Berry Picking with NEXTGen and PJ Library

Sun., June 23 from 10 a.m. – noon at Spencer Farms, 7177 E. 161st St., Noblesville. Enjoy this fun morning family outing! Space is limited, so please sign up in advance! \$6/person. For more information, contact Matt Kramer-Morning, Director of NEXTGen, at mkmorning@jfgi.org.

Playdate with Beth Shalom and PJ Library

Sun., June 23 from 10:30 a.m.–noon, at Carter Play Space, Westfield. Children ages 3–8. Loads of activities for all ages. RSVP to Mickie Gurvis at mgurvis@comcast.net or PJ Library Coordinator Roberta Alder at ralder@jfgi.org.

Annual Celebration Lunch for Friends over 90

Wed., June 26 from noon–1:30 p.m., at Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, 6939 Hoover Rd Sponsored by Jewish Family Services and Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. For more info contact Pamela Eicher at peicher@jfgi.org or 317-715-6981.

IndyPride Interfaith Celebration

Thurs., June 27 from 7–9 p.m., at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 N. Meridian St. Join the Indy Pride community for a night of exploring how our different faith beliefs intersect with our queer identity. There will be a group discussion around queer identity and different religious practices. If you would like to be a group leader please email Aaron Welcher at awelcher@indyjrc.org. We are looking for all different faith backgrounds to participate as leaders!

Beth Shalom: Rabbi Halpern's last service

Fri., June 29 at 6:30 p.m., at 849 W. 96th St., Indianapolis. Our beloved rabbi will lead his last Friday night service for us as our sole clergy as he transitions to our first Rabbi Emeritus. *Oneg Shabbat* will be hosted by his wife, Carol. Please join us at services to wish him well. Each Friday night in June at 6:30 p.m., Beth Shalom will have services. See the CBS calendar on our website at bethshalomindy.org for additional information and programming.

Rabbi Stanley Halpern's Retirement Farewell Dinner

Sat., June 30 at 6:30 p.m., at Maggiano's,

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be available for viewing on local PBS stations, but he said it would definitely be available on all streaming devices for free.

Concluding remarks by Cohen: "When you are upset about anti-Semitism and you want to remember the victims of the Holocaust, I urge you to stand up against Islamophobia, against hatred of all peoples who are the "other" – the different ones, the darker ones who worship a different God in a different way – because it is all the same thing.

You cannot just hide in the corner watching and say, 'Look they are going after those other people so maybe they won't get to us.' First of all, that is not the Jewish tradition. We are supposed to be on the side of the oppressed. Secondly, they are going to come for us. They did it before and will do it again. We have to stand up against all prejudice, bigotry and hatred."

Jennie Cohen, June 7, 2019 ✨



3550 E. 86th St., Indpls. Dinner and Cash Bar. \$36 per person with check received by June 7, or \$45 per person after June 7. *No reservations accepted after June 22.* All are invited to attend this gala. See CBS website at bethshalomindy.org for full details.

Best Selling Author Jennifer Weiner

Sun., June 30 from 7–9 p.m. at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Who Do You Love* and *In Her Shoes* comes a smart, thoughtful, and timely exploration of two sisters' lives from the 1950s to the present as they struggle to find their places – and be true to themselves – in a rapidly evolving world. *Mrs. Everything* is an ambitious, richly textured journey through history – and herstory – as these two sisters navigate a changing America over the course of their lives. Part of the JCC's Ann Katz Author Series, made possible in part by the Irwin and Ann Katz Cultural Arts & Education Endowment Fund. Contact Lev Rothenberg 317-715-9233 or lrothenberg@jccindy.org. Cost \$20 before June 12, then \$25.

Stories of Freedom Speaker Series

Thurs., July 18 from 7:30–8:30 p.m., at Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, 6939 Hoover Road. Speaker #2 – TBA. Etz Chaim's Deborah Sisterhood presents a series of speakers who will share their personal stories of freedom. Please join us for one or all of these special evenings which are spread throughout the year. Contact Batya Auerbach batya@etzchaimindy.org or 317-251-6220. FB: @etzchai-

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board member and a scientist at Lawrence Livermore and Dow. His wife and children (both UHS alumni) established this \$10,000 annual scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding UHS graduating senior who not only excels in math and science, but has demonstrated a commitment and passion for sharing that knowledge with others via tutoring and other activities.

Lisa Freeman and **Kevin Hardie** (below) on their 30th wedding anniversary, May 7. Departing by canoe from the nuptial festivities is something this lucky woman (Lisa) will never forget – thanks for all the surprises, Kev. Looking forward to many, many more.



Bob Careskey on the celebration of his 100th birthday on May 15, 2019.

Meredith Rose Shevitz (above, center), daughter of **Ellen** and **Richard Shevitz**, granddaughter of **Lee** and **Reuben Shevitz** married **Ian Ceraolo**, son of **Carla** and **Paul Ceraolo** of Tampa Fla., grandson of

Rosalie Borselli and **Carmel Ceraolo** on May 18, 2019 at Newfields. Meredith is the New Hampshire political director for 2020 presidential candidate, Senator Kamala Harris for the People and Ian is the New Hampshire advocacy lead for Protect Democracy.



Anat Berday-Sacks (below, left with her grandmother Libby Berday), daughter of **Jennifer Berday** and **Elisha Sacks**,



graduated from the University of Maryland May 24th. An Honors College graduate, Anat participated in the Design, Culture and Creativity Program and was a Banneker-Key Scholar, granting her a full four-year tuition, textbooks, room and board scholarship. In July, Anat will begin working with Arabic speaking refugees for Youth Refugee Services near Calais, France.

Daniel Dorson (below, left), son of **Patti Freeman Dorson** (below) and **Roland Dorson**, grandson of **Gloria Dorson**, graduated from the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University.



Sherry and **Conrad Wicker** of Los Angeles on the happy announcement of the birth of their daughter **Isabel** (below), born May 24, 2019, weighing 7 lbs, 3 oz. Maternal grandparents are **Sally** and **Jack Cotlar** of Indianapolis. Paternal grandparents are **Faith Dornbrand** of Rockville, MD and **Bill Wicker** of Beaufort, N.C. Paternal great-grandparents are **Mildred** and **Harry Dornbrand** of Potomac, MD. Isabel has an older brother, **Harrison**, age 2. Isabel's Hebrew name is Channah Devorah bat Chaim.



Rabbi Avremel and **Shaindy Gluck** (see top left of page IN 6) on being named the new couple to lead the Chabad Center at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

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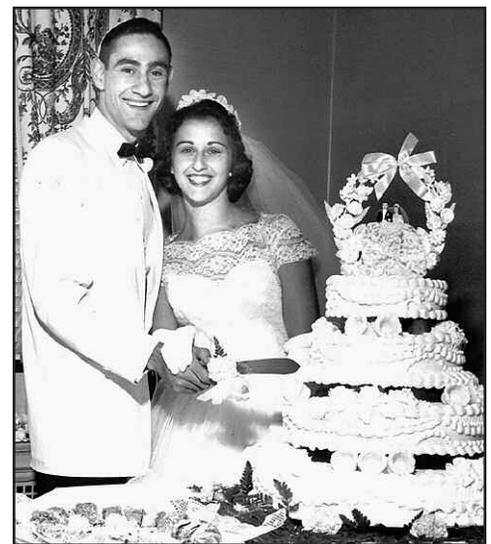


Josh Hasten (above center right – courtesy photo), son of **Hart** (above center left) and **Simona Hasten** on being inducted into the Yeshiva University Hall of Fame on June 3rd for being an outstanding tennis player on the team when he was a student. Also, on May 5th he and his wife

became grandparents when his daughter and son-in-law had a baby boy.



Mo and Bucky Profeta (above right) on their upcoming 60th wedding anniversary July 19, 2019. They were married in the Lincoln Hotel with Rabbi Nandor Fruchtman and Cantor Jade officiating. He attended Manuel High School and she went to Shortridge but they were set up on a blind date by friends when they were both 16. ☆



EVENTS

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mindy or website: etzchaimindy.org.

Table Settings 2019

Sun. and Mon., Aug. 4 and 5, from 11 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Featuring over thirty beautiful, creative, and inspiring tablescapes staged by local designers. There will be refreshments and daily demonstrations. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Contact Jennifer Hodes 317-253-3441 or jhodes@bez613.org.

Parents Night Out (PNO)

Sat., Aug. 17 from 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@jfgi.org for more information. Cost \$5 per child ages 2–12. Advanced registration required.

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Indianapolis Jewish and Israeli Film Festival

Sun.–Thurs., Aug. 25–29 Films to be (see Events, page IN 7)

Seniors in Place

For additional events such as movies, singing club, knitting club, bingo and more, or for questions, tickets or to RSVP for these events listed below, contact Ruth Gal at 317-557-2265 or rgal@jfgi.org, unless stated otherwise. Please make all checks payable to JFS and mail to 6905 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 Attn: Ruth Gal

Book Club at HHAI

Tuesdays, June 11 and July 9 at 10:30 a.m. at 6602 Hoover Road. 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. 9 a.m.–12 pm, Fri. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. All are welcome. No charge.

Indiana Court of Appeals at the JCC

Wed., June 12 from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. Experience a proceeding by Indiana's second highest Court as they hear an actual case right here in Laikin Auditorium. Event FREE. Pre-registration to Ruthie appreciated.

East Garden Summer Series: Movement for Wellness

Tues., June 18 from 6–7 p.m. at the Central Library, 40 E. St. Clair Street. Adults are invited to Central Library's East Garden to foster their well-being at this seated program designed to reduce stress, keep the brain agile and the body responsive. Be prepared to play, be creative and use your imagination! The rain-out location will be inside in the Riley Room. FREE. Contact Ruthie to RSVP and carpool.

Star-Spangled Symphony: Connor Prairie

Wed., July 3, depart JCC at 6 p.m. Please make your choice of entree (ask

Ruthie) and mail to JFS. RSVP to Ruthie. Payment must be received by June 10. \$59 Includes admission, dinner, table seating and transportation.

Color of Style: Indiana State Museum

Tues., July 16, depart JCC at 1 p.m. Who we are shapes how we dress – and the colors we choose to wear. In this experience, learn how perceptions of color have changed over time and see incredible outfits from the museum's collection. Discover which color best defines you, let your creativity shine in the Style Studio and find your perfect Instagrammable moment in this experience that's all about playing with color and style. RSVP to Ruthie. Payment must be received by July 1. Minimum of 7 people required. \$25 Includes admission and transportation.

Drum Circle: Bongo Boy

Thurs., July 18 at 7:45 p.m., at 8481 Bash Street, #1100. Come let loose your inner drummer in a warm and friendly international drum circle. After drumming we will stop by DeBrand Fine Chocolates at Keystone at the Crossing for coffee and dessert. RSVP to Ruthie by June 29. Transportation will be provided if we have a minimum of 7 people. Suggested donation of \$10/person for transportation.

Indianapolis Municipal Band Concert

Sun., July 28 at 7 p.m., at Lions Park, 115 S. Elm Street, Zionsville. Indy's oldest all-volunteer community band. RSVP to Ruthie. No charge.

Indianapolis Indians vs. Columbus Clippers Baseball Game

Tues, July 30, depart JCC 6 p.m. We will have excellent seats. Dinner will be served to us: hot dog, chips, drink and ice cream. RSVP to Ruthie. Checks must be received by July 5. \$35 Includes transportation, admission & dinner. For more info call Janet at 317-251-8881. ✨

JAACI Hosts Dr. Kedar

On May 19th JAACI (Jewish American Affairs Committee of Indiana) hosted Dr. Mordechai Kedar of Bar Ilan University at the Hasten Hebrew Academy for a thought provoking lecture on how the recent Israeli election results will influence the chances for peace. ✨



(L-R) Rick Bentley, Dr. Mordechai Kedar, Allon Friedman and Elliot Bartky.

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screened include: *Magic Men*, *The Sign for Love*, *Grateful: The Jenni Berebitsky Story*, *Gloomy Sunday*, *Shoelaces*, *Rescue Bus 300*, *The Unorthodox*, *Muhi: Generally, Temporary*, *Dear God*, and *The Invisibles*. For more info contact Kelsey Eberle at keberle@jccindy.org

Indiana Jewish Historical Society Hoosier Jewish Legends Lunch

Sun., Aug 25 from noon–2:30 p.m., at The Table by Market District, 11505 North Illinois Street, Carmel. Hoosier Jewish Legends recognizes Hoosiers who have made a significant and lasting impact to their profession, community, and the fabric of our cultural heritage in Indiana. For more info contact Sheila Greenwald at 317-872-0383 or sheilaeg@aol.com.

Senior Lunch Program and Game Day

Meets **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at noon in JCC's Laikin Auditorium. Join the Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch for great food, conversations and programming! We welcome anyone age 60 and above to dine with us for just \$3. Transportation may be available upon request. Please RSVP to Christy Morris at cmorris@jfgi.org or call 317-259-6822. Sponsor: Jewish Family Services (JFS). Game Day is every month on the third Tuesday at 1 p.m., after lunch. It is a program sponsored by JFS for participants in both the Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch and Seniors In Place. Sponsored by JFS, Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch, and Seniors In Place. ✨

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Desert Bike Air in Israel

By CARLA AVIVA MINTZ TAVEL

My son Koby Tavel is on a gap year – Kibbutz Ulpan at Ma’agan Michael, followed by Magen David Adom (MDA) studying in Jerusalem with Volunteering in Tel Aviv, and Walk About Love, an organized group walking the entire length of the Israel National Trail.

Between MDA and his final program, Koby had a break and I met him in Israel. When I told an Israeli friend that I wanted to walk into the desert, forget about the stresses of work and bond with my son, he said, “What; are you crazy? You don’t know what you’re doing. Check this out.” ...and he sent me the link to Desert Bike Air: <https://desert-bikeair.co.il/>

Being a recreational Indiana mountain biker and a bike commuter nine months out of the year, I thought, WOW, this is for me. It turned out to be the most amazing experience. Challenging and scenic mountain bike trails, fantastic people from around the world, coupled with fantastic food and shared desert-style sleeping accommodations.

I’m not going to lie. It was challenging. The first day I thought I’d faced defeat. My rear didn’t stop hurting until it was so numb it didn’t hurt any more. I thought Koby was going to strangle me when I met up with him at the end of the first day, but I didn’t hear a peep. Game on!

Oddly enough, the mind has a miraculous way of instantaneously forgetting pain, allowing me to carry on, so after each day, I was able to rest and restart. I kept promising the group I was not always going to be the last one to drag in, but honestly, it was Shaul (79 years old) who kept me motivated by catching up to me every time I thought I’d met my goal.

After the trip, Koby and I rested our weary souls by the Dead Sea for a couple of days before he started his “Walk About Love”. Find out more at <http://walkaboutlove.org/il/> ✨



A Mezuzah On Every Door

Two hundred *Mezuzot* – that’s how many will be affixed to the doorposts of every Hooverwood Jewish Home resident room, community space and office on Sun., Sept. 22! Having recently undergone a total renovation of existing space and the addition of Kraft Commons assisted living community, Hooverwood’s leadership is eager to celebrate this final act of dedication.

Beautiful, multi-colored, enameled *mezuzot* featuring a Tree of Life will be affixed throughout the building’s interior and lovely hand-made Rosenthal *mezuzot* were chosen for the entrance doors of both Hooverwood and Kraft Commons.

This multi-generational *mezuzah* hanging event will feature IHC’s 65th Street Klezmerium, Klezmer band, activities for all ages and an ice-cream social.

“We invite the entire community to purchase *mezuzot* in honor of current Hooverwood residents or in memory of your own loved ones, and then join us on September 22 at 2 p.m., for this extraordinary and special occasion. What a meaningful event to share this opportunity with our children and grandchildren as we bless the newly remodeled Hooverwood,” states Shelley Kahn, *Mezuzah* project co-chair.

The Tree of Life *mezuzot*, which include a *kosher* scroll, are only \$72 each. Donors are welcome to assist community clergy and leadership in affixing the *mezuzot* they purchase. Caitin Lubline (clubline@hooverwood.org) and Brittany Scheidt (bscheidt@hooverwood.org) are happy to assist contributors with donations. Names of those who purchase *mezuzot*, along with the names of those who are being honored and remembered, will be published and distributed at the September 22 event.

Hooverwood, an affiliate agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis,



is Indiana’s only Jewish nursing facility, proudly serving the community for 117 years. Although the facility has residents and staff of various backgrounds, nationalities and religions, Judaism serves as the underpinning of the Hooverwood’s mission. Marcia Goldstein, committee co-chair, fondly remembers why her mother chose Hooverwood, where she contentedly lived for the last 4 and a half years of her life. “Although my mother considered other senior facilities, being in a facility with *yiddishkeit* was the determining factor.”

The importance of this project is reflected in the words of Dr. Murray Firestone, Hooverwood President, when he notes “Many thanks to the *Mezuzah* project for literally writing’... the words of God on the gates and doorposts of...our house’. Hooverwood is home for many, the Indianapolis Jewish Home, and the tradition and *mitzvah* of hanging *mezuzot* is a reminder that those who live and work here do so according to Jewish heritage under God’s watchful care.” ✨

Hooverwood Mezuzah Project Order Form

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Hooverwood has been in existence since 1902, although it was originally called the Jewish Shelter House and then in 1929 the Borinstein Home. Next year it will be celebrating 50 years at the current location on Hoover Road in Indianapolis. Their rich history, traditions, community involvement, and commitment to person-centered care truly make Hooverwood a nurturing place.

Continuing this early tradition, a lot has taken place since Evan Lubline became the CEO 18 months ago. Not only have they expanded from simply being a nursing home with a complete renovation, but also the brand new Assisted Living, Kraft Commons opens this summer (see below).

This Jewish Assisted Living in will have 26 apartments. It is going to be luxurious and unique with a wide range of care levels for those who need a lot of care to those who are still driving and playing golf. The goal was to expand services to help the community whether one needs it today or possibly sometime in the future.

Kraft Commons will have three individ-



ualized meals per day made by their chefs in the facility. Also included will be a bistro area for Happy Hours and coffee, where family of all ages can come spend time with the residents. The aim was to make this campus feel like home. Also they plan to have programs with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and Jewish Family Services so that when someone comes onto the campus, they can have it all.

The Adult Day Center (photos above) opened in March for those who need a break from home. It is a social, medical model and provides: hands-on care and medication administration; personal hygiene care; two nutritious meals and snacks; individualized activity programming and outings; and physical, speech

and occupational therapy available. Transportation is available within 5-mile radius of Hooverwood. Hours are Mon.–Fri. from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The new Wellness Program includes Parkinson’s Rock Steady Boxing. It will also be offering a wide range of services and classes including Yoga, massage, and physical therapy. The Jewish Community Center fitness facilities are open to residents but these classes will be especially designed for senior citizens. Also the programs will be open to the public and not only for the residents. For more information, contact Brittany at 317-644-8257 or email Bscheidt@hooverwood.org or go to www.hooverwood.org. ✨



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About the Cover

The History of the Star of David
By Marc Bennett

The Star of David is the most universally recognized symbol of Judaism and one of the oldest recognizable symbols in history. Despite its instantly recognizable form, the Star of David has a history that is unknown to many. *The History of the Star of David* by Marc Bennett explores the complex journey of the Star of David through 18 iterations of its use spanning centuries. The artwork allows viewers to bear witness to the depths and heights of the journey of the Jewish people. *The History of the Star of David* inspires and educates the public on the development of this symbol and the meanings it has come to evoke from remote antiquity up to the current State of Israel. Bennett's artwork evokes a sense of survival and determination, as well as a celebration of Jewish culture, tradition and faith.



M. Bennett

Pictured on the cover is star number 5 of the 18, a detail from the engraving of the printer Isaac Foà, Venice, Italy, from 1731–1798. The Foàs were a well-known family run printing company of Hebrew prayer books, schoolbooks, and biblical literature. Their family mark shows the Star of David over a palm tree flanked by two lions. Lions often refer to the Tribe of Judah and the palm tree often symbolized water, around which they grew, fertility, Judea and eventually a symbol for all of Palestine, and later, Israel. Successive members of the Foà family used this as their distinctive printer's mark on the many books they printed. Printing had a revolutionary influence on the religious and cultural life of Jewish communities everywhere: on books and their distribution, on learning and education, and on synagogal rites.

Bennett originally created this artwork as a gift to his Rabbi to celebrate the opening of The Aspen Jewish Community Center. Since then, *The History of the Star of David* artwork has created something of a movement that remembers the challenges and triumphs of our culture's past and inspires us to create a better future. Many prestigious institutions have since acquired pieces from Bennett's series, including: Yad Vashem, the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, Sinai Temple Los Angeles, the Aspen Jewish Community Center, and the Jona Goldrich Center for Digital Storytelling at USC Shoah Foundation – The Institute for Visual History and Education, and others.

"The History of the Star of David is a radiant work of art that serves as a daily

reminder of the tremendous journey the Jewish people have endured and our shared role in crafting the next great chapter in Jewish history," remarks Ron B. Meier, PhD Executive Director American Society for Yad Vashem. *"We are honored to have it prominently displayed at Yad Vashem in Israel and in our offices in NYC."*

In keeping with Marc Bennett's reason for creating the *History of the Star of David* as a gift and vehicle for positive change, the artist has joined forces with Soroka Medical Center (rendering above, right), Israel's most strategic hospital to create a philanthropic project. Through this collaboration, 10 percent of all *History of the Star of David* art sales will be donated to Soroka in perpetuity. Limited edition prints signed by the artist make an unforgettable gift, while providing funds to support Soroka's life-saving mission. Bennett's beautifully finished metal and paper prints are delivered ready to display and are available for purchase at www.StarofDavidArt.com.

"This is a significant opportunity for Soroka Medical Center that will support our life-saving mission," states Dr. Shlomi Codish, Director General for Soroka Medical Center. *"The artwork's intrinsic optimism for the future reflects Soroka's current strategic role for the State of Israel, enabling the transfor-*



mative development of the Negev."

The American Friends of Soroka Medical Center have also commissioned Bennett to create a monumental depiction of his artwork. This installation of *The History of the Star of David* will become the focal point for Soroka's new Legacy Heritage Oncology Center and Dr. Larry Norton Institute's healing garden, set to be unveiled later this year at the Soroka campus in Be'er Sheva, Israel.

Marc Bennett is an artist and filmmaker from Brooklyn, N.Y., and a member of the Directors Guild of America. Bennett has been honored with numerous awards including; the Art of California Magazine's "Discovery Award," the Stamford Art Association's "Color Award," and was honored with the "World Medal" from the

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Kor to Receive IHS Living Legend Award

Eva Kor will receive the honor of **2019 Living Legend by the Indiana Historical Society (IHS)** at the annual gala on July 25, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center in downtown Indianapolis. Each year the HIS recognizes extraordinary Hoosiers for their contributions on the local, state and national level. This year's other honorees include former Apple Retail and Burberry executive Angela Ahrendts; champions of Catholic education Dan and Beth Elsener; and former Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning.

As one of few surviving twins of medical experiments by Nazi doctor Josef Mengele at Auschwitz, Holocaust survivor Eva Kor has shared her story for the past 40 years. Her personal account offers many relevant lessons on the dangers of hate and prejudice, and the consequences of allowing prejudice to persist, unchecked, in others.

In addition, Eva's life lessons and message of forgiveness have touched the lives of millions of people. She describes her forgiving of the Nazis in 1995 as an act of self-healing, self-liberation, and self-empowerment; forgiveness is not about the perpetrator, not about forgetting. It is one step toward repairing the world by helping victims free themselves from perpetrators and remove anger and hatred. Eva's message of healing reaches around the globe and across social, economic, and cultural boundaries.

In April 2017 Eva Kor received the Sachem Award from Governor Eric Holcomb. This award is given annually to recognize a lifetime of excellence and moral virtue that has brought credit and honor to the state of Indiana. The next month she was named Grand Marshal of the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade. ✨



Eva Kor (L) with auto racing legend Mario Andretti on the occasion of the 2017 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race holding the traditional winner's bottom of milk.

Berebitsky Honored as Namesake & Inspiration of New Film Award

Heartland Film Inc. will be starting a new cash prize award as part of their Indy Shorts International Film Festival (Indy Shorts). It will be titled, "The Jenni Berebitsky Legacy Award." Each year, the winner will be one short film in the Indy Shorts lineup that best embodies Jenni's spirit and legacy.

Craig Prater, Heartland Film President, said: "Jenni has lived courageously and joyfully with the challenges of this relentless disease (ALS), and we're thrilled to award a filmmaker this prize in her honor. The winning film will best capture the triumph of the human spirit and a person's capacity to inspire others, just as Jenni does."

Mark your calendar now to see the winning film plus all the other amazing shorts! The film festival will be July 25-28, at Newfields. Tickets for Indy Shorts events and screenings can be purchased online at indyshorts.org. Film also showing at Indy-Israeli Film Festival at the JCC in August.

Mayor Joe Hogsett proclaimed May 6, 2019 Jenni Berebitsky Day for her



Dr. Jenni Berebitsky, with her husband and son Dr. Jeff and Philip Berebitsky.

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New York Festivals' Television Advertising Awards. Bennett's artwork has been used in campaigns to raise awareness for numerous organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and the Museum of Tolerance. Bennett's current directorial projects include; *The Tattooed Torah*, featuring Ed Asner's voice narrating the renowned children's book, and *I Ride for the Living*, an inspirational story about the annual bike ride from Auschwitz to the JCC in Krakow, Poland. Bennett is committed to using art and film as visual languages that entertain, educate, enlighten, and inspire positive change worldwide. To learn more about *The History of the Star of David* and Marc Bennett visit www.StarofDavidArt.com. For merchandise licensing opportunities please email: mindy@galebranding.com. ✨



film, *Grateful: The Jenni Berebitsky Story* and her book, *ALS Saved My Life...until it didn't* AND for the difference she's making for so many! ✨





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Obituaries

Tobias "Toby" Cohen, 95, passed away Feb. 16, 2019. He was born Jan. 15, 1924 in Indianapolis to the late Joseph Cohen and Eva Hartman Cohen. Toby graduated from Shortridge High School and was then drafted into the Army. During WWII, he was a combat medic in Italy. When the war ended, he attended Butler University.

Toby and his brother, Nate, opened Army-Navy surplus stores around the city. The last store was located at 71st and Michigan Rd. During his 55 years, he and his brother helped a number of veterans, police personnel, Boy Scout troops and fire department personnel as well as the homeless.

His loving family loved his stories, charm, loving disposition and giving personality. He loved having friends and family to come and play tennis and swim in the pool. Having played tennis for 70 years, he taught a few people how to play the game.

Toby is survived by his wife of 27 years, Linda "Lynn" K. Cohen; step-son, Christopher L. Gillette (Christina); five grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Ruby E. Dinning of Wasilla, Ark., and also many nephews and nieces; great-nephews and great-nieces; and two great-great nephews (one of which is his name-sake). He was preceded in death by his brothers, Reuben, Jess, Nate, Albert and Arthur; and his sisters, Esther Fogel, Belle Pels and Ethel Lazar.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st Street, Ste 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Thank you to Alliance Home Health Care and St. Vincent Hospice for their gentle, loving care of Toby. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

Larry Berns, 73, passed on March 7,

2019. Son to Edith and Richard Kopfstein, he was born in Chicago on Nov. 26, 1945. Raised on their north side, Larry became a Restaurant owner of DK Brunchies, after returning home from Vietnam. He moved his family to Indianapolis in 1974 and opened a Restaurant/Disco called The Reunion. Larry then opened Industrial Liquidators buying and selling interesting items, as well as holding auctions.

In March of 1992, he met the love of his life, Rhonda Wagman and they married in 1995 which turned into a 24 year romance. Together they started Gabriel Industrial Park which still exists today.

Larry loved building remote control boat models, being the ultimate host to his friends and neighbors, cooking, and boating on their lake. He had a serious love for speaking Yiddish, and taught a Yiddish class at the JCC. Larry also taught a class on the Holocaust at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and traveled with his students to the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., for a day trip.

He was a member of B'nai Torah and cherished his Monday Lunch n' Learns. He shared Rhonda's love for the Cayman Islands and had dreamed of living there someday.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda; children Meredith (Paul) Glassman, Florida, Sara (Dorin) Weinschrott, Noblesville and Jennifer (Rick) Lapins, Chicago. Grandchildren include Ellie Mathias, Faigy, Zev, Chaya Mina (Minnie) and Tova Glassman, Liam and Charlotte Weinschrott and Daniel and Alex Lapins. Brother Reuven (Cynthia) Berns, New York and sister-in-law Suzi Wagman.

Services were held on March 8th at Flanner and Buchanan in Carmel, followed by burial at IHC North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Contributions may be made to Indiana Jewish Discovery Center



www.injewishdiscovery.org or B'nai Torah www.btorahindy.org.

Irving Joseph Levy

79, of Westminster, Colo., formerly of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully with family by his side on March 9, 2019. Irv was born in Rochester, N.Y., on July 14, 1939 and later moved to Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sophie and Joseph Levy; immigrants from Monastier Serbia; sister, Dolores Schankerman; and his first wife, Naomi Kraus. Irv graduated from Shortridge High School in 1957 and received his Bachelors, Masters, and EdD from Indiana University.

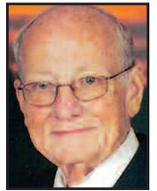
Irv lived his life through service to others. He was on the board of directors for many organizations including Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis and Arvada, Colo., and Temple Micah in Denver. He served multiple terms as President and Vice President of Etz Chaim, ScoutMaster of Troop 18, Cub Master, and President of the Resident Council of the Covenant Village retirement home in Westminster, Colo. Irv was a member of Centre Lodge #23 where he was a 3rd Degree Mason and 32nd Degree Shriner. Irv received the Boy Scout District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, and Silver Antelope. Everyone was equal in Irv's eyes, he treated everyone with love and respect and gave his time freely.

Irv and his loving wife, Elaine, spent almost every moment of their retirement cooking for people in need. They cooked thousands of meals for Community Dinner program, Family Promise, and the Delores Project at Arvada Methodist Church and for the Homeless Women's Initiative at Temple Micah.

Irv is survived by his wife, Elaine Cartwright Levy of Westminster, Colo., children, Sharon Levy of Westfield, Ind., Jeff (Rachel) of Providence, R.I., Christine (Brett) Ohlen, Jane Winter, and Warren Cartwright of Colorado; grandchildren, Drew, Heather, Adam and Miriam Levy, Alli, Ana, and James Cartwright; Paul and Dale Winter, and Andrew Ohlen; and great-granddaughter, Gabriella.

Funeral Services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, March 12th, interment followed at Etz Chaim Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the food shelters at The Delores Project or Family Promise of Arvada, Colo., or donate your time through service in his memory.

Todd Andrew Pearson, 33, beloved son, grandson, father and brother passed (see Obituaries, page IN 14)





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away on March 14, 2019. He was born Oct. 16, 1985. Todd was a graduate of North Central High School and Indiana University. He worked in warehouse operations for Sysco Foods. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Indiana University.

Todd is survived by his parents: Debbie and Steve Pearson; his daughter, Lily Pearson; brother, Brian (Laurie) Pearson; sister, Stacy Pearson; and maternal grandparents, Dr. Harvey and Judy Himelstein.

Graveside services were held on March 18th in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North. Memorial contributions may be made to Progress House, 201 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Jordan Liebman, 88, died March 10, 2019. He was the husband of Joan Leibman; father of Ted (Nora), Rachel (Paul Garfinkel), Sara (Pete Elms), Dena (Marijke Torfs) and Maya (Robert Gross) Leibman.

A gathering was held on March 15th at the Leibman residence. Jordan, an architecture buff, built this house from a design by renowned Indiana architect Evans Woollen, in the shape of a round barn. It has been called one of the most unusual and beautiful homes in Indianapolis.

Drew Jacob Yaakov Ben Yosef Schwartz, 60, died suddenly on March 16, 2019 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Flint, Mich., on Sept. 17, 1958. He has resided in Indianapolis for numerous years. Drew was a self taught entrepreneur and owner of SAYLR Construction LLC. He is survived by his wife Shelley Shifra; children Samuel Shmoel Yosef, Lauren Leah Yonina, Asher Pinchas Yirmiyahu, Rachel, Yitzchak Yehoshua; brother Kevin; sisters Gizela, Sharise, Heather, Karen and Stacey; several nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Phyllis; and his brother Steve. Drew was full of life, had a terrific sense of humor, his skills and hobbies were never ending. He had a deep love for his children and family. Drew was devoted to his faith. A funeral service was held March 18th at Congregation B'nai Torah. Rabbi Israel Gettinger officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Camp Ben Frankel.

Irvin C. Rheins, 84, was born on April 7, 1934 in Cincinnati to the late Alexander (Sandy) and Ida Rheins. He passed away on March 17, 2019 in

Indianapolis. Irv graduated from Hughes High School and attended the University of Cincinnati. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany. He retired from Allstate Insurance Company after 31 years. Irv was a member of North Park Masonic Lodge #646 and a long-time member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and its Brotherhood. In the 1980's, Irv played an integral role in the Russian Resettlement Program in Indianapolis. He enjoyed auctions, flea markets and garage sales and was a part-time dealer of antiques and collectibles. He loved history and archeology and participated in digs in Israel.



Irv is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Joy (Heffron) Rheins; four children, Carole Faye Walters, Rabbi Richard (Rabbi Susan) Rheins, David Rheins and Cherie Rheins (Thomas) Morgan; six grandchildren, Daniel G. Morgan, Claire Alexa Morgan, Joshua Rheins, Samuel Rheins, Jakob Rheins and Isadore Rheins; his much loved sisters-in-law, Susan Hugenberg and Nancy Brandi, and brother-in-law, Ray Heffron and their families.

Services were held on March 20th at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Burial followed in the IHC Northside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to IHC.

Jerrold "Jerry" Sol Leffel, 80 passed away on March 30, 2019. Jerry was born in Columbus, Ohio on Feb. 2, 1939. He was a long time resident of Indianapolis. After attending Shortridge High School, he graduated from Purdue University in 1964 where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity.

He started his work career at Western Electric Company in Indianapolis, with several inventions accredited to him. He later joined the family scrap metal recycling business, Industrial Salvage

Corporation and later went out on his own brokering salvaged telephone equipment switching stations across the country. This let him combine two of his favorite past-times while flying/driving cross country – his love of listening to classical music and his passion for photographing the people and things he found in the world around him. He spent most of his life, including up to the end, on his own terms.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Edelstein; mother, Jean (Youkilis) (Edelstein) Leffel, step father, Louis Leffel and step brother and sister, Donald Leffel and Rhea (Leffel) Krulewitch. He is survived by his beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services were held on April 4th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial services were April 5th in Love Brothers Cemetery in Cincinnati.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jerry's memory to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or to CICOA Foundation, 8440 Woodfield Crossing Blvd., Suite 175, Indianapolis, IN 46240-4359 or through their website at www.CICOA.org

Richard "Dick" Reed, 86, passed away April 8, 2019. Born in New York City May 10, 1932, he attended Brooklyn Tech and Brooklyn Poly Tech. He moved to Indianapolis in the 1960s and built a life here. He was a loyal family man who was always there for anyone who needed him.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Fran; sons, Owen and Andrew (Terri); grandchildren, Krystina, John, Darci, Andy, Sarah, and Genna; and great-grandchildren, Kaiya, Brantley, Brookelynn, Kambreey, and Luna.

Dick led a rich and full life. He loved the outdoors and was a fixture in the bicycle community for many years. His portrait with his bicycle was in the Indianapolis Museum of Art for several years. Dick was a member of Indianapolis (see Obituaries, page IN 17)

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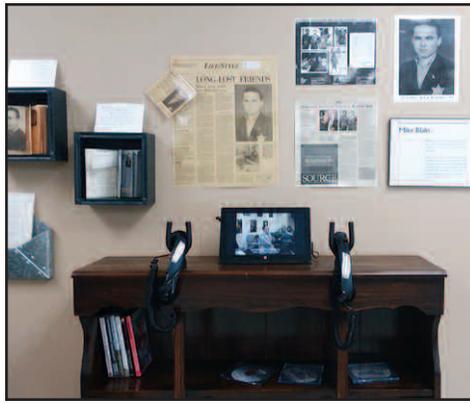
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It all started almost a year ago, when four Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis teachers, Patricia Berg, Sarit Linkon, Matthew Tucker and Michael Voskoboynik (pictured right), participated in a conference in California, which initiated rebuilding of the HHAH Holocaust Museum.

The grand re-opening of the Hasten Hebrew Academy Holocaust Museum took place at the HHAH Cultural Arts Center on May 5th. It included a tour of the newly renovated interactive Holocaust Museum; 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. Mark Hasten told about his experiences surviving the Holocaust.

The interactive museum would be considered extraordinary if it was done

by adults or even high school or college students, but it was created by 5th–8th grade HHAH students. Then two weeks later at a colloquium in New Jersey, the

four teachers had an opportunity to showcase the finished project, along with dozens of other Jewish Day schools from across North America. ✨



HHAH teachers (L-R) Matthew Tucker, Sarit Linkon, Patricia Berg, and Michael Voskoboynik showcase the new HHAH Holocaust Museum in New Jersey.

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Rabbi Tzuriel Gluck, Judaics teacher at the Hasten Hebrew Academy, was a recipient of the 2019 Grinspoon Award for Excellence in Jewish Education at the JFGI annual meeting in June. 5. He was selected for his excellence in innovative ways of bringing Torah to life to enrich the lessons.

Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis Graduates 2019



HHA Graduates' Trip to Israel



The three students (right) of this year's HHA graduating class joined with about 30 other students from other American Jewish Day schools for their annual trip to Israel. From the Western Wall to rafting on the Jordan, a memorable time was had by all.

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Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and attended Torah Study for many years. He was also a member of the Broad Ripple Masonic Lodge. A funeral service was held April 12th at IHC.

Esther Siegel Epstein, 95, beloved sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away in Bloomington, Ind., on April 13, 2019.

Esther was born Sept. 7, 1923 to Samuel and Rose Siegel. A long-time resident of Indianapolis she was a graduate of Manuel High School and worked for many years as a sales associate at Perry's Luggage and Gifts. Esther was a 51-year member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, an active member of the JCC, and of Hooverwood Guild. Esther had a particular fondness for the many dogs she cared for through her lifetime, she was an avid bridge player and with her late husband, Gerald "Jerry" Epstein DDS, they traveled extensively and were volunteers at Gleaners Food Bank.

Esther is survived by her devoted family, daughter, Laurie (Michael Terris) Epstein-Terris and their sons, Ben and Sam Terris; son, Mark (Joan) Epstein and their son, Ross (Gwen) Epstein and his daughter, Leota Epstein; and daughter, Ellen (Jane Rogan) Epstein.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beth-El Zedeck, Hooverwood Guild, or your local Humane Society. Graveside funeral services were April 17, in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Fred Resnick, 81, devoted and loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend passed away on April 17, 2019. Fred was a life-long resident of Indianapolis, born on June 22, 1937 to the late Nathan and Rae (nee Pozner) Resnick. He was a 1955 graduate of Shortridge High School and graduated from Indiana University in 1959.

Fred was the founder and President of The Madison Company, Inc. which assisted in securing financing for businesses

throughout Indiana. He was widely respected by members of the Indiana banking community and often asked to speak at statewide banking conferences and to participate on the boards of various not for profit loan assistance organizations. He was honored to be a recipient of a lifetime achievement award from Premier Capital Corporation.

Fred was a lifelong member of Congregation Beth El Zedeck, proudly serving as its President from 1979 –1981. He oversaw the establishment of the Beth El Zedeck Foundation.

Fred enjoyed sharing his passions for golf, fishing, skeet shooting, boating and more with his entire family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy, and his children, David (Miriam) Resnick and Laurie (Lowell) Rolsky; grandchildren, Daniel (Andrea) and Alison Resnick, Jordan, Josh and Jeremy Rolsky; great grandson, Jonathan Resnick and sister, Jeannie Cohen. He will be loved and missed, and his memory will be forever cherished.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the doctors and nurses at Seton Specialty Hospital for the wonderful care and warmth they provided.

Funeral services were April 22, at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and burial following in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Foundation.

Franklin D. Giles II,

61, passed away on April 21, 2019. He was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis. He was a graduate of New Palestine High School and a proud alumnus of Indiana University where he earned his Ph.D. An educator, Frank taught Calculus and Chemistry at Brebeuf Jesuit High School and directed Technology programs at Pike and Lawrence Township Schools. Prior to retirement he served as Associate Superintendent at Perry Township Schools. Frank had many hobbies, including Scuba Diving, and he taught diving for years.

Frank is survived by his wife, Lynn; step-daughter, Trisha Miller (Sam Goodstein); stepson, Brad Miller (Jae-eun); his brother, Tom Giles (Tina) and his father, Franklin

D. Giles. He is also survived by four wonderful grandchildren: Theo, David, Yoona, and Adam.

Frank was a longtime member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. A memorial service was held there on April 23. Donations may be made to the synagogue at IHCIndy.org or Kennedy's Disease Association.

Seymour "Sy" Schwartz, 90, of

Indianapolis passed away on April 21, 2019. He was born in Brooklyn to the late Max and Bertha Schwartz. After obtaining his BBA from City College of New York in 1950, Sy



went on to become a Certified Public Accountant and was a founder and partner at Peachin Schwartz and Weingardt, P.C. He was also a past President of Bnai Brith Choban Lodge and the Keren L'Israel Investment Club. Seymour was a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Indiana CPA Society, where he was on a number of committees. He was on the Board of the JCC for 14 years where he played racquetball for over 50 years. In 2009, Sy, at the age of 81, won a Silver medal in racquetball doubles at the Huntsman Senior World Games in St. George, Utah. He was also a tutor at Spring Mill School for many years. He belonged to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

He was preceded in death by his former wives, Gloria M. Berger and Lois Tarshes; mother and father, Bertha and Max Schwartz; brother, William Schwartz; and sister, Rose Horwitz.

Seymour is survived by his loving family, sons, Mark I. (Arlene) Schwartz of Colleyville, Texas and Steven H. (Sharon) Schwartz of St. Louis; daughters, Helene S. (Mark) Rosen of Charlotte, N.C., and Marla L. (Douglas) Rubenstein of Indianapolis; step-children, Deb (Steven) Catton, of Indianapolis, and David (Deborah) Tarshes of Seattle, Wash.; ten grandchildren, David, Lauren, Trevor, Jeremy, Trey, Adam, Kayla, Jenna, Julia, and Ryan; and two step-grandchildren, Will and Jamie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis or the Ovar Coming Together, 2625 N. Meridian Street, Suite 108, 46208.

Funeral services were April 24th at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed at the Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery North.

Max Nelson, 81, passed away in early May. Lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Max was a 1955 graduate of Shortridge (see Obituaries, page IN 18)



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high school. In 1955, he began working for Aaron-Ruben Funeral Home located at 20th and Meridian Street in Indianapolis.



Max was the child of immigrant parents. From an early age he spent many long hours working in their family market, which helped shape his dream for a better life. Schoolmates fondly recall Max's grade school essay presentation, when he first expressed his desire to become a funeral director to build a more prosperous future for himself and his family. In 1964, after ten years of apprenticeship and employment, Max was able to fulfill his dream and purchase the Aaron-Ruben funeral home, which was renamed the Aaron-Ruben Nelson funeral home, and relocated to a brand new facility on 86th St and Ditch Rd where they would remain for the next 45 years. In 2009, the funeral home was relocated to its current location on Michigan Road in Zionsville. In his role as a funeral professional, Max touched the lives of thousands. Families will forever remember him as a kind, loving and compassionate man.

In 1956, Max enlisted in the United States Army Reserves, serving as platoon leader for his machine records unit in Fort Benjamin, Ind., and Governor's Island, N.Y.

Max always had a lifelong passion for political action and community service. In 1968, Max began his own campaign as a Democrat for the 6th district of the United States House of Representatives. Max emphasized his desire for a prompt and peaceful resolution to American involvement in Vietnam, expansion of federal aid for educational programs, and support for the on-going civil rights movement. Max served as Ward Chairman for ten years following his congressional bid.

Max served as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council from 1974-1977, and received the L.L. Goodman award for community service in 1977.

Max was a lifelong entrepreneur in the Indianapolis area. In addition to the funeral home, Max owned a janitorial service, mobile advertising company, asset liquidation company, and developed commercial real-estate on Meridian St and on 86th St.

More so than any of his professional successes, Max was most proud of his family. In 1964, Max married Donna Cohen, and together they raised 3 children; Jennifer Williams, Miles

Gathering of the Tribe

On Sunday, July 14, 2019, C.H.A.I.M. – Children of Holocaust Survivors Association In Michigan – will host the fourth annual "Gathering of the Tribe," a gathering of children and grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors. The Gathering will take place at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Discussion topics include How to Create Educational Presentations About Our Parents' Histories, A Seminar on Genealogy (about how to trace our family's roots), and A Group Discussion about the future role of children and grandchildren of survivors in Holocaust education. The cost is \$25 per person which includes lunch, dietary laws observed. Dinner at a local kosher restaurant, will be an option. To register, please contact Rosa Chessler at savtiroso@yahoo.com. ★



(Carolina) Nelson, and Laurie (Michael) Wurster. The highlight of Max's life was his 7 grandchildren; Ari and Lindsay Williams, Noah and Olivia Nelson, Eli, Charlie and Lucy Wurster. Max is survived by his cherished siblings, Libby Goble, Pauline (Norman) Newman, and Elliott (Estelle) Nelson. Max was preceded in death by his loving brother, Harry Nelson; and his parents, David and Anna (née Lisker) Nelson. Max's legacy is carried on by his children and grandchildren, who inherited his values of kindness, love, and community.

Max was a lifelong athlete. He was an avid golfer and tennis player, winning many titles at Broadmoor Country Club. He also enjoyed his weekly lunches, coffee breaks and poker games with his best friends. Funeral services were May 10 at Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary. Burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Cemetery North. Memorial contributions may be made to Simon Cancer Center, Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260, or a favorite charity in Max's memory.

Obituaries for the following will be published in our next edition: **Daniel H. Jacobson, 97**, died peacefully on April 23 in Tucson, Ariz. **Harriet F. Greenwald, 81**, passed away on April 24. **Marilyn Opie Peachin, 88**, passed away on April 26. **Sylvia Zelda Sogin Cohen, 105**, passed away May 5. **Florence Cherner Weinman, 85**, passed away May 8. **Ruth Grossman Rosenthal, 96**, died on May 12. **Tillie Calderon, 93**, passed away May 21. **Clifford "Cliff" T. Rubenstein, 65**, passed away on May 21. **Leonard Jay Newman, 91**, passed away on May 30. ★

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An Israel Independence Day Celebration in Indy

Rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits for this celebration of Israel's 71st Independence Day on May 19. Instead of Coxhill Gardens,



Israeli rock band, Rockdim, energizes the crowd for the Indianapolis Israel Independence Day celebration.



Joe Ofengender (L) and Brent Epstein (R) serve up the popcorn and cotton candy.



Rabbi Schusterman assists Jeff Sondhelm in putting on the tefillin.



Lindsey Mintz and her daughter pose for a green screen photo.

it was held at the BJE Education Center. Lots of fun and creative activities, great food, and the Israeli band, Rockdim, play on the stage in the Domont Auditorium made for a wonderful afternoon. ★



Lag B'Omer Picnic at JCC

A beautiful day on May 23 when stormy weather had been predicted, this Lag B'Omer picnic by Chabad was anything but stormy. The children had fun roasting marshmallows, playing in The Foam Pit, on the Jungle Gym and other playground equipment next to JCC's Sablowsky Pavilion. Adults enjoyed conversing with others and the full spread of barbeque, side dishes, watermelon and more. ★



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Earth Day at the JCC

Nice weather allowed for another great turnout for the 8th Annual **Earth Day at the J** on Sun., April 28. People of all backgrounds and faiths participated and everyone had a good time! Co-sponsored by Indianapolis Power & Light Company and Citizens Energy Group, the event featured 45 organizations and 60 interactive demonstrations and hands-on activities to educate and inform attendees about many Earth Day topics. Earth Day 2020 is scheduled for April 26th. ★

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Bruce Sklare, who fathered the Earth Day at the J back in 2011, and has championed it by volunteering every year since, captures the event for posterity



Eric Goldsmith, of eScrap, Inc., demonstrates how to reuse and recycle technology.



Roz Knapp, head of local BBYO, helps make kites to teach about wind energy.



Kathleen Rice mans the birdfeeder craft table for IHC's Adamah Team.



Lynn Davis (L) and friends from Congregation Beth Shalom demonstrate bees making honey.



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