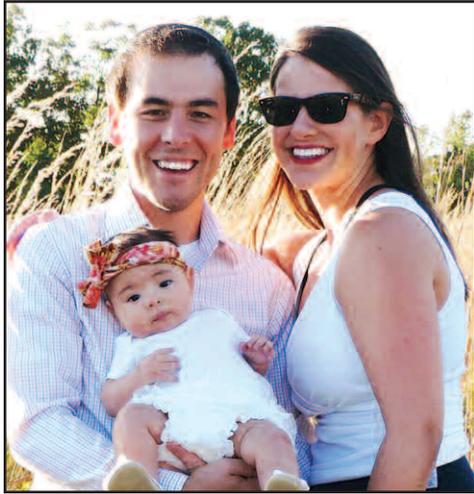




# Simcha Announcements

## Mazel Tov to...

**Shana and Josh Thompson** (below) on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Grace Thompson**, born June 17, 2019. Maternal grandparents are **Sandy Schwarz** and **Jim Schwarz** and maternal great-grandmother is **Eleanor Gelman**. Paternal grandparents are **Karen and Mark Thompson** – all from Indianapolis.



**David and Abby Katz** on the birth of their son, **Joseph Arthur** (in Hebrew: **Moishe Mordechai**) on Sept. 19, 2019. Maternal grandparents are **Dan and Katy Cantor**. Paternal grandparents are **Simon and Katie Katz**. Paternal great-grandparents are **Emery and Edith Kovac**.

**Hannah and Ari Perklov** on the birth of their daughter, **Talia Florence**, born Oct. 20, 2019 weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. She is being held (below) by her cousin, **Leila**, daughter of **Shelley Farahan** and



**Eric Bassen**. Maternal grandparents and great-grandparents are **David and Vika Farahan** and **Sophia and Vladimir Ilyin**. And paternal grandparents are **Mark and Chantal Perklov** of Haifa.

**Shirley Goldfarb** (center below, surrounded by some of her nieces from all over the U.S.) on the celebration of her 100th birthday on Oct. 21, 2019.



**Daniel and Beth Bentley** (below) on the birth of the son, **Shlomo Ben Dovid Bentley**, born on Oct. 28, 2019. Maternal grandparents are **Ellyn and Jay Weinstein** of Woodmere, N.Y., and paternal grandparents are **Caryn Vogel** and **Rick Bentley** of Indianapolis. The *bris* was at Young Israel of Oceanside, N.Y.



**Miles Nelson** on being the first Democrat elected to Carmel City Counsel's new West District on Nov. 5, 2019.



**Mendy Grossbaum**, (top right) son of

**Rabbi Avi and Nini Grossbaum**, on his engagement to **Mushka Backman** of Glendale, Calif. A January 8, 2020 wedding is planned to be held at the Glendale Hilton, in Glendale, Calif.



**Michael Voskoboinik and Irene Fox** who got married in the dead of the Soviet winter 32 years ago on Dec. 12, 1987 (below). ✨



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# Editorial

Shortly after my last editorial where I mention a priest who left only five possessions when he died, I got the following message, "Travel light, live light, spread the light, be the light." No, it wasn't in a fortune cookie. It was on a small piece of paper stapled to the string at the end of a tea bag. I find these short quotes to be uplifting and wise.

This message is appropriate for any time of the year, but especially during *Hanukkah* with fewer daylight hours and long nights. Also during this time of year, so much focus is on material possessions. The other messages we receive from manufacturers and retailers make us think that we cannot be happy unless we have every new gadget, appliance, technical device, automobile, jewelry and piece of clothing that comes into style.

To bring the spiritual back into the picture, I am reprinting most of my column written several years ago at this time. It is still very fitting for today:

*Because in my part of the world it is very cold and dark, I decided to create the following eight meditations for Hanukkah. These can be done before the candles are lit, after the blessings and songs are sung when the candles are burning or even after they go out.*

**First night:** *Imagine bringing the light from the one candle to any place in your body where there may be a health concern or simply little aches and pains. Let the warm sensation from the light relax the tight muscles around the pain. Feel the area improving from the healing glow of the light and all stiffness and soreness is releasing.*

**Second night:** *Feel free to repeat the first night meditation knowing that the light is double in strength. Now think of any emotional pain you are feeling. Are you missing a close friend or relative who had been celebrating Hanukkah with you every year? Were you expecting a raise or simply a holiday bonus but did not get it? Let the light from the candles whirl in your mind, dissolving all of the sadness and bitterness replacing it with the thought that something good is just around the corner.*

**Third night:** *One can repeat night one or any of the previous night's meditations on any of the upcoming nights as needed, knowing that the light will be even brighter than it was the first time around. Now that you are feeling stronger, think about any concerns with your family or close friends. Is one of them in harm's way? Grieving a loss? Not getting along with a spouse? Shine the light all around them bringing with it a sense of love and peace.*

**Fourth night:** *Are there challenges in your neighborhood, your synagogue or the*

*city where you live? Some congregants want to allow women on the bimah and others do not. Some Jews want a menorah in a public place and others oppose it. Let the light swirl around the dark places where differences of opinion are. Imagine it shining brightly over the situation bringing new ideas to encourage a solution or compromise.*

**Fifth night:** *As the lights continue getting brighter, think about the state where you live. Are there challenges in your state? Some citizens want prayers before the legislative sessions and other want separation of church and state. Let the bright light swirl around those citizens with opposing points of view and help them to see both sides of the situation and resolve to make an effort to understand each other. Maybe a solution will eventually come from that.*

**Sixth night:** *The bright lights from the candles are filling up the room. Are there challenges in your country? Let's see. No shortage here: the economy, the stock market, the bailouts, adjusting to the new administration, gays and lesbians struggling for equal rights, racial prejudices, to name a few. Let the bright lights shine over these very difficult topics and bring with it the needed patience and compassion to work through them.*

**Seventh night:** *Even brighter lights are just in time for the planet's woes. What about the challenges facing the world that we all share together? Again no shortages: the environment including safe drinking water and global warming, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Let's all shed some light on these ordeals and see what becomes visible when the darkness is dispersed. Maybe some fresh insights will come.*

**Eighth night:** *Tonight the lights are very bright! We have experienced how the warmth and glow of the lights have been a source of comfort and joy during this dark time. This is how it was when God was creating the world and it was very dark. Then God said, "Let there be light!" That same powerful light is available to us now in this dark, cold season and in this difficult time to help us heal ourselves and heal our world.*

On page IN 12, Dr. Morton Gold reviews a new musical release titled, *Rejoice! Honoring the Jewish Spirit*. (Essential Voices USA). All masterfully selected and conducted by Judith Clurman ([www.judithclurman.com](http://www.judithclurman.com)), it is skillfully composed and harmoniously performed by her and other talented musicians. This unique recording will delight even the most hard to please person and will make a great gift for any occasion, especially *Hanukkah* with the first song titled, *The Eight Days of Lights*.

Happy Hanukkah, dear readers, and a Happy 2020!

Jennie Cohen, December 18, 2019 ✨

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## Community Events

### Chanukah in the Park!

**Mon., Dec. 23** from 3–4 p.m. First time ever! Join us for an hour of fun at the Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Rd, Indianapolis. Olive oil making demonstration Program is free. For more info and to RSVP email office@INJewishDiscover.org or call 317-698-6423.

### Chanukah celebration in Fishers, Geist, and Noblesville

**Mon., Dec. 23** from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Dr 46038. Area families, this is for you! Join us for an open house the second night of *Chanukah*. We'll have the *menorah*, enjoy hot *latkes*, meet new friends, have crafts for the kids, and learn how oil is squeezed out of olives with a live demonstration. For more info call or text Rabbi Schusterman at 317-698-6423. This event is FREE. Donations are welcome: <https://injewishdiscovery.org/donate/>

### Gardens of Greenbriar Chanukah celebration

**Tues., Dec. 24**, from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Join us for *menorah* lighting and delicious *Chanukah* refreshments. Indiana Jewish Discovery Center. For more info and to RSVP email office@INJewishDiscover.org or call 317-698-6423.

### Young Jewish Professionals

**Tues., Dec. 24** from 7–10 p.m., Punch Bowl Social at 120 South Meridian St. For ages 20s and 30s. With hipster bowling lanes and old-fashioned arcades, there's a reason Punch Bowl Social is one of the most popular venues in Indy. Endless beer and *Chanukah* treats are included with the price of admission. Cost \$18. For more info email YJPIndy@gmail.com.

### CTeen Chanukah Masterchef

**Thurs., Dec. 26** from 6–8 p.m., at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 West 96th St. *Chanukah* celebration, *Menorah* lighting and refreshments.

### Chanukah Pizza and Pottery

**Sat., Dec. 28** at 7 p.m., at Pottery by You, 2280 W 86th St. Children and adults welcome. Cost \$5 (goes toward pottery purchase). RSVP [chabadindiana.org/pottery](http://chabadindiana.org/pottery)

### Nice Jewish Brunch

**Sun., Dec. 29**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Join Ami (LGBTQ+) Indianapolis Jewish Group for our monthly brunch. Each brunch seeks to provide a space for LGBTQ+ Jews and allies, and offers an opportunity for discussion around different topics that affect us all. Sponsor: JFGI NEXTGen,

JCRC. Contact Matt at [mkmorning@jfgi.org](mailto:mkmorning@jfgi.org) with questions.

### Cong. Beth Shalom (CBS) Book Club

**Sun., Jan. 5** at 3 p.m., at the home of Susan Meyers. Like to read? You need not be a CBS member to participate in our Book Club. Come to discuss a humdinger of a book titled, *Rise and Kill First: The Secret History of Israel's Targeted Assassinations* by Ronen Bergman. Contact Sharon Karp at [adult.ed@bethshalomindy.org](mailto:adult.ed@bethshalomindy.org) for more information, and check the website for directions to Susan's home.

### CBS Sisterhood Ladies' Fireside Chat

**Tues., Jan. 14**, at 6 p.m. Join the friendly CBS Sisterhood women for an interesting evening out. Check the CBS calendar at [bethshalomindy.org/events](http://bethshalomindy.org/events) to learn more.

**Worship Services** are held at 6:30 p.m., on the second, third and fourth Friday of each month at 849 W. 96th St., Indpls. Direct questions to [info@bethshalomindy.org](mailto:info@bethshalomindy.org), call 317-306-5644, or see our website for more information and programming or contact Diane Graul at [dwgraul@gmail.com](mailto:dwgraul@gmail.com).

### Bereavement support group

**Tues., Jan. 14** and **Feb. 11** at 6 p.m., in Room A-17 of the JCC. JFS and Ascension Health and Home invite you to a Jewish bereavement support group, co-facilitated by Brenda Kenyon LCSW and Paula Glanzman Goldberg. While everyone processes grief and loss differently, healing is enhanced by sharing with others who have experienced loss. Together, the group will address the social, emotional and spiritual dimensions of grief from a Jewish perspective. This program is free of charge, and no registration is needed. For more information please email Paula at [pgoldberg@jfgi.org](mailto:pgoldberg@jfgi.org) or Julie at 317-529-5497.

### Gender Journeys series – Pronouns: They/Them/Theirs – What is this?

**Wed., Jan. 15** at 7 p.m. in the JCC Laikin Auditorium, with Addison Smith, M.M., M.A, Indy Pride Director of Education. Ever feel like you're speaking a different language when you're trying to discuss gender or sexuality issues with someone? In many ways, you might well be. The traditional way of thinking of gender in Western culture, the gender binary, is very different from modern gender theory and not understanding these differences can lead to communication difficulties. This program will look at both of these modes of thought, allowing attendees to form strategies in their own life when they encounter these difficulties. In partnership with Indy Pride, Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and Congregation

Beth-El Zedeck. FREE, but please pre-registration is appreciated. RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pronouns-theythemtheirs-what-is-this-with-addison-smith-mm-ma-tickets-82642882085>

### Parents Night Out (PNO)

**Sat., Jan. 18** and **Feb. 15**, 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](mailto:rkatz@jfgi.org) for more information. Cost \$5 per child ages 2–12. Advanced registration required.

### Hadassah Book Club

**Sun., Jan. 19**, 2 p.m., *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict, hostess Judy Koor. **Sun., Feb. 16**, 2 p.m., *All the Rivers* by Dorit Rabinyan, hostess Ruth Grossman. **Sun., Mar. 15**, 2 p.m., *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff. For more info or to RSVP contact Helaine Herman at [helaineh1@gmail.com](mailto:helaineh1@gmail.com).

### Film: We Shall Not Die Now, Conversation with Director, Holocaust Survivor

**Tues., Jan. 28** from 6:30–9:30 p.m., at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. 75 years after the conclusion of World War II, 18 year old, **Ashton Gleckman** traveled throughout Europe and the US to produce, direct and film this well made, absorbing film that explores the Holocaust through moving interviews and images. Gleckman offers his work as an opportunity to remember and meditate on the lessons of the Holocaust on Holocaust Memorial Day. Following the film, Gleckman, who has also scored films, will discuss his experiences. **Frank Grunwald**, a local Holocaust survivor who is in the film will take questions. *We Shall Not Die Now* won the Audience Choice Award for the 2019 Heartland Film Festival. Cost \$10.

See more on the movie's website at [www.weshallnotdienowmovie.com](http://www.weshallnotdienowmovie.com) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/weshallnotdienow/>. The movie is now available for streaming on Amazon Prime (in US and UK) as well as Vimeo on Demand (can be accessed worldwide).

### Cocktail Judaism

**Mon., Feb. 3** at 7:30 p.m. at Another Broken Egg (9435 N. Meridian) For the 40+ crowd. Conversation, humor, and spirits hosted by Rabbi Dennis Sasso. (see Events, page IN 7)

# About the Cover

## Holidays

By Dena Levie



Dena Levie

This piece, has in its center the verse of Psalm 118:24: *“zeh hayom asah hashem nagila v’nismicha bo”*. (This is the day G-d created, let us rejoice and be glad on it.) Read during Hallel on Jewish festival days. Around the verse starting from the top right are all the Jewish holidays of the year. From *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur* through *Shavuot*.

## About the Artist

**Dena Levie**, of Teaneck, N.J., designs and creates beautiful personalized paper-cut artwork. Dena has always had a love for the arts. At Stern College (Yeshiva University) she received degrees in both Computer Science and Fine Art. After a short stint as a graphic designer she worked as a computer programmer for a financial firm. However, art was always her passion and she began to experiment with papercutting when her oldest daughter was born 23 years ago. Since then she has made this her full time passion creating more than 1800 paper cuts.

Dena enjoys working with people to create a personalized piece of art that will be enjoyed for years to come. This includes hand calligraphed *ketubot* (Jewish wedding documents), family trees, wedding and *Bar Mitzvah* gifts as well as artwork for school and synagogue honorees. Ms. Levie has also designed greeting and holiday cards as well as invitations for weddings and other events. In 2004, Ms. Levie was commissioned to design a few pieces that were presented to Michael Douglas, Steven Spielberg and Bette Midler. She also created the cover of the Youth Dub CD for the musician, Matisyahu. Most recently she was commissioned to create a piece for the Jewish Children’s Museum in New York City.

Dena’s artwork has been exhibited in galleries across New York and she has been featured in several newspapers. She has traveled to Israel, Africa and throughout the United States to meet and exchange ideas with other papercutters.

She is an active member of the Guild of American Papercutters. She can be reached through her website [www.judaicpapercuts.com](http://www.judaicpapercuts.com). ✨



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# A Bit of Wit

## Jewish Secret Weapons

These are weapons of mass indigestion – hidden in Israel’s arsenal deep underground in the Negev desert. *And we’re not afraid to use them!*

### Latkes

A pancake-like structure not to be confused with anything the House of Pancakes would put out. In a *latka*, the oil is in the pancake. It is made with potatoes, onions, eggs and *matzah* meal. *Latkas* can be eaten with apple sauce but *never* with maple syrup (sorry Canada). There is a rumor that in the time of the Maccabees, they lit a *latka* by mistake and it burned for eight days. What is certain is you will have heart burn for the same amount of time. It’s a *good* thing.

### Matzah

The Israeli’s revenge for escaping slavery. It consists of a simple mix of flour and water – no eggs or flavor at all. When made well, it could actually taste like cardboard or Hardieplank. Its redeeming value is that it does fill you up and stays with you for a long time. However, it is recommended that you eat a few prunes soon after. Very soon after.

### Kasha Varnishkes

One of the little-known delicacies that is even more difficult to pronounce than to cook. It has nothing to do with varnish but is basically a mixture of buckwheat and bow-tie macaroni (noodles). Why a bow-tie? Many sages discussed this and agreed that some Jewish mother decided that “You can’t come to the table without a tie” or, G-d forbid, an elbow on my table?”

### Blintzes

Not to be confused with the German war machine’s: “*blitzkrieg*.” Can you imagine the *Jerusalem Post* 1939 headlines: “Germans drop tons of cheese and blueberry *blintzes* over Poland – shortage of sour cream expected.” Basically this is the Jewish answer to *Crepe Suzette*.

### Kishka

You know from Haggis? Well, this ain’t it. In the old days, they would take an intestine and stuff it. Today, we use parchment paper or plastic. And what do you stuff it with? Carrots, celery, onions, flour and spices. But the skill is not to cook it alone but to add it to the *cholent* (see below) and let it simmer for 24 hours until there is no chance whatsoever that there is any nutritional value left.

### Kreplach

It sounds worse than it tastes. There is a rabbinical debate on its origins. One rabbi claims it began when a fortune cookie fell into his chicken soup. The other claims it started in an Italian restaurant. Either way it can be soft, hard, or soggy and the amount of meat inside depends on whether it is your mother or your mother-in-law who cooked it.

### Cholent

This combination of noxious gases had been the secret weapon of Jews for centuries. The unique combination of beans, barley, potatoes, and bones or meat is meant to stick to your ribs and anything else it comes into contact with. At a fancy Mexican restaurant (*kosher* of course), I once heard this comment from a youngster who had just had his first taste of Mexican fried beans: “What! Do they serve leftover *cholent* here too?” A Jewish American Princess once came up with something original for guests (her first cooking attempt at the age of 25): she made *cholent* burgers for Sunday night supper. The guests never came back.

### Gefilte Fish

A few years ago, an Israeli politician had problems with the filter in his fish pond and a few of them got rather stuck and mangled. His son (5 years old at the time) looked at them and asked “Is that why we



A wonderful “Off the Bima” concert performed by (L-R) Cantor Aviva Marer of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Pianist Charles Manning and Cantor Melissa Cohen of Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ) was given on Nov. 24th at BEZ. The title was, “A Tribute to Jewish Hollywood”. The program was supported by the Feigenbaum Musical Arts Fund. Coming soon! Off the Bima presents, “A Tribute to Jewish Disney”.



call it ‘Ge-filtered Fish’?” Originally, it was a carp stuffed with a minced fish and vegetable mixture. Today it is usually made of small fish balls eaten with horse radish (*chraim*), which is judged on its relative strength in bringing tears to your eyes at 100 paces.

### Bagels

How can we finish without the quintessential Jewish defense weapon, the bagel? Like most foods, there are legends surrounding the bagel although I don’t know any. There have been persistent rumors that the inventors of the bagel were the Norwegians who couldn’t get anyone to buy smoked lox. Think about it: Can you picture yourself eating smoked salmon or trout on white bread? Rye? A cracker? Naaa! The IDF research lab looked for something hard and almost indigestible that could take the spread of cream cheese and that doesn’t take up too much room on the desert maneuvers ration kit. And why the hole? The truth is that many philosophers believe the hole is the essence and the dough is only there for emphasis. It remains an eternal existential discussion topic.

Submitted by Scott Levine, Indianapolis. ✨

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February's topic is "Our Common Humanity: Taking Action to End Homelessness" with Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Executive Director, CHIP (Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention) RSVP to [jgoldstein@bez613.org](mailto:jgoldstein@bez613.org) or 317-253-3441.

**CODE RED: How Progressives and Moderates Can Unite to Save the Country**

**Thurs., Feb 13** at 7 p.m. at the JCC, Cost \$10. Bestselling author, **EJ Dionne**, who writes about politics in a twice-weekly column for *The Washington Post*, is a frequent commentator on politics for National Public Radio and MSNBC. He is also Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, visiting professor at Harvard University, and professor at Georgetown University. He is coming to the JCC in conjunction with the release of his eighth book. For more info go to [jccindy.org/events](http://jccindy.org/events) or contact Lev Rothenberg at [lrothenberg@jccindy.org](mailto:lrothenberg@jccindy.org) or 317-715-9233.

**Religion Spirituality and the Arts Gallery Exhibit Feb 14–Mar 29**

**Performance: The Story of Jonah expressed by visual and performance artists**

**Thurs., Feb 20** from 5:30–8 p.m., at the JCC. Artists Reception: 5:30 p.m., Performances: 6:45 p.m. Free. Contact Kelsey Eberle [keberle@jccindy.org](mailto:keberle@jccindy.org).

Meet the artists and join us for light refreshments. Performance pieces in Laikin auditorium directly follow artist's reception. This creative exhibit features the collaborative works of prominent visual and performance artists whose explorations with Rabbi Sandy Sasso uncover the personal significance of the biblical story of Jonah. With so many possible interpretations, this story is a perfect subject for artistic expression. In partnership with IUPUI.

**Gender Journeys series: The Soul of a Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective**

**Thurs., Feb 27** at 7 p.m., at the JCC. Cost \$10. Author, **Dr. Joy Ladin**, is a nationally recognized speaker on gender and Jewish identity. She is an American poet and the David and Ruth Gottesman Chair in English at Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University and she is the first openly transgender professor at an Orthodox Jewish institution. Dr. Ladin is a highly respected poet, author, and blogger. *The Soul of a Stranger* helps us see some of the best known *Torah* stories through the lens of transgender experi-

ence. These creative evocative readings can transform our understanding of the Torah's portrayals of God, humanity, and relationships between them. In partnership with Indy Pride, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and JCRC.

**A Field Guide to the Jewish People with Alan Zweibel**

**Thurs., March 5** at 7 p.m., at the JCC. Cost \$10. A very funny guy asks – and answers: "Why do random Jewish holidays keep springing up unexpectedly? Who was the first Jewish Comedian?" These baffling questions and many more are answered by Alan Zweibel, one of the authors of *A Field Guide to the Jewish People*. Zweibel is an original *Saturday Night Live* writer and has won five Emmy awards for his work in television for *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.

**Emmet Cohen – Jews and Jazz at the J**

**Mon., March 18** at 7 p.m. Cost \$20 at the JCC. Emmet Cohen is winner of the 2019 American Pianists Awards and Cole Porter Fellowship. Much of the best loved jazz – standards like "Body and Soul," "How

High the Moon," "Sweet Georgia Brown" – are the work of Jewish songwriters. Is it coincidence? Or something more? Nationally acclaimed pianist Emmet Cohen and his trio's music is lyrical, creative with just a touch of humor. Followed by an after party with the musicians. Sponsored by the Efroymsen Family Fund and Leslie M. Jackson. In partnership with the American Pianists Association and the Indianapolis Jazz Foundation. After party provided by Gadi Boukai.

**Let's #RunForEva!**

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center is building a team to participate in the Hawthorn Half Day taking place on **May 16, 2020** at Hawthorn Park in Terre Haute, Ind. We are using this event to honor Eva Kor's message of "Never Give Up!" With this event, participants can sign up to run/walk the marathon to raise money for the CANDLES Eva Kor Legacy Education Fund. We invite you to join us in a #RunForEva!

Check out trip alumnus Charles Moman's video about the race here: <http://bit.ly/2KdHNNe>. ✨

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# Chassidic Rabbi

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## Good News

I am happy to give over some good news. Two terrorists were recently killed. Both were leaders of big terrorist organizations, one in Iraq and one here in Israel, in the Gaza strip. The following day the terrorists fired over 200 rockets and mortar shells at Israeli cities and highways, but by many miracles, no one was killed.

Recently these and many other terrorist organizations have been losing support and power. Our world is getting better and better all of the time. Almost all of the governments and regimes that supported terror have fallen and disappeared. Now about 98% of the countries of the world are working to make all people safe, happy and healthy! In the past, the stronger nations would go to war to conquer the weaker nations. Now the stronger nations are instead making big efforts to help and strengthen the weaker nations and bring peace to the entire world.

We are witnessing the fulfillment of the words of our prophets. They told us that a time would come when there will be no evil, no war, no suffering or sickness. This period is referred to as the end of days, the days of the *Moshiach* (Messiah) who will usher in our complete and final redemption. After 2,500 years, this is finally happening!

I personally also have good news to share. My health is doing better. Three months ago I started a new diet, and I am feeling better. Fifty years ago I suffered from Hepatitis, which left me quite weak. For a year and a half I tried different diets and medicines, but nothing really helped. Then I tried macrobiotics, and right away got back on my feet, thank G-d. I have found that milk products and white flour and sugar are really bad for me.

For the last ten years I was eating mainly raw vegetables made into salads with a lot of olive oil and lemon and tahini. A few years ago I forgot the name of one of my grandchildren. That really shook me up. I told one of my friends about this problem and he suggested vitamin B12. I started taking this vitamin, and other vitamins and supplements, and that helped a little. But as time passed, my memory became weaker and weaker.

For example, after we eat we say a blessing to thank G-d for the food and sustenance with which He provides us. Many times I would wonder: did I say the blessing? My failing memory could not supply an answer. Only if I would say the blessing properly with all my heart and think about

## Meet Congregation Beth Shalom's New Rabbi, Justin Kerber

BY KAREN FRIEDMAN

Perseverance pays off. Just ask Rabbi Justin Kerber, Congregation Beth Shalom's new full-time rabbi in Carmel. Rabbi Justin, as he likes to be called, grew up in Iowa City, Iowa, where his parents were university professors.



Rabbi Kerber

Raised in a Conservative synagogue, he didn't feel drawn to Judaism until his *Bar Mitzvah*. "That's when it all came together," he recalls. "It was exciting to learn to chant the prayers and to learn *Torah* and *Haftarah*."

He further identified with Judaism during two summers at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. "I loved it," he reminisces. "But I never imagined myself as a rabbi."

He graduated from Columbia University



every word was I able to remember that I had said it. (This is how all blessings should really be said). Amazing! Here is an example of how everything that happens in this world always has a positive aspect. My failing memory was helping me to pray properly. I just hope that I will always remember this!

I also suffered from fatigue. I was tired a lot and needed to sleep a lot. A year ago I started to take thyroid hormones, and that helped. Then 3 months ago I read about a different diet. It is called the 80/10/10RV diet, which is short for 80% calories from carbohydrates, 10% calories from proteins, and 10% calories from fats. RV stands for raw and vegan. This diet was similar to my previous diet, but with three major differences. Before, about 70% of the calories that I was consuming were from the fat in the foods and oils that I ate. Now I try to

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in New York, went to law school and passed the bar. But he never practiced law because it didn't inspire him.

Taking time off, he spent a year in Israel volunteering on a *kibbutz*. "That was transformational. It made Judaism come alive for me like never before," he says.

In 2002 he enrolled in rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College, from which he graduated in 2007. Two years spent at University of Georgia's Hillel Director and three more as rabbi at Temple Emanuel in St. Louis reinforced his interest in the rabbinate.

Intrigued by a course he'd studied in Clinical Pastoral Education, a hospital chaplaincy training, he sought a chaplaincy residency at a Jewish hospital in St. Louis and later served as chaplain at a children's hospital and in hospice care. Although busy, he missed working as a pulpit rabbi and was blessed to be able to provide rabbinic support to two small congregations in adjacent communities.

Fate brought him to Congregation Beth Shalom. "The first time I came here, I knew instantly it was a fit," he smiles. Beth Shalom hired him on August 1, 2019. Now Justin, his wife Hope, and their sons, Eli and Danny are busy exploring Carmel and making new friends. Hope works in special education with a nearby school system. The boys are excited to be in the Carmel schools.

When not doing rabbi-related things, Rabbi Justin enjoys rollerblading, playing guitar, traveling, reading, barbecuing, and, most recently, painting Jewish-themed watercolors.

Rabbi Justin is thrilled to finally find at CBS what he has been seeking all along. "It feels right!" he exults. "This is the calling that I answered, what I trained to do, what I worked so long and hard for. I'm excited about the journey we're on together and want people to know how grateful I am for their confidence in me. We've laid the foundation and now must build on it with mutual trust, listening and flexibility. I can feel great things beginning to happen and I can't wait to see it all unfold." ✨

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**Noon Lecture and Discussion Series: Wednesday, February 12, 12:30 p.m.,** Stewart Center, Room 313 ~ Thomas H. Brush, Professor of Management, Krannert School of Management, "A Surgeon's View of WWII in Patton's Third Army: The Story of John H. Brush, M.D."

**Noon Lecture and Discussion Series: Wednesday, March 4, 12:30 p.m.,** Stewart Center, Room 313 ~ Rabbi Michael Harvey, Temple Israel, West Lafayette, Indiana, "Why Keep Kosher?"

**Klatch Jewish Arts Series Presentation: Monday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.,** ~ RAWL 1062 ~ Jessie Auritt, filmmaker, Austin, Texas, *Supergirl* (2017) Movie screening with Q&A to follow. <http://www.supergirl.com/synopsis> ☆



### BENZION

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keep my fat calories down to only 10%. Before, I ate very little sweet fresh fruit. Now this is the majority of my diet. Now I eat less cooked foods.

I decided to give this diet a try. Within three days I was feeling better. Now my memory is much better, my mind is working better, and I have more energy, without vitamins, hormones or supplements. If you want to feel better, look into this diet. And especially because it is strictly *Kosher!* Just be careful to remove any tiny bugs and worms from fruits and vegetables.

I don't keep this diet 100%. To honor the Sabbath and holidays we are commanded to make *Kiddush* and eat some bread, and a little fish and chicken.

This diet also recommends exercise. I have been exercising more, and feel that this helps. It also says that feeling good and happy is also important for good health. For this, get some advice from *Chassidic* Rabbis. In general, learning *Torah* and doing good deeds will not only bring happiness to you and those near you, but will also bring closer our complete and final redemption, at which time we will all be completely healthy, forever and ever.

*Rabbi Benzion Cohen lives in K'far Chabad, Isarel. He can be reached by email at [bzioncohen770@gmail.com](mailto:bzioncohen770@gmail.com).* ☆

## Butler's Hillel Celebrates

Butler University's Hillel celebrates an early Chanukah. Nonie Vonnegut-Gabovitch (standing fifth from left) is their community advisor.



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# Hannah Kaufman Joseph forms new law firm

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Hannah Kaufman Joseph developed a thriving and successful law practice serving the needs of small business owners and entrepreneurs. She assists clients with buying and selling businesses, forming new ventures, raising capital, employment matters, and drafting and negotiating contracts between businesses and their vendors, contractors, and customers. Hannah applies real world, practical experience owning and operating several small businesses with sophisticated legal advice on how to manage risk and maximize profit.

In addition to the time Hannah spends (see Joseph, page IN 12)

# Chai Mitzvah – Indy Overview

BY DAVID HEILBRON

The Jewish tradition tells that Jews learn best when in a group and commends the practice of learning in pairs saying that "a [learner] sharpens the countenance of their friend." (*Talmud Bavli, Ta'anit 7a*)

Now what would happen if you acquired not only study partner with which to study but also joined a network of more than 70 individuals engaged in learning and personal growth? From August 2018–June 2019, more than 70 learners from across greater Indianapolis aged 14 to 92 joined in monthly study through seven different Chai Mitzvah learning circles.

Like a book group, Chai Mitzvah circles meet monthly for meaningful discussion on a variety of Jewish topics of interest. In addition to these monthly discussions, each person in the group commits to engage in a social action projects, to identify something to learn, and to adopt or deepen a ritual or spiritual practice of their choosing. Offered multiple curriculum options, groups can choose to learn about the cycle of the year, *mussar*, business ethics or even younger learners can find opportunities with a range of teen-specific curricula.

Prior to the 2018–19 program year, Indianapolis was selected as a Chai Mitzvah Ignite city, receiving additional support to help start a critical mass of learning circles in the community and create a network of learners across greater Indianapolis. As each group follows the same cycle of topics, the Ignite model offers the opportunity for Chai Mitzvah learners to engage in meaningful discussion with fellow group members and to join a learning community that spans across denomination, age, and life stage.

As a culmination of their learning, Chai Mitzvah participants joined greater Indianapolis community members in a communal *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* all-night study marathon this past June. Community clergy and leaders came together with Chai Mitzvah participants and led 15 different learning sessions into the night ranging from text study to spiritual practices to contemporary takes on traditional ideas. The Chai Mitzvah participants took their learning full circle and exemplified the edict "make for thyself a teacher and acquire for thyself a friend" (*Pirkei Avot 1:6*) by bringing their



own learning to the community.

As Indianapolis continues with its second year as an Ignite city, returning learners are excited to explore new topics and interests while new Chai Mitzvah learners are ready to plug in to the network of study and enrichment that the greater Indianapolis Chai Mitzvah community provides. Be on the lookout for a Chai Mitzvah group at a local institution or among groups of friends and peers in the community.



Chai Mitzvah Library Learners.



Chai Mitzvah Ten Commandment class: (standing L-R) Dr. Michael and Rochelle Cohen, Ruth Enas, class leader Lev Rothenberg; (seated L-R) Donna Segal and Annette Weisfeld.

If you would like to learn more about Chai Mitzvah or are interested in starting your own learning circle, contact Ignite Community Coordinator David Heilbron at [dheilbron@jfgi.org](mailto:dheilbron@jfgi.org). ✨



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# As I Heard It



REVIEWED BY MORTON GOLD

## Excellent Musicians, Varied Music is Professional and Effective

A new release (Nov. 2019) has come out of a CD titled: *Rejoice! Honoring the Jewish Spirit*. (EssentialVoices USA). It was published by Acis (APL97092). The CD contains nine compositions, all selected and conducted by Judith Clurman.

The excellent accompanist is James Cunningham, and the fine cellists are David Miller in track 3 and Raman Ramakrishnan in track 5. The music is varied, and their arrangements are all professional



and effective. I will make brief comments about each selection and then some final comments about the CD to sum up. A handsome booklet with texts and commentary is included.

I must add a *mea culpa*. What follows are merely my opinions. (Yours may be different.)

Track 1: *The Eight Days of Lights* composed by Judith Clurman and David Chase. The text is from the liturgy and was adapted by Ms. Clurman. The music reflects an artistic rendering of the text. The piano part supports the choir and adds to the enhancement of the composition.

Track 2: *Dayeinu* (trad.) arranged by Trude Rittmann. This is a vibrant concert rendition of the familiar Seder melody.

Track 3: *Ki Hineih Kachomer* composed by Ms. Clurman and arranged by Ryan Nowlin. This work features a lovely melody enhanced by a tasteful arrangement. (I confess that this selection along with the next and the last one are my favorites on this CD.)

Track 4: *Shlof Mayn Fegele* music by Mikhail Lermontov, lyrics by Abraham Goldfaden and is arranged by Ryan Nowlin. This beautiful tune of Russian descent speaks for itself.



J. Clurman

### JOSEPH

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as an attorney, she has also helps her husband run their restaurant King David Dogs and a catering company called Mercenary BBQ. Learn more at [www.jbbjlegal.com/hannahkaufmanjoseph](http://www.jbbjlegal.com/hannahkaufmanjoseph). ✪



Track 5: *Yeish Kochavim* composed by Jonathan Tunick and Track 6: *Everlasting Light*, composed by David Shire can both be described as examples of modern treatments composed for a well trained chorus (which describes the vocal ensemble on this disc.) My sole reservation with this otherwise well trained group concerns the lapses in intonation in the soprano section.

Tracks 7 and 8 are called *Songs of Peace* by Jeremiah Klarman, both arranged by David Chase. No. 7 is called *Hineih Ma Tov* and is nothing like the traditional tune. This is particularly well performed. No. 8 is a rousing setting of *Oseh Shalom*. (What's not to like?)

Ms. Clurman is to be congratulated for the cohesive ensemble of her choral group as well as the effective range of dynamics (levels of volume.) The selections were chosen with care and are varied in style

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# Obituaries

## **Louise (Levenstein) Litwack, 86,**

passed away Sept. 12, 2019. She was born Dec. 1, 1932, daughter of Mose and Naomi (Schreiber) Levenstein. She was married to Jerry Litwack for 67 years. Louise is survived



by her husband and their three children, Barry (Alla), Alix, and Reid (Liz Lahr); six grandchildren, Noah, Isabella, Lena, Lucy, Ben and Abe; and her sister, Ann Levenstein Mound. Louise graduated from Greensburg High School in Greensburg, Ind., and attended Ohio State University. She then graduated from IUPUI with a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Social Work. Louise worked at St. Vincent Hospital Employee Assistance Program, as well as in private practice. She served on numerous organizational boards including the Indiana Heart Association, the Juvenile Justice Commission and the State of Indiana Mental Health Board.

Services were held at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), on Sept. 16th. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Her special interest for over 50 years was Planned Parenthood of Indiana. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Planned Parenthood of Indiana & Kentucky, 200 S. Meridian, Ste 400, Indianapolis, IN 46225; Goldman Union Camp, 9349 Moore Rd, Zionsville, IN 46077; or IHC Foundation, 6501 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

## **Shirley Halpern Mansbach, 85,**

of Carmel, passed away on her 25th wedding anniversary and her 85th birthday, Sept. 25, 2019. She was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1934, the only child of David and Florence Zeidman. She



attended Indiana University where she met Alan Halpern and was married in 1953. They began their family in Indianapolis where Shirley became an integral and beloved part of her community. She highly valued and enjoyed many of these long-time relationships and continued to make meaningful friendships throughout her life.

Shirley was early to be among the field of women realtors where her career lasted over 40 years. She loved her profession and regarded it as a serious responsibility in helping people to find just the place in which to belong and call home.

In love, she married the second time to Lewis Schwartz until widowed in 1985. She was currently the very happy wife of Gerald

Mansbach for the past 25 years. An unexpected, later-in-life romance, they formed a very beautiful marriage and life together.

Shirley was always a voracious reader and lifetime learner as well as being engaged and interested in many other of life's opportunities and offerings. She was above all else and most importantly very loved. She will always be profoundly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Mansbach; sons, Mark and Gary; daughter, Karen; grandson, Joshua; as well as step-children and grandchildren, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29th at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services** and burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Simon Cancer Center.

## **Toby Sachs Blickman, 98,**

a lifelong Indianapolis resident, passed away peacefully at her family home of more than 65 years. Toby was a devoted wife and she and her husband, Sol, grew up a few blocks from one another on North New Jersey and Central.



They were married for 57 years. Toby was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt. She attended Henry Coburn School 66, graduated from Tudor Hall in 1939, and from the University of Illinois in 1943 where she was President of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority. Her lifelong passion was first and foremost her family, and she provided them with enduring love "every day of every year." The family enjoyed many memorable trips together and summers at their Lake Manitou cottage in Rochester.

Toby was a voracious reader well into her 90's, never without a suspense novel and loved watching tennis and college basketball. Despite her age, she always said that she still felt 18 years old, and she held fast to that positive and strong spirit throughout her life.

She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, was active in the Sisterhood, and served in many leadership roles there. Toby and Sol were generous philanthropists who made profound contributions to the community. They established the Blickman Educational Trail Park at White River through a gift of land to the Indianapolis Parks Foundation. Then Mayor Peterson said at the dedication ceremony, "Mr. and Mrs. Blickman's generous contribution to our park system will help ensure Indianapolis youth and their families can benefit and learn from the city's precious natural resources for generations to come."

Toby was predeceased by her loving husband, Sol, loving parents, Sarah and Philip Sachs, her brother, Arthur, and her daughter-in-law Teresa. Toby is survived by her four children, Neil, Andrew, Michael (Barbara) and Rita (Tim Kesler); her grandchildren, Meghan, Natalie, Allison (Jamie) Lazin, Jeffrey (Rachel), Kristie (Austin), Shari, and Slaton (Samantha); her great-grandchildren, Olivia Lazin, Emery Lazin, Bo Wilder Blickman, Norah Blickman, and Dylan Trefethen, all of whom will fondly remember their Grams; her sister, Betty Sachs; and her dear niece Janice Victor Bea. The family extends its gratitude to her very special friend and caregiver, Andi Greathouse, and to the wonderful caregivers from Senior Home Companions and At Home Preferred.

A private graveside service was held for family only. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Toby's memory may be made to the YES Fund at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, [www.ihcindy.org](http://www.ihcindy.org).

**David Mullen, 50,** of Chicago passed away Sept. 26, 2019. David was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 14, 1969. He was the beloved son of Phyllis and Robert Mullen of Indianapolis.

A graduate of Kenyon College and with (see Obituaries, page IN 14)



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a Masters' degree from the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University, David began his professional career working for his father as the manager of K & G Mens' Mart in Indianapolis. He then moved on to a career in computer consulting with Accenture, Capgemini and as an independent contractor.

David is survived by his parents, his three siblings, Susan Padula, Jeffrey Mullen, and Caroline Quinones, his brother-in-law Richard Padula, his sister-in-law Susan Jennings Mullen and his eight nieces and nephews, Chloe, Sydney and Lily Padula, Madeleine, Joseph and Isaac Mullen and Benjamin and Cate Quinones.

A Memorial Service was held Oct. 27, 2019 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. The family respectfully requests any memorial donations be made to: Above and Beyond Family Recovery Center, 2942 W Lake Street, Chicago, IL, 60004

**Beverly Rosenblum, 65**, passed away Sept. 26, 2019. For 28 years she excelled in the veterinary medical field as a renowned and honored technician, and was known and admired by her professional colleagues and clients throughout Indianapolis. Her love and devotion to animals was unsurpassed, from horses to cats to dogs, and of course to her own wonderful dogs (always golden retrievers) Whitney, Emma, and Savannah. She is remembered in the veterinary profession as a beautiful person of great integrity, a big heart, and passionate about her work.



Bev was an active community neighbor, a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and enjoyed her friends at Mah Jong. She was a graduate of Broad Ripple High School '71, BA graduate in

Chemistry from the University of Miami, Coral Gables Fla., with post-graduate degree at Columbus Technical Institute at Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her mother Anne Dubin Rosenblum, and father Wolf Rosenblum. Bev is survived by her sister and best friend Gail Rosenblum (Gaylen Ross) of Brooklyn and cousin Debbie Jackson of Greenwood, Ind. Her circle of friends was limitless, and her kindness and generosity and caring will be missed by all. She was the greatest sister one could ever hope for and it is a bond that will endure forever. May her memory be a blessing. A funeral services and celebration of her life was held October 6th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Jack Klezmer, 76**, of Carmel, Ind., passed away Oct. 10, 2019 after a battle with heart disease. Born on Dec. 12, 1942, in Indianapolis, to Roberta Faye Klezmer and Samuel Klezmer, Jack lived most of his childhood on 75th Street in Indianapolis. Jack attended North Central High School and Indiana University where he joined the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. While in high school, Jack met his first love, Linda Sue Netzorg (Klezmer), whom he married in 1963. Jack and Linda's marriage produced three children, Lisa, Randy and Doug.

In 1976, Jack married Pamela Zimmer. Pamela (Pam) and Jack have remained married for 43 years. Pam has lovingly and loyally remained Jack's spouse until his passing. Jack and Pam's marriage produced two other children, Shanna and Lauren. Jack's grandchildren are Stephanie, Rachel, Kyle, Kimmie, Kody, Grace, Ivy, Haley, Lily, Graham, Harris and Nolan; and great-grandchildren are Jaden, Eli and Haydence. Jack was preceded in death by both parents and his younger sister, Gayle Caplin.

Throughout most of his adult life, Jack co-owned a local furniture store with his father, Sam. While at the store, Jack met and worked with numerous wonderful and hard-working people. Jack enjoyed life. His greatest pleasures were dining out, traveling and snow skiing. Jack was happiest in the mountains of Colorado. He reminisced often about his love for snow skiing and his joyful times in Snowmass Village with his wife and kids. One hopes his afterlife will be as a host at a ski resort in heaven. He will be missed. Graveside services were Oct. 15th in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Sylvia Glazer, 98**, passed away Oct. 11, 2019. She was born on Sept. 14, 1921 to Louie and Hannah (Leibowitz) Meyer. As a life time resident of Indianapolis,

Sylvia was a graduate of Shortridge High School. She worked for Lane Bryant from 1936 to 1945 and then L.S. Ayres for over 22 years, retiring in 1992. Sylvia was a member of B'nai Torah Congregation, Beth El Zedeck Congregation, and Beth El Zedeck Sisterhood.

Sylvia is survived by her son, Dr. Barry (Jan) Glazer and granddaughter, Ann Meyer Glazer, as well as nieces and nephews Anita Kay Meyer (Bob) Schulteti, Harold (Judith) Meyer, Marvin (Bev) Meyer, and Darryl (Voletta) Meyer. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dave A. Glazer and brothers, Abe, Phillip, and Bernard Meyer. A graveside service was held October 17th at the B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

**Reuven Shevitz, 92**, passed away Oct. 13, 2019. He was born Jan. 13, 1927, a child of immigrants who grew up during the Depression. He went to college on the G.I. Bill after the end of World War II. He earned a PhD in industrial psychology from Ohio State University and enjoyed a successful career in the field of personnel – now known as human resources – at Eli Lilly and Co. As a young man, Reuben's brother Harry introduced him to Leona Seidel, who was willing to go on a second date with Reuben even though he became violently ill on their first date. Leona became his wife in 1949, and was at his bedside when his life came to a peaceful end over 70 years later. During their long marriage, they raised three children – Marilyn, Barry and Richard – and suffered the tragic loss of Marilyn when she passed away of heart disease after her freshman year of college.

Reuben was active in the local Jewish community for many years, holding positions on the boards of various organizations and volunteering extensively with the resettlement of Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union. He and Leona were active supporters of the Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University, where they established a scholarship in memory of Marilyn. They enjoyed theatre, symphony, and the company of friends and family, particularly their two granddaughters Meredith and Isabelle. Reuben was fortunate to have enjoyed Meredith's recent wedding to Ian, where he and Lee shared the dance floor with the newlyweds, and where their long marriage provided a focal point that enhanced the meaning of the event to everyone.

Funeral services were held October 16th at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. (see Obituaries, page IN 17)

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# My Kosher Kitchen



BY SYBIL KAPLAN

## Latkes – It's a Tradition

They're sometimes greasy, sometimes salty and soggy, and they are fried in oil. They're high in calories—sometimes; high fat—sometimes; high cholesterol—sometimes. But they're oh, so good! What are they? They are *Chanukah* potato pancakes, otherwise known as *latkes*, in what we think is *Yiddish*, or as *levivot* in Hebrew.

With all the oil used for frying, *latkes* may be considered an unhealthy food. Yet, each *Chanukah*, many of us, who are staunch-hearted and old-fashioned, spend time grating potatoes by hand, always accidentally suffering at least one scraped finger. The more modern among us risk coming out with liquid mush by using a food processor or blender.

Why do we keep making these little pancakes year after year? Why do we eat them for *Chanukah* in the first place? As Tevye says, "It's tradition!" But there are some real origins. An old folk proverb does say: "*Chanukah latkes* teach us that one cannot live by miracles alone."

Joan Nathan, Jewish food writer and cookbook author, contends the word *latke* is not *Yiddish* as everyone presumes but stems from "a Russian word, *latka*, and a pastry, from obsolete Russian *oladka* or flat cake of leavened wheat dough." This, in turn, probably came from a Middle Greek word, *eladion*, or oil cake, stemming from *elaion*, meaning olive oil.

Potato pancakes do seem to have originated among poor Eastern European Jews, but potatoes did not become a staple until mid-19th century. John Cooper, in "Eat and Be Satisfied – A Social History of Jewish Food," comments that Jews from Lithuania ate pancakes made from potato flour for *Chanukah* and had borrowed the idea from the Ukrainians who made a potato pancake dish with goose fat called *kartoflani platske*, which they ate for Christmas.

Since *Chanukah* fell about the same time, and there were plenty of geese to provide goose fat or *schmaltz*, we could conclude that *schmaltz* became a substitute for oil. Jews living in the Pale of Settlement in the 17th century probably adapted it for *Chanukah* as a way to dress potatoes differently for the holiday. Cooper also states that many Eastern European Jews ate buckwheat *latkes* for *Chanukah*, while

Polish Jews made *placki*, pancakes, from potato flour and fried them in oil. Here are some recipes you might want to try this year.

### My Mom's Classic Latkes (6 servings)

6 peeled potatoes  
1 medium onion  
2 eggs  
1-1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/2 cup flour  
oil

Grate potatoes and onion into a bowl or chop with blender or food processor. Add eggs, salt, pepper and flour and blend. Heat oil in a frying pan. Drop batter by tablespoon around pan. Fry until brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels.

*Note: This recipe can also be used to make potato kugel by pouring batter into a greased casserole and baking in 350°F. oven for 45 minutes.*



### Low-Fat Latkes (8–10 servings)

3 pounds coarsely grated potatoes  
1 coarsely grated onion  
1/3 cup flour  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1 cup egg substitute or  
2 eggs plus 4 whites  
salt and pepper to taste  
olive oil spray

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place nonstick baking sheets in oven to heat. Drain off as much liquid as possible from bowl with grated potatoes and onion. Add flour, baking powder, eggs or egg substitute, salt and pepper and blend. Spray baking sheet with oil. Spoon small mounds of potato mixture onto baking sheets. Bake until brown on one side then flip to other side, making sure to place them where there is oil. Transfer to a platter and serve at once.

## GOLD

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and scope. This is an artistic CD of the kind of music that needs to be encouraged. The problem is that there are not an abundance of trained choral groups of this caliber to perform this kind of music.

The recording is produced and engineered by Silas Brown, who is nominated for three 2020 Grammy Awards. All scores are available from Hal Leonard ([www.halleonard.com](http://www.halleonard.com)) and at all your favorite sites online for purchase/Spotify

**Editor's Note:** *Judith Clurman was music supervisor for the movie, Song of Names (see ad page IN 8). She conducted the choral/vocal music on the set.*

**Dr. Morton Gold** is a composer/conductor, retired educator and an arts reviewer. ★

### Wolfgang Puck's Potato Pancakes with Smoked Salmon and Dill Sauce

1 pound coarsely grated potatoes  
1 small coarsely grated onion  
1 egg  
2 Tbsp. flour  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
oil

1/2 cup sour cream  
1 tsp. chopped dill  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
salt and pepper to taste  
1 Tbsp. snipped chives

1/2 pound thinly sliced smoked salmon\*

Squeeze dry the potato-onion mixture after grating. Add egg, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper. Heat oil in a frying pan. Drop tablespoons of the mixture around pan and flatten with the back of a spoon. Fry until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels and continue with remaining batter. In a bowl, combine sour cream, dill, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Sprinkle with chives. Arrange pancakes on a platter. Serve with dill cream, and smoked salmon.

\*In place of or in addition to salmon, you can also serve with 2 ounces caviar.

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# Book Review

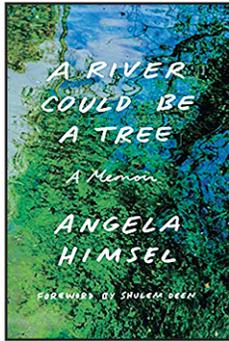


REVIEWED BY SIDNEY MISHKIN

## Story of Struggle, Doubt and Finally Personal Fulfillment

*A River Could Be A Tree: A Memoir.* By Angela Himsel. Bedford, NY: Fig Tree Books LLC, 2018. 267 Pages.

It is very satisfying for anyone, especially a good writer, to write about his or her life in middle age or later. Angela Himsel is a good writer and the satisfaction she felt when she wrote this book is almost palpable. Angela's story is not all peaches and cream, but it is interesting and honest.



Angela grew up in Jasper, Ind., in a large family whose life revolved around the teachings of the World Wide Church of God ("WWC") founded and led by Herbert Armstrong. That Church is one of several around the world that have attempted to engraft Jesus onto the Jewish Bible.



A. Himsel

Like many such churches, the WWC picks and chooses which teachings of the Jewish Bible its members must follow. Their Sabbath was celebrated Friday evening and Saturday. Christmas and Easter were considered pagan holidays and were not celebrated. Pork and shell fish could not be eaten.

The Jewish Pilgrimage Festivals (Passover, *Shavuot* and *Sukkot*) were major holidays for the WWC. Members of the Church each year, gathered together and made pilgrimages to various locations around the world to celebrate the Pilgrimage Festivals as prescribed in the *Torah*. However, unlike the *Torah*, fealty to Jesus was the primary focus of each Festival.

The WWC believed (as many Christian Churches do) that Jesus died so that the members of the WWC could go to heaven and enjoy eternal life. That belief creates a great FOMO (fear of missing out) in the minds of the members of the Church and encourages their adherence to WWC doctrine.

The WWC was also a strongly male

oriented church with church members expected to follow Patriarch Herbert Armstrong's dictates on every subject on which he chose to opine. After all, they believed he knew the path to Jesus. Women, for example were forbidden to wear makeup from time to time as Angela was growing up in the Church. Women were not encouraged to get an education. Angela's mother gave birth to ten children in eleven years, one of whom died during childhood from a heart condition. Her parents chose to treat Angela's sister with prayer cloths purchased from the Church, rather than seek regular treatment from a pediatric cardiologist.

Fortunately for her, Angela's mother encouraged her to enroll at Indiana University even though her father was not keen about the idea. The father's acquiescence was somewhat surprising given the fact that the WWC taught that women were created to serve men and that the father of the family was the unconditional decision maker in the family.

The distance from Jasper to Bloomington was not great, but it opened a whole new world for Angela that she never knew existed. This, in turn, led her to travel great distances on her quest to find herself. Indeed, that quest took her from Jasper to Jerusalem.

Angela decided to spend her junior year abroad studying at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She didn't do so to connect with a recently discovered Jewish ancestor, to satisfy some curiosity about Judaism or to fulfill a desire to become Jewish. Angela was still a staunch, Jesus believing Christian. She went to Israel because she wanted to walk and live where Jesus had walked and lived, which is not an uncommon desire among Christians. They are loyal and frequent travelers to Israel.

Angela writes that she also wanted to find the holy spirit of Jesus while she was in Israel and to be there when Armageddon came (the WWC was an end time or apocalyptic church). She made many friends in Israel, Jewish, Muslim and Christian. Angela enjoyed her junior year in Israel so much that she decided to stay at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem for her senior year as well.

After graduation, she briefly returned to Indiana and then went to New York where she had no difficulty finding work. While there, she met the divorced son of a Rabbi who was fourteen years older than she was. They formed a relationship that was serious enough that he asked if she would consider converting to Judaism if they married. She declined. She was a Christian, she said. She was no longer attending services at the WCC or anyplace else, but she was still a Christian.

Her fiancé wasn't religious so he was

content to maintain their relationship, as was she. Everything was fine until she became pregnant. Her fiancé told her that out of respect for his Modern Orthodox Rabbi father and his equally religious mother, and his unwillingness to inflict a great hurt on his parents, he could not marry her unless she underwent an Orthodox conversion.

This caused Angela no end of difficulties. She was a Christian in her late 20s. She believed that if she rejected Christ by converting to Judaism she and her children would lose access to heaven and the opportunity to be with her beloved dead sister, as well as her parents, grandparents and all of her other loved ones. Implicit in this is the fairly commonly held Christian belief that Jews cannot gain access to heaven unless they accept Jesus as their lord and savior. That is, heaven is closed to Jews. The belief is that Jews can't make it to heaven by performing the *mitzvot* of the *Torah* or just by being good people. Were it otherwise, all of the Christians might find their way back to Judaism. Jews have a much more generous and a much less proprietary view of the ability of Christians to enjoy the next world.

Angela found a way out of her dilemma, married her fiancé in Louisville (the nearest place to Jasper where Kosher food was available) and she and her husband gave their three children a good Jewish education, even though they are not observant themselves.

The influence parents have on their children, even in difficult circumstances, cannot be overstated. He was prepared to forego marrying her to avoid hurting his parents. She dedicated this book to her parents.

Angela Himsel is a very good writer who has written an interesting book about her life.

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Memorial contributions may be made to Beth-El Zedeck, The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Barbara J. (Kahn) Santemire 81**, died Oct. 14, 2019. A lifelong resident, Barbara was born Feb. 4, 1938 to Louis and Selma (Farb) Kahn. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School and earned her Bachelor's from Butler University. Barbara had an entrepreneurial spirit and owned and operated The Tavern for many years.

She is survived by her son, Michael E. Rose; daughter, Michele L. (Carl) Denny; grandchildren, Daniel A. (Julawadi) Goul and Raphael Rose; great-grandchild, Michael Beck; sister, Rita Myers; brother, Harry Kahn; great-aunt, Mary Lou Farb; and step-daughters, Heidi Mooningham and Robin Campbell. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin H. Santemire; and grandson, David J. Goul of blessed memory.

Graveside services were held Oct. 16th in Shara Tefillah Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Etz-Chaim Congregation, 6939 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

**Morris "Morrie/Moe" Cohen, 91**, originally from Indianapolis, passed away in Rockville, Md., on October 15, 2019. He was born Jan. 15, 1928. He was a Navy Veteran, serving as a Medical Corpsman with the First Marine Division in North China at the end of WWII. A graduate of Indiana University, he received his Master's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania. His principle area of specialty was with older Americans in a variety of settings at the community, state, and federal levels.



He was a major planner in the establishment of the first Indianapolis Senior Citizens Center and became the Director. He also served as Executive Director of the Indianapolis Jewish Community Center, and President of Etz Chaim Congregation. Mr. Cohen served by appointment from the Governor of Indiana on the Indiana Commission for the Aging. In the late 1960's, he accepted a position with the newly created US Administration on Aging (AOA) a Division of Health and Human Services in Washington DC. He was a Specialist on Aging in the Field of Senior Centers. While there, Mr. Cohen helped open numerous Area Agencies on Aging

around the country at the Federal Level.

He received a number of awards for his work in Washington DC, most notably, setting up the groundwork for the implementation of the National Nutrition Program for the Elderly, and more specifically "Meals on Wheels", the home-delivered meals program. For several years, he was a professor at Catholic University where he taught graduate courses in social work.

He retired from the Federal Government in 1988. While retired, he worked as a medical social worker in Home Health Care and hospital settings in the St. Petersburg, Fla., area, where he lived for over 25 years.

Mr. Cohen belonged to many organizations including AARP, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was a charter member of the National Association of Social Workers. He enjoyed traveling the world, volunteering and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his beloved children, Reina Sprankle (Ken), Lois Kramer (Marty), and Sam Cohen (Mitz); his amazing grandchildren, Jason Sprankle (Heather), Eric Kramer (Lucia), Josh Kramer (Emily), Kyle Sprankle, Bria Kramer and Andrew Batiduan (Hannah); and his two great-grandchildren, Noah Kramer and Dylan Sprankle.

Graveside services will be held on October 20th at Etz Chaim Cemetery on West St. Donations in his name may be made to the Etz Chaim Congregation, 6939 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260 or the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Isaac Andrew Forrest, 30**, artist and co-owner of Twisted Forrest Jewelry, board member of the Lothlorien Nature Sanctuary near Bedford, Ind., beloved son of Dr. Caren Lettofsky, son of James Douglas Forrest, and brother of Phillip Forrest, passed away October 14th.



The funeral was held at The Funeral Chapel of Powell and Deckard, 3000 E 3rd St, Bloomington, Ind., on October 18th and burial immediately followed at Valhalla Memory Gardens, Bloomington. *Shiva* took place, from after the burial until Wednesday at the home of Dr. Caren Lettofsky, Indianapolis.

Donations can be made to the Lothlorien Nature Sanctuary: ElvinH.O.M.E.Inc, P.O. Box 1082, Bloomington, IN 47402 or to Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America <https://www.aafa.org/> Memories of Isaac and online condolences may be shared at [www.thefuneralchapel.net](http://www.thefuneralchapel.net)

**Stephen Lawrence Hester, 54**, of Indianapolis, passed away Oct. 18, 2019.

One of Steve's lifelong dreams was to

float in the Dead Sea and he did that with a wonderful group of women during the first of his two trips to Israel. Steve loved soccer and racing and had a passion for motorcycles, adventure, and speed.



His generosity, most often anonymous, knew no end. He would (and has) given anyone who needs (or who admires) the shirt off his back. Everyone who knew Steve valued his sense of humor and it remained strong. As a good friend described, "he made me laugh and cringe more than any person I've known."

He was born to Donald and Marilyn Hester on Nov. 20, 1964 in Indianapolis. Steve was a graduate of Brebeuf High School and Bradley University. He worked in furniture sales and was a member of AEPi.

Steve will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and the countless people whose lives he touched. Steve had a talent of making lifelong friends everywhere he went, from a street corner in Spain, to a deli in Miami, to everyone on Ft. Myers Beach, to a remote village in Costa Rica.

He was loved by many and he cherished his friends. Steve was universally known as a good person, a trait he treasured. He'll be buried next to his parents and is survived by his siblings, David Hester and Felicia Hester (Dan Pfaffenberger); nephews, Toby Cohen, Mitchell Cohen, and Mason Hester; and longtime significant other, Terri Czajka.

Funeral services were held October 25th at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Melvin & Bren Simon Cancer Center, c/o Marilyn Hester Fellowship, PO Box 7072, Indianapolis, IN 46207 or a favorite charity.

**Gerald Paul, 95**, co-founder of Paul Harris stores and a major philanthropist in the arts, education, and Jewish causes, died Oct.



29, 2019 at his home in Indianapolis. He was born in Witten, Germany, on Sept. 28, 1924. After the Nazi takeover, and enactment of the Nuremberg laws in 1935, life was difficult as one of only two Jews in his Gymnasium. He was permitted to stay only because his father had been awarded the Iron Cross for his role in the First World War.

In 1938, his family fled Germany and came to Indianapolis, where Efroymsen cousins sponsored them. Speaking no English upon his arrival, Gerald nonetheless advanced rapidly through school. He graduated from Shortridge High School at

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age 15. Thereafter he worked at Real Silk Company where he rose from “whizzer boy” to general merchandise manager. He also founded the employee store.

On a business trip to New York, he was introduced to Dorit Selig, whose family, like his, had fled from the Nazi regime. They married in 1954.

With Earl Harris, Mr. Paul founded Paul Harris Stores in 1952, selling packaged apparel in supermarkets. They opened their first store in 1954. Mr. Paul took sole leadership of the company in 1980. The stores provided fashionable clothes for the young women who were joining the workforce in large numbers. For his business leadership, Mr. Paul was recognized in 1994 as Indianapolis’s CEO of the Year by Indiana Business Magazine.

An enthusiastic supporter of Indianapolis’s cultural vitality, Mr. Paul served on several museum boards and Dance Kaleidoscope. He established galleries at Newfields, the Eiteljorg, the Children’s Museum and the Herron School of Art at IU.

He was also a proponent of Jewish life as a member of the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, and the Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University. He and Dorit established an endowment at IU for the study of Germans and Jews. With a cutting from the tree that grew outside the home of Anne Frank, Gerald and Dorit donated the Peace Park in her honor at the Children’s Museum.

After retiring from Paul Harris in 1995, Mr. Paul and his wife volunteered in the US effort to guide Russia’s transition to a free market economy, travelling to Nizhny Novgorod. He also taught retailing at Purdue University for many years and, in 2007, published his memoir, “My Business Life Cycle.” For his many business and philanthropic endeavors, Mr. Paul received a multitude of recognitions and awards.

Mr. Paul’s life was one of resilience. Time and again, he confronted extraordinary

obstacles, overcoming them and emerging stronger. Perhaps the greatest obstacle was being a Jewish child in Hitler’s Germany. Then came the challenge of attending an American high school without speaking English, while working. Years later, on June 18, 1974, when the company he co-founded was thriving, a tornado destroyed the distribution center and much of the inventory and rendered the headquarters unusable. Untangling the insurance coverage took two years, but Paul Harris’s best years were still ahead.

In 1990, the company owned 377 stores in 37 states with a sales volume of \$240 million. The final crisis hit the following year. Mr. Paul had delegated the merchandising, which he had previously done himself, as the demands on him as CEO had grown along with the company. It didn’t work, and sales fell off markedly. Ultimately, the company had to declare bankruptcy under Chapter 11.

Mr. Paul, at 66, could have simply walked away. Instead, he saw the bankruptcy as the final obstacle of his business career, and set to work determined, once again, to overcome and emerge stronger than before. He got the company out of bankruptcy in just 20 months. Only when the company was once again on solid footing did Paul retire.

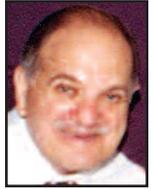
His remaining years were filled with his many philanthropic projects, teaching, travel, and time with family and friends. He particularly enjoyed his boat on the Ohio River and Lake Monroe. Mr. Paul leaves behind a city enriched by his work ethic and philanthropy, 81 years after arriving as a refugee.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dorit, his daughters Eloise (Bill Lee) and Alison (Marc Gold), and his grandchildren Benjamin (Sallamaari Vainio) and Melanie Gold. For making his last days as comfortable as possible, the family thanks Sharron Bedford as well as the dedicated and supportive care givers from Senior 1 Care.

Services were held October 31st at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC).

Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**. Contributions may be made to IHC, Indianapolis Symphony, or the charity of your choice.

**Simon “Sigh” Daniel Shimberg, 78**, of Indianapolis, passed away Oct. 28, 2019. Si was born Dec. 16, 1940 in Pittsfield, Mass., to the late David and Bertha Shimberg, z”l. He was a graduate of Northeastern University and worked as an accountant for the federal government at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, and later, the Simon Property Group, after moving his family to Indianapolis in the mid-70s.



Si was a life-long, avid Boston Red Sox fan, converted from a New York Knicks to a Pacers fan and became a Colts fan, too. He loved nothing more than joking, laughing and spending time with family and friends. He was as close as family with the late Ken and Rona Hecht, z”l. Together, they and Si and his wife, Marilyn, were part of the original *Chavara* of 1992 that evolved into Congregation Shaarey Tefilla and were very instrumental in its development during its first decade.

Si is survived by, Marilyn, of 54 years of marriage; their children, Dr. Darra Hirsh of Clovis, Calif. and David (wife, Misty) Shimberg of Columbus, Ohio; and their grandchildren, Makaela Hirsh-Ward and Marissa Shimberg. Beloved “Uncle Sigh” will also be greatly missed by his “extended family” Stacey (*ne*: Hecht) and Charlie Bunes and their daughters, Chava and Rivkah, of Indianapolis, as well as, Adam Hecht of Highland Park, Ill.

A loving and warm funeral service was held with close family and friends at Flanner Buchanan-Carmel, followed by burial in Ezras Achim Cemetery on Indianapolis’ south side. Congregants of Shaarey Tefilla were greatly supportive at *shiva minyans* at Marilyn’s home during the week that followed.

**Martha Leidson Bernstecker, 85**, of Indianapolis, passed away on Nov. 5, 2019. She was born in the Bronx on June 12, 1934 to the late Hyman and Sylvia Leidson. Marty was very creative and giving and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her brother, Len and his wife Shelley Leidson, her children, Lori Gerrard and Steven Bernstecker, her granddaughter, Sydney and by many nieces and nephews. Marty was preceded in death by her husband, Harlan, her son, Gary and by her brother, Marvin.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 10, 2019 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. A private burial was held in Ohio. ✨

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All are welcome, so please join us each day of Chanukah as our local Jewish organizations lead us in the lighting of our community chanukiah (located in Celebration Plaza on the west side of the Max and Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus). Dates, times, organizations, and special activities as follows:

**1st Candle: Sun., Dec. 22** at 5:00 pm –  
*Congregations Beth Shalom*, followed by a Chinese dinner open to all.

**Note: Second night, Monday, Dec. 23 – Fifth night, Thursday, Dec. 26:**  
~ Jewish Community Library special hours starting at 4:00 p.m. until the chanukiah lighting.

**Note: Second night, Monday, Dec. 23:**  
Starting at 4:00 p.m. until the lighting,  
~ Attend Storytime at the Jewish Community Library,  
~ And also enjoy cookies and cocoa in the Hooverwood lobby.

**2nd Candle: Mon., Dec. 23** at 5:00 pm –  
*JCC Early Childhood Education and Afterschool Care*, and *Hooverwood*

**3rd Candle: Tues., Dec. 24** at 5:00 pm –  
*Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana*  
~ Enjoy snacks and chocolate Chanukah gelt from Chabad.

**4th Candle: Wed., Dec. 25** at 5:00 pm –  
*Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation*,  
~ Then, back to Etz Chaim for *sufganiyot* and *sivivon*, followed by a *Kosher* Chinese food dinner and a movie

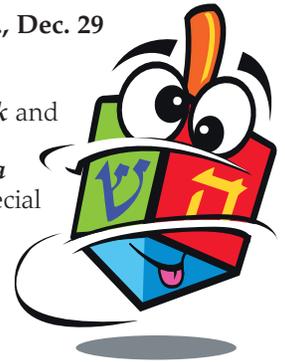
**5th Candle: Thurs., Dec 26** –  
~ After Lunch: *Jewish Family Services, Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch*,  
~ At 5:00 pm, *Jewish Community Relations Council staff*

**6th Candle: Fri., Dec. 27** at 4:45 pm –  
*Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation*  
~ Then, 6 – 9 p.m., IHC will host *Chanukah Palooza*, including: a bring-your-own-menorah lighting, a *Shabbat* service, and fun activities for all ages. It is recommended that you bring your own dinner, but *latkes* and *sufganiyot* will be lovingly prepared by Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

**7th Candle: Sat., Dec. 28** at 7:00 pm –  
*Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis staff*  
~ Meet the staff and learn about great

programs and events being offered to the community next year.

**8th Candle: Sun., Dec. 29**  
at 5:00 pm –  
*Congregation Beth-El Zedeck* and  
*Congregation Shaarey Tefilla*  
~ Receive a special gift bag. ✨



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