

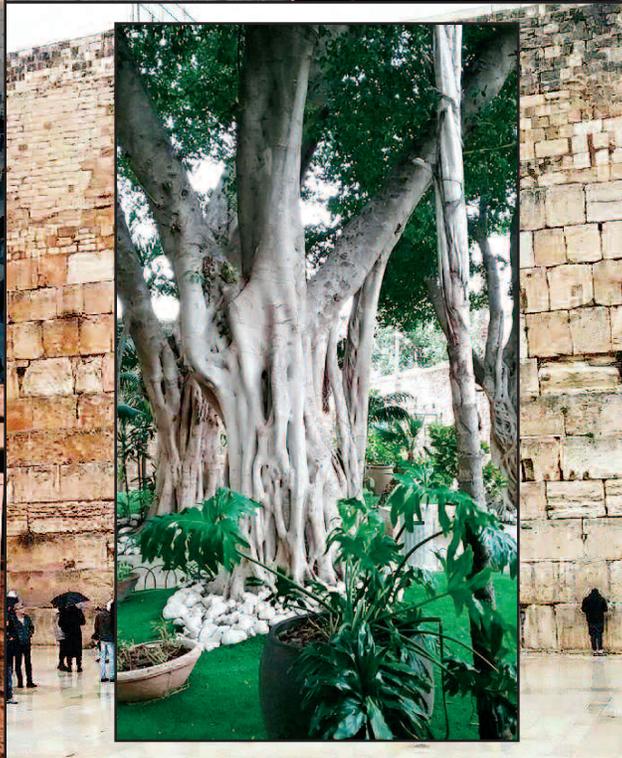
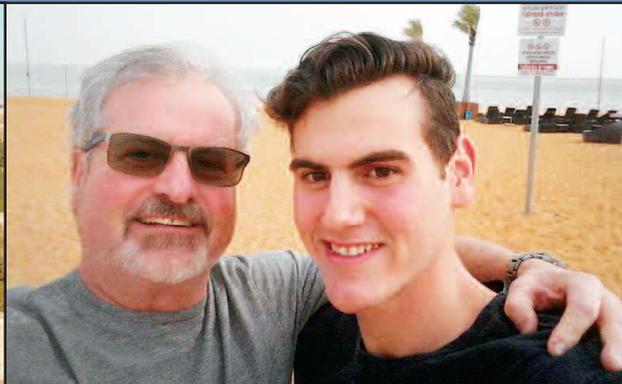
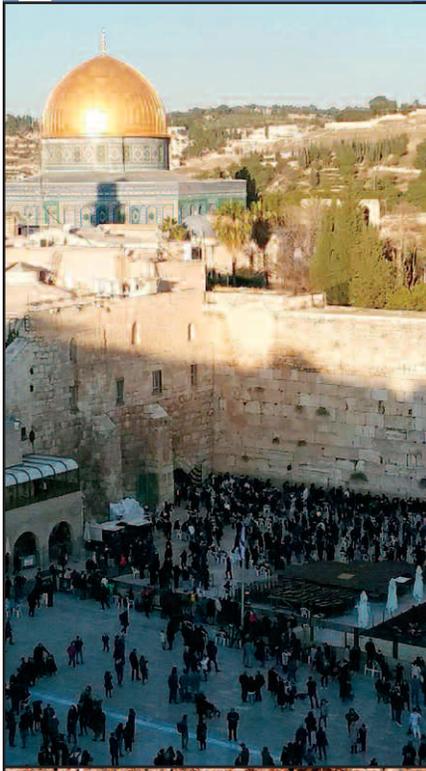
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A Parent's Prayer: The Shlah's Prayer

"We are obligated to pray and beseech G-d for all our needs, because He is the source of everything. Thus, for anything that man needs, any hour of the day, he should have at the ready a short prayer to G-d, Who is the source of all hope. And during any action one should pray to G-d, the Holy Spirit, King of the Universe, to help bring success in one's actions, for all stems from Him.

Moreover, one should pray to G-d for children and to find a proper marriage partner, for all this comes from Him. And from my heart I say that the most proper time for prayer is the eve of the first day of the Hebrew month of Sivan, for during that month the Torah was given, when G-d's children are called to Him."

Cover Photos by Michael Rose (see About the Cover on p. IN 9)

Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Rabbi Sue Silberberg (below, Top: far right; Bottom; 2nd from right), who, for the past 30 years, has dedicated her life to serving as Executive Director of Indiana University (IU) Hillel. She has developed meaningful relationships that have laid the foundation for what is now a thriving Jewish community at IU and one of the top Hillel programs in the country. Her vision and efforts over the past 30 years have resulted in a safe and nurturing “Jewish home away from home” for students at IU.



an older brother **Jacob**.

Scott and Shoshi Roland on the marriage of their son, **Todd**, to **Katie** (below). The wedding took place in Netanya, Israel on Oct. 24, 2019.



All Rolands L-R: **Scott, Todd, Katie, Shoshi**, and the groom's older brother **Rabbi Adi**, who lives in Cincinnati.

Jeff Glickman (below), son of **Miriam (Cohen) Glickman** and **Norman Glickman**, is engaged to **Haley Cohen**, daughter of **Laurel Perelman-Cohen** and **Paul Cohen**. She said “yes” on Thanksgiving at the Lafayette, Calif., Reservoir where they had their first date.



Grant and Courtney Abrams on the birth of their daughter **Kinsley Rae** (below) on Oct. 10, 2019, in Pittsburgh. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are **Jeffrey and Lynn Abrams** (members of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation), **Pam Abrams**, and **Bob and Phyllis Erber**. Kinsley has



Abbie and Marty Lande on the birth of their daughter, **Charlotte (Charley) Belle**, on Dec. 18, 2019. Maternal grandparents and great-grandmother are **Jamie and Ellen Gray** and **Doreen Gray**. Paternal grandparents and great-grandmother are **Phil**, and the late, **Cheryl Lande**, and **Ann Lande** (holding Charley, top, right).

Marvin and Michelle Hershenson on the birth of a granddaughter, **Lyric Saraya** (photo right above), born Jan. 4, 2020, to their son **Evan**, and his wife, **Kimberly**. Maternal grandparents are **Dr. Barry and Ricki Korn** of Holland, Pa. Her Hebrew name is **Ranit Chaya Mikaela**. “Ranit” means joyful song. “Chaya” means



life. “Mikaela” means who is like G-d. She is named after Michelle’s great-grandmother who was **Rivka Maeme** and Marvin’s Bubbie who was **Chaya Riva**.



Newborn, **Lyric Saraya Hershenson**, held by her mother, **Kimberly**, with brother **Ferris Zeke**, 3, sister, **Shayna Ahava**, age 5, and father, **Evan**.

Mendy Grossbaum (below), son of **Rabbi Avi and Nini Grossbaum**, on his marriage to **Mushka Backman**, daughter



(see Mazel Tov, page IN 5)

Editorial

To remind myself and others than even in the midst of challenging times it is also possible to have positive experiences, I found these 50 phrases below in a previous editorial. They are from the book, *14,000 Things to be Happy About* by Barbara Ann Kipfer. She introduces her list by saying that she sometimes brightens a gray day by flipping through her list to cheer herself up, and she urges her readers to find the happiness that comes from noticing and enjoying the little things in life.

Phrases from the book:

- pajamas at breakfast
- a baby's first tooth
- a baseball game going on extra innings
- toddler's vocabulary
- eight hours of sleep
- dinner with laughter
- ghost stories and marshmallows by fire
- watching the winning touchdown
- weathered docks on tall stilts
- a cardinal's brilliance against the snow
- third mark-downs
- bar stools
- dreaming on the river bank
- western sundowns
- when friends drop in
- deep dish apple pie
- looking irresistible
- floats and fireworks
- star gazing
- a road winding through orchards
- learning to play a musical instrument
- old-fashioned hot fudge sundaes
- singing to your favorite music
- puppy love
- stretching out on the carpet with games and puzzles
- an extended vacation
- greasing and dusting cake pans
- the smell of the sea
- dining by the window
- wearing real jewelry
- collapsing in bed and cuddling
- shiny hair
- cleaning off your desk
- going barefoot on closely cropped grass
- complimenting a total stranger
- flipping coins into a fountain
- the delights of finding the first spring flowers
- discount tickets
- unplugging the phone
- blowing the wrapper off the straw
- writing a love letter
- someone who says you are beautiful
- the book that makes the difference
- someone fixing something without being asked
- self-sticking stamps and envelopes
- laughing until you cry
- ice carvings
- a breath of fresh air
- buggy rides

On Feb. 2nd, these words (below in italics) were posted on the Instagram profile of Maria Shriver, award-winning broadcast journalist and NBC anchor-woman. You might know her better as the niece of President John F. Kennedy.

She has written several self-help books including a #1 New York Times bestseller. Her profile is titled, "The Sunday Paper: The News and Views Above the Noise, Inspiring Hearts and Minds, Moving Humanity Forward". She has a way of expressing complex ideas with just a few easy to understand words that are also inspiring:

"Your mindset can make or break you. Talk to yourself with positive words. Give your brain clear instructions for this new week. Follow your lead, follow your own directions. Drop the doubt. You know where you are going."

In the comments below her post she added more. *"This is the time to reset your mind for the week ahead. You control how you think about yourself and how you think about others. You have the power to think positive thoughts and to allow your positivity to propel you forward into the best week ever! Clear your mind of the negative self doubt, and get ready for all the good that is coming your way!"*

A must-see movie

The Song of Names (tickets.thesongofnames.com) is a unique Holocaust themed movie with surprises, twists and turns that keep it fast-paced and interesting. Directed by François Girard (*The Red Violin*) from a screenplay by Jeffrey Caine (*The Constant Gardener*) and produced by Robert Lantos, the film is based on a novel by Norman Lebrecht.



The movie revolves around the lives of two nine-year-old boys who meet in 1940s London. Three different actors play the boys as they age. One of the young boys is Martin Simmonds (Misha Handley) and the other is Dovidl Rapoport (Luke Doyle).

Shortly before World War II, Martin's music publisher father, Gilbert (Stanley Townsend), invites Dovidl, a Jewish violin prodigy from Poland, to live in their London home. Gilbert's intent is to help the boy achieve his musical potential and protect him from the imminent German invasion of Poland.

The relationship of the two main characters starts out tense but eventually they become close like brothers. As they grow into young men, Dovidl is played by Jonah Hauer-King and Martin by Gerran Howell. In 1951 an unexpected separation leaves them out of touch with each other.

A lot of the movie revolves around a time almost four decades later when Martin (now played by Tim Roth) searches to find his missing Jewish "brother" Dovidl, played by Clive Owen. Catherine McCormack plays Martin's wife Helen who is annoyed by his obsession about finding his long lost "brother".

As the movie goes back and forth between the different time periods, smooth

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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: March 30, 2020.** All decisions on publishing, date of placement, size of photo, and length of announcement are at the sole discretion of the publisher.



Howard Shore with Judith Clurman, an Emmy and Grammy nominated conductor, vocal educator, and choral specialist who conducted the choral/vocal music on *The Song of Names*. See a review of her recent outstanding musical endeavor at this link: <https://jewishpostopinion.com/?p=3731>

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Community Events

Dedication & Champagne/Sparkling Cider Toast: Bubbe & Zayde's Playroom at Hooverwood

Sun., Feb. 16 at 12:30 p.m., followed by a bagel & lox brunch. Bubbe & Zayde's Playroom is a place where Hooverwood & Kraft Commons residents can take their young guests to play. There will be toys and books for the younger set; games, art supplies and activities for older children.

Our hope is that the room becomes a place for multi-generation interaction, where children can enjoy being with resident family & friends and residents can experience the joy of watching their guests at play. It's a room on the "main drag" as people enter Hooverwood. In addition to the brunch, PJ Library will be offering activities for children who are in attendance. No charge but RSVPs are requested to Brittany, bscheidt@hooverwood.org or 317-607-1730.

Hadassah Book Club

Sun., Feb. 16, 2 p.m., *All the Rivers* by Dorit Rabinian, hostess Esther Batelman.

Sun., Mar. 15, 2 p.m., *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff, hostess Freddie Kaseff.

Sun., April 20 at 2 p.m., *The Girl from Berlin* by Ronald Balson.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Helaine Herman at helaine1@gmail.com.

Kosher Pickle Making Workshop

Sun., Feb. 16 at 3 p.m., at the Indianapolis JCC in Laikin Auditorium. Light refreshments including wine and fine cheeses will be served. A project of the Indiana Jewish Discovery Center (IJDC) RSVP by going to: <https://inewishdiscovery.org/pickle/>. For more info contact Rabbi Schusterman at rabbi@inewishdiscovery.org or call 317-698-6423. Cost \$15 a person.

JCRC presents LGBTQ+ Rights Movement in Israel

Wed., Feb. 19 from 7–8:30 p.m., at Butler University Reilly Room featuring National Outreach Director for A Wider Bridge Quentin Hill. A Wider Bridge is the leading North American organization working through education, advocacy, and relationship-building to create equality in Israel and foster understanding of Israel by cultivating constructive engagement. Free and open to the public. Registration suggested but not required: bit.ly/36KxrNf.

A Wider Bridge program for teens is scheduled for the day before on **Tues., Feb. 18** from 4:30–6 p.m. at Fresh Thyme, 6301 N. College Ave., Indianapolis.

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 Indianapolis JCC. Artists Reception: 5:30 p.m., Performances: 6:45 p.m. Free. Contact Kelsey Eberle 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.

Beth-Elders Photo Trek & Lunch

Sat., Feb. 22 at noon at Cong. Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis. Beth-Elders & Youngers presents: *A Photo Trek Through Scotland* following services. Hosts Joanne Classick and Barry Levitt will guide you along their recent trip to Scotland, from castles to cows! And who can say no to a delicious hot meal – still just \$5 – prepared by Sharon Mishkin and her wonderful volunteer crew? Make your reservation for this delightful program by calling the synagogue office at 317-253-3441 and dropping off or mailing in your check, payable to Beth-El Zedeck.

MoPo Indy Elections Brunch

Sun., Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m., in Broad Ripple Area (address provided with RSVP). Bagel Brunch with all the fixings, and 11 a.m. for Elections. Why wait around for the November 2020 US elections or the upcoming *third* Israeli election in March to vote! Join for a delicious bagel brunch and learn more about the already World Zionist Congress elections happen right now.

This election is open to Jews from all over the world so learn a little about what kind of role you have in influencing the Jewish world as a whole. As an added bonus – Attend this program and MoPo Indy will cover the \$7.50 voting fee if you'd like to participate in the election. Moishe Pod Indy is a community for Jewish young adults in their 20s to create a vibrant, meaningful & welcoming Jewish experience. We gather for events centered around Jewish learning, spiritual practice and exploration, *Tikkun Olam*, community, and good ol' socializing. Contact Moishe Pod Indy: mopindy@gmail.com

Cong. Beth Shalom (CBS) Book Club

Sun., Feb. 23 at 3 p.m., at the home

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transitions make it easy to follow back and forth from past to present. The acting is good and the cars, clothes, phones and the landscapes from the 1940s were authentic and fun to see. Our readers will appreciate the wealth of Jewish content.

I don't usually watch Holocaust movies, but this one does not have a lot of gruesome images, and it has beautiful music scored by Howard Shore (*The Lord of the Rings*, *The Silence of the Lambs*, *Philadelphia*, *The Aviator*). *The Song of Names* is a profoundly moving piece of music and a haunting violin solo toward the end is exquisite. (see photo p. IN 3)

Jennie Cohen, February 12, 2020 ✪



of Susan Meyers. Like to read? You need not be a CBS member to participate in our Book Club. Come to discuss *The Girl from Berlin* by Ronald Balson. An engrossing novel of a Jewish German violinist who fled the Nazis to take refuge in Italy and what happened afterwards to her and her family. Contact Sharon Karp at adult.ed@bethshalomindy.org for more information, or check bethshalomindy.org.

Unattached Jewish Adults

Sun., Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m., schmooze with old friends and make some new ones over dinner at Tian Fu Asian Bistro, 3508 W 86th Street, north side of 86th in between Purdue and Michigan Rds., in Pyramid Place Shopping Center. Studio Movie Grill is across the street if anyone is in the mood for a movie after dinner. For more info or to RSVP email: jpostopinion@gmail.com or call: 317/405-8084.

Rosh Chodesh Adar Women's Challah Baking

Wed., Feb. 26, from 6–8 p.m. in the CJEL kitchen, 6705 Hoover Rd. *Rosh Chodesh* – which literally means "head of the month" – is the minor holiday that marks the beginning of every Hebrew month. Join fellow women and bake *Challah* together. Contact Lian Bar Zohar to sign up at (317) 800-9350 or shaliach@jfgi.org.

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

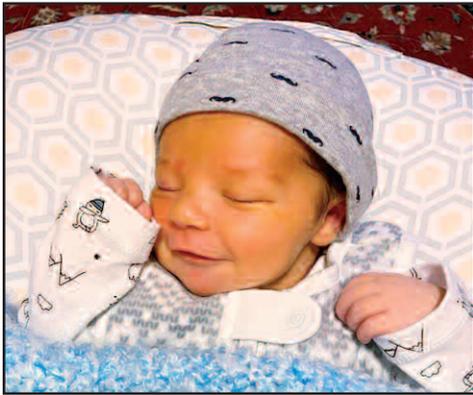
Thurs., Feb 27 at 7 p.m., at the Indianapolis JCC. Cost \$10. Author Dr. Joy Ladin is a nationally recognized speaker on gender and Jewish identity. She is an American poet and the David and Ruth Gottesman Chair in English at (see Events, page IN 6)

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of **Rabbi Simcha** and **Shterny Backman** of Chabad of Glendale and The Foothills Communities on Jan. 8, 2020 held at the Glendale Hilton, in Glendale, Calif.

Mina and **Sam Shorr** on the birth of their son, **Benjamin Leon** (below), on Jan. 19, 2020. Maternal grandparents and great-grandparents are **Rakhel** and **Farid Farahan**, **Habibeh Mottahedeh** and **Julet** and **Shalom Farahan**, and paternal grandparents and great-grandparents are **Eileen** and **Howard Shorr**, and **Rachel Albert** and **Norma Shorr**.



Chincholker, of the Chabad Jewish Center of Bloomington, Ind., on the marriage of their daughter, **Sheina Bracha** (below), to **Rabbi Levi Yitzchok Cunin**, son of **Rabbi Mendel** and **Rivkah Shayndel Cunin**. The wedding was the ninth of *Shevat* (Feb. 4, 2020) at Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn. Honored grandparents: **Benyomin** and **Yerusha Chincholker**, **Moshe** and **Chaya Esther Cudisevici**, **Rabbi Boruch Shlomo Eliyahu** and **Miriam Cunin**, and **Dr. Reuven Abraham** and **Gila Cyrulnik**.



The family of newborn, **Talia Perklov**. Four generations of her family came together to celebrate her birth at Congregation Etz Chaim in Indianapolis on Jan. 26, 2020: Below left to right, standing: **Ari Perklov**, **Vladimir Ilyin**, and **David Farahan**; Seated: **Hannah Perklov** holding Talia, **Sophia Ilyin**, and **Vica Farahan**. Ari and Hannah are her parents, David and Vica are her grandparents, and **Vladimir** and **Sophia** are her great-grandparents. ✨



Dr. J.J. (Jerry) Abrams retired after 70 years as an optometrist on Jan. 19, 2020. In this photo, below, from 2015, he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award for his 65th work anniversary.



Naomi Cohen, of the **Hasten** and **Cohen** families on becoming a *bat mitzvah* on *Rosh Chodesh Shevat* at the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. (Photo by: Esther Chill Photography & Design.)



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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 experience. 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.

Purim Bash & Casino Night at Cong. Shaarey Tefilla (CST)

Sat., Feb. 29 from 7–11 p.m., at CST, 3085 W 116th Street, Carmel. Four hours of adult fun: Music & Dancing, Live & Silent Auctions, Casino Gaming for prizes, and Wine & Beer Tastings. Win Prizes! Win Raffles! Win Wine! Wine Beer! Be crowned Mordechai or Esther of the Bash! \$30 per person includes casino chips, finger food, beverages, and desserts. Purchase tickets through Eventbrite.com (search Purim Bash 2020). For more info go to shaarey tefilla.org or call 317-733-2169.



Off the Bima presents: A Tribute to Jewish Disney

Sun., March 1 at 3 p.m., at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). Join us for a bippity boppity good time! This family Disney concert features Cantor Aviva Marer (IHC) and Cantor Melissa Cohen (Beth-El Zedeck) singing Disney favorites by Jewish composers. Costumes are encouraged and a dessert reception will follow. \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door, kids

12 and under enter FREE! Purchase tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/off-the-bima-a-family-disney-concert-tickets-91894337437?ref=eios>. For more info contact Jacqueline Goldstein at jgoldstein@bez613.org or 317-253-3441.

Cocktail Judaism

Mon., Mar. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth-el Zedeck, in Indianapolis. Join Rabbi Jenni and Brad Greenspan for *challah* baking tips, tricks, and best practices. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Jacqueline Goldstein at jgoldstein@bez613.org or 317-253-3441.

Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Award winning program that chronicles the lives of American Jewish women who have made a mark on American or world history. Meets at 11:30 a.m., at Donato's at 106th and Michigan Road, Indianapolis. Wed., March 4, Florence Dolowitz, founder of Women's American ORT. Presented by Carol Steinfeld. Wed., April 1, Selma Diamond, comedy writer. Presented by Marion Garmel. For more information contact Phyllis Russell at therussells46032@aol.com.

A Field Guide to the Jewish People with Alan Zweibel

Thurs., March 5 at 7 p.m., at the Indianapolis 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*. He has an upcoming film *Here Today*, co-written and co-directed with Billy Crystal. Zweibel's appearance is sponsored by The National Bank of Indianapolis with support from Congregation Beth Shalom.

Bereavement support group

Tues., Mar. 10, Apr. 14 at 6 p.m., in Room A-17 of the Indianapolis 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

Exhibit About Holocaust Survivor Eva Mozes Kor

On Jan. 27, 2020, the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) announced that it will build the first major exhibition devoted to Eva Kor in Indianapolis. To do so, it is partnering with Kor's son Alex Kor, Ted Green Films, and WFYI. The latter two co-produced the well-known 2018 documentary, *Eva: A-7063*, about her path from anger to forgiveness. Plans are for the exhibit to open in early 2021.



The announcement came on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp. And it came on the same day that thousands of middle and high school students have their eyes glued to classroom TVs for Eva's documentary. Gov. Eric Holcomb proclaimed that Monday as officially "Eva Education Day."

IHS President and CEO Jody Blankenship said they were honored to be the place where all of the artifacts and pieces of Eva's story would come together. The partnership is still in the early stages of planning the exhibit. Blankenship said the exhibit will be up for at least 18 months, though he's not yet sure where it will be inside the Indiana History Center. ☆



Seated Eva Kor, z"l: Standing L-R: Eva's son Alex, Dorothy Chambers, former director of CANDLES, her documentary's co-producer, Ted Green, Michael Skolnick, Beth Nairn, and Franci Fealk, when Eva was awarded the Hoosier Jewish Legends award in 2017.

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

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EVENTS*(continued from page IN 6)***CBS Kugel-Off Fundraiser**

Sat. March 14 at 6 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom at 849 W. 96th St., Indianapolis. Put your money where your mouth is! Entire community is invited to a yummy chance to sample kugels from the best kugel makers at CBS and to vote for the winner! Check the CBS calendar bethshalomindy.org for full details or contact Isabel Atlas, ieatlas@aol.com, with questions.

Registration is Open for J-Serve

Sun., March 15, join Jewish 6th–12th graders from around Indy for the annual teen service mega-event J-Serve. While the J-Serve Teen Leadership Team is still putting the final touches on the program planning, take the opportunity to register your interest for this international Jewish youth day of service. J-Serve provides an opportunity to band together with Jewish youth in communities around the world as they engage in community service and bring to life the values of *gemilut chasidim* (acts of loving kindness), *tzedakah* (just and charitable giving), and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). Contact David Heilbron dheilbron@jfgi.org or 317-715-6974.

YoPhi (Youth Philanthropy Indy) Service Learning

Sun., March 15 from 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., at JFGI Education and Engagement Center 6705 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, Door #1. As 6th–12th graders join for J-Serve (see above), do some good in our community with a special 3rd–5th grade session of YoPhi Service Learning! Service projects are still TBD, but it is sure to be a meaningful and fun day. Contact David Heilbron at dheilbron@jfgi.org or 317-715-6974.

Challah for the Soul – Discover the Secrets of a Life Well Lived

Tues., March 17 from 7–9 p.m. at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2640 West 96 St., Carmel. Chabad and Jewish Federation join in sponsoring a community-wide *Challah* Baking Workshop. Guest Lecturer Rochie Pinson, author of *Rising – the Book of Challah* contact: Nini at ngrossbaum@hotmail.com.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Wed., March 18 from 1–2 p.m., at the Indianapolis JCC in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter. This free program will teach you how to recognize common signs of the disease and know what to watch for in yourself and others. Learn tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns

and explore typical age-related changes as well as the importance and benefits of early detection and diagnosis. For more info contact Tammy Hopkins Kramer at fitness@JCCindy.org or 317-715-9245.

Emmet Cohen – Jews & Jazz at the J

Wed., March 18 at 7 p.m. Cost \$20 at the Indianapolis 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.

CBS Annual MahJ-A-Thon

Sun., March 22, 1–4 p.m., at Congregation Beth Shalom, at 849 W. 96th St., Indianapolis. CBS Sisterhood is sponsoring its third annual Mahj-a-thon. Please join us for fun, food, friendship and lots of prizes! \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information or to register, please contact Isabel Atlas at ieatlas@aol.com

Aging Mastery

Weds., March 25–May 27 (class for **Apr. 8** and **15** will be held on **Tues. Apr. 7** and **14**.) From 1–2 p.m., at the Indianapolis JCC. Free course in partnership with Oasis. Topic include exercise, sleep, healthy eating and hydration, financial fitness, advance planning, healthy relationships, medication management, community engagement and fall prevention. For more info contact Tammy Hopkins Kramer at fitness@JCCindy.org or 317-715-9245.

Film – Boys of Terezin

Thurs., Apr. 2 from 7–8:30 p.m., in Indianapolis JCC's Laikin Auditorium. In conjunction with Indianapolis Opera *Brundibar & Vedem* program the JCC is excited to screen the documentary film, *Boys of Terezin* by Music of Remembrance, the group that commissioned *Vedem*. Members of Seattle's acclaimed Northwest Boychoir, perform a new oratorio that opens their eyes to what the Holocaust's genocide meant to teens just like them. They meet the surviving “Boys of Terezin,” and learn the poems that the boys wrote for their secret magazine *VEDEM* while imprisoned by Nazis. Stunning music is by American composer Lori Laitman. In a poignant finale, four “Boys of Terezin”

New Jewish Celebration Station at CJEL

The BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library is excited to announce the establishment of the “Jewish Celebration Station”, a unique and exciting addition to the Indianapolis area Jewish community. This new endeavor, housed in the library in the Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL) building (formerly the Bureau of Jewish Education), will accept donations of Jewish ritual and homemaking items – and lend them out at no charge to the community!

What type of items will be available for loan and accepted as donations? Almost anything with a Jewish theme!

Shabbat: candlesticks, *kiddush* cups, *challah* boards, *challah* covers, *Havdalah* sets

Passover: *seder* plates, *matzah* plates / boxes / covers, plague puppets, *Haggadot*

Purim: groggers

Simchat Torah: miniature *Torahs*

Hanukkah: *menorahs* (oil, candles or electric), dreidels, decorations

General Judaica: *Tallitot* (prayer shawls), *tefillan*, *mezuzot*, hand washing pitchers (no *kippot*, please)

Kitchen / homemaking items: holiday cookie cutters, cookie jars, cake pans, serving trays & bowls, aprons

Children's items: wood holiday play sets

Who can borrow items? Anyone who can use what we have: People wanting to celebrate Jewishly and need ritual objects to do so; Teachers in public and private schools; Local organizations putting on (see Celebration, page IN 8)



reunite in Seattle – after 65 years – for the world premiere performance of the new Music of Remembrance oratorio. See this moving documentary to introduce you to *Vedem* in advance of the opera's performances **April 24, 25, & 26** cosponsored by Indianapolis Opera. Contact Lev Rothenberg at lrothenberg@jccindy.org.

9th Annual Earth Day at the J

Sun., April 26 from noon to 5 p.m.

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** 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. Join us in a #RunForEva! Check out trip alumnus Charles Moman's video about the race: bit.ly/2KdHNNe ✨

Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

B.H.

Amazing Good News

Recently we heard some really good news. A daring and surprising American military action brought about the death of one of Israel's worst enemies, General Kaasem Suleiman of Iran. He was the chief supporter of three terrorist organizations who aim to destroy Israel, G-d forbid. Every year he would send them millions of dollars, give them deadly weapons and military training. He was responsible for the terrible terrorist attacks against the Jews of Argentina. We thank G-d for this wonderful miracle, and for all of the miracles that He shows us.

I, personally, and my family living here in Israel, have not suffered seriously from these terrorists. We live in Kfar Chabad, a beautiful village located in the center of Israel, not far from Tel Aviv. However, many thousands of Jews living in the south of Israel have been suffering from these terrorists almost daily. They shoot rockets at many cities. When they shoot at a city, the air raid sirens go off, and everybody has only one minute to run to the bomb shelter. Many houses and buildings have been destroyed, and many people have suffered from trauma and injury. Thank G-d, we see many miracles. Few people were killed.

Indeed, we see that our world is getting better all of the time. The forces of good are getting stronger, and the forces of evil are getting weaker. In the past, the stronger nations would go to war to conquer the weaker nations and rule over them. Twenty-five hundred years ago the Persians went to war to rule the world. They conquered many nations, including Israel, and brought death and destruction to millions. Two hundred years later the Greeks went to war and took over, again bringing terrible death and destruction. They were followed two hundred years later by the Romans. History records the many wars and empires that followed.

Two hundred years ago Napoleon went to war to conquer the world. Though he succeeded to conquer many countries, his empire did not last long. He was eventually defeated and sent into exile, and that was the end of his empire. Here we see already a case of the forces of evil that were overcome by the forces of good.

I grew up in America during the time of the cold war. Russia wanted to conquer the world. Here also we see that our world was getting better. A cold war was so much better than the hot wars that had

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theater productions with a Jewish theme.

For more information about the Jewish Celebration Station or the BJE Maurer Jewish Community library in general contact Marcia Goldstein, Library Coordinator: library@jfgi.org, 317-614-1837.

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come before. And then 30 years ago the cold war came to a peaceful end. This was truly amazing. World War II came to an end when two atomic bombs destroyed two cities, killing over 100,000 civilians. The cold war ended when the communist government of Russia died peacefully, with no casualties!

The evil communist regime in Russia lasted for 70 years. This regime was responsible for the death of over 50 million(!) innocent citizens. In one winter alone Stalin starved to death 5 million farmers and their families, because they refused to give their farms away to the evil government. Now, Thank G-d, the government of Russia is cooperating with almost all of the nations of the world to make our world better. Many other wicked regimes have since fallen. Only three or four evil regimes are left, and they are all losing power. We pray that they too will soon die peacefully.

Today, thank G-d, the situation has greatly improved. The stronger nations of the world are not trying to conquer their weaker neighbors. Not only that, they are trying to help the weaker nations, to improve the lives of all people!

What is happening to our world? Our spiritual leader, the Lubavitcher Rebbe teaches us that we are now seeing the fulfillment of the words of our prophets that a time will come when our world will be totally good! No more war, no more crime, no more sickness, no more death. This new and wonderful period is called the end of days, the days of *Moshiach*. *Moshiach*, in English, Messiah, will be a ruler, a descendant of King David. He and his followers will bring the world to a state of perfection.

Who is causing all of this? You and me! Every good deed that we do brings more good into our world. Every good deed that I do, every word of *Torah* that I learn brings goodness into my life and to the world that I live in. This is added to all of the good deeds of our forefathers.

We believe that our Rebbe is himself (see Benzion, page IN 10)

Indiana Board of Rabbis (IBOR) Response to Recent Acts of Anti-Semitism – Jan. 5, 2020

The sad news of another attack on the Jewish community, most recently on the seventh night of *Hanukkah* at a rabbi's home in New York, leaves us anxious, sad, fatigued, and searching for a meaningful response.

The Indiana Board of Rabbis condemns all these acts of violence. We mourn those who were murdered and pray for the healing of the victims. IBOR affirms the unity among all Jews, regardless of level of observance, including orthodox, non-orthodox and secular. We are one people: *am Yisra'el*. IBOR also affirms our connection with the many faith communities of Indiana, and we commit to fighting bigotry in all forms. And while we recognize and support the need for increased security in our Jewish institutions, we continue to practice Judaism without fear, and are proud to work with our partners to promote tolerance, acceptance, civility and justice during the new year and new decade.

Indiana Board of Rabbis

Rabbi Brian Besser, Bloomington; Rabbi Scott Fox; Rabbi Shelley Goldman; Rabbi Jennifer R. Greenspan; Rabbi Stanley Halpern; Rabbi Michael Harvey, Lafayette; Rabbi Justin Kerber; Rabbi Bruce Pfeffer; Rabbi Dennis Sasso; Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso; Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow; Rabbi Roxanne J.S. Shaprio; Rabbi Aaron Spiegel; Rabbi Faedra Weiss; Rabbi Lew Weiss; and Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig, Fort Wayne. ✨

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Brundibar/Vedem Project with Indianapolis Opera

On January 27th, two Indianapolis Opera singers performed excerpts from *Vedem* at the IUPUI Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony. Dee Schwartz (below), of Indianapolis, told her and her family's story of surviving the Holocaust. The program also included remarks by Dr. Karen Dace, IUPUI Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, IUPUI Assistant Professor, Jeremy Price, and Matt Cooksey, director of *Vedem*.



On January 28th, Indianapolis Opera singers performed at the Children's Museum for their International Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony. That night, the Jewish Community Center hosted the film screening of *We Shall Not Die Now*. Following the film, Ashton Gleckman who



Rehearsal pianist Andrew Pham, singers Laura Kendal Zahn, and Felipe Prado of the Indianapolis Opera at the program at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Photos credit: Kay Feeney-Caito.

produced, directed and scored the film discussed his experiences with local Holocaust survivor Frank Grunwald who is in the film. The movie won the Audience Choice Award for the 2019 Heartland Film Festival.

For more information about Brundibar/Vedem Project with Indianapolis Opera, please visit: <http://www.indyopera.org/brundibar—vedem.html>. Or contact Education Director Dr. Rachele Woolston, at 317-283-3531 or woolston@indyopera.org. Indianapolis Opera, 4011 North Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis IN 46205. ★

About the Cover

Photos by Michael Rose

Michael Rose spent two weeks in December and January visiting his son Rafi (top center photo taken at the Dead Sea). Rafi, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation in Indianapolis and attended Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, is studying at Aish Hatorah in Jerusalem. It had been 20 years since Michael was last in Israel and he said there have been improvements. One that stood out to him is the way the religious Jews are more tolerant of secular Jews. Another surprising experience was flooding in Nahariya. *Thank you, Michael and Rafi, for sharing these great photos with us.*

The photo on the cover: top left of the Kotel (Western Wall) was taken from the roof of Aish Hatorah. Top right is the Aron HaKodesh in the Rambam synagogue in the Old City. The bottom left photo is of a door in Akko painted with a pomegranate plant. Bottom right was a *simcha* (celebration) concert at the Kotel Plaza. Bottom center is "A Parents Prayer" display in Tiberias. The center photo is a tree in the Old City of Akko with a photo of the Kotel in the background. ★

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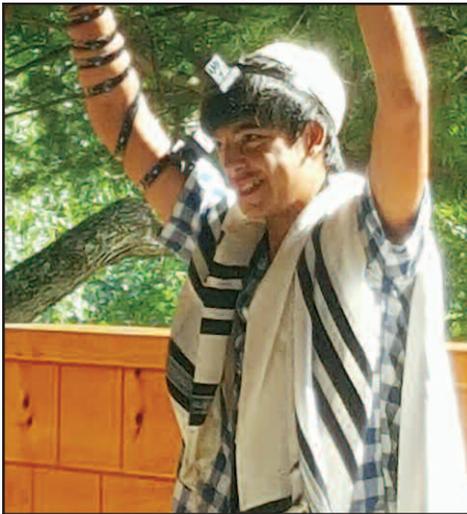
Jet's Jewish Journey: A Tribute to Jewish Camping



By CHUCK COHEN

Our grandson, Jet Cohen Bautista, was born Oct. 18, 2002 in Palm Springs, Calif., with a rare congenital syndrome: Goldenhar syndrome, characterized by incomplete development of the ear, heart problems, and asymmetry of the mandible. At three months, Jet was rushed to Loma Linda Children's Hospital because of breathing difficulties. Over the next seven months, Jet was on life support and had a variety of surgeries – tracheal reconstruction, two open-heart surgeries to repair holes in his heart, nissen fundoplication surgery to permanently prevent gastric reflux, gastrointestinal tube insertion for feeding – and, ultimately, a tracheotomy. Jet had gained only one pound during this ordeal, but finally he started to thrive.

While wearing the tracheotomy tube, Jet was unable to speak, so he learned to communicate with sign language. At age three, when his tracheotomy tube was



Jet Cohen Bautista on the day of becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

removed, Jet started to grow into a normal little boy, but he still had some disfiguring birth defects. When he started school, he was subjected to the teasing and bullying that all too often plagues anyone who looks and talks differently. Needless to say, Jet's self-esteem was slow to develop.

To give a little background, Jet's mother, our daughter, Danielle, was raised in a Reform Jewish tradition, had a *Bat Mitzvah*, and is a strong cultural Jew. She married Ron Bautista in a Jewish ceremony

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our long awaited *Moshiach*. He meets the necessary criteria listed by the Rambam. Get in touch with your local Chabad Rabbi or one of the Chabad websites to learn about *Moshiach*. Learn how to improve your life and improve our world and bring *Moshiach* now! We want *Moshiach* now, we don't want to wait!

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



officiated by a Rabbi. Jet and his older sister, Blaze, know that they are Jewish but have neither belonged to a Temple nor attended religious school with any regularity. Our older daughter Amy and her family are modern Orthodox Jews who live in Skokie, Ill. Amy's four sons, the youngest of which (Gilad) is one year younger than Jet, have long attended Camp Moshava, an Orthodox camp in Wild Rose, Wisc. For years, whenever Jet would visit his cousin, Gil, he would play with him and his friends on *Shabbat*, and felt very accepted – completely unlike his experiences at school.

One day, about four years ago, Amy, aware of the social problems Jet was experiencing, suggested to us that he might like to go to Camp Moshava with her boys. My wife Karen and I said we would take care of it, if Jet and Danielle were interested, and they were! To prepare his friends for the arrival of his cousin Jet at camp, Gil told them to make a special effort to help Jet feel comfortable. The friend whose house Gil was visiting told his mother about Jet. When she asked Gil about his cousin, Gil cried as he explained the situation.

So that summer, Jet attended Orthodox camp for four weeks. He was the most popular kid at camp. All the counselors loved him. His growth – particularly in self-respect – was remarkable. When Jet returned home, he said, "Grampy, I want to go back next year!" Knowing that, obviously, we were going to let him go back, I said, "Well, you'll have to do some things to earn the right to go, like brushing your teeth and taking a shower every night." Jet agreed.

Jet's family had moved over the summer, and when he began attending a new school that fall, he reported that he was being bullied. Danielle decided that Jet needed a smaller classroom environment and enrolled him in Catholic school. Having just returned from Orthodox camp, Jet was now having to attend Mass at school. He put his fingers in his ears so he wouldn't hear. When I asked him once

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HHAI's Melrose Gym – a Witness to Hustle!

By JENNIFER BLAINE

(HHAI PHYS. ED. TEACHER/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)



game battled on through the third quarter with the team closing the gap to one point at 24-25. While they played their hardest, the game ended with us finally losing by five points, 34-39. Leading the scorecard was Harris Nachlis with 22 points, followed by Yoav Ehrlich with 6 points, Gabriel Vasquez-Jaffe with 4, and Moses Fineman with 2. The rest of the team played wonderfully as well, supporting the team with good passing, assisting shooters, and playing fierce defense.

I've seen hundreds of basketball games in my time here at HHAI and I have to say this performance was one of the best efforts I've ever witnessed in Melrose Gym. A true story of never judging a book by its cover and to never give up. I know I can speak for everyone there that we are all very proud of each member of this team and how they represented their

school in this athletic competition. ✨



2019-20 HHA I Elementary Basketball
Record: 9-4, Coach: Steve Coleman, Players: (in no particular order): Yoav Ehrlich, Gabriel Vasquez-Jaffe, Harris Nachlis, Asher Schwartz, Moses Fineman, Matanya Goldstein, Jonathan Aronov, Zalman Schusterman, Yitzi Schwartz, Liron Blinkov, Micky Fineman, and Yonatan Alkobi.

After an exciting pep rally that included the entire Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (HHAI) cheering at the first ever "Blue vs White" scrimmage on Jan. 30, 2020, this year's HHAI Boys Basketball team started getting ready for their last opponent of the season, the Chargers from Kingsway Christian School.

As the team warmed up, Kingsway arrived and in through the door walked the most gigantic basketball players they have seen all year! Upon some coaches discussion, it was quickly discovered that a scheduling mix up had sent their 7th grade middle school team to play us instead of their 5th and 6th grade team.

Not backing down from the challenge, our brave Stars took the court and played anyway! Led by Coach Steve Coleman, the boys took the Chargers by surprise with a full court press that lead to many turnovers and won 50-50 balls. Their efforts paid off as they found themselves tied 9-9 at the end of the first quarter and then only down 13-19 at halftime. The

Indiana Jewish Legends – A Hall of Fame

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society is so excited and ready to accept your nomination for this 5th year honoring our Indiana Hoosier Jewish Legends! Please think of the many legends – both alive or deceased – in your community that have made a significant and lasting impact to our heritage and take the time to fill out the application and send them to us. *The Hoosier Jewish Legends – A Hall of Fame* celebrates Jewish and non-Jewish Hoosiers who have created a significant and lasting impact to their profession, faith-based and/or secular community, and the legacy of the role of the Jewish community in Indiana's continuing story. To download the nomination form or for further information, please refer to the IJHS website: www.ijhs.org or contact Sheila Greenwald at sheilaeg@aol.com. **Completed nominations must be post-marked by April 1, 2020**

Our Past Honorees:

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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

Tues., Feb. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Hasten Hebrew Academy, 6602 Hoover Rd. All are welcome. Call Monica Rosenfeld at 317-255-3604 or 317-691-5907 for more info.

American Valentine

Thurs., Feb. 13 at 6 p.m., at Dance Kaleidoscope, 4603 Clarendon Road. A powerful, uplifting show that features love and hope about our country in act one and a romantic look at love between people in act two. At least 7 people required for transportation. Call Christy at 317-259-6822. Transportation provided if needed \$10.

Cooking Class with Lian

Mon., Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL), 6705 Hoover Road, Door #1. A minimum of 5 required. RSVP to Christy at 317-536-1475. Cost \$5.

Axial Religions: The Vedantic Solution

Tues., Feb. 18 from 1–2:30 p.m. at Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL), 6705 Hoover Road, Door #1. Class will be led by Carole Neuffer. For more information call Carol at 317-595-9192. No charge.

Saturday Night Fever

Wed., Feb. 19 at 11:30 a.m., at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 N. Michigan Road. Told through the eyes of a talented, streetwise kid from Brooklyn who attempts to escape his dead-end life through dancing, *Saturday Night Fever* explores relationships on and off the dance floor with humor, conflict, style and unforgettable swagger. Powered by the chart-breaking hits of the Bee Gees, the pulsating score includes "Stayin' Alive," "If I Can't Have You," "How Deep is Your Love," "Boogie Shoes" and "Disco Inferno." We need 20 people to receive discounted tickets. RSVP to Jim Lasher at 317-921-1081 as soon as possible. Cost \$49.

Religion, Spirituality and the Arts: The Story of Jonah

Thurs., Feb. 20 from 5:30–7:30 p.m., at the JCC. Explorations with Rabbi Sandy Sasso. Uncover the personal significance of the

JET

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if he was going to baseball practice that night, Jet said he couldn't because he had to study for a test on the 14 stations of the cross. Jet did okay at Catholic school, though. He was the best player on his 7th grade basketball team and, even though the team was terrible, Jet gained greater self-esteem.

The next summer, Jet returned to Camp Moshava for six weeks. Again, he had a great time and told me that he wanted to return the next summer. I told him we wanted to hear more detail about what he did at camp so we arranged a Facetime call. He told me all about *Tisha B'av*, that it was a fast day but they had an optional breakfast. I asked if he had eaten breakfast, and he said he had. Then they went to daven, came back to rest, then went back to daven some more. I said, "Wait a minute. You mean they davened?" "No" he said, "I davened, too." I said, "How could you daven?" To which he replied, "They're teaching me the *aleph bet*." That gave me a thought. Amy was planning Gil's *Bar Mitzvah* to be in Israel and, though not wanting to take any of the limelight away from Gil, I asked Amy if we could have a *Bar Mitzvah* for Jet in Israel. She said that would be fine, but perhaps Jet would enjoy having his *Bar Mitzvah* at camp with his friends. So, last August, at Camp Moshava, surrounded by his family and friends, Jet had his *Bar Mitzvah*.

After having his *Bar Mitzvah*, Jet received this email from one of his counselors at Camp Moshava:

On the first day of camp two years ago I



biblical story of Jonah. Call Ruthie at 317-557-2265 for more information. No charge.

Lunch and a Movie: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Mon., Feb. 24 at 11:30 a.m., for lunch, and 1 p.m., for movie at Kraft Commons Assisted Living, 7019 Hoover Road. In the Southwest during the Civil War, a mysterious stranger, Joe (Clint Eastwood), and a Mexican outlaw, Tuco (Eli Wallach), form an uneasy partnership; Joe turns in the bandit for the reward money, then rescues him just as he is being hanged. When Joe's shot at the noose goes awry during one escapade, a furious Tuco tries to have him murdered. The men re-team abruptly, however, to beat out a sadistic criminal and the Union army and find \$20,000 that a soldier buried in the desert. Only 16 seats available. Call Lindy Fry at 317-704-1040 to reserve your seat. This event will take place the fourth Monday of each month. Lunch \$3. ✨

was very excited, not only because I was back in *machaneh* and the summer was finally getting started, but also because I had a *chanich* who was new to camp. His name was Jet, and he was coming all the way to Wisconsin from Palm Springs. As I met Jet that night, we got to talking and he told me he was a little nervous because he wasn't so familiar with all the Jewish stuff. I told him that we both had a lot of time together and we could help each other out. So that night we made a deal: I would help Jet out with the Jewish stuff and he would help teach me how to be cool.

That night me, Noah and Elliot taught Jet the *shema* and from there he's flown. That summer and the following I had the privilege of either being Jet's counselor or being his *chavruta* on *Shabbat* afternoon. I'm not sure how much cooler I've gotten, but Jet has made tremendous strides in "the Jewish stuff" and has taught me and many others so much along the way. One big lesson I learned was last year on *Shabbat* afternoon. I had asked Jet why *Shabbat* was his favorite day besides for the *Shabbos* walks. He answered with something that sticks with me every week. "On *Shabbat*," he said, "everyone has a place and everyone can join, no matter who they are or where they came from." I'm so proud of Jet and all that he's accomplished, and I am so happy to have him as a part of my *Moshava* family. *Mazal tov*, kid, and see you soon.

Jet's journey is far from over, but his growth and maturity have absolutely taken off, and much of this can be attributed to his Jewish camping experience. P.S. Jet now attends public school.

Charles A. (Chuck) Cohen was born in Greenville, Ky. He married Karen Jacobson in 1963 and graduated law school from Indiana University in 1966. He entered the U.S. Army and completed his military service as a Captain in 1968. He moved to Indianapolis in 1971 and was a Founding Partner of the law firm Cohen Garelick & Glazier where he was Managing Partner until his retirement. Chuck has served the Indianapolis and National Jewish communities in many capacities over the past 48 years. Chuck and Karen are the parents of Brad Cohen, Dr. Amy Kaissar, and Danielle Cohen Bautista. They have eight grandchildren.

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NOMINATIONS

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Sasso, Indianapolis; Rabbi Sandy Sasso, Indianapolis; Martin and Helen Schwartz* Muncie; Betty Stein*, Fort Wayne; Elizabeth Weinberg* Madison; David Wolf, Indianapolis; Joan Wolf, Indianapolis. (*deceased) ✨

Obituaries

Harriet Marlene (Glanzman) Lawrence, 81, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, passed away on Nov. 6, 2019. Harriet was born in Indianapolis on Aug. 13, 1938 to the late Harry and Ethel Glanzman. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School and worked for many years for the National Insurance Association in finance. She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and the Washington Township Fire Department Auxiliary.

Harriet is survived by her beloved children, Steve (April), Denise, Paul Lawrence and Stacy (Jeff) Stewart; 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and in-laws, Linda Glanzman and Herman and Diane Lawrence. She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Lawrence and her brother, Ron Glanzman.

Visitation and funeral were held November 11th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Marcia "Marci" Greenberg, 57, passed away on Nov. 25, 2019. She was born June 19, 1962, the daughter of Flora F. Greenberg and the late Joseph H. Greenberg. She attended Westlane Junior High School where she enjoyed basketball and other intramural sports and North Central High School.

She leaves behind her son, James Joseph Greenberg; sister, Carol Siebecker; many friends; and her cat, "Socks". In addition to her father, she is preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Hillary First; and paternal grandmother, Rose Greenberg.

Calling was December 1st at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Donations in her memory may be made to the Indianapolis Humane Society.

Donald R. Stillerman, 88, passed

away on Dec. 10, 2019. He was born in Indianapolis on Jan. 19, 1931, the son of Louis and Ida Stillerman. Don was a member of AZA #520 and Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. He graduated from Manuel High School and served during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Army. Don co-owned and operated the family business of Stillerman Electric. He left the business in the 1970s and worked in sales, winning sales contests and was rewarded with exotic vacation trips.



Don's strong commitment to family and Judaism were accompanied by his soft-spoken, kind, thoughtful and honest ways. When he was growing up on the south side, there were five Orthodox synagogues. Rabbi Fox, of the Union Street *shul*, invited him and Jerry Kraft to be members of a group called "Minyanairs". They learned how to chant and lead services. Since Don had a beautiful voice the two were invited to lead *Shabbat* services at the different congregations. This earned him some radio spots.

Don loved the stage and performed at Footlight Musicals. He was an accomplished pianist and would accompany his children when they performed in talent shows. For many years, Don enjoyed helping his wife Janet plan activities for Seniors in Place. At his funeral Rabbi Dennis Sasso said, "In health and illness, Don strove to make life a blessing for himself, his family and all he touched in life's journey. He will be missed but his memory will live on as a loving benediction and inspiration."

Don is survived by his wife of 63 years Janet. They met at Broad Ripple Park Swimming Pool and their first date was at the Starlight Musicals at Butler for the play, *South Pacific*. He is also survived by his four children: sons, Ivan (Robert Knoll), Alan (Lynn Danzig) and Dan Stillerman and daughter, Lori (Garrett) Smith; sister, Paula Falender and grandchildren Jenna and Matthew Smith, and Jordan Stillerman.

Funeral services were held December 13th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Donations in his memory can be made to the Beth-El Zedeck Fred Fogle Confirmation Scholarship fund.

Yakov Potashnik, 83, passed away Dec. 13, 2019. He was born on Feb. 1, 1936 in Uzbekistan to the late David and Brunya Potashnik. He worked as an Economist. Yakov is survived by his beloved wife, Lyudmila Bolynsky Potashnik, his son, Dimitry, daughters, Zina (Alex) Greengauz and Irina Nemirovsky and

cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on December 16th, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Lyudmila Potashnik, 83, passed away Dec. 25, 2019. She was born on Aug. 15, 1936 in Uzbekistan to the late Yakov and Raisa Volynsky. She worked as a teacher for 30 years. Lyudmila is survived by her son, Dimitry, daughters, Zina (Alex) Greengauz and Irina Nemirovsky and cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Yakov, who passed earlier this month.

Funeral services were held on December 27th, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Betty Helman, (Maurer, Paller, Burnham) Carlin, 97, died peacefully Dec. 25, 2019. She was born Jan. 28, 1922 in Indianapolis to Jack and Odessa Helman. She had one sister who was her best friend, Marjorie Bradford. She married Julius Maurer, Ben Paller, Wayne Burnham and Jules Carlin. All five preceded her in death.



Betty lived her life with gusto. She always saw the good in others. She was an integral part of the Indianapolis Jewish community, a role model in giving back. She graduated from Shortridge High School. When she attended Indiana University, she was one of the founders of the Jewish sorority, Sigma Delta Tau. She was an excellent cook, creative artist, enjoyed planning parties, and helped friends and family design their homes. She loved traveling and was an avid golfer and tennis player into her late 80's.

Being with her family and friends was her greatest joy. She was proud of and survived by her children, Michael "Mickey" (Janie), Ronald (Jean), Bonnie (Jeff Freemas) and Wendi (Elliot Shev), and her step children Alan Paller and Joanie Paller Bines and her many grand and great grand children.

The family thanks all of her dear caregivers: Sharon Noel, Arzella Williams, Caroline Tekete, Debra Arnold, Debbie Carter, Denisa Noel and Peggy Thomas for their excellent help in caring for Betty.

Her funeral was held at the Beth-El Zedeck Chapel on December 30th. Instead of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Sidney Maurer Memorial Feed the Hungry Fund at Beth-El Zedeck or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.



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Fred I. Frisch, 84, lauded real estate professional, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away on Dec. 31, 2019 with his family by his side.



Fred was born in Indianapolis on Oct. 19, 1935 to the late Blanka and Leon Frisch. He was a graduate of Shortridge High School, attended Michigan State University, the University of Louisville and graduated from the University of Miami in 1957 with a BA in Business Administration.

Fred began his career in family businesses; Stop N' Shop (Grocers), and Potter Material Service (Masonry). In 1971 Fred earned his real estate license and formed his own company. He is highly regarded among his peers for his commitment to the Indianapolis community and its commercial real estate development. In 1984 he became Chairman of the Commercial Industrial Marketing Group, (CIMG), a division of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors. He was most proud of convincing CIMG to donate excess funds in order to provide Christmas presents to the needy on an annual basis.

Fred is a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and a past president of their Men's Club. He was on the board of directors of the Hooverwood Jewish home where he spent the final years of his life as one of its most beloved residents, being remembered for his smile and kindness to others.

Fred is survived by his devoted family, loving wife of 62 years, Rochelle Frisch; children, Caryn (Rudi) Scheidt and Dan Frisch; grandchildren, Rachel (Kyle) Polack, Lindsay Scheidt, and Ryan Scheidt; great grandson, Ezra Leon Polack; sister, Frances (Norman) Ochstein; and sister-in-law, Marsha Frisch. Fred was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jack Frisch.

Funeral services were held January 3rd in the Kaufman-Schuchman chapel at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ). Burial followed in BEZ North Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation BEZ, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260, Lewy Body Dementia Association (www.lbda.org) or a favorite charity of the donor. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Laurence "Larry" Joseph Mallah (Eliyahu Ben Joseph), 64, of Indianapolis passed away Jan. 2, 2020. Survivors include his wife Brenda; daughters Amanda, Lesley, and Jessica; sisters Gina, Gloria, and Deborah; and grandsons Jackson, Lincoln, and Joseph. He was predeceased by his parents, Lee and Joseph

Mallah. Funeral services were held January 5th at Etz Chaim Cemetery, 2295 S West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. Shiva was held at the home of his sister Gina Berger. Memorial contributions may be made to Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, P.O. Box 80004, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Caroline Myers Goldbach, a kind and loving wife, a proud mother, and devoted grandmother, died on Jan. 4, 2020. She is survived by her two children, Anne Catherine Goldbach (James V. DiNatale) and Lisa Goldbach Geisse (Dr. John K. Geisse); and three grandchildren, Jennifer Claire Johnson-Geisse (Ashlee Johnson-Geisse), Sarah Ann Geisse and Eva Pauline Geisse. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Fritz H. Goldbach; her brother, William M. Meyers; and her sister, Barbara Parson.

Known affectionately as Aunt Caroline, "Ibbie" and Nana, her love of family near and far, both here and in Israel was of paramount importance in her life. Born in Indianapolis in 1922, to the late Pauline M. and William P. Meyers, she was proud of her Hoosier roots.

She was a longtime member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), their Sisterhood, the local chapter of the National Council of Jewish Woman and a Life Member of Hadassah. She volunteered for years at the Hooverwood Guild's gift shop.

Caroline loved reading, planning parties, family gatherings, and spending time with her friends, particularly at Mah Jongg games, and Birthday Club. She showered her family and friends with love and support; she will be remembered for her caring personality, her thoughtfulness and her delicious "special" brownies.

Heartfelt thanks and love to her wonderful caregivers who made it possible for Caroline to live in her apartment these recent years – Eula Moore, Chavonda Amos, Ashley Moore, Kristi Jones, Marianne Fraps, and Katherine Easton.

Private funeral services were held January 8th in the IHC South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to IHC or Hooverwood Guild or the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Zinoviy Grimberg, 86, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away on Jan. 5, 2020 with his loving family by his side. Zinoviy was born in Poltava, USSR on Feb. 2, 1933 to David and Ginda Grimber. He began training at an early age to become an electrician. Upon coming to America he became a skilled tool and dye maker. It

was his family that brought him his greatest joys. He will be remembered by his daughters as "the best dad ever", and will be held in the hearts of those that knew him forever

He is survived by his daughters, Natasha (Marvin) Sacks and Rabbi Tina (Moshe Shizgal) Grimberg; grandchildren, Daniel, Andrew and David; brother, Valentin Grimberg; great-grandchildren, Jonah, Corey and Micah. He was preceded in death by his wife, Svetlana.

Funeral services were held January 6th in **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, and burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery.

Elaine (Shampansky) Arffa, 89, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and community leader

passed away on Jan. 9, 2020. She was born in Port Jervis, N.Y. on June 29, 1930 to the late Harold and Bertha Shampansky. She was a graduate of Albany State Teachers College, where she became the first female recipient of a Master of Business Administration, MBA, in 1957. Elaine devoted her life to education. She taught High School business and English classes in New York, and then in Indianapolis at Howe High School and IUPUI.



In the early 1980's Elaine began working at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). She served in many capacities at IHC: Education Director, Executive Director and Director of the Early Childhood Center. Over her 30 years at IHC Elaine left her mark, championing programs, such as Caring Community, and sharing her love of learning and Judaism. She was a member of the National Association of Temple Educators and NCJW. It was during this time that Elaine celebrated becoming an adult *Bat Mitzvah*. Elaine was active in the secular community as well. She volunteered her time at The Children's Museum. Her favorite past times were traveling, knitting, playing bridge, reading, singing, and attending her many book clubs and investment clubs.

Her great joys came from her family. Elaine is survived by her husband of 65 years, Gerald L. Arffa; children, Lauren T. (Jim) Wolf, Adam S. (Helen) Arffa and Naomi B. (Michael) Swiezy; grandchildren, Griffin, Amy, Sally, Andrea, Sarah and Jacob, and great-grandchildren, Liam, Grayson, Eli and Wesley. Funeral services were January 12th at IHC. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to IHC in Elaine Arffa's name. Arrangements were entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

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Shana Rochelle Spector, 37,

beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend, passed away at her home, at peace, on Jan. 9, 2020. She was born Jan. 14, 1982. Shana is survived by her beloved family, her parents Larry Spector and Carolyn Lebowitz Spector; her brother, Jason (Jen) Spector; nieces, Phoebe and Stella and nephew, Jaxon and numerous extended family and friends whom will cherish her memory. Funeral services were January 15th in Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or to Anxiety and Depression Association of America, www.adaa.org.



Jack Jaffe, 95, life-long

Indianapolis resident and beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away on Jan. 11, 2020. He was born on June 16, 1924 to the late Harold and Jeanette Jaffe. He was a 1942 graduate of Shortridge High School, where he played the saxophone in the school band. The band had the great honor to travel to Newport News, Va., to play for the launch of the Navy's newest battleship, the SS Indianapolis as it made its maiden voyage. Jack proudly served his country in WWII as corporal surgical tech in the Army.



Jack was a graduate of Indiana University where he continued in the marching band and was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, and a graduate of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. Following graduation Jack joined his father's optometry practice in Indianapolis. He later opened his own optometry practice in Eagledale where he served his patient community with great pride and loyalty until he retired.

Jack was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), The American Optometric Association, member and past president of KIWANIS, Life member and past president of Lions Club, and past president and member of the Indiana Optometric Association.

Jack's greatest joys came from spending time with family and friends. He loved to laugh, and make others smile and laugh with him.

He is survived by his sister, Elaine Strauss, his children, Jay Jaffe, Jan (Kevin) Broadus and Caren (Mike) Goodwin; grandchildren, Nolan, Cameron, Jason,

Michelle, Julia, Cory and Rachel and great-grandchildren, Eleni, Maya, Jacob, Raiden, Juniper, Rowan, Jaiden and Jax. Jack was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Pearl Jaffe.

Graveside funeral services were held January 15th in IHC Cemetery North. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.**

Lawrence E. Siegel, 95, of Carmel, passed away Jan. 13, 2020. He was born in Indianapolis to Nathan and Gertrude Siegel on Nov. 6, 1924. After completing high school, Larry proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. Larry held various jobs, working in sales for Kiefer-Stewart, a wholesale Drug and Liquor Company and later in the wholesale meat business. Then he operated Larry's Bluko Car Wash until retirement. Larry kept busy in retirement working for Cardinal Health as a courier.



He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ), American Legion Speedway 500 Post, Monument Masonic Lodge and Jewish War Veterans. Larry is survived by his son, Nathan H. Siegel; and sister, Natalie Zukerman.

Graveside services were held January 16th in BEZ South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.**

Sylvia Schuchman Rothbard, 99, life-long resident of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully at her home on Jan. 18, 2020. Sylvia was born on Aug. 25, 1920 to Benjamin and Fannie Maierson. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School and attended Butler College. Sylvia was an avid golfer and belonged to Broadmoor Country Club, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, was a life member of Hadassah, and active with Temple Sisterhood.

She is survived by her beloved children, Harvey (Mary) Schuchman, Marsha Frisch, and Fred (Frances) Schuchman; 6 grandchildren, David and Greg Schuchman, Amanda Beethe, Gary Frisch and Cathy Weiss and 8 great-grandchildren. Sylvia was preceded in death by her husbands, Dr. Gabriel Schuchman and Joseph Rothbard and grandson, Daniel Schuchman.

The family thanks the wonderful caregivers for their devoted assistance: Wanda Surber, Fay Burden, Erica Walton and Robin Mason.

Graveside services were held January 22nd in BEZ North Cemetery. Memorial

contributions may be made to Congregation BEZ, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.**

Linda (Wohlfeld) Leary, 88, of Indianapolis, passed away Jan. 20, 2020. She was born in Indianapolis to Elmer and Ida Wohlfeld on June 15, 1931. Linda attended Indiana University, where she studied stage production.

She began working for Blue Cross Blue Shield and initiated the first immunization program in the city. She also organized health fairs around Monument Circle. Linda then took a position working for Dick Lugar and initiated the first daycare center serving underprivileged children, located at 16th and Delaware. Linda also worked at The Cities Training Program for high school dropouts. In addition, she had been the president of King Cola Midwest in Saint Louis and Kansas City.



Linda instilled the importance of family, and she also valued contributing to local organizations in Indianapolis. Her involvement in the city was impressive. She had served as president of the League of Woman Voters at the local and state level, as well as President of The National Council of Jewish Women, and was an active volunteer for The Children's Museum, Indianapolis Zoo, St. Vincent Hospice, and Planned Parenthood. Linda also served on the Festival of Music committee and was involved with the Indianapolis Symphony. She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and also served as a board member of the Temple Sisterhood. She will be remembered for her strength, leadership skills, and compassion.

Linda is survived by her sister, Sybil (Shelby); four children, Richard (Bella), Paul, Barbara, and Andrew (Christina); eight grandchildren, Lauren (Ryan), Rachel, Marc, Tori, Mia, Sebastian, Casper, and Mads; and two great-grandchildren, Harrison and Isla. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.**

Linda lived at Marquette Manor for the past ten years. Per her wishes, there were no services. Instead of flowers, donations could be made to The Marquette Employee Fund, 8140 Township Line Road Indianapolis, IN 46260 or to St Vincent Hospice, 8450 North Payne Road, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Lonnie Gilbert Nefouse, 73, passed away Jan. 24, 2020. He was born Dec. 29, 1946 to Angela (Nahmias) Nefouse and Solomon Nefouse, both preceding him in death. He was the oldest of

7 children; 4 brothers and twin sisters.

He graduated from North Central High School and enlisted in the Army. He served in Vietnam and ranked as a Sargent. He was awarded many awards and honors including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart.

Lonnie worked in the sporting goods industry with his brothers and eventually started his own insurance agency, Nefouse and Associates. Lonnie loved spending time with his grandsons, playing poker, going to the movies, playing tennis and loved do-wop music and the rat pack. He attended many charity events and often was a title sponsor for many. His generosity was over whelming. He always made an effort to attend his family members and friends' weddings, b'nai mitzvah, birthday parties and so on.

He is survived by his wife, Barbie Nefouse; son, Tony (Mandy) Nefouse; daughter, Kara (Brad Smith) Nefouse; brothers, Paul (Juli), Greg (Barbara), Alan, and Eddie (Amy) Nefouse; sisters, Kelly (Steve) Bodner and Shelly (John) Lipps; grandsons, Maxwell (13), Sam (11), Ari (4), Beckett (3), and Boden (10 months); step daughters, Morgan and Molly Corya.

Funeral services were held January 27th at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ). Lonnie was laid to rest in Etz Chaim Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Simon Youth Foundation, 225 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 or Congregation BEZ. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Valentina (Mikhalev) Kurmanov,

69, of Carmel passed away January 25, 2020. She was born on January 11, 1951 in Chirchik, Uzbekistan to Nikolai and Nina (Tulkop) Mikhalev.

Valentina is survived by her loving husband of 46 years, Victor Kurmanov; son, Denis Kurmanov; mother, Nina Mikhalev and sisters, Tamara Golub and Rachael Miesel.

Funeral services were held January 27th at **ARN Funeral and Cremation Services**, and burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North.

Florence Shapiro Danzig, 92, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, Florence Danzig of Fishers passed away Jan. 26, 2020. She was born to Helen and Abe Shapiro on Jan. 19, 1928 in the



Bronx, N.Y.

The Shapiro family moved to Indianapolis when Florence was five. In 1949, she married Frank Danzig. The couple had two daughters, Lynn and Susan. After Frank passed away, Florence worked in the playroom at Marsh supermarket, watching the children of shoppers. It gave her unexpected joy. She also treasured going to the movies and enjoying a good meal with friends. In her later years Florence lived with her daughter Lynn, which gave her a sense of comfort.

Florence is survived by her daughter, Lynn (Alan Stillerman) Danzig; and sisters, Sunny Hoffman and Sue Prince. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank; her daughter, Susan Danzig Brown; and her brother, David Shapiro.

Graveside services were held January 29th in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Justin Harris Libby,

son of Miriam and Julian Libby of Cincinnati was professor emeritus in the department of history at IUPUI. After a seven year battle with lung cancer, Justin died peacefully in his sleep on Jan. 28, 2020. For more than 40 years, whether teaching American history or one of his specialties, Japan and International Relations, he made history come alive by requiring his students to ask questions and discover new ideas.

His commitment to his students went beyond the lecture hall, however. He was always ready to support those who arrived on campus lacking academic preparation, who came from other countries, or had financial struggles. During his tenure at IUPUI, he served as chair of the graduate history program for two years, sat on many campus wide committees, and was an active researcher having dozens of articles published until the last weeks of his life.

Justin's academic interest in studying East Asia grew from four years spent in Japan and Laos as part of the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1961. While in Tokyo, Justin was an air traffic controller, in addition to being given temporary assignments as part of the special forces missions to Laos, as a forward observer.

After leaving the Air Force, Justin returned to the United States and completed an undergraduate degree at the University of Cincinnati in three years, followed by an MA in history the following year. While there he met his future wife Judith Freeman. They were married in 1965 and have two children Dr. Julie Anne Hertzler, Cleveland, (Dr. John Hertzler,



and Professor Andrew Libby, Bloomington (Debby Harris).)

The delight of the last 20 years, however, has been spending time with his five grandchildren, Margo and Lauren Hertzler and Miles, Alex, and Sam Libby. Nothing made him happier than taking the whole family on vacations to Aspen, Martha's Vineyard, Tucson, and a special 50th anniversary trip to Costa Rica.

Along with his wife, he took several trips for research to Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Viet Nam and Cambodia. They also enjoyed spending time in Scandinavia, Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, the Baltics, and the British Isles. Justin was especially proud of being asked to give papers in Hong Kong, the Naval War College, Annapolis, and at many historical conferences around the country.

Justin also found great pleasure in volunteering. For several years he coached baseball at First Baptist. Along with his wife, he fostered seven infants from St. Elizabeth's, served as advisor to his temple youth group, helped establish and then resettle the first group of Russian Jews fleeing the Soviet Union, hosted multiple Japanese families when they arrived at IUPUI to study at the school of dentistry, and worked for many years on the Jewish Federation's "Super Sunday" fund drive.

In addition, for more than 40 years, Justin was a faculty advisor to IUPUI students. They could always count on a welcome from Dr. Libby when they arrived at his office. Almost every semester his classes filled, and he was happy to let any student willing to work hard enter. Even after his official retirement at 65, Justin continued teaching for another decade, reluctantly having to stop after his cancer diagnosis.

Throughout the last two years of Justin's battle with lung cancer, he was thankful for the support of his sister Rosalyn Holtzman, his nieces and nephews, and especially the many frequent visits, calls, and cards from his wonderful friends and neighbors. He was also thankful for the excellent care of people from St. Vincent's Hospice, My Extra Hands, and Bright Star who enhanced and extended the quality of his life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Beth El Zedeck or Riley Hospital.

Funeral services were held on January 31st at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Faye (Dollar) Levy, 88, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away on Jan. 28, 2020 surrounded by her family. Faye was born on July 18, 1931 to the late Reuben and Edith Dollar in



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Healdton, Okla. Faye was an avid golfer, enjoyed traveling. Her great joy came from spending time with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her devoted husband of 68 years, William Levy; her children, Ike (Cindy) Levy and Karan (Ed) Woods; grandchildren, Isaac, Daniel, Amber, Lauren, Jade and Adam; 10 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Virgil Dollar, Mary Heinzman and Ruth Fuller. A memorial service was held January 31st at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Theresa "Terry" (Berman) Bricker, 83, died Feb. 4, 2020. She was born in Indianapolis on June 23, 1936 to Dr. Jacob K. and Henrietta Berman. After graduating from Broad Ripple High School, she attended the University of Wisconsin Madison and earned a degree in Animal Husbandry. After graduation, she returned to Indianapolis where she worked in television and reported on Indiana agriculture. Later, she moved to Chicago and worked at the Chicago Stock Yards in public relations.

Theresa lived in Wheaton, Ill. from 1962–1986; during that time, she hosted a nationally syndicated radio show and owned and operated a women's clothing store, Clarice A. Bricker, with her husband, the late Joseph A. Bricker. Terry moved back to Indianapolis in 1986, where she started a mobile health screening business, HealthTest, sold ad specialties, worked at the Jewish Community Center and ended her career as a bank teller.

Theresa was active in the Jewish Community at Etz Chaim Synagogue in Lombard, Ill., and at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation in Indianapolis; she volunteered for many years helping resettle Russian Jewish Immigrants. Theresa was a member of the Indianapolis Hiking Club, loved to take care of her many pets, was an avid gardener, needle pointer, environmentalist and runner. Theresa's greatest passion in life was delighting her family with her optimism, compassion, kindness, humor and storytelling.

Theresa is preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Dr. Edward Berman, her sister, Alice Roth and brother-in-law, Dr. Bertram Roth. She is survived by her children, Leah Bricker, Sarah Putrim (Thomas) and Joseph Bricker (Gretchen); by her grandchildren: Kemper, Clarice and Mimi Bricker, and Sophie, Olivia and Joseph Putrim; by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Berman and by her nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Southern

Poverty Law Center or to the Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Eve S. (Lion) Perlstein, 94, passed away Feb. 6, 2020. She was born on April 17, 1925 in Germany to Amalie and Dr. Hans Lion and the family moved to the United States in 1936. She was a graduate of Ohio University and became a research associate at the IU School of Medicine, Department of Biochemistry.



She was a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women and served as president of the Indianapolis Section. During her presidency, she was instrumental in establishing the Child Advocate Project for abused and neglected children. She served as president of the Council for International Visitor and was a Life member of the Jewish Community Relations Council for which she produced a TV program named "A Jewish Perspective" which aired on Channel 8 every other Sunday.

Eve was a recipient of the prestigious David M Cook Award and the Liebert Mossler Award from the JCRC. For over 20

years, she was a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (now known as Newfields) and also was involved with Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Eve's favorite joy was being with her family. She was an avid reader, an artist, had a great appreciation for music and was a season ticket holder to the Indianapolis Symphony for many years. She also became a very accomplished Scrabble player with her partner, Richard Mills.

Eve was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Philip, by her parents, and her brother, John Lion. She is survived by her sons Robert Perlstein (Bernadette Fahy) and Mark Perlstein (Sally Perlstein) and her grandchildren, Andrew Perlstein, Lindsey Perlstein-Brooks (Hunter) and Liam Perlstein, her loving partner, Richard Mills, by her niece, Deborah Vasta (Steve), nephew Daniel Lion (Debbie) and her sister-in-law, Evelyn Lion.

Memorial services were held February 9th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. She wanted contributions made to the Hunger Fund of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation of which she was a member, or the Boone County Humane Society. ☆

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The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington Celebrates 15th Anniversary

The year 2020 marks the Jewish Theatre of Bloomington's 15th anniversary. Founded in 2005 by Producing Artistic Director, Audrey Heller, and Bakol Ruben Gellar, JTB is the only Jewish Theatre in Indiana. JTB, a 501c3 non-profit company, is dedicated to producing works that may be written by Jewish playwrights or that illuminate the Jewish experience while also relating to issues and ideas that are meaningful to a diverse audience.

Starting with choreographed staged readings, the company quickly grew into producing fully staged productions. Since 2011, the theatre has programmed at least two fully staged productions per year attended by ever-growing audiences and lauded in complimentary reviews. There have also been collaborations with Cardinal Stage, the Bloomington Playwrights Project, Stages Bloomington, and The Ryder. JTB productions are enhanced by talented IU Theatre Department acting, directing, and design students and faculty, along with local and regional Equity actors and designers. In November of this year, JTB closed its most recent production, "Oh God," a Divine comedy starring Equity actors Ken Farrell and Julie Dixon and local teen, Ron Kalinovsky. After a fully sold out closing weekend, JTB is exploring options to add additional performances to future productions.

For its May 2020 Midwest premiere of *The Wanderers*, the Jewish Theatre of Bloomington was awarded a Zone Arts Grant from the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association, an Arts Project Grant from the Indiana Arts Commission, and a grant from the Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University. The play written by Anna Zeigler, will be directed by Martha Jacobs May 7–17 at the IvyTech John Waldron Arts Center's Rose Firebay.

In order to celebrate the company's 15 years of extraordinary Jewish Theatre, JTB will host a "Let's Celebrate!" 15th Anniversary Party at the FAR Gallery on March 8 from 5–7 p.m. This event will include a buffet style catered dinner from Board and Blade with complimentary beer from Upland Brewery and wine donated by Chateau Ste Michelle Wineries. There will be a silent auction featuring tickets for local performances, theatre classes, and other enticements. Musical entertainment will be provided by Associate Instructors of Classical Guitar at the Jacobs School of Music, Ben Jackson and Peter Pendowski, and by Bloomington's Klezmer band, *Klezmorchestra*.

Rediscovering My Roots

BY CODY VALLEZ NORTON

My mom is an American Jew, who was raised by Holocaust survivors and of Russian and German descent, my dad was a Mexican-American Catholic, and I'm... well, for a long time I wasn't sure.

At least, that was the case until I moved to Israel through Masa's Destination Israel.

The dualities of the Jewish State were something I related to: a nation teeming with love and hate, war and peace, religious and secular, Christians, Jews, and Muslims, and a whole lot of passion that drew me in like nowhere else in the world.

When I participated in Destination Israel, I had just suffered tremendous loss – my uncle, father, and grandfather had all recently passed away. I didn't find any resolutions to my grief. Instead, I found something better: a community that encouraged debate and argument – a place where I could find myself. I realized



There will be international dancing led by local folk dancer, Leah Savion, and more! Martha Jacobs, Adjunct Faculty member in Directing and Acting in the IU Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance, will be the Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$75 and are available for purchase. JTB currently has opportunities for underwriters to help sponsor what promises to be a spectacular celebration!

For more information on the Jewish Theatre or our company history, please visit jewishtheatrebloomington.com or find us on Facebook at: Jewish Theatre of Bloomington or email Audrey Heller at hellera@indiana.edu.

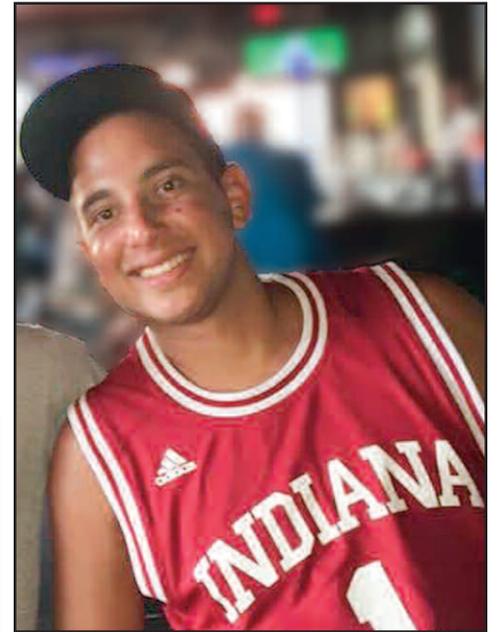
Anna Ziegler

The Wanderers by Anna Ziegler and directed by Martha Jacobs will be playing May 7, 9, 14, 16 at 7:30 p.m., and May 17 at 3 p.m., at the Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center's Rose Firebay. Esther and Schmulik are Orthodox Jews embarking on an arranged marriage, despite barely knowing each other. Abe and Julia are high-profile celebrities embarking on a dangerously flirtatious correspondence, despite being married to other people. On the surface, the lives of these two couples couldn't be more different. But Anna Ziegler's funny, insightful, and mysterious new drama explores the hidden connections between seemingly disparate people, drawing audiences into an intriguing puzzle and a deeply sympathetic look at modern love. ✨



I'm a little bit of everything – just like Israel itself.

Immigrants and travelers from around the world, like myself are moving here to Israel and being greeted by a welcoming culture and an economy ripe with opportunity. I'm working at OTWOI, a consulting firm for sports and energy technology, and building my own professional network in this fast-moving, exciting start-up nation.



Masa has changed my life in so many ways. I've met both Jews and non-Jews from around the world who come to Israel as part of Destination Israel. I've been encouraged to explore deeper questions in my own Judaism by meeting both Yeshiva leaders and Women of the Wall activists. I've met an amazing network of like-minded men and women who have made Israel feel like home.

For the first time in my life, I feel like I belong somewhere: part of the tribe of Israelis living in this mysterious land overflowing with passion. That passion is so potent here in everyday life and I'm learning to embrace it – passion for community, passion for culture, passion for conflict and debate, passion for food, passion for entrepreneurship, and, most of all, passion for life itself.

Cody Vallez Norton is currently interning in Israel through a Masa Israel Journey program. Although born in California, Cody rediscovered his Jewish identity while at Indiana University, and found his passion for the Jewish people and Israel while he was a student in Bloomington. ✨



Cincinnati Opened Holocaust Museum & Humanity Center

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On January 27, 2019 International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Holocaust survivors and leaders from the Cincinnati community marked the official reopening of the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center (HHC) in its new home in Cincinnati’s historic Union Terminal – the same train station where a majority of the 1,000 Holocaust survivors and refugees who came to Cincinnati decades before arrived by train to begin their new life.

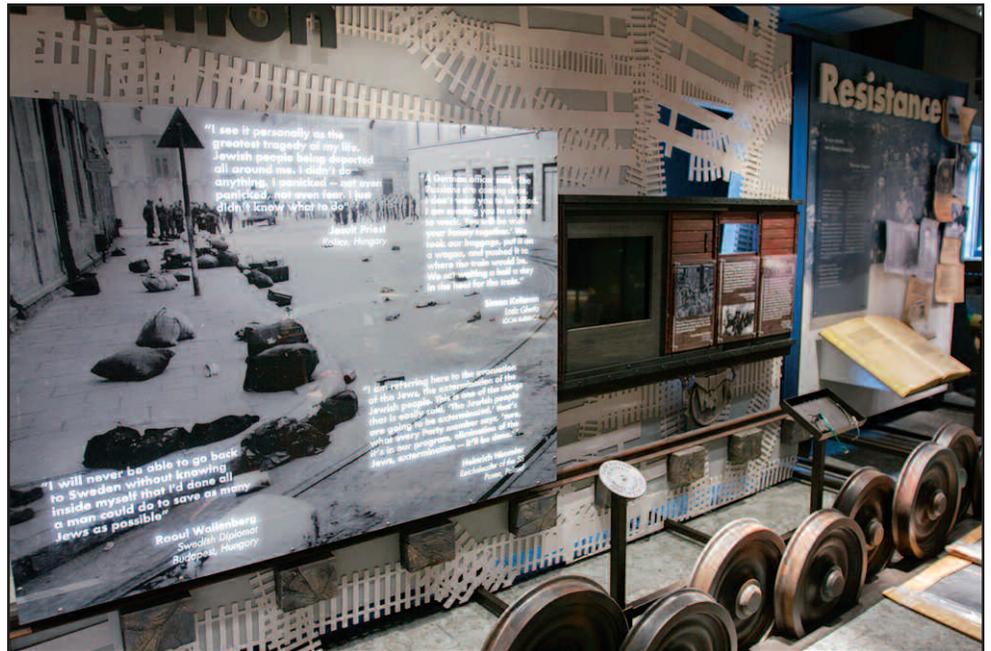
It is the **first Holocaust museum in the U.S. with an authentic connection to its site** and several local Holocaust survivors were present to speak to their personal connection to Union Terminal and the import role HHC will play in educating future generations about the Holocaust. HHC will also offer a first-of-its-kind Humanity Gallery to introduce visitors to local and global topics that affect us all and allow them to explore historic moments in which individuals were activated to bring about change to their community and world, inspiring visitors to the Gallery to activate their own core strengths and be an upstander to current and future acts of violence, prejudice and hatred. With the rise of anti-Semitic incidents in the US in recent years and genocidal activity around the world, its opening is particularly timely.

Additional notable features of the new Holocaust & Humanity Center include:

Eyewitness accounts, interactive experiences and artifacts, will allow visitors to witness the strength and courage of the human spirit set against the backdrop of one of the darkest chapters in human history.

HHC is the latest addition to the Cincinnati Museum Center housed inside the historic Union Terminal, a working train station and the largest half-dome in the world reopened to the public in November 2018 following a \$200 million renovation.

Cincinnati Museum Center also includes the Cincinnati History Museum, Duke Energy Children’s Museum, Museum of Natural History & Science, Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater and the Cincinnati History Library and Archives and has been recognized by Forbes Traveler Magazine as the 17th most visited museum in the country, with more than one million guests annually, expected to increase with the new Holocaust museum. ✨



Deportation Installation, Window Overlooks Train Tracks. Photos' credit: Drew Money.



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