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Simcha Announcements

Blue Card Fund

Mazel Tov to...

Matthew Reisweg (below), son of **Adrienne Reisweg** of Indianapolis and the late **Joseph Reisweg**, on his marriage to **Maggie Bellamy** on August 8, in Chicago, where they reside. Matt is the grandson of the late **Sadie Tobias Reisweg** and **Rube Reisweg**, Indianapolis' fresh *kosher* butcher for decades. **Uncle Max Reisweg** officiated. Matt's niece, Zoe Reisweg, was the flower girl, Zoomed from her home in Las Vegas! A rainforest wedding in Costa Rica was originally planned, but instead, the couple had a beautiful and intimate ceremony in the gardens of the Wheeler Mansion. The two met at I.U. Bloomington in 2002 and reconnected in 2017, via LinkedIn. Maggie is a Financial Planning and Analysis Manager for Magnatar Capital. Matt is the Senior Manager of Youth Development for the U.S. Soccer Federation.



Jeffrey Glickman (below), son of **Miriam (Cohen) Glickman** and **Norman Glickman**, on his marriage to **Haley Cohen**, daughter of **Laurel Perelman-Cohen** and **Paul Cohen** on



We all have been feeling it; the Covid-19 pandemic has altered our lives with its limitations and lockdowns, causing some of us to feel downright isolated, lonely and depressed.

While it is widely known that our seniors need extra protection from this unpredictable virus, Holocaust survivors are especially impacted by the repercussions of the recent months. Going through fear for their lives and not knowing what tomorrow will bring triggers painful flashbacks for many.

Founded in Germany in 1934, and reestablished in the United States in 1939, The Blue Card has made its mission to



Oct. 4, 2020 outside at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette, Calif. It is located across the street from the Lafayette Reservoir where they had their first date. Their honeymoon was in Santa Cruz and they will reside in Pleasant Hill, Calif.

Jake and Ashlee Sapper on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia** (below), born Oct 12, 2020. Maternal grandparents are **Bob** and **Laura Spearman** and paternal grandparents are **Paul** and **Sheri Sapper**, all of Carmel. Olivia has older siblings **James** and **Emma**. Congratulations to all the great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. (News submitted by **Great-Aunt** and **Uncle Debbie** and **Michael Sapper**.) ☆



provide direct financial assistance to needy Holocaust survivors in the US.

Many survivors came to this country after World War II and worked in menial jobs. The small pensions from those jobs, social security, and Medicaid simply cannot keep up with the financial needs of these seniors. Blue Card has distributed nearly \$40 million to survivors to date, with 100 percent of annual contributions made by individuals going directly to survivors.

Financial assistance is available on a monthly basis for most basic needs, as well as for emergencies, such as medical and dental care, special equipment, rent and utility shut offs. The organization's health precautionary services allow survivors to avoid institutionalization and remain in their homes for as long as possible.

During the Covid-19 pandemic survivors and their families have especially been affected by the dangers of isolation. "We needed to address this issue including the increased loneliness and anxiety," says Masha Pearl, Executive Director of The Blue Card. "We are thrilled to have LifeStation (www.lifestation.com) as our partner to provide remote care services. By utilizing their products and services, our members can maintain their independence longer, remain in their own homes, and better share their health and wellness needs with those dedicated to their care. Through this partnership, our members can engage with a proactive system designed to put their medical and emotional needs first."

Part of the service is receiving an alarm device that the person in need can activate to call an ambulance in case of emergency.

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Editorial

Beginning in Oct. 2003 and for several Octobers after that, I wrote about making Nov. 2nd Appreciation Day. I wrote about setting aside a day once a year to thank those who have done something to help us at a time when we were too young or too preoccupied to thank them. I picked that day because it falls in between the Canadian and American Thanksgiving Days.

HAPPY APPRECIATION DAY!



The example I gave was meeting my father's cousin Milton Rosenbaum, z"l, and his wife, Jean, z"l, at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem on my first trip to Israel when I was 18. As I was introduced to them in the lobby of the hotel, we shook hands.

Jean took me aside and whispered to me that my extended hand was like a limp fish, and she showed me how to give a firm, confident handshake. I thought it was rude of her, until I started having job interviews. Then I became grateful that she had taken the time to share that information with me. By the time I was mature enough to show appreciation for her guidance, she had passed away.

Many different people come into our lives, some only briefly, and they help us improve ourselves. Often we are either too distracted to notice or, in my case, unappreciative, so their kindness goes unacknowledged.

These are not just relatives and friends. Some are helping professionals, such as teachers, counselors, social workers, firemen, clergy, healthcare professionals, lawyers, stewardesses, and librarians. They can be of different ages, races, genders, religions and socioeconomic status. These people put forth a great deal of effort, often wondering if their help is even noticed.

Wouldn't it be nice if there were a time set aside once a year to tell them what a difference they made in our lives? What they did was valuable to us even if they were simply doing the job they were paid to do.

It does not matter how long ago this help was received. Sometimes it is even more appreciated when many years have passed because that shows it meant a great deal or it would not have been remembered.

This, of course, could and should be done every day, but sometimes it helps to have a specific time when others are also doing this. Advice columnist Ann Landers, z"l, proclaimed April 2nd as Reconciliation

About the Cover

Banias River in Israel

By Steve Schuster



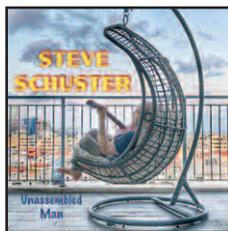
S. Schuster

This sublime long-exposure image of the raging Banias River (a/k/a Hermon Stream), one of three main tributaries of the Jordan River, was shot by Steve Schuster during one of his many trips to Israel. Captured from Syria on the last day of the Six-Day War, Banias is an antiquities site located at the foot of Mount Hermon, north of Israel's Golan Heights.

Steve and his wife Julie have three children and one (amazing) grandson, as well as two dogs and a cat, all rescues. An entrepreneur and engineer, Steve is CEO and founder of Rainier, a leading PR agency for technology clients about half of which are Israeli companies for whom the agency has helped drive more than \$10 billion in acquisitions.

During "normal" times, Steve makes a second home in South Tel Aviv every three months in order to take a personal approach to his passion for providing a North American voice for Israel's innovation economy. Steve has BSEE and MBA degrees from Northeastern University and is an active recording artist, vegan advocate and avid kayaker, photographer, and fitness enthusiast.

Steve's latest album of original classic-rock style songs, *Unassembled Man* mastered at Abbey Road Studios and published earlier this year, is available on all major streaming platforms. Follow Steve on Twitter @steveschuster. ✨



Day, a day for people who had been close but had a falling out and stopped communicating. It is a time for them to contact each other and rekindle their relationship.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener gave a fine example of what one can do on Appreciation Day in his Thanksgiving column. He wrote "let us remember, with gratitude, the people who allow us to rejoice – the men and women who serve our country wearing its uniform."

Jennie Cohen, October 14, 2020 ✨

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How Israel Can Help



By AVIV EZRA

The UN warns that humanity is at a crossroads. One million species of animals and plants are currently endangered by extinction, including 40% of all amphibious animals, 33% of corals, 33% of marine mammals and around 10% of insects. Three quarters of the terrestrial environment and two thirds of the marine environment have been significantly altered by human activity and huge areas have become desert and lost their fertility.

Forests continue to be cut down, fish stocks are dwindling, water, air and land pollution continues at an accelerated rate. The damage to biodiversity, flora and fauna continues with such intensity that the UN warns that “humanity is at a crossroads” and that the continued destruction of natural ecosystems endangers us. This is because nature provides us with essential services that we cannot live without such as clean air, pollination of agricultural crops, food, raw materials and more.

Against the backdrop of these alarming data and the dire implications for our future, the biodiversity summit was convened last month to try and coordinate a joint global effort to halt the damage. UN experts say that the damage is still reversible and changeable if we decide to take a number of transformative changes including stopping forests and land destruction and rehabilitating them, shifting to sustainable agriculture, efficient use of water, reducing consumption of animal based foods such as meat and dairy products and switching to a plant-based diet, preventing climate change and protecting and rehabilitating natural systems.

This is a very challenging task, especially with the world’s population expected to grow up to 10 billion people by 2050, something that will increase the pressures on the planet’s already depleted resources. As such, we should all ask ourselves how we can prevent the impending disaster, and what changes we can make at the individual, local, and national levels to

improve nature and biodiversity.

In this context, Israel can contribute greatly through sharing experience and technologies that can, on the one hand, reduce the extent of damage and even restore biodiversity, and on the other hand address the growing needs of humanity for raw materials, food, water and energy. For example, 90% of the wastewater in Israel is purified while 80% of wastewater worldwide is discharged into rivers and oceans, causing heavy environmental pollution that harms the flora and fauna.

It would have been possible to use this for agriculture or revive dried up rivers and streams and save large-scale pumping of water from nature. Preventing water leakage, water conservation, desalination, and the use of saline water in agriculture are all very advanced in Israel and enable the conservation of wetlands and the increase of agricultural crops.

Another area in which Israel can contribute is agriculture, which would significantly increase agricultural production while enabling the protection of open and natural areas on a large scale in the world. Drip irrigation, precise agriculture, use of remote sensing systems and more are some of the practices used in Israel that can greatly help preserve biodiversity and address the needs of the world population in food that is constantly growing.

Israel is also a global pioneer in the production of animal protein substitutes, which can also help reduce the pressure on natural systems being that 70% of the world’s total agricultural area in the world is used to raise livestock for human consumption. If animal protein could be replaced by laboratory-grown meat or high-quality plant-based protein, large swaths of the world could be rehabilitated, the trend of climate change could be slowed down and the food security of billions of people strengthened. Israel has dozens of startups that specialize in the field, research and development institutes, and significant funds are raised to implement the research developments.

Research is also ongoing in the field of renewable energies, including the development and extensive application of technologies such as energy efficiency, energy storage, energy control and more. All of them are important and necessary

BLUE CARD

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A Customer Care team provides 24/7 teleconferences with experts in four languages, through its website. In addition Blue Card Volunteers send uplifting messages, sing a song or read to the members in need.

The teletherapy service also makes check-in calls to Holocaust survivors to determine if they have any urgent requirements for food or medicine and to remind them that with LifeStation and Blue Card, they are not alone.

As a result of its robust service to those most in need, Blue Card has been highly praised across the aisle among politicians and all across the diverse media landscape and is eager to get the word out they are there to help.

“It is of vital importance to us that people know we exist, so those who need us get the appropriate help; especially during these trying times. And of course we also want to engage those who are able to support us, be it via donations or volunteer work” says Nadja Atwal spokesperson for The Blue Card.

For more information, please visit: www.bluecardfund.org ✨



for the mitigation of the climate crisis.

Israel, which has been dealing with extreme climatic conditions for the 70 years since its establishment, has developed a wide range of technologies, capabilities and experience that can greatly assist the world in reducing biodiversity loss and moving toward its restoration and renewal.

Israel will be happy to share its expertise in these areas, as nature does not recognize human borders and the problem of biodiversity destruction is a universal human problem that demands full international cooperation. Israel is ready to contribute so that we can all continue to see dolphins leaping in the water, hear cranes roaming the sky, smell the scent of wildflowers in the open fields and live in a better and healthier world.

Aviv Ezra, Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, is the highest ranking representative of the state of Israel in the nine state region of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Prior to his appointment as Consul General, Mr. Ezra quarter-backed the relationship of Israel with the United States Congress for a period of 8 years. For the past 3 years he has served as the Director for Congressional Affairs at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem. This was preceded by a 5 year period of service as the Counselor for Congressional Affairs at the Embassy of Israel in Washington D.C. ✨



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Eva Kor: Still Larger Than Life

Painting for a new mural of Holocaust survivor and forgiveness advocate Eva Kor began Oct. 9th, on the southeast facing wall outside of the 500 Festival building in downtown Indianapolis. Many thought this was a perfect location since Eva had been the Grand Marshal of the 2017 IPL 500 Festival Parade. The mural will be 53 feet tall and according to artist Pamela Bliss it will be finished in 3–6 weeks, depending on the weather.

The mural is based on a photo taken by Mika Brown, an associate producer with Ted Green, writer, director, and producer along with WFYI Public Media for the documentary on Eva's life titled, *Eva A-7063*. The idea to create and begin work on this project happened just after the governor proclaimed Eva Educational Day on January 27, 2020, the 75th anniversary of her liberation from Auschwitz. Green, Dr. John Abrams (a close personal friend of Kor's), and Jessica Chapman (Eva Project Distribution and Impact Manager at WFYI Media) were key in bringing it to fruition.

Eva's son, Alex Kor, posted this message along with the photo of the mural mock-up on his Facebook page on Oct. 12, 2020: "On behalf of my father and sister, I would like to thank everyone involved. We are very grateful for this special tribute! Joining the likes of Reggie Miller, Kurt Vonnegut and Mari Evans is truly humbling."

The Jewish Post & Opinion spoke to Alex on Oct. 12, and asked him what his thoughts were about the mural.

"Nobody knew back in January what would be taking place in the world today,



A rendering, by Pamela Bliss, of the 53 foot mural to honor Eva Kor, based on a photo by Mika Brown.

but with riots in downtown Indianapolis in May and the social unrest over the summer, the mural is an opportunity to allow my mom's presence to continue to help people and be a beacon of light. Maybe more people will go downtown to learn about my mom and use her messages and life lessons to bridge the gap between various factions within the local community and the world at large. My mom touched a lot of people and this is an incredible opportunity to continue her legacy."



(L-R) Ted Green, Pamela Bliss, Alex Kor, Jessica Chapman, and Dr. John Abrams helped begin the painting of the mural on Oct. 9, 2020.

"The mural is just one of other projects in the works to continue her legacy. Already in place is the CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, [Ind., celebrating its 25th anniversary, which Eva started herself in 1995]. Another project to look forward to is a special exhibit done by the Indiana Historical Society to be displayed inside the Indiana History Center in the spring of 2022. It will have unused footage from the film, *Eva A-7063*, and many other never before seen artifacts and pieces of my mom's story."

When asked what his father, Mickey, thought of the mural, Alex said, "In June and July when I was telling my dad about the mural, I told him I would take him to see it. He responded that he wants to keep

a low profile and he will just read about it in the newspaper."

"Then when I went to visit him on Oct 12th, the day the front page of the *Indianapolis Star* had a photo of what the mural will look like, he was sleepy. I said, 'Dad you need to wake up.' He said, 'No, I want to sleep.' I handed him the paper and said, 'Here, read this.' Within two minutes he was wide awake reading the newspaper.

Message from Dr. John Abrams:

During the High Holy Days especially *Yom Kippur*, every time I heard the word forgiveness in prayer or considered the holiday's meaning of atonement, I immediately thought of my dear friend, Eva Kor, may her memory be a blessing. Racism and anti-Semitism are a problem in our city, state, nation, and world. Eva's story is inspiring to many and her messages of hope, healing, and forgiveness, along with tolerance and acceptance, are timely more now than ever.

I wanted [to help with this project] to create a lasting memorial to Eva after the successful film *Eva A-7063* and Eva Educational Outreach Program. These all started as projects and became journeys and ultimately a passion for me.

Eva Kor passed away on July 4, 2019. A tribute to her by Miriam Zimmerman can be found on pages 11 and 12 of the following link: https://jewishpostopinion.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/NAT_8-7-19.pdf

The link to the Website about the movie is: <https://www.thestoryofeva.com/> ✨



Eva Kor and Dr. John Abrams in Oct. 2018 at the museum in Auschwitz (she's touching the photo of herself next to her sister taken on the day they were liberated).



Dr. John Abrams with Eva Kor in Oct. 2018 in Auschwitz on the spot where the liberation day photo shown in photo to the left was taken.

Menachem Begin – Hero, Mentor, Role Model and Close Friend

BY JUDY FLEISCHER

Indianapolis businessman Hart Hasten remembers the first time he heard the name of Menachem Begin, the Israeli prime minister who in 1979 forged a ground-breaking peace with Egypt that won him the Nobel Peace Prize. Hasten heard about Begin not in Israel or even in the United States, but in a displaced persons' camp in Austria in 1946 at the end of World War II. Hasten's extended family – aunts, uncles, cousins – had perished in the Holocaust. Only he, his parents and his brother had managed to survive, having fled their Polish *shtetl* four years earlier – in a horse and buggy. They ended up in Kazakhstan and later, in a DP camp in Austria.

There, the 15-year-old Hasten heard about Begin, who was then the leader of the *Irgun*, a paramilitary organization that was fighting to free Palestine from British control and to establish an independent Jewish state and a refuge for European Jews. Inspired, both Hasten and his older brother, Mark, joined the organization. Mark, in fact, went to Israel with the *Irgun*, was aboard the ill-fated *Altalena*, which was ordered sunk by David Ben Gurion, and fought in Israel's War of Independence as a member of the Israel Defense Force.

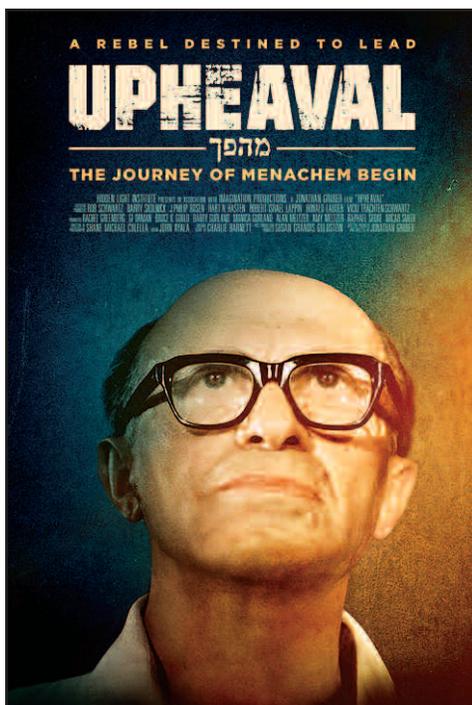
For Hart Hasten, who went on to develop a close friendship with the late prime minister, Begin is a hero.



Menachem Begin and Hart Hasten.

"He was my hero, my mentor, my role model," said Hasten, who is president of the Friends of the Menachem Begin Heritage Foundation. "I modeled my life after Menachem Begin because of his honesty, his integrity and his pride in being a Jew."

Today, he is honoring the man in another way, as an executive producer of a new documentary film, *Upheaval: The Journey of Menachem Begin*, about Begin's life and the values and beliefs that inspired him. Produced by a partnership of the Denver-based Hidden Light Institute (HLI), of which his son, Bernard Hasten, is the chair, and the Menachem Begin Heritage



Center in Jerusalem, the film will premiere at the Heartland International Film Festival.

The documentary is at the heart of a larger effort to educate young Jews, many of whom know little about Israel or the struggles that led to its founding. The sponsors hope that it will motivate them and others to take action at a time when anti-Semitism and violence against Jews have once again made their appearance in Europe as well as the United States. To that end, HLI is creating a companion curriculum in five languages for high school and college students and is planning a campaign to motivate students to work against rising anti-Semitism. The Institute also plans to host a biennial peace symposium that will examine the life and legacy of Menachem Begin and focus on key policy issues he addressed that are still topical today.

"There are lessons there for leadership during these trying times," said Hasten.

The anti-Semitism that Begin faced in war-torn Europe, his flight to Israel and his dedication to the Jewish people is a familiar story to Hasten, who after the war, in the 1950s, emigrated to the United States, eventually settling in Indianapolis.

"I was stateless, homeless, powerless, jobless and penniless – not figuratively speaking, not metaphorically speaking, but literally, I had not a penny," said Hasten.

Mark Hasten, who followed his brother to the United States some years later, joined Hart Hasten's business in Indianapolis and over the years, the two brothers together built successful businesses in health care, real estate and commercial banking and became leaders of the Jewish community, founding the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis and supporting

many Jewish causes and organizations. Mark Hasten died February 28, 2020.

For all the inspiration that he drew from Begin as a teenager, it wasn't until 1970, 25 years after first hearing Begin's name, that Hart Hasten met the man in person, in Chicago at an event organized to raise money for Israel Bonds. Speaking in Yiddish and English, the two bonded and began to develop a close friendship, nurtured by Hasten's many subsequent visits to Israel and Begin's diplomatic forays to the U.S.

Hasten remembers visits to Washington where he greeted the prime minister as he returned exhausted from contentious talks with President Carter, always asserting that "Jerusalem isn't on the table."

Indeed, Hasten himself appears several times in the documentary, which describes Begin's birth in a Polish *shtetl* and follows his development as a young student and committed Zionist. It chronicles his imprisonment by the Russians and his eventual release and journey to Palestine in 1942 where he led the *Irgun*, became a member of the *Knesset* and, in 1977, was elected prime minister. It ends with his resignation and his retreat from public life after the death of his wife and the conclusion of the problematic war in Lebanon.

It doesn't sugar coat the contradictions in Begin's character or the controversies that dogged him, such as the Israeli-Lebanese conflict, the bombing of the King David Hotel and the *Altalena* affair, all of which resulted in many deaths, including those of Jews. Still, the message of the film is one of courage, leadership and the lasting impact Begin made on Israel and the Jewish people.

Today, 28 years after his death, one of Hasten's most precious possessions is a picture of the prime minister given to him by Begin himself in August of 1980 and signed in Hebrew and English, "To My Dearly Beloved Friends, the Hasten family."

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't think of Menachem Begin," said Hasten.

To purchase tickets for *Upheaval: The Journey of Menachem Begin*, premiering at the Heartland Film Festival, visit: <https://bit.ly/2SWjfF5x>. Tickets are on sale through October 18. ✨



Fast friends, Hart Hasten and Menachem Begin share a laugh in Prime Minister Begin's office in Jerusalem in 1980.

Lecture Excerpt



BY EDWARD HOFFMAN, PH.D.

Dealing with Stress the Jewish Way

During this time of change that we are experiencing, I am reminded of a lecture by Edward Hoffman. It offers 13 Jewish beliefs, customs, and practices to help us cope with a myriad of challenges and situations. Throughout our history, we have had more than our share of those.

An excerpt from that lecture is offered here. The full lecture can be read at jewishpostopinion.com/?p=3252 where one can read more details about each of the 13. J.C.

1. Having a spiritual outlook: “People who see life as having a larger purpose, as something with meaning, have an easier time dealing with stress than those who believe it is by random chance that we are here,” Hoffman said. The former are better able to put events into perspective, realizing there is more than just their own situation to think about. A spiritual outlook gives people a great amount of strength to deal with overwhelming circumstances.

2. Having a sense of purpose: “When one knows one’s purpose, one can feel most fulfilled and will have the greatest strength to cope with difficulties,” said Hoffman. “In our secular society, many grow up without it. This is what leads people to cope with stress in ways that ultimately prove self-destructive, such as drugs and alcohol. When we know our purpose, it becomes less enticing to leave this purpose and turn to things that are temporary in their impact or effect.” One cannot develop a spiritual outlook with the world if one does not put aside some time each day for oneself.

3. Self-reflection: Some of the great Chasidic masters said one should put aside one hour each day for introspection. Hoffman agrees with this and adds that besides a brief period of quiet time daily, each person needs to put aside part of a day every week to answer the following type of questions: Where am I going with my life? What kind of person have I been? How have I been treating others? Have I forgotten my own needs?

This is the purpose of the Sabbath and it is an important way to keep stress from becoming overwhelming.

4. Creating good habits: In a lot of Jewish writings, there is an emphasis on habit. As a way to deal with tension, the

sages expressed the importance of creating good habits and doing away with self-destructive ones. Until something becomes a habit, it is not part of one’s lifestyle and it will not be significant in alleviating stress. If one has to drag oneself out to exercise, for example, it has not yet become a habit.

5. Keeping a journal or diary: Another powerful way of keeping a perspective on one’s life is to write a log, not only of what one is experiencing but also of one’s dreams.

“Many of the great Jewish sages kept journals. They would write down quotations from sacred books, the Bible or commentaries, the Zohar or other books,” Hoffman said. “They would write down comments of colleagues and friends and would record what happened to them.” Some also kept a journal of their dreams.

6. Dream interpretation: As long ago as biblical times, the Jewish sages viewed personal dreams as a source of inspiration and guidance. Some of the Jewish sacred texts have said that one needs to interpret dreams for a sense of personal direction.

“Jewish mystics have said that dreams are one of the only vehicles in our life where we get wisdom that we haven’t earned,” Hoffman said. Dreams need to be taken seriously because they can be an easy tool to help one cope with the tensions of daily life.

7. Reading sacred texts: Being grounded or connected to the sacred in our tradition is very significant in helping one cope with stress. Exploring the texts can be a powerful foundation. When one has a problem which seems to have no solution, one can see how the great sages of the past handled similar situations.

An example of this activity would be a group which meets weekly. The members read a *Chasidic* story and then talk about how it relates to issues in their own lives, answering questions of meaning and direction, confusion and despair, hope and visions.

8. Haver and Haverot: “In our tradition, which is group oriented, we have study partners and study groups called *Haverot*”

[literally translated from Hebrew as “Friends”], Hoffman said.” Rather than trying to do everything on your own, [sacred text study with others] is something that will link you to those who have gone before us.” It is healing and comforting to know that the same books and writings have been studied and discussed by one’s great-grandparents and people before them. It helps one not to feel trapped in one’s own culture and time.

9. Community: One has to make the effort to reach out and go beyond oneself. This is especially important in today’s world where it is easy to feel alone and cut off from society. “Jews have been at the forefront in our culture of creating support groups for many kinds of problems,” Hoffman said. The idea that people have to be independent, not needing others, is not a Jewish idea. A supportive community has always been important and this is especially true when one experiences difficulties.

10. Laughter and tears: Being able to laugh at oneself and acting silly have also been central to the Jewish consciousness. Historically, humor was a positive way to alleviate tension during the worst circumstances. It is no accident that a high percentage of the leading comics in this country are Jewish. “Tears and crying are also a very good way to release tensions and stress. This is very difficult for men in our society,” Hoffman said. It is not a Jewish belief that keeping oneself rigid and never releasing tears is a sign of health and strength.

11. Attending daily *minyan*: After the lecture, two more stress relievers were revealed. One man in the audience said that attending the daily prayers at his synagogue was a big help to him. Hoffman agreed that prayer in a group setting can be uplifting and meaningful. It is also an important way to release tensions and to feel part of a larger entity.

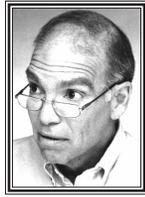
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Shipley Speaks



BY JIM SHIPLEY

Haimish?

Haimish is a Yiddish word meaning....?? To Google it means “Homey” – that is a far cry from Yiddish. To me it means my Grandmother’s wooden bowl and “chopper”.

When I was in high school my grandmother lived with my Aunt Rosie just a short bus ride away. At least two or three afternoons a week I would ride the bus to within a block or two of my Aunt Rosie’s house and walk over to visit my grandmother.

Aunt Rosie lived in what we called a “row house” which meant you shared two walls – one on each side – with your neighbors. The houses fronted on the street, backed on an alley.

The alleys all had at least one basketball net where the neighborhood boys learned their skills and played ball – creating teams on which they then played in high school and often through college – there’s some-

thing *Haimish* about Jewish basketball teams, but I digress.

I would get off the bus, walk up the alley, up a short flight of steps and open the back door (not locked – back then, who locked doors?). As soon as I opened the door I would hear the sound: Chop-chop-chop...I would walk into the kitchen and there would be my Grandmother sitting in a kitchen chair, a wooden bowl between her legs, “chopper” in her right hand. In the bowl were chicken livers being chopped to bits by the steady chop-chop-chop of my Grandmother’s right hand.

Every time: I would walk in, listen for a second (chop-chop-chop) and ask my grandmother: “whatcha doin’ Bubby?”

(*Bubby* and its derivations: *Bubbala*, *Tatala*, *kindala* are also disappearing as our “*Bubbies*” leave us)

She would inevitably answer with a sigh: “Well, I really got nothing to do, so, I’m making in the meantime, liver.” Now the way my Grandmother talked there was no comma between “meantime” and “liver”.

So, I grew up eating chopped liver which I called “in the meantime liver”. My Grandma Deitch is long gone as is the chopper, the wooden bowl and of course “In The Meantime Liver.”

Chopped Liver is still a staple in most (see Shipley, page IN 9)

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have been a broad range of meditation techniques. In the Jewish tradition there are many levels, some simple and others that are more abstract. As with any discipline one learns the beginning levels first and then one can grasp the higher levels. There are meditation techniques for beginners which are perfectly safe. What Hoffman cautions against is getting into very abstract, difficult techniques without a teacher.

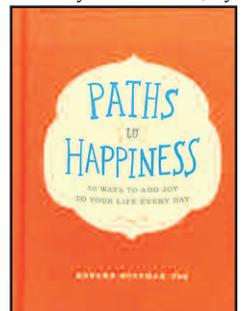
Part of the *Chasidic* view is that today many Jews have learned something about mysticism or spirituality through studying Eastern methods. They have learned about breathing techniques and have practiced Yoga. Mentally and physically they are more open to the *Kabbalistic* techniques. What may have been forbidden in the past is now considered possible because of people having a prior background with other traditions.

13. Jewish healing prayer services: The primary purpose for the service can be to provide spiritual strength for Jews who were coping with illness, grieving a loss, healing emotional wounds, i.e. children of Holocaust survivors, and for caregivers and other helping professionals. However, other Jews not in any of those groups can attend for the spiritual strength and community support.

Incorporated in them can be prayer, meditation, sacred text study, singing, chanting, giving *tzedakah* (charity), sharing blessings experienced and challenges faced. Special prayers for healing – for the physical body and the soul – and the Mourner’s *Kaddish* can be included. For approximately an hour, one can let go of the imperfect physical, material world which is temporary and focus on the spiritual part of oneself which is eternal, unchanging and perfect.

Everyone experiences stressful situations at one time or another. The Jewish tradition contains a wealth of valuable information which can help one cope with all types of stresses.

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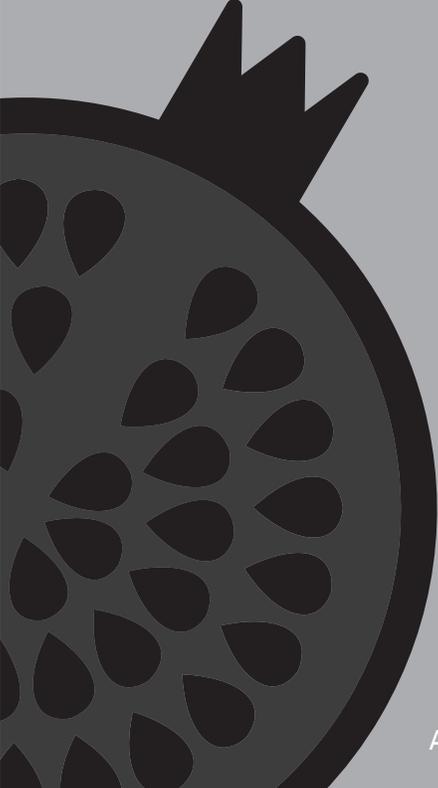
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Oscar Singer was a young man in Radomysl Weilki, Poland, when the Nazi’s invaded and occupied Poland in 1939. He, along with other residents of Radomysl Weilki, were forced to labour for the Nazis. In 1941, he was assigned to labour at the Mielec Airplane Factory and required to live in barracks. The Jews that remained in Radomysl Wielki were taken away by the Nazis and killed. He was later transported from Mielic to the Wielicka Salt Mine as forced labour.

In mid-1943, Oscar, along with one of his brothers, was transferred to the Krakow-Plaszow Concentration Camp where he and his brother continued to work in slave labour. He was moved around during this time between Chujowa Gorka, Auschwitz,



and Plaszow Concentration Camps. In 1945, many at Plaszow were forced to walk to the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp. On this 2–3 week journey, Oscar’s brother, Abraham, perished. In May 1945, the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp was liberated by the Soviet army. Oscar was then sent to the Landsberg Displaced Persons Camp near Munich in the American zone.

In 1951, Mr. Singer emigrated to the United States, to Denver, where he started his career working in packing houses and grocery stores and eventually saved enough money to start his own businesses, first opening an Italian Drive-in in Littleton and later starting a catering company. In 1956, he met his wife Elaine and had two children. They now have several grand and great-grandchildren. Mr. Singer is the 2020 Rabbi Gedalyah Engel lecturer.

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“real” Jewish Homes – but it will never be the same. The Jewish “Bubby” is no more. Oh, grandmothers live, but today they drive Hyundai’s, Ford Escapes, even Jeeps. They go out to lunch and to play “Mah Jong” or bridge or just to be “Ladies Who Lunch.” They are two generations from Europe and the chopper. Today pre-packaged chopped liver is in the cooler at the Super Market. No, it is not the same. It’s just not *Haimish*.

Without the sound of the Liver Chopper, or the language of Yiddish, our “*Mamalushon*” (Native tongue) it just is not the same. *Haimish*. Without our children knowing the love of a “Bubby” – *Haimish* could well disappear. *Shabbos* is *Haimish* – Sabbath – not so much. Celebrating “real” Jewish holidays is *Haimish*. Obviously, fasting on *Yom Kippur* (without cheating) is *Haimish* – so are eight days of *Chanukah* and *Purim* with a noise maker. Weddings with a Rabbi and a glass to crunch at the end of the ceremony are *Haimish*.

Gin Rummy can be *Haimish*. Mah Jong

is definitely *haimish*. A lot of Fundraising is *Haimish*.

I have told this story before. Our youngest son, when he was younger loved Jewish jokes told with a Yiddish accent. Sidebar: If you don’t know what a Yiddish accent is, *oy vey!*

One day he asked me: “Dad, what’s going to happen when the last old Jewish guy dies? Who’s going to tell these jokes?” I don’t remember how I answered but when the “last old Jewish guy” dies, there will probably be no reason for “Jewish jokes with a Yiddish accent.”

Not every joke is worth passing on. Not when the last person who understands the point of the joke dies and leaves nobody behind who has any idea where the humor is: Guy (old Jewish man) is sitting in *Shul*. Every few minutes he cries out “*Oy! Am I thirsty!*” A few minutes later again: “*Oy! Am I thirsty!*”

Finally, somebody brings him a glass of water. A few minutes later he starts again: “*Oy! WAS I thirsty!*” The joke has a philosophy behind it. The old Jew, based on Jewish history knows that a while later he will be thirsty again – and again will need somebody else to bring him water.

You don’t get it? Proves my point.

Ethnic jokes can be hurtful. Ethnic jokes cannot be told by anyone who isn’t: Jewish or Italian or Black or Hispanic, or...well, you understand.

Ethnic jokes are part of the culture of those who came here to find the: “Goldene Medina” [Golden City] whether from Poland or Venezuela or Korea or wherever. The Jews from that generation from Europe – mostly at this point aged Holocaust survivors – is swiftly disappearing. Those of us who grew up here? Mostly, we just don’t get it.

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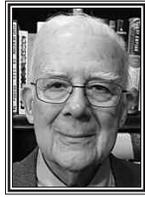
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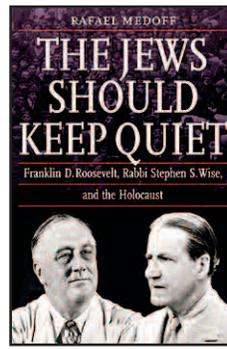
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Book Review

REVIEWED BY SIDNEY MISHKIN



This book examines that question and the role played by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise before and during the Holocaust. Prof. Medoff is critical of both Roosevelt and Wise.



Rabbi Wise was the undisputed leader of the Zionist movement in the United States during President Roosevelt's term in office. The president cultivated and used Wise for the president's purposes. Wise had access to the president but not influence. Roosevelt could do no wrong as far as Rabbi Wise was concerned and he misled most American Jews into thinking Roosevelt wanted to help the Jews of Europe.

Rafael Medoff is an American professor of Jewish history and the founding director of the David Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies. His extremely well researched book demonstrates in exquisite

detail how Roosevelt's indifference to the plight of European Jewry and Wise's ego-driven failure to work for the best interests of the Jewish people cost many Jewish lives.

There was a time when these words would have been fighting words among some Jewish people and they are painful for an earlier admirer of Roosevelt to write, but the contemporary documents are available and we know from books such as professor Medoff's that these words are true.

President Roosevelt knew as early as October 1941 that the Germans were mass murdering the Jews of Europe and he knew by June of 1942 that the Germans were using gas chambers to speed up the process.

It should not be said that that Roosevelt was Anti-Semitic, but he grew up in a family some of whose members were Anti-Semitic. He said before the war that the Germans were understandably upset that the Jews of Germany controlled the learned professions and business. He refused to allow the refugee ship, the St. Louis, to land on our shores. He rejected proposals to allow Jewish refugees to stay in America or settle elsewhere in U.S. controlled territory until the end of the war. His idea was that Jewish refugees should be scattered throughout the world after the war so that there would not be "too many" in any one place.

The visa situation for German Jews was a *shanda* [Yiddish for "disgrace"]. The quota for Germany was filled only once during Roosevelt's 12 years in office. Roosevelt's administration placed every stumbling block imaginable in the path of Jewish refugees who sought visas. For example, a *Ketubah* [Jewish marriage document] was not considered sufficient evidence that a couple was married. In the midst of the war, they were told to go back to from wherever they had fled to get civil evidence of their marriage.

Roosevelt required secretary of the interior Harold Ickies to delete critical references to Hitler in his speeches, even after *Kristallnacht*. He permitted the US ambassador to Germany to attend the weeklong Nazi party rally in Nuremberg in the fall of 1937. In fairness, despite his official action and inaction in the 1930s, Roosevelt apparently had no sympathy for Hitler or Germany. He was concerned about American isolationism and his political future.

Roosevelt never spoke out against Hitler until the end of 1940. He believed that cordial diplomatic and trade relations with Germany were more important than human rights. He went out of his way to avoid any association with foreign Jewry for fear of antagonizing American isola-

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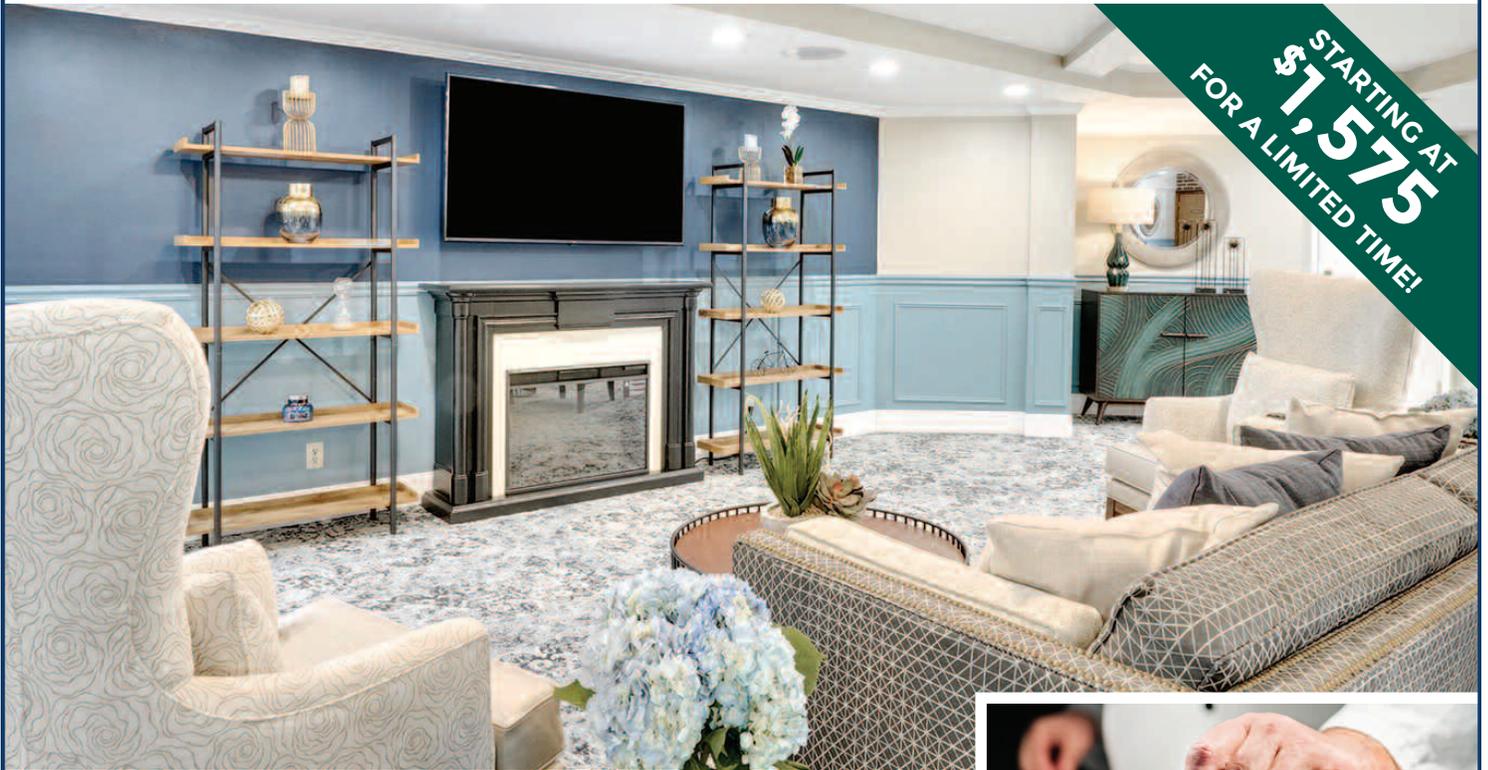


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BY DR. MIRIAM L. ZIMMERMAN

The Power of a Zoom Sermon

“The world rests on the teachings of our children.” “Healthy relationships keep us afloat.” “New beginnings take time.” “Rabbi Akiva – grabbing the plank.” Sentences and phrases from Rabbi Nat Ezray’s *Rosh HaShonah* sermon filled my brain. “The *shofar* commands us to be present.” “*Hineini* – here I am.” Instead of the familiar sanctuary of my synagogue, Congregation Beth Jacob of Redwood City, Calif., I was in the even more familiar sanctuary of my dining room. Our open laptop enabled Richard (my husband) and me to participate in *Rosh HaShonah* services via Zoom.

I had no idea that Zoom could be so spiritual. The leadership of our congregation made conscious decisions to provide community and immediacy during the High Holy Days, despite the limitations of a virtual environment. At every opportunity, they switched to gallery view so we could see fellow congregants. A link in the chat enabled us to visit a virtual social hall after services, for schmoozing and catching up with old friends. An advantage for someone like me with visual issues – I had a clear view of the faces of the speakers.

The leadership decided not to produce High Holy Day services in advance. A friend with whom I walk every week, Ellen S., told me how alienating such a service is. Her synagogue hired a production company. The feeling of being part of a world-wide Jewish community, where everyone is on the same page, albeit in different time zones, was lost for her. Using the same footage of prayers common to all services resulted in lit candles visible during morning services. Obviously, it was footage from an evening shoot. Religion as a spectator sport resulted in entertainment, not engagement.

In contrast, the spirituality begun at *Rosh HaShonah* at my *shul*’s Zoom service, stayed with me throughout the entire ten Days of Awe. Fragments from Rabbi Ezray’s sermon ebbed and flowed in my brain, like so much flotsam and jetsam, debris from the shipwreck of my soul. At the end of the year, I have only Ten Days of Awe in which to reconstruct, renew, or redefine that which is I. Three of those days – gone. Seven days left to find G-d; seven days to repent. I despair until I remember that G-d created the world in six days. Perhaps there is hope for me. “Then when you call, *Adonai* will answer; when you cry, [G-d] will say *hineini*, here I am (Isaiah 58:9).”

My Rabbi must be a sage, hinting at a formula to tell us how to find G-d. The *shofar* commands us to be present (to G-d). Listening to the *shofar* as it penetrated my worn-out soul – would I find the answer as its sound filled my being? Thought fragments and phrases, lacking coherence, swirled in my brain like irritating splinters, incoherent and incomplete.

Only shards of the profound wisdom of the sages, as distilled by Rabbi Ezray, remained. I am someone who needs to be reminded at *Rosh HaShonah* how to find G-d. Year after year, I go through this soul-searching. This year, I protest: I do not want to discard the old, yet I yearn for the new. Why can’t I just weather the storms of life without this annual sacrifice of penitence and self-flagellation? Why is G-d so elusive?

According to another modern sage, Rabbi David Wolpe, the only whole heart is the broken heart, because it lets in the light. Applying this definition to my soul, I am left with the image of a sieve, punctured by the punishments of life. Pierced by unrealized dreams, thwarted efforts, petty grievances, missed opportunities, unsaid prayers – my soul has become a leaky sieve, crying out for repair. My only solace is that my soul must let in a great deal of light.

Rabbi Ezray told the story of Rabbi Akiva, the only one to survive a shipwreck. Rabbi Akiva described how he grabbed a plank that had broken off from the sinking

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tionists and the Arabs. He rejected the idea of a Palestinian Jewish Defense Force and even refused to permit an auditorium in Palestine to be named for him.

After the Allies gained control of the skies over Europe, many people of goodwill began pressing Roosevelt to bomb the railroad tracks, bridges and crematoria at Auschwitz. The stock response of the Roosevelt administration was that we cannot take any airplanes and munitions away from the war effort, even though Allied aircraft were flying just a few miles from Auschwitz and the Allies had dropped over five billion bombs on Europe. He couldn’t spare a few bombs for Auschwitz.

Roosevelt was no more helpful when it came to helping Jewish refugees to settle in Palestine. He said there was only room in Palestine for 100,000–150,000 European Jews. On his way home after the Yalta conference, Roosevelt visited with the King of Saudi Arabia and assured him that America would never do anything to assist the Jews against the Arabs. He refused to pressure the British to modify their White Paper and allow expanded Jewish refugee immigration to Palestine.

A close associate of Wise stated that all Jews who held leadership positions during Roosevelt’s administration should feel inadequate and contrite. Wise’s support of Roosevelt, however, remained unshaken which Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver said was due to his “hysterical prestige complex”.

That may be true. The even more important question is would we have had a State of Israel in 1948 if Roosevelt rather than Harry S. Truman had been president at the time the crucial UN partition vote was taken?

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ship. Every time a wave approached, he held onto the plank and lowered his head, allowing the wave to pass over him.

Meanwhile, during these Days of Awe, G-d is deciding: who shall live and who shall die; who by fire and who by flood; who by earthquake and who by plague. The options resonated with even more relevance this year, given the California wildfires and the hurricane-induced flooding in Florida. After Rabbi Ezray’s sermon, I would add: who by car crash and who by shipwreck.

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We send our deepest condolences to all family members and friends on the loss of your loved ones. May they forever be of blessed memory and may the Holy One of Israel send strength and comfort to all who are mourning the loss of:

Larry Jay Schuchman, 77, of Indianapolis and Naples, Fla., passed away on Sept. 7, 2020 after suffering a stroke. Born in Indianapolis on Oct. 22, 1942 to Harry "Orie" and Lorraine Schuchman, Larry was a graduate of Broad Ripple High School and received his B.S. degree from his beloved Indiana University.



He was an entrepreneur to the core and found great joy and purpose in running several successful solid waste and recycling businesses, both in Indy and Naples. His lasting impact on past and present employees is a testament to the kind of man he was.

He was dedicated to providing educational opportunities, especially involving environmental studies, and established scholarships at both IU and Florida Gulf Coast University.

His kindness and generosity touched many lives through the various charities he supported, the most personal being Crossroads Rehabilitation Center, where he spent months after being badly burned as a child. He was a longtime member and supporter of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and the Jewish Federations of Greater Indianapolis and Naples.

A devoted fan, Larry only missed attending two Indy 500 races in 66 years. He loved both playing and watching golf, the Indianapolis Colts, and especially IU athletics. He never missed an opportunity to razz Purdue fans.

Larry never met a stranger. He was a straight shooter, truly one of a kind who endeared himself to all he met. Larry will always be remembered for his welcoming and generous spirit, the twinkle in his eye, a smile that lit up the room and his complete adoration of his wife of 51 years, Anne, which was clear to anyone around them. They set the highest bar for marriage and provided an incredible model of how to build a special life together.

His greatest joy was his family, who already miss him terribly. He is survived by Anne; their three children, Jeff (Joanna) Schuchman, Craig (Jennifer) Schuchman and Gabi (David) Youran; grandchildren Zachory, Isaac, Ari and Zev Schuchman, Syd and Leo Youran and Grace and Lila Covington; and his brother, Mike (Robyne) Schuchman. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Barry Schuchman.

Due to Covid, a private graveside service was held on September 10th at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery, with a celebration of his life to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Larry Schuchman Memorial Fund for Entrepreneurship at the Kelley School of Business, c/o IU Foundation, P.O. Box 6460, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6460. Additionally, since he is unable to do so, please honor his memory by voting on November 3rd. Friends may view a recording of the service afterward or leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting www.arnmortuary.com.

Alan Ira Klineman,

89, of Indianapolis passed away peacefully Sept. 15, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born Feb. 2, 1931 in Washington, D.C. While he may have been born into the Great Depression, Alan was carved out of the marble of optimism. For him, there was no challenge insurmountable, no problem without a program to



implement or solution to be found.

Alan was a Hoosier through and through, having moved with his family to Indianapolis in 1937. He grew up in working class neighborhoods south of the Indiana State Fairgrounds and graduated from Shortridge High School in 1948. Alan went to Indiana University where he graduated with a degree in business and acquired the nickname "Swede" because of his stature and unique blonde hair and blue eyes which stood out in his Jewish fraternity, Pi Lambda Phi. Among other jobs, Alan sold shoes to work his way through school. It was also at IU where Alan acquired his affinity for Indiana University athletics, especially the Hoosiers football.

It was this calling that led him to a study of law in the night program for working students at what is now known as the McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. Alan graduated in 1956 and commenced his legal practice. Just a handful of years later, Alan started his own law firm, Klineman Rose, which he grew with his partners into one of the largest and most prominent in the Indianapolis legal community, Klineman Rose Wolf and Wallack.

While he was respected for his problem solving, perspective, calm demeanor, and legal skills by his peers, clients and adversaries, Alan was most proud of his role as a mentor lawyer to younger lawyers as he believed his profession was a noble one that was passed on and learned through experience.

At the same time Alan was building a law practice, which would have been enough for most, Alan was active in the Marion County and Indiana Democratic Party. Alan served as a Deputy Prosecutor and was elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1964 where he served with distinction. And, while his term in office ended a few years later, his public service and support of fellow Democrats and Democratic causes never ceased.

In 1993, Indiana Governor Evan Bayh called on Alan to serve as the very first chairman of the Indiana Gaming Commission. It was critical to the Governor and Alan's fellow citizens that an industry with a reputation for corruption and unethical practices be regulated by a man with incorruptible, impeccable ethics.

Alan also kept real estate developers honest by holding them accountable as a member of the City of Carmel Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Alan also served on a number of foundation boards, including the English Foundation, the Carmel-Clay Educational Foundation, and the Indianapolis Foundation. Alan's record of service was honored by a collection of accolades including recogni-

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tion by two states with their highest citizen honor as a Sagamore of the Wabash in Indiana and Kentucky Colonel in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and a Distinguish Alumnus of the Indiana University McKinney School of Law-Indianapolis.

Alan met his wife, Dorothy (formally Gonski), a native of Northampton, Mass., and faculty member of the Indiana University School of Nursing on a double date. In 1964, the two were married, created a home and raised four children. Words cannot capture the loving home Alan created with Dorothy. It was his proudest achievement, without question and without exception. After decades of sacrifice and savings, he was able to travel the world with Dorothy and their close friends, from China to Ireland, London to Jerusalem. Their closeness and love and that of the family they created was, and is, an inspiration to all who encounter it.

Alan loved Chinese food, and he loved to laugh and make others laugh. His sense of humor was known throughout all of his circles. It was creative, smart and quick, and could completely disarm any tense moment and diffuse the anger of any adversity.

Alan was a lifelong member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and supporter of the Jewish Community. While far from a rabbinical scholar, Alan lived his life according to the Good Book's mantras. People are not born with the same opportunities, but everyone is born with certain talents. Alan's spirit and talents took him well beyond what was imaginable from a humble start on Balsom Avenue.

Alan was preceded in death by his father (Herbert E) and mother (Mildred), and his younger brother and law partner (James). He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his children Susan, Patricia (Jonathan) Weinzapfel, Jane (Thomas) Salentine and Andrew (Christina). He is also survived by his sister-in-law Elaine, his two nephews, Bruce (Katie) Klineman, Stephen (Debbie) Klineman, and his niece, Roberta (Tom) Dakich.

Alan's legacy of public service, laughter, kindness, creativity, generosity, and love will live on through what he most cherished, his grandchildren, Nathaniel, Eleanor, Benjamin, Samuel, Anna, Aidan, Joseph, and Spencer.

A private graveside service was held for Alan. His family will host a celebration of Alan's life at a later date when family and friends will be able to gather safely. Alan was proud to contribute money to establish the Alan I Klineman Scholarship Fund to help other young people achieve

their dreams of becoming a lawyer.

In that spirit, and in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Alan's memory the McKinney School of Law (please earmark for scholarships funds for working students) <https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/giving/index.html> and the Jewish Welfare Federation of Greater Indianapolis <https://jfgi.givingfuel.com/tribute>. And, if possible, Alan would encourage all to vote.

Franklin "Frank" Miroff, 82, a lifetime resident of Indianapolis, died Sept. 18, 2020. He was born Nov. 18, 1937. Always forward thinking, Frank prepared his obituary as a final gift to his family. A graduate of Shortridge High School, Indiana University and its McKinney Law School, he was a life member of the IU Alumni Association and a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. He was proud to have been the president of his pledge class, the recipient of the Best Senior Award and after college served in several capacities in regional positions for ZBT. While in law school, he was on the law journal staff briefly and the National and Interdivisional Moot court teams representing the school arguing in Chicago and Bloomington. He received the AFNB and A. Bradshaw Patrick Awards for his moot court participation.



He retired after more than 48 years of active practice, having litigated matters at the trial level, Appellate, Indiana Supreme Court, U.S. District Court, and 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago. He had two of his cases in the U.S. Supreme Court where the Court found the Indiana obscenity law unconstitutional. In the last half of his career, he concentrated on family issues, custody and adoption. He had the joy of handling over 300 adoptions, was named as "Number One" family law attorney in Indianapolis in several different publications and listed in the "Best Lawyers in America" from its initial publication for more than 25 consecutive years until his retirement. (Caveat: A compendium of rumor is still rumor!) He was also part of a USA Today article about family law in Indiana. He had the honor of handling many high profile cases, both locally and nationally. He was elected a Fellow to both the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the American Academy of Adoption Lawyers. He co-authored two nationally published books on adoption, lectured at an American Bar Association Seminar as well as more than 30 State and local Bar Association seminars and taught regularly at the IU Law School. He was a charter member of the Indianapolis Bar

Foundation and served on the Legal Aid Society Board, the I.U. McKinney Law School Alumni Board for several terms.

He served on the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) Board for several terms, Jewish Community Center Board, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) for several terms, Jewish Welfare Federation Board, and was a recipient of the David Cook Award (JCRC) for his volunteer participation in the Jewish and general community.

He was a member of the Marion County Municipal Court Judicial Nominating Commission and served as the chairman of a Marion County Cancer Society Fund Drive. He was also the Democrat nominee for Marion County Superior Court Judge, Room 4, in 1970.

He is survived by his wonderful, stylish and talented wife, Susan Maisel-Miroff, M.D.; his "perfect" children, Laura (Lester) Binegar and Andrew "Drew" (Mela) Miroff; his "more than perfect" grandchildren, Dara Binegar and Colina and Izzy Miroff; his step-daughter, Lisa (John) Berry and her equally "perfect" children, Matthew, Cici and Christopher.

Frank wanted to thank the staff at St. Vincent Hospital, the "Care Group", Marquette and the entire nursing corps for their expertise and good humor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ACLU, WFYI, Indiana University, St. Vincent Foundation. Also, please hug an aging former softball player in his memory.

Funeral services were private in IHC's North Cemetery. Friends and colleagues may view the service, sign the guestbook or leave a message of condolence, by visiting Frank's on-line obituary www.arn-mortuary.com. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services.**

Maxine Zlotnick Cohen, 93, was born January 26, 1927 to Louis and Dolly Saltzman Zlotnick, in Cleveland, and died on Sept. 20, 2020. Mrs. Cohen moved to Indianapolis at the age of 12, along with her father and brother, Stanley (Suki) Zlotnick, following her mother's death. There she resided along with her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Zlotnick. She was a 1944 graduate of Shortridge High School. She would go on to meet the love of her life, Norman I. Cohen. They were married on November 4, 1945, enjoying 64 years of marriage together, until Norman's death in 2009. Together Maxine and Norman enjoyed jazz music, plenty of adventures, and they were avid tennis players.

Maxine enjoyed baking, entertaining guests, and was known for her elegant parties. Maxine was also an amateur
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come your way by lowering your head. Do not fight the wave; let it pass over you, like the Angel of Death at Passover. But to do that, you need a plank to hold onto, something small but firm that allows you to stay afloat, even when the waves crash down on your head. Clearly, I need to find my plank.

During Covid, the weekly visits with grandkids kept me afloat. We formed a family bubble with Jonah, four; and Sarah, six. But now, I miss our weekly grandparent daycare since school has resumed, puncturing our bubble, exposing us to other families. Sarah started First Grade, totally from home, zooming her way to knowledge.

On the other hand, Jonah was allowed to go back to preschool, unencumbered by wearing a mask. Although his teachers must wear them, the children are not so restrained. We told our daughter Rebecca we just didn't feel safe. She understood; we have a healthy relationship. Healthy relationships keep us afloat.

Sarah and Jonah's favorite game is hide and seek, with their "Oma" (German for "grandmother") doing the seeking. Eyes covered, I loudly count to ten, then start my search. Guided by their giggles, I look everywhere for them, pretending not to see their hiding place. Loudly, "Where could they be? They're not behind the sofa..." Jiggling the sofa so it makes a sound elicits more giggles. "They're not under the table. (Theatrical despair) I'll never find them!" Louder giggles. (Resigned) "They're not behind the door." I pretend to give up. "Here we are!" they come running from yet another hiding place, behind a stack of boxes. It's a big room.

The game has alternative endings. After repeating the ritual of dead ends punctuated by giggles, I pounce on them, "I found



I brought this kosher Shofar from Eretz Yisrael many years ago.

you!" I tickle them as they pretend to try to get away, enjoying the contact. Occasionally, I get distracted and answer the phone or talk to their grandfather, abandoning the search. Eventually they emerge, disappointment etched on their little faces. I have let them down.

It hit me in a flash – *I can learn from our game.* Finding G-d is the same. I am only pretending to look, yet G-d is always there. G-d is disappointed when I give up or miss the mark. My imperative is to continue the search; it is the search during these Days of Awe that makes

me worthy. My plank is my grandchildren. I have found *HaShem*. The world rests on the teachings of our children. *Hineini*. G-d has answered.

Dr. Miriam Zimmerman is professor emerita at Notre Dame de Namur University (NDNU) in Belmont, Calif., where she taught the Holocaust course for 25 years. She can be reached at mimzim@gmail.com. ✨



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BY SYBIL KAPLAN

Fall Soups

As *Simchat Torah* ends the holiday season, we should be thinking of Fall but, unfortunately, Fall has not arrived in Israel. Nevertheless, here are some Fall soups that will be a nice bridge before starting to fix winter dishes.

My Italian Vegetable Soup

(4–6 servings)

I have no idea where I got this recipe (maybe I made it up), or how long I have been making it, but I like it a lot.

- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1/8 cup chopped celery
- 1/3 cup chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped squash
- 2/3 cup chopped potatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped cabbage
- 1-1/2 Tbsp. tomato paste

- 5 cups boiling water
- 2/3 cup cooked chick peas
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 tsp. basil or Italian herbs
- 1 tsp. parsley flakes
- 2/3 cup short macaroni

Place oil in a large soup pot. Sauté onion, garlic and onions 5 minutes. Add carrots, squash, potatoes and cabbage. Cook 5 minutes. Stir in tomato paste and boiling water. Add chick peas, salt and pepper, Italian seasoning, cover and simmer for 1 hour. Add parsley and macaroni and cook 10 minutes. Served with grated Parmesan cheese on top and crusty Italian bread.

Autumn Root Soup

(4 servings)

Another recipe with no mention of source.

- 1/2 cup chopped carrots
- 3/8 cup chopped parsnips
- 3/4 cup chopped celery root
- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 2 chopped turnips
- 1 chopped leek
- 1 chopped kohlrabi
- 5 cups chicken soup or
- 5 cups water with 4 tsp. chicken soup powder
- salt and pepper to taste



Place vegetables in soup pot. Add chicken soup or water and soup powder, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 30 minutes or until vegetables seem partially tender. You can also puree vegetables, return to soup and heat.

Asian Vegetable Noodle Soup

(4 servings)

I am very fond of Asian vegetables and Asian food so I adapted this from a Food & Wine recipe.

- 1 Tbsp. sesame oil
- 6 chopped scallions with green tops
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 2 tsp. fresh ginger
- 1/4 cup light soy sauce
- 3-1/2 cups water
- 3-1/2 cups water mixed with 4 tsp. pareve chicken soup powder
- 4 sliced carrots
- 3 cups Chinese cabbage with shredded leaves
- 3/4 pound bok choy stalks halved lengthwise and cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces with shredded leaves
- grated zest of 1 lemon
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 pound Asian noodles
- 1-1/2 tsp. sesame oil

In a large soup pot, heat the sesame oil. Add the scallions, garlic and ginger and cook for about 1 minute. Add soy sauce, water and water with chicken soup powder. Bring to a boil. Add carrots and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in Chinese cabbage and simmer 5 minutes. Add bok choy and lemon zest and simmer 5 minutes. Stir in lemon juice. Turn heat as low as possible. In another pot of boiling water, cook Asian noodles about 9 minutes. Drain. Return noodles to its pot and toss with sesame oil. Add noodle to soup bowls, ladle soup over noodles.

Sybil Kaplan is a journalist, author, compiler/contributor/editor of 9 kosher cookbooks (working on a 10th) and food writer for North American Jewish publications. She lives in Jerusalem where she has led weekly walks of the Jewish food market, Machaneh Yehudah, in English since 2009. She wrote the kosher Jerusalem restaurant features for Janglo.net, the oldest, largest website for English speakers from 2014–2020. ✨

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airplane pilot who loved getting in her airplane and showing off her skills at the Indianapolis Airport. Maxine was a Life Member of both Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women. Maxine and Norman left a legacy of philanthropy around the city of Indianapolis, a musical instrument donation at the University of Indianapolis, and foundation at the Indiana University School of Medicine, are just a few.

She is survived by her brother Stanley (Suki) Zlotnick of Fishers. She is also survived by her niece, Linda F. Cohen, and her nephew, Larry N. Cohen and his wife, Dona E. Cohen; all of Indianapolis.

Also surviving Maxine are her five great-nieces; Kim (Rex) Rexroat, Stefanie (Michael) Shepherd-Cooper, Leslie (Rabbi Andrew) Cohen-Kastner, Lainna R. Cohen; Marianne (Dr. Scott) Adams; great-nephew, Ritchie (Tonya) Shepherd; and great-great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank: Debbie Carter, Kayla Woods, and Terry Cobb for their loving care and companionship they have provided, and Dr. Michael T. Johnson of IU Health for his care of Maxine through the years, and St. Vincent's Hospice service.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to IU School of Medicine, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, or Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation - 2020 COVID-19 Fund.

Private family graveside services took place September 23rd, at Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery North, with Rabbi Andy Kastner as officiant.

Friends may leave a message of condolence or view the funeral by visiting Maxine Cohen's obituary at www.arn-mortuary.com.

Shari Simon Greenberg, 57, passed away Sept. 21, 2020. She was born March 24, 1963. Shari was Senior Vice President of Development Marketing and Corporate Events at Simon Property Group. During her 33 year career, Shari was responsible for the opening and re-opening of many of Simon's most iconic shopping centers. Shari was also a founder and Vice Chair of Simon Youth Foundation and a former board member of Pacers Foundation.

Shari loved life. She loved all sports, but especially IU and Pacers basketball. She loved fantasy football, and she had a standing date with Harrison for Breakfast at Wimbledon.

To those that knew her, Shari was a force to be reckoned with. Her kindness, compassion and fierce loyalty to family

and friends was unsurpassed. Her passion for life, strength, wicked sense of humor, warmth, wit and wisdom touched countless people. To know Shari was to love her.

Shari is survived by her husband, Greg; son, Harrison; daughter, Lillian; sister, Linda Simon Bennett; uncle, Herb Simon; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a great-niece. She is also survived by countless friends and extended family.

Shari was preceded in death by her mother, Helene Simon; her father, Fred Simon and her brother, Jeffrey Simon. Funeral services were private. A celebration of Shari's life was held on Sept. 24th. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Shari's memory may be made to Simon Youth Foundation or Pacers Foundation.

Ronni Feinberg Swift, 65, Beloved wife, sister, niece and friend passed away on Sept. 23, 2020 at Hooverwood Nursing Home. She was born in Detroit on March 26, 1955 to Sydney and Lois Feinberg.

Ronni loved to write. She majored in Journalism and received a master's degree in it. During her career she taught Journalism, worked as a sportswriter for the Indianapolis Star and worked an insurance underwriter.

Ronni was a devoted wife to her beloved husband Michael and sister to Diane. She will be deeply missed. Private graveside funeral services were held.

Leonard (Lenny) Rubenstein, 83, died peacefully Sept. 22, 2020 with his final days spent surrounded by loved ones. Born in Chicago, he became a diehard Chicago Cubs fan and met his beloved wife, Bobby. They were married on September 18th for 60 years.

Lenny attended Drake University, served proudly in the Army reserves and retired as a restaurant equipment salesman. He was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), the Broad Ripple Kiwanis Club, a retired board member of the Hasten Hebrew Academy and a former president of the Pinchus Rosenberg Family Society.

He had a passion for all things food including his favorite meal of Montgomery Inn ribs. The light of his life included his two adorable granddaughters, Wrigley and Mara, his son Jeffrey and his daughter-in-law Jennifer. His dreams came true with both the birth of his granddaughters and the Chicago Cubs winning the 2016 world series.

Lenny is survived by his wife, Bobby (Gumbiner) Rubenstein, his son, Jeffrey, daughter-in-law Jennifer, granddaughters Wrigley and Mara. He is also survived by

sister and brother-in-laws Susan and Bradley Carlins, nephews Michael Carlins, Steven (and Rose) Carlins, great nephew Matthew Carlins and great niece Rachael Carlins. He is preceded in death by his mother and father Harry and Ethel Rubenstein, his mother and father-in-law Morrie and Sarah Gumbiner.

The family wishes to thank all of the special doctors and nurses at St. Vincent Hospital and Care Group and St. Vincent Hospice. A graveside service at the Westlawn Cemetery in Norridge, Ill., was held on September 24. A celebration of life service was held at the Cardinal Room at the Golf Club of Indiana, Lebanon on September 29. Donations can be made to IHC or the Broad Ripple Kiwanis Foundation.

Joyce Gould Romer, 85, passed away Sept. 26, 2020 at her home in Carmel.

She was born on May 30, 1935 in Indianapolis to Thomas and Rose (Hantman) Gould. She was a 1953 graduate of Shortridge High School and attended Indiana University.

Joyce married William S. (Billy) Romer on August 13, 1955. They were married for 65 years and had two children.

Joyce loved teaching 3-year olds at the JCC pre-school and second graders at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) Sunday school. She also worked at Billy's motorcycle dealership, Honda of Indianapolis, demonstrating how to ride the smaller models. For this she became a winning contestant on the TV show, "What's My Line" in 1966.

Upon retirement, Joyce was involved in a variety of volunteer activities. The Jewish community eagerly anticipated the annual fashion show which she spent hours coordinating each year as a fundraiser for the Hooverwood Guild. In the 1970's she was instrumental in helping to resettle Russian-Jewish families in the Russian Resettlement Program. She also volunteered at the Gene Glick Family Support Center and the Hooverwood Gift Shop. She was a long-time member of IHC.

More essential to Joyce's social nature than her paid and volunteer work were her numerous close friends. These friends were always met with a welcoming smile and often a homemade treat. She loved entertaining in her home and providing a gourmet meal. Joyce was a good listener and didn't hesitate to offer suggestions and advice. She sought out lively discussions on a variety of topics. She had impeccable taste and was frequently asked to help friends decorate their homes. Joyce

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cherished her time with friends going to local theater, ballet, museums, movies and restaurants. Joyce was beautiful and classy, thoughtful and generous, lively and funny.

For her family, Joyce was a loving, generous, and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt. Her greatest passions by far were talking with, talking about, viewing photos of, and spending time with her grandchildren and their children.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister. Joyce is survived by her husband, Billy; daughter, Cynthia; son, Scott; grandsons, Michael (Breanna) and Andrew Heslin; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Natalie Heslin; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to offer heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Joyce's wonderful and loving caregivers, Malar Stewart, Jody Fritch, Lucinda Woods and Joyce Penick.

A private family graveside service took place on September 30. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charitable organization of the donor's choice.

Alice Rene Rosenfield Berkowitz,

91, of Longboat Key, Fla., passed away Sept. 29, 2020. She was born in Pittsburg to the late Isadore and Florence (Nevins) Rosenfield on May 20, 1929. Alice earned her Bachelor's degree in Theater from Northwestern University in 1949. Soon thereafter, she met the love of her life, Leonard Berkowitz, on a blind date. Their mutual devotion and 60-year marriage were the hallmarks of a life well-lived and that legacy served as a shining example to be emulated by their three children, Nancy, Ellen, and Bill.



Alice was a tireless volunteer and advocate for Indianapolis. She dedicated her life to serving others and gave generously of her time to many causes close to her heart.

She volunteered with Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis for 52 years and served on their Executive Committee for 20 years. She also served on the UJA – Federation National Women's Division Board for 10 years.

Alice was the first President of Helen G. Simon Hillel on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University and also served on their board. Additionally, she was the former President of the Ohio Valley Region of Hillel. Alice also served on the Hillel state governing board and the Board of Advisors for Indiana University Department of Jewish Studies. She con-

tributed 12 years to the Indiana University School of Medicine Cancer Research Development Committee.

Alice also volunteered for 10 years with Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed 26 years as a docent for the Indianapolis Museum of Art and served on their Corporate Development Committee.

She enjoyed helping children and therefore dedicated 7 years volunteering as a teacher's assistant with Operation Head Start. She even became a Girl Scout Leader for two troops.

Alice was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ), Honorary Lifetime Vice President of BEZ, Honorary Trustee and Co-Founder of BEZ Foundation, Women's Division President and Young Women's Division Chairman Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI), and life member of the Board of JFGI.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard M. Berkowitz, and is survived by daughters, Nancy Bate (Gene) and Ellen Berkowitz; son, William N. Berkowitz (Gina); grandchildren, David Bate, Elizabeth Brown, Marie Lea Berkowitz, and Angela Berkowitz, and five great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services were held October 2nd in BEZ North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to BEZ, Indiana University Cancer Research, or Newfields.

Leah Redish, 93, of

Indianapolis, passed away Sept. 29, 2020. She was born in Newark, N.J., to the late Harry and Bessie (Epstein) Burack on Feb. 4, 1927. Leah earned her Bachelor's Degree at Montclair state teacher's college in New Jersey, where she trained to be an English teacher, upholding the use of good grammar for the rest of her life.



She married her husband of 67 years, Charlie, and the couple moved to Indianapolis in 1954. Mrs. Redish, in addition to raising her two sons, enjoyed traveling, bowling, and playing bridge. She achieved the title of life master in bridge and always enjoyed a good game of cards or Mahjongg.

Leah also spent a lot of time and effort in helping Russian Jewish refugees settle in the Indianapolis area. She was a lover and contributor to the arts and enjoyed the symphony and the Museum of Art, where she volunteered for many years as a docent teaching visitors and school-children. She will be remembered for her grace, elegance, love of entertaining, and her philanthropy.

She was member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation where she was active in

Sisterhood. She also was the chairwoman of the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Women's Division Campaign, where she created their first newsletter in 1980.

She is survived by her sons, Dr. Gregory (Maureen) Redish and Dr. Martin (Jenny) Redish; and five grandsons, Clifford, David (Stephanie), Jake, Jeffrey, and Matthew Redish. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Charles H. Redish.

Visitation was held October 6th at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**. Private entombment followed in Crown Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, at parkinson.org.

Emma Juliet Kraus, 13, of Zionsville, Ind., died

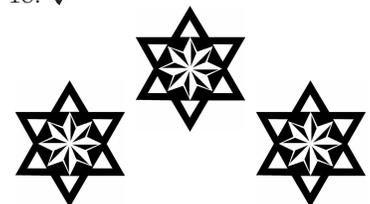


on October 4, 2020 as a result of a sudden, tragic accident. She attended Zionsville West Middle School and was a member of the girl's 8th grade volleyball team. Emma's death is a huge loss to her family and many friends. She was a gentle soul who brought joy, comfort and friendship to everyone she met.

She was the beloved daughter of Eric Kraus and Alexandra Lopez Forero; dearest sister of Ethan Kraus; cherished granddaughter of Toby and Colman Kraus, Cecilia López and the late Norberto López; dear niece of Angie Kraus, Nolan (Karen) Kraus, Melvin (Andrea) Kraus, Elizabeth (Santiago) López, Ricardo (Sandra) López, Yimmy López, Victor López, Eduardo (Carolina) Marquez, Diana (Oscar) Marquez and Mily Miranda; and dear cousin of Jacob, Jessica, Natalie, Rachel, Jennifer, Danny, Matthew, Zachary, Natalia, Tomas, Victoria, Ricardo and Mariana.

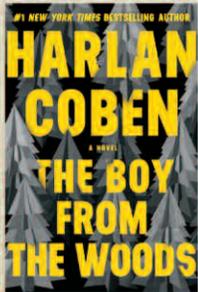
Private funeral services were held October 9th at Zionsville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics Indiana, 6200 Technology Center Road, Ste. 105, Indianapolis IN 46278 or by visiting soindiana.org. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

*We will have these obituaries in our next edition: **Hebert M. Olshever, 87**, on Oct. 9, **Meghan Rose Schwab, 21**, on Oct. 11, **Douglas Alan Perry, 65**, on October 13, and **Yossi Cohen, 78**, on Oct. 18. ✨*



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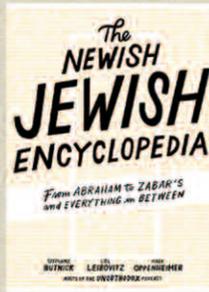
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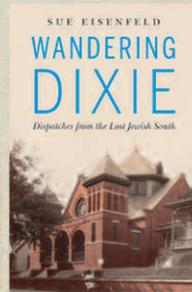
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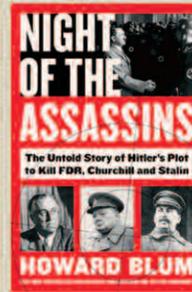
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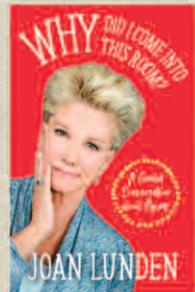
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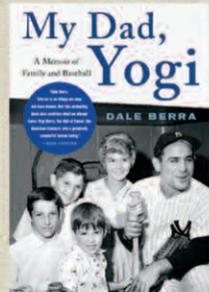
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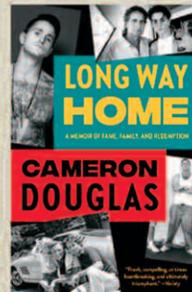
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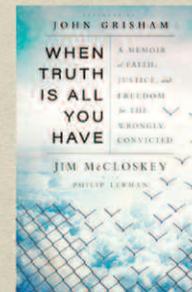
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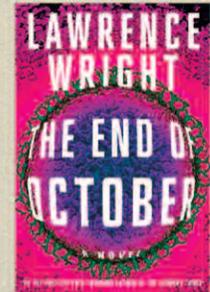
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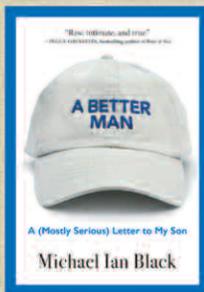
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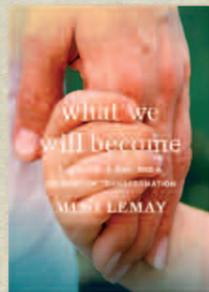
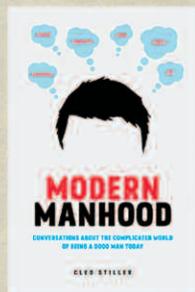
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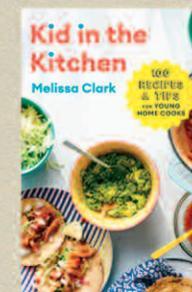
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A Hoosier temple tooted its own horn to raise the spirits of elderly Jews amid a deadly global pandemic. Members of Congregation Beth Shalom Brotherhood trumpeted the *shofar* outside three local nursing homes, plus St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church in Carmel, Ind. during the High Holidays.

Sounding the horn to herald *Rosh Hashanah*, organizers hope it brought great comfort to elderly believers unable to flock to temples because of social distancing rules triggered by the novel Coronavirus.

“It is always challenging for elderly and sick people to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *kol shofar* but especially this year when so many older people are especially at risk for COVID-19 and need to follow social distancing precautions strictly,” said Congregation Beth Shalom’s rabbi, Justin S. Kerber. “So we hoped to bring our services to our people by livestreaming but we also hoped to show them they are not forgotten by bringing the live sound of the shofar to them where they can actually hear it, while still remaining at enough of a distance to be safe.”

During the Coronavirus outbreak, Congregation Beth Shalom moved all services, classes and meetings online. The *shofar* project reduced the risk of spreading disease by keeping the ritual outside. Although the synagogue aired the ritual live online via their Facebook page, the congregation also wanted believers to get the chance to hear the *shofar* as it sounded, as if they were attending traditional services. On *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, the *shofar* was blown 100 times, but the trumpeter uses just four calls.

There’s the long note of the *tekiah*; three short notes that form the *sh’varim*; a series of fast and staccato notes called *teruah*; and a very long, continuous call termed a *tekiah g’dolah*. That’s how a *shofar* calls a people to



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Two Brotherhood members of Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) in light blue shirts (L-R) Dan Davis and Lonnie Gaul, both of Carmel, are blowing shofars together with Rabbi Justin Kerber (R) at Hooverwood Living on Sept. 18, 2020. A video of the program can be seen on the CBS Facebook page at [at: facebook.com/watch/?v=1511922085674371](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1511922085674371). Photos by Deanna Weber Prine were taken before the program began.

attention, reminds them of life’s sorrows, prods them to change their ways, stresses the urgency of the repentance and sounds a final appeal to atone for their sins.

The public was invited to witness the ancient ritual in September at The Stratford in Carmel and Hooverwood Living and Traditions at North Willow in Indianapolis. Congregation Beth Shalom wrapped up the project five days later outside St. Christopher’s Episcopalian Church.

Why St. Christopher’s? “Rev. Chana Tetzlaff invited me to give a guest presentation to St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church as part of their adult education program on the Destruction of the First and Second Temples and what these catastrophes meant for the development of Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism,” said Kerber, of Carmel.

Members of Congregation Beth Shalom took part in several sessions of the adult



L-R) Lonnie Gaul, Rabbi Justin Kerber, and Dan Davis.

education class. Excited about the relationship developing between the church and the synagogue, lay Beth Shalom members offered to sound the *shofar* for St. Christopher’s Episcopal church as well. “We are always happy to answer questions about Judaism and we welcome visitors to our services,” Kerber said. ✨