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(see About the Cover on p. IN 3)



# Simcha Announcements

## Mazel Tov to...

**Michael and Franci Skolnick** on the birth of their daughter, **Molly**, on Dec 21, 2020.

**Matthew Reisweg** and **Maggie Bellamy** on the birth of their son, **Joseph Byron Reisweg** (below), on March 22, 2021. Grandmother is **Adrienne Reisweg** of Indianapolis. Joey and his family live less than a half-mile from Wrigley Field in Chicago. Of course he is already a Cubs fan!



**Mike and Sylvia Blain**, formerly of Indianapolis, on the birth of their three new great-grandchildren. **Miriam Amuna** (below) was born March 24, 2021, at Shaarey Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. Her parents are **Rivka** and **Zion Leshem**. Her grandparents are **Rabbi Zvi** and **Julie Leshem**. **Shalom Noach** (right, below) was born in Israel on May 26, 2021. His parents are **Jenny** and **Josh Pittelman**. **David** and **Susan Blain** are his grand-



parents. And **Maor Uriel** (below with his parents **Liel** and **Eyal Kuttner**) was born in Israel on Aug. 3, 2021. His paternal grandparents are **Rabbi Zvi** and **Julie Leshem**.



**David and Vica Farahan** on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Juliette Chaya Bassahan** (below with her older sister **Leila**), through daughter and son-in-law **Shelly Farahan Bassahan** and **Eric Bassahan** on March 28, 2021. Vica writes:



“Her parents have been on the front lines of the Covid fight this entire time and still managed to bring this little creature into the world.” Her maternal great-grandparents are **Sophia** and **Vladimir Ilyin**. Juliette’s aunt, **Naomi Farahan** (below), just started law school at the University of Michigan.



**Robert A. Borns**, an IU alumnus and philanthropist, on being awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Indiana University-Bloomington during the commencement ceremony on May 8, 2021. Borns is a 1957 Kelley School of Business graduate, a successful real estate developer and the namesake of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program at IU. (See photo with his wife, Sandra, on page IN 11.)



**Chava Bunes** (see p. IN 5), on earning her B.A. degree and graduating from Ball State University on the Dean’s List this past May, completing majors in Psychology and Painting. She was accepted as one of only 14 students to attend Drexel University in Philadelphia these next three years to pursue a Masters degree in Art Therapy and Counseling (considered the first and number one program of that field (see Mazel Tov, page IN 5)



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# Editorial

Part of my editorial for Sept. 14, 2005 about Hurricane Katrina is below. As it is so fitting for today with Hurricane Ida, not to mention Afghanistan, Covid and other current challenges taking place, I am not changing the first part but after the date, I switched out the second part with something new I saw this week by Gretchen Rubin.

She has compiled a list of things she can do when she needs an immediate boost. She did this for her book, *The Happiness Project* which came out in 2010. She writes: "Yes of course, sometimes terrible circumstances make it impossible for me to be happy, but it's almost always possible to be happier, and often with just a few small steps." See her list of 30 things at the bottom. See so much more on her website: [gretchenrubin.com](http://gretchenrubin.com)

These past couple of weeks have been a challenge for all of us, including those like myself who refuse to watch or listen to the news, but especially so for those directly hit by Hurricane Katrina. By word of mouth, or perhaps even through osmosis, not even those far from the United States can escape knowing of this tragedy.

What is unique about this situation for the Jews is that the thoughts and questions that come to mind after hearing about this natural disaster are similar to the work that we do beginning with the Hebrew month of *Elul* all the way through the end of *Yom Kippur*. At this time of year we search our innermost selves and ask, "What is important to me, what really matters? What is my purpose, why am I here? How can I help? What changes do I need to make in order to be the best I can be?"

The destruction of New Orleans and surrounding areas reminds us that no one ever knows for certain what their future holds. The "*Unetaneh Tokef*" prayer from the High Holy Day liturgy says, "On *Rosh Hashanah* it is written and on *Yom Kippur* it is sealed who will live and who will die, who will perish by fire and who by water....With Repentance and Prayer and Righteous Acts we can transform the severity of the decree."



# About the Cover

## "Shabbos Queen"

Cold wax and oil, 24"x24"  
on cradled wood panel

By Jackie Olenick



Jackie Olenick

This is one of an "angel" series that I created during my Covid isolation. Perhaps we've all called upon all four angels during these long lonely months. I like to think about the one depicted here as the angel Uriel, the angel that leads us into the future, into the light. This image also makes me reflect upon all the angels who were lost to Covid and the angels, the essential workers, our doctors and nurses, who guided us into the light.

Jackie lives in Bloomington, Ind. and welcomes visits to her home studio via appointment. She can be contacted through her website: [www.jackieolenickart.com](http://www.jackieolenickart.com). ☆



The only time guaranteed to anyone is the present moment. If one can acknowledge the possibility that today could be their last, wouldn't they want to make amends if they had hurt someone? Wouldn't they want their last words spoken to be something like, "I love you," "Thank you," "Please forgive me," or "I forgive you"?

Having said all this, I think it is important to avoid becoming depressed about this huge loss of life and property or any lesser one – because that will not solve any problem. If any of you, dear readers, have become depressed about the storm and its fallout, please remember there are still countless reasons for joy.

Jennie Cohen, September 14, 2005

## 30 Tips I Use to Make Myself Happier, Right Now

By Gretchen Rubin

- Do ten jumping jacks.
- Go outside and look at the sky.
- Pet my dog Barnaby.
- Then...
- Text a photo of Barnaby to my family.
- Re-read a few chapters of a children's or YA book in a series I love: *Graceling*, *Harry Potter*, *Narnia*, *Melendy Quartet*, etc.
- Enjoy a beautiful smell.
- Do a small good deed for someone else.
- Clear some clutter (I can always find some).
- Look for a beautiful color in my surroundings.
- Call my sister Elizabeth.
- Take a minute to be grateful for some basic aspect of my life: elevators, space heaters, Wikipedia.
- Send a family update (to learn more about "update," listen to episode 2 of the Happier podcast).
- Clean off my desk.
- Copy some quotations into my giant trove of quotations.
- Look at my TimeHop app.
- Make sure I'm not cold, hot, thirsty, hungry, need to go to the bathroom, or experiencing mild discom-

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fort: in other words, treat myself like a toddler. • Re-copy my to-do list, so it's fresh and clean. • Go to the library. • Watch an episode of *The Office* (American version). • Make the positive argument. • Randomly read a few pages of Virginia Woolf's *A Writer's Diary*. • Make myself a cup of coffee. • Make a plan for some future fun: plan an outing, make a date with a friend, add a book to my library list. • Re-read Winston Churchill's eulogy for Neville Chamberlain. • Tackle some small, nagging task that's been weighing on my mind. • Move with more energy, put a smile on my face. When I act happier, I'll feel happier. • Plan to go to bed early. I always feel better in the morning. • Hug a member of my family (whoever's available). • Allow myself to do some quick research on a subject that has been fascinating me, but is unrelated to my work. • Listen to Nina Simone sing "Feeling Good."

Rubin writes: "It's great to have a long menu of choices to consult. Of course, everyone's list is a bit different. My husband's list would include 'Do a crossword puzzle,' for instance. What's on your list?"

In Gretchen Rubin's books – *The Happiness Project*, *Happier at Home*, *Better Than Before*, *The Four Tendencies*, *Outer Order Inner Calm*, and *My Color Pilgrimage* – she writes about why these small actions do make her happier.

Shana Tova Umetukah 5782!

Jennie Cohen, September 8, 2021 ☆

## Halpern and Johnson Returns to JTB

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (JTB) is excited to reprise its popular 2016 production, *Halpern and Johnson* by Lionel Goldstein, this time as a Zoom reading. A poignant comedy drama, *Halpern and Johnson* features two men in their 70s, Mr. Joseph Halpern, a Jewish factory owner and Mr. Ernest Johnson, a retired Catholic accountant. At the funeral of Halpern's wife, Florence, Mr. Halpern meets Mr. Johnson, who shocks him with the disclosure that he and Florence had maintained a close friendship for the past 40+ years.

Six weeks later, Mr. Halpern and Mr. Johnson meet again. Their interactions make way for plenty of comedic moments as they each learn information about their lives and about Florence that ultimately changes them. *Halpern and Johnson* will take you on a roller coaster of emotions ranging from love, faithfulness, and honesty to disbelief, betrayal, and finally, conciliation.

The Zoom reading will be directed by Dale McFadden. Ken Farrell and Gerry Pauwels will return to the roles they portrayed in 2016. Once produced as a television movie on HBO in 1983, Laurence Olivier won a Cable ACE award for his portrayal of the

grieving Halpern. The film was adapted for the stage in Israel in 1995 and has since been performed all over the world.

Reprising his role as Johnson, local actor Gerard Pauwels is well-known to Bloomington theatre fans. For JTB, he was seen in *Visions of Right*, *Coming to See Aunt Sophie*, and *The Grandkid* and he directed *Handle with Care*. Equity actor Ken Farrell as Halpern, is also a well-known performer on the Bloomington theatre scene. For JTB, he appeared in *Brooklyn Boy* and *Oh God*. At the helm of this virtual production is Dale McFadden, Emeritus Professor in the IU Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance. Directing credits for JTB include *Coming to See Aunt Sophie*, *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, and *Oh God*.

Joining the creative team is JTB virtual production veteran, Corey Hollinger, who has served as Stage Manager/Technical Assistant for all of JTB's virtual productions and as Stage Manager for *Cherry Docs* (2019). The performance dates for *Halpern and Johnson* are Thurs., Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. (EST).

JTB has stayed the course during the pandemic, by producing five shows on Zoom. We anticipate a joyful return to onstage live theatre in the spring of 2022, with Anna Ziegler's *The Wanderers* directed

by Martha Jacobs.

To make reservations for *Halpern and Johnson*, RSVP on JTB's website with a suggested donation of \$25 to help offset losses from the cancellation of several live onstage shows due to the pandemic. For more information on the Jewish Theatre, please visit [jewishtheatrebloomington.com](http://jewishtheatrebloomington.com) or find us on Facebook at Jewish Theatre of Bloomington. JTB is a professional theater and belongs to the Alliance for Jewish Theatre. ✨



## New Managing Director at JTB

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (JTB) announces Amalia Shifriss (photo p. IN 5, bottom left) as the new Managing Director. Amalia grew up in Bloomington, attending Beth Shalom synagogue and Hebrew school, and serving as the treasurer of the local chapter of NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth). She also attended Machon (the high school equivalent of Hebrew school), and served as assistant teacher for Machon while in college at Indiana University (IU). Amalia studied Theatre and Drama, got her Jewish Studies certificate with the Borns Jewish Studies Program, and had a work-study job at Hillel.

From ages 7–22, Amalia participated in many local theatre productions, with the BPP, MCCCT, ISC, the Waldron and IU theatre department. She also worked at the Brown County Playhouse box office during summers in college. After college Amalia moved to Los Angeles where she worked on TV and movie sets doing mostly background work, some featured, and helped start a nonprofit theatre company called The Red Brick Road Theatre (RBR) Company, in North Hollywood. With RBR, Amalia did everything from costumes, to acting, to producing and set design. After several years Amalia changed careers to work in nonprofit full-time, working with various Jewish NPOs with fundraising, communications and outreach.

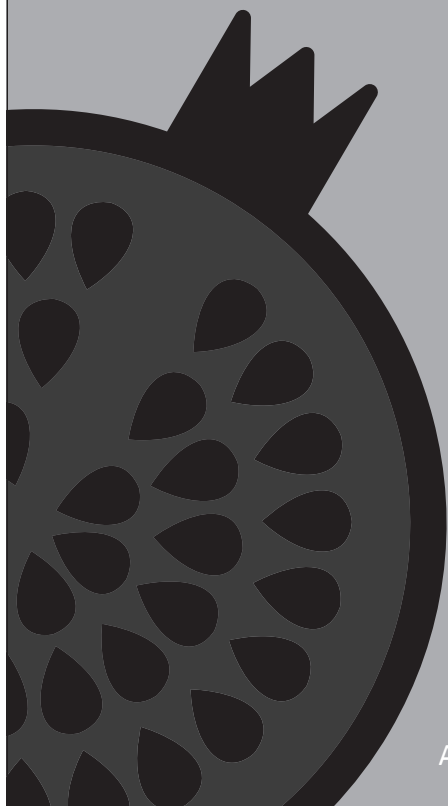

Amalia decided to move back to Bloomington in 2019, to bring her twin daughters to live near their only grandparents, long-time Bloomington and Beth Shalom community members and friends of JTB. She has really enjoyed re-engaging with the Bloomington community through her work, completing Leadership Bloomington in 2020, and serving on the board of JTB and Monroe County NOW. She really looks forward to taking on the role of Managing Director of JTB, as she also starts grad school to obtain her MPA in Nonprofit Management at O'Neil SPEA at IU this fall. ✨

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**MAZEL TOV**

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in the country since its inception 50 years ago), to become a pediatric Art Therapist.

Chava, also a graduate of North Central High School and the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, was inspired to this career by her artistic talents and caring for children as a camp and after-school counselor for four years at the Jewish Community Center, Indianapolis.

**Rivkah Bunes** (Chava's sister, below), on earning an International Baccalaureate



Diploma and graduating in the top 2% of her class from North Central High School this past June. She has begun her studies at Indiana University-Bloomington and is already considered a second-year student, with the 45 college credits she earned while in high school.

Rivkah is double majoring in Political Science and Jewish Studies, with minors in History and Law & Public Policy. She intends on earning a law degree to pursue a career of fighting for civil liberties and equalities in our society. She was inspired to this career by her social studies and history lessons at the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis from which she graduated.

Chava and Rivkah are the daughters of proud parents **Charlie** and **Stacey Bunes**, and granddaughters of **Jeanne** and the late **Sol Bunes** (z"l) and the late **Ken** (z"l) and **Rona Hecht** (z"l).

**Matt** and **Jen Fishman** on the birth of their daughter, **Mackenzie Jordan Fishman** (below), on May 14th. She is the granddaughter of **Randy** and **Esther Fishman**. She has a brother, **Jamey Fishman**.



**Ariana Katz** (right), daughter of **Ronnie Katz** and **Leslie Kraft Katz** and granddaughter of **Gerald Kraft**, on graduating

from Indiana University. She is now in law school at Washington University–St. Louis.

**Isabelle Shevitz** (below), daughter of **Richard** and **Ellen Shevitz**, on her graduation from Butler University. Her grandmother, **Lee Shevitz**, is with her in photo. (FYI: Ellen is organizing another blood drive to be held at the JCC on Nov. 29, 2021, from 1–6 p.m.)



(see Mazel Tov, page IN 6)



**Amalia Shiffriss**, New Managing Director at JTB, with her twin daughters. (See p. IN 4)

**High Holy Days 5782**

**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Monday, September 6 Evening Service at 7:30 pm  
 Tuesday, September 7 Morning Service at 9 am  
 Tuesday, September 7 Youth Service ONLINE (10:00)  
 Tuesday, September 7 Tashlikh starts at Coxhall Garden by the lake continues at CST 7 pm  
 Wednesday, September 8 Morning Service at 9 am  
 Wednesday, September 8 Evening Service at 6:30 pm

**SHUVAH**  
 Friday, September 10 Evening Service at 6:30 pm  
 Saturday, September 11 Morning Service at 9 am

**YOM KIPPUR**  
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 Wednesday, September 22 Morning Service at 8 am

**SHEMINI ATZERET**  
 Monday, September 27 Evening Service at 6:30 pm  
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 Tuesday, September 28 Evening Service at 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday, September 29 Morning Service at 8 am

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**MAZEL TOV**

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**Debby Barton Grant**, as she steps down from her position as CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI). Also moving on from their positions and deserving of praise for their many years of service at the JFGI are **Michele Boukai**, Israel Programming and Overseas Director, and **Paula Glanzman Goldberg**, JFGI Planned Giving and Endowment, LIFE & LEGACY.

We wish them *Yasher Koach* on a job well done and good luck with all of their future endeavors.



D. Barton Grant



M. Boukai



P. Goldberg

resident and attorney who was a driving force for initiating endowment and legacy giving for the local and national Jewish communities as well as the greater Indianapolis community through United Way of Central Indiana. Keith is a two-time past JCC board chair (1991-93 and 2016-18).

**Hanna Fogel** (below), winner of the Marks Levy Award for outstanding service by a JCC staff member. She won for her outstanding service to members and also to her fellow teammates. In her current position as Content Creator and Editor,



Hanna builds community through the monthly e-zine and the website.

**Katherine Michelle Voskoboynik** (daughter of **Michael Voskoboynik** and **Irene Fox-Voskoboynik**, and granddaughter of **Simon Fox** and the late **Faina Voskoboynik**) and **Jason Alexander Schwartz** (son of **Fred** and **Marci Schwartz** of Roswell, Ga.) on the birth of their son, **Benjamin Isaac Schwartz** (below), on July 18, 2021.



**Mike** and **Sylvia Blain** (below), on their 65th wedding anniversary that they celebrated on Aug. 19th.



**Leo** and **Myrna Fang** (below), on their 65th wedding anniversary that they celebrated on Aug. 26th. ✨



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## IJHS Receives a \$25,000 Grant for Project

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS), based in Indianapolis, works to preserve Jewish History throughout the State of Indiana. They have been awarded a \$25,000 grant for the project, "The Indiana Jewish Preservation Corps." The grant is part of the Indiana Historical Society's statewide Heritage Support Grant program. The Lilly Endowment Inc. provides the funding.

"This grant will create a non-sectarian internship program to hire students and IJHS volunteers to travel to Jewish communities around the state to collect and digitize documents, oral histories, and photographs related to Indiana's Jewish past," said the Executive Director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, Michael Brown. "It will give interns hands-on training in archival preservation and digitization, which will create more online accessibility for both family and academic historical research. Our Interns will work directly with Indiana's Jewish communities and individuals who have collections relevant to Indiana's Jewish history."

The IJHS was founded in 1972 by Joe Levine of Fort Wayne, IJHS's first executive

director, and Max Einsteadig of Terre Haute, its first president. They began collecting, preserving, publishing, and sharing the Jewish experience in Indiana.

Current President Melanie Hughes of New Albany, Ind., says, "Our Society is grateful for this grant which will train students in archival methods and in-person fieldwork learning about our Jewish communities around the state." The digitized files will be accessible to researchers through Indiana Memory, the Indiana State Library's digital archive, and harvested by the Digital Public Library of America. "Increasing access to Indiana's Jewish history is important for all of us to better understand all of the Hoosiers who have lived here and helped build our state," said Hughes.

Digital Initiatives Director of Indiana Historical Bureau Justin Clark says, "The Indiana State Library is thrilled to partner with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society to digitize some of their collections. It is through cooperative ventures like this that we continually improve digital resources for students, academics and the public."

The IJHS publishes an annual Journal about topics related to Indiana Jewish history and has a podcast launched in 2021 called IN-Jewish History. For more information, to to: [www.ijhs.org](http://www.ijhs.org) ✨

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Community for the coming year!**





# Choose Life!

BY RABBI DENNIS C. SASSO



We enter these High Holy Days with trepidation and uncertainty. The name *Yamim Noraim*, "Days of Awe," has acquired particular relevance over the past two years.

The readings from the last book of the *Torah*, *Devarim* (Deuteronomy), begin to announce the themes that we will confront during the sacred season: "Behold, I place before you life and death, blessing and curse..." (Deuteronomy 11:26).

This passage raises one of the fundamental concerns of religious and moral life: *Do we have free will; or is everything predestined? Can we make choices; or are we victims of circumstances and designs beyond our control?*

The paradox of free will vs. predestination is built into the religious system of classical monotheism: If God is omnipotent (all powerful); if God is omniscient (all knowing); if God is all good and just...how come there are hunger, war, illness, injustice and evil in the world? Something has to give: either God is all knowing and all good, but not all powerful; or all powerful and all knowing – but not all good; or all good and all powerful – but not all knowing.

The early rabbis were troubled by this paradox and sought to reconcile it. Rabbi Akiba maintained that despite God's foreknowledge, we act freely: "Everything is foreseen, yet freedom of will is granted" (*Pirkei Avot* 3:19).

There is here an anticipation of modern science. Certain qualities are encoded into our chromosomal make-up. Our height, the color of our eyes; even some health predispositions are predetermined genetically. But when it comes to behavior, to issues of morality, Judaism preeminently and predominantly affirms freedom of choice, individual responsibility. "Everything is in the power of Heaven except for reverence toward Heaven" (i.e. moral responsibility).

The prayers of our High Holy Days liturgy reflect the preoccupation of the tradition with the question of God's powers and our freedom. The central thrust of the High Holy Days is that human beings are capable of change. The Hebrew term for repentance, *T'shuva*, (turning), implies free will, responsibility, our capacity to change, to reconsider, to improve, to start again.

Despite the metaphor of the Book of Life into which our names are recorded, the High Holy Days are not about an absolute, all powerful, all knowing God impervious and indifferent to the human condition, but about a God that opens for

us opportunities at each moment. Even when we would think: "I'm stuck! I have no options! No alternatives!", there is always room (as we have learned to say this past year) "to pivot." Things may not be the way we want them, but neither must they remain the way they are.

Covid has starkly presented us with choices of "life and death, blessing and curse." There are realities beyond our control. The virus leaves us confused and weary. But, within parameters, we have choices. To learn and to heed; to observe and to take care – to practice social distancing, washing hands, wearing masks,

getting vaccinated, to follow the knowledge of science and the wisdom of faith.

The High Holy Days are reminders that every choice begins with an act of will made sometimes out of wisdom, sometimes out of desperation; sometimes in time; sometimes a bit late. But, hopefully not too late.

"Behold - I place before you life and death, a blessing and a curse" (Deuteronomy 11:26-27). Mask; wash; watch your distance; vaccinate! Choose life!

*Rabbi Dennis Sasso has been senior rabbi at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis for 44 years. ★*

## Best wishes for a sweet New Year!

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#### Antisemitism: Then... and Now with Dr. David Nirenberg

Join us for a virtual conversation with distinguished historian and

Dean of The Divinity School at The University of Chicago Dr. David Nirenberg.

Dr. Nirenberg is the author of "Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition."

This program is hosted by Rabbi Dennis Sasso, and the conversation will focus on historic antisemitism and its contemporary manifestations.

Don't miss this thought-provoking and relevant conversation!

### Family Sukkot Service and Festival

Monday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. at BEZ

**\*No virtual option for this service.**

Join the spiritual leaders and members of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck for a brief family-friendly service at our beautiful Sukkah. Festival follows with music and food trucks from Bearded Bagel and Gigi's Cupcakes (dairy meal).

RSVP to Jacqui Goldstein at [jgoldstein@bez613.org](mailto:jgoldstein@bez613.org) or the office at (317) 253-3441.

These events are FREE with the generous support of The Alan & Linda Cohen Center for Jewish Learning and Living.



## New Hospice Program at Hooverwood Living

A new Hospice Program named Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Hospice is planned to open in February 2022 at Hooverwood Living.

"We are so thrilled to be able to launch this much-needed service to our community while partnering with Jennifer Nelson Williams to name this organization in honor of her family," states Evan Lubline, CEO of Hooverwood Living.

Jennifer Nelson Williams, President of Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home, Inc. (a funeral home and cremation service that has been serving central Indiana since 1935), is pleased to announce the naming of the new Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Hospice at Hooverwood Living. This naming opportunity arose as Jennifer commemorates the 2-year anniversary of her father, Max Nelson's death. Both Aaron-Ruben-Nelson and Hooverwood Nursing Home have served the greater Indianapolis community with care, compassion, and the highest professional standard for decades.



J. Williams

Jennifer stated, "My dad would be proud



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and honored to know that our company's name is being linked with Hooverwood, a care center we know upholds itself to the same gold standard we do at the funeral home." Jennifer has a long history with Hooverwood, a board member since 1993; Jennifer's grandmother, Lucille Borinstein Cohen, founded the Hooverwood Guild in the early 1970s. Additionally, Mrs. Cohen's grandparents, Anna and Joseph Borinstein, donated their family home to begin the predecessor to Hooverwood, the Borinstein Home.

"The board of directors saw the vision we were developing here at Hooverwood and decided it was time to bring this much-needed service to the community. We can now help those within the walls of Hooverwood and the greater community at the most important time in someone's life. "We will support and stand by the family whenever they need us," said Evan.

Hooverwood is a well-regarded, not-for-profit skilled nursing facility in Indianapolis, (see Hospice, page IN 10)

## Hooverwood Execs Awarded



Hooverwood Living CEO Evan Lubline (L) and AIT & Operations Manager Brittany Scheidt (R) at the LeadingAge Indiana conference downtown on May 11, 2021. Hooverwood Living was honored to receive the Community Impact award, and Brittany Scheidt was awarded the Emerging Leader award for 2021. They are so thankful to have all of their hard work over the past year recognized. Lubline also helped close the conference by being one of the panelists selected to talk about the past year and what's yet to come.

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# Hadassah Donors

On May 23, 2021 the Greater Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah held their 84th Donor Appreciation Event on Zoom honoring their 2019–2020 donors. Titled, “Strong Women of Hadassah from Henrietta Szold to You”, the honorees were Myrna Fang, Leah-Dee Kahn and Shirley Aprison, of blessed memory. Also featured was Adrienne Reisweg (below) as Ruth Bader Ginsberg being interviewed by Marion Garmel.



M. Fang



L.D. Kahn



S. Aprison, z”l

Nationally, Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America (HWZOA), announces that Naomi Adler, a distinguished leader in the non-profit and Jewish communal sectors, has been named the organization’s new CEO. She will lead the country’s largest Jewish women’s organization, with nearly 300,000 members, donors and supporters and a professional staff of 200. Ms. Adler will assume her new role on September 1, 2021, succeeding Janice Weinman, who retired June 30. ✨



(L-R) Marion Garmel and Adrienne Reisweg.



## HOSPICE

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specializing in rehabilitation, dementia care, and adult day services. While upholding the values of Judaism, it welcomes residents and families of all faiths and backgrounds. Hooverwood is committed to building premier services for seniors on their campus and in the greater Indianapolis community. ✨

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# Hoosier Jewish Legends 2021

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society is honoring our Hoosier Jewish Legends for the sixth year. Six individuals who have made significant and lasting impacts on our Indiana Jewish communities around the state were presented awards at a special program at the Indianapolis Jewish Community Center and on Zoom on Aug. 22, 2021. The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis was a co-sponsor of this event. This year's Honorees are:

## Sid Tuchman, z"l

Sid's parents came to America from a large city in Eastern Poland. Sid was born July 28, 1924 and passed away January 7, 2017.

The brash young man, the perennial master of ceremonies of the famed Purim Ball, we remember him as the source of countless chuckles in Circle Players and the Kirschbaum Players stage productions.

Sid was President of Tuchman Cleaners, Inc. an organization consisting of 32 Dry-cleaning units, a Suede, Leather, and



*Sid Tuchman*

Fur Cleaning Division; a uniform Rental Division and a commercial Drapery, Carpet and Furniture Division.

Sid served as president of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and vice president of both the Better Business Bureau and the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI), along with the boards of the YMCA, Girls Scouts of American, and Salvation Army. He served many different positions with JFGI along with being a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council Board.

Throughout their lives together, Sid and his wife, Charlene, engaged in philanthropic endeavors and were active in their Indianapolis and San Francisco communities, volunteering and contributing to causes meaningful to them.

## Sandra and Robert Borns

Sandra was born in Indianapolis and Bob was born in Gary, Ind., and they were married in 1958.

For most of their married life they lived in Indianapolis raising their three daughters Betsy, Emily, and Stephanie.



*Robert and Sandra Borns*

Both Sandra and Bob have served on numerous Jewish, civic and business boards both in Indiana and now in Rancho Mirage, Calif., where they presently reside.

The Borns name is synonymous with philanthropy. In 2003 they made a transformative gift to Indiana University to benefit student scholarships and foster exceptional teaching in what is now known as the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program (BJSP) at Indiana University-Bloomington. Most recently they provided seed funding for the Jewishness and Blackness Project that is led by the BJSP and the Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies.

Both Recipients have received many awards and honors. Most recently Bob received IU's highest academic honor, an honorary doctorate in recognition of his visionary role revitalizing downtown Indianapolis including the remarkable Union Station Project.

Sandra and Bob have six grandchildren.

## Ben Eisbart

Ben came to Fort Wayne to become the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation in 1971. He demonstrated strong



*Ben Eisbart*

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**LEGENDS**

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leadership skills, commitment to the community and respect for each and every individual he encountered.

Ben's nature is giving, caring and supportive of others and he has transformed his community, city, the arts and the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre.

His insight and skills in the area of community relations is outstanding. Ben follows his instincts not only for what it means for him and his family but for the community, city and state. He continues to make a difference in Indiana's Jewish life and in Greater Fort Wayne's Allen County and the State of Indiana.

He was appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb to the Allen County Judicial Nominating Committee. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Sagamore of the Wabash.

Ben and his wife Sharon have two sons, Jake and Josh, and five grandchildren.

**Marcia Goldstein**

Marcia and her husband, Marvin, were born and raised in Indianapolis and have three sons, Keith, Dan, and Andy. Marcia has taught undergrad and



M. Goldstein

graduate courses as well as workshops at Butler University. She is certified in Gifted Education and received her Masters in Learning Disabilities. Her teaching turned to more Jewish content when she began as an early childhood teacher at the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE). Her next stop was the Education Director at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation which expanded to the role of Director of Life Long Learning.

She was a founder of the Interfaith Alliance of Indianapolis with the goal of allowing discussion among various religious beliefs in order to learn about each other. This past December she and Father Ted from St. Elizabeth Seton presented "The December Dilemma". These and other dialogues have been known as the "Ted and Marcia Show".

Most recently she and Marvin established the "Bubbe & Zadie playroom, giving the Hooverwood Living residents a place to play with their grandchildren. She has restored the BJE Maurer Library, bringing it into the Indianapolis Public Library System.

**Larry Adelman**

Larry was raised in Richman, Ind. His family was a member of Temple Beth Boruk where he was the congregation's first *bar mitzvah*. From then on he has dedicated

himself to Judaism and the Jewish people.

During college he went to Israel (the first of seven trips), where he lived and worked on a *kibbutz*. After graduation from Indiana University (IU) he moved to Fort Wayne.

Larry's volunteerism has included two stints as president of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, president of his synagogue, the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, and of Allen County History Center. He was Chair of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign and Co-chair of Israel Bonds Drive. He helped to establish a Fort Wayne Federation scholarship to the BJSP at IU and was founding member of Friends of BJSP. Larry was a volunteer for the Violins of Hope Project.

The Executive Director of the History Center wrote: "As abundantly evidenced by his decades of tireless contribution, Larry is superlatively deserving of an award such as this that recognizes and celebrates Hoosiers who have distinctly impacted their community and compassionately championed the role of the Jewish community throughout the state".

Larry is married to Carol and has three children. ★



Larry Adelman

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# Obituaries

**Richard L. Morgan, 88**, a loving husband, son, brother, father, and grandfather passed away March 11, 2021. He was born on Oct. 6, 1932 in Indianapolis to Marion Etta and Sam Morgan. He was a first-generation college graduate who paid his way through Butler's pharmacy school. Along with his brother, Harry Morgan, the two created Morgan Pharmacies and raised their children down the street from each other. He viewed it as one of life's greatest privileges to have had a brother for a business partner as well as a best friend.

He also had the good fortune of attending Shortridge High School where he met his future wife, Miriam. The two lifelong companions met when they were only 15 and had been together ever since. After raising four kids and retiring, the two spent their time traveling the world and watching joyfully as their family grew. And laughing. There was always plenty of laughter.

Richard enjoyed fresh ground coffee and March Madness – neither of which came close to his love for being a grandpa: there wasn't a macaroni necklace in the world he wouldn't wear proudly. Or a school recital he wouldn't rave about as if it had opened on Broadway. Or a *bar/bat mitzvah* he didn't watch with more than just unconditional love but also unconditional pride.

His grandkids hung the moon, and this was not open for debate. It is difficult in a few paragraphs to describe the man who meant so much to both his family and his community. To describe his wit, his charm, and his quiet faith; Or his smirking laugh and sense of humor. And it is simply impossible to explain his influence on the people who knew him; how much fun we had and how differently we see the world because of him.

It does seem fitting though that,

moments after he passed, dark clouds covered up the sky and it rained for hours.

Richard was preceded in death by his brother, Harry, and his parents, Marion Etta and Sam Morgan. He is survived by his wife, Miriam, his four children, Scott, Debbie, Barbie and Linda, as well as his 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. They are incredibly thankful to both the staff at St. Vincent's and his caretakers for their help.

A private, graveside service was held on March 13th at Beth-El Zedeck. In place of flowers, please send donations to The Harry and Shirley Morgan fund at the JCC, <https://jccindy.org/donate-3/>.

**Lennie K. Jade, 98**, a Holocaust survivor, passed away in Palm Beach, Fla., on March 11, 2021. She was born Oct. 12, 1922. She had lived in Florida since 1978 in the Hollywood and Aventura area. Lennie will always be remembered for her spirit of caring for others as seen in her philanthropy to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., Bet Al Ezech in Netanyah, Israel, Kids in Distress in Florida, her local Jewish Federation and many others.

Lennie is survived by her loving children, Aaron Jade (Enid Barden) and Rebecca Jade Tinter (Alan Tinter) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; brother, David (Sonja) Kropveld in Netanyah, Israel; sisters-in-law, Carla in Winterswijk, Holland and Chané Kropveld in Arnhem, Holland; as well as numerous nieces and nephews in the U.S., Israel, and Holland. She was predeceased by her husband, Cantor Yitzchak Jade; and three of four brothers, Abraham (Bram), Simon, and Jesse Kropveld; and one sister-in-law, Ruth Kropveld.

Lennie was laid to rest alongside her husband, the late Cantor Yitzchak Jade, at B'nai Torah Congregation Cemetery in Indianapolis on March 14th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to B'nai Torah Congregation of Indianapolis or Jewish Federation of Broward in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**Marian Ehrlich, 94**, passed away on March 19, 2021 in Indianapolis. She was born in Cincinnati and graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She and her husband, Abe Ehrlich (deceased 2012), moved many times for his work with Edison Bros. Shoes until Abe was assigned to the home office in St. Louis. Marian enjoyed tutoring children at Old Bonhomme School in Olivette, Mo., and worked for Allen Foods, where she enjoyed helping individuals and restaurants with recipes and how to

improve on ready-made food products. In 2011, Abe and Marian moved to Carmel, Ind., to live at Sunrise Senior Living Facility. In 2015, Marian moved to The Barrington of Carmel.

Marian is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Arnie) Hanish, and her son, Joel Ehrlich; grandchildren, Bari (John) Pham and Steven (Marcie) Hanish; great-grandchildren, Audrey and Conner Pham, and Alexa, Jackson, and Marcus Hanish.

Private funeral services were held in Cincinnati. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Popsie's Pantry ([jfgi.givingfund.com](http://jfgi.givingfund.com)) or the Early Childhood Development Fund at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck ([bez613.org](http://bez613.org)).

**Kenneth Harold Karsh, 72**, of Carmel, passed away March 22, 2021. He was born in Queens, New York on Aug. 23, 1948. His family later relocated to New Orleans and then Indianapolis. He was a 1966 graduate of North Central High School. He attended Kentucky Wesleyan College, University of Miami (Coral Gables, Fla.) and IUPUI, Indianapolis.

Kenny began his career as a successful salesman at Capital Paper Company. In 1985 he acquired and operated Buckingham Pallets until 2011.

Kenny will always be remembered for his quick wittedness, sense of humor and his smile. He was a friend to all and knew no strangers. He possessed the unique talent of always achieving enjoyment out of any situation. He also had the uncanny ability to project his ever positive attitude to others resulting in brightening their outlook too. Kenny loved life, music, his friends and family.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, Ruben and Tess Karsh.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 46 years, Denise; daughters, Lauri (Tom) Smith and Emily Karsh; grand-  
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daughters, Hensley and Lainey Smith; sister, Ellen Karsh (Tony Sanchez, deceased); brother in-laws and sister in-laws, Debra (Phil, deceased) Wheeler, Jeffrey (Lynn) Cronin, Kerry (Carole) Cronin, Doreen (Tom Stein) Cronin, and Leigh (Kelly) Coffield; nieces and nephews, Audrey (Kyle) Holt, Eric (Shannon) Cronin, Allison (Brandon) House, Jacob Cronin, Connor Coffield, Bradley Cronin, and Madalyn Coffield; and 7 great nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service was held in IHC North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Hooverwood Living of Indianapolis or a charity of your choice.

**Mrs. Anita Lois Kasle, 91**, passed away peacefully in her home amongst loved ones on March 29, 2021. Anita was regal and entrepreneurial ahead of her time, a steadfast wife, mother of three, grandmother of five and great-grandmother of six.



Anita was born on Oct. 30, 1929, in New Bedford, Mass., to the late Myer Aaron Goldberg and Ethel (Margolis) Goldberg. Her mother, a revolutionary of the Greatest Generation, was a hard-working and successful jewelry business owner dubbed “The Silver Lady.” Ethel’s greatness was to be found in her dutiful service and witnessed in her willing sacrifice which was praised and mirrored by Anita. Also Anita often spoke of her father, a Harvard educated attorney, whom she recalled would practice for trials in front of the bathroom mirror at home.

Anita was raised in a Jewish home on the East Coast, the eldest of three daughters. Her grandparents emigrated from Russian

Poland settlements – where Jews were “permitted to live” – just before the turn of the 20th century. Anita was a great admirer and grateful for her parents and their role modeling. Her parents were “crazy about each other.” She was given piano lessons from the age of 3, so it can be said that she played for almost a century! The piano was the center of many engagements hosted by Anita and where she would play with and for her grandchildren.

In the 1940s, Anita was a student assistant at University of Missouri, where she still exclaimed she could not believe her parents let her go. Her future husband Herb sat a few rows away from her at a lecture and after countless proposals on campus, she agreed to go on a date with him. She said she was lucky she did and that he was the best man and husband, one of a kind. Her mother was “crazy about him.”

Anita graduated with a degree in Journalism in 1948 from Keuka College, a private school in New York. She furthered her collegiate education at University of Missouri and Butler University in Indianapolis. She went on to become a model, fashion consultant, fashion director, store owner (Nita-Joi Present, Inc., Zionsville, Ind., 1972–1973), fashion show coordinator and commentator and executive on corporate and non-corporate boards including the National Speakers Association, National Professional Saleswomen and International Platform Association. In her roles she traveled worldwide, one of her favorite destinations and fascinations being Hong Kong. Among her achievements were being listed in Marquis Who’s Who and, she would say, raising her family together with Herb. Anita never missed an opportunity to share that each daughter, grandchild and great-grandchild was an achiever in their own right.

Anita married Herb on Sept. 3, 1950, in

her hometown of New Bedford. They raised three daughters, Marlene (Gary) Cohen, Wendy Truesdell and Nancy Kasle, in Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and younger sisters Bernice and Gladys. She is survived by her daughters, grandchildren: Lindsay (Mark) Goffman, David (Natalie) Truesdell, Dr. Risa (Tom) Davidson, Jae (Marek) Szeszycki-Truesdell and Raechel Ball; and great-grandchildren: Oliver and Madeline Goffman, Rory and Lilian Truesdell and Mila and Gavin Davidson.

Arrangements were entrusted to Indiana Funeral Care and interment of both Anita and Herb’s ashes will take place together at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Cemetery North with the support of **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. A traditional and private graveside service will occur at that time.

Herb and Anita were civic leaders and very active in the arts community including service to the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Civic Theater, Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, Butler Ballet, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Eiteljorg Museum, Hadassah, Indianapolis 500, Dance Kaleidoscope, Indianapolis Opera Guild, Carmel Public Libraries and the Beethoven Foundation. Memorial contributions may be made to any of these organizations.

**Peter Skadron, 89**, of Carmel, died on April 10, 2021. He was born in Vienna, Austria Jan. 19, 1932, the elder of two sons of the late Armin and Margaret Skadron.

A graduate of Shortridge High School, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree with honors and a Ph.D. in Physics from Purdue University, after which he served as a research scientist at the Sprague Electric Co. Laboratories in North Adams, Mass. He later became a member of the Butler University Physics Department faculty, serving for 20 years.


He was a past member of the American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Sigma Xi and honorary research society.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 44 years, Sandra and brother, George of Albuquerque, NM.

Graveside services were held on April 15th at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

**Ruth Ellen (Goldberg) Nassberg, 92**, passed away on April 13, 2021 in Indianapolis. She was a Holocaust survivor and one of the very few to have survived Auschwitz, the most notorious of the Nazi concentra-

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tion camps.

Ellen, as she was called by family and friends, was born on Feb. 14, 1929 in Cologne, Germany, to Arieh and Leah Goldberg. She had two older sisters, Miriam and Margot.

At the age of nine, following Kristallnacht, the family escaped from Germany, with tickets in hand and the intention of boarding a ship to the U.S. Travelling through the Netherlands, they were prevented from boarding, and took refuge in Amsterdam. They lived there for a short period, and Ruth Ellen attended the same Montessori school as Anne Frank. Later they were interned at Westerbork Transit camp where they lived for four years. In 1944 the family was transferred to Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp where they worked forced labor for nine months. At the end of 1944 Ruth Ellen, her sisters and mother were transported to Auschwitz/Birkenau, where her quick-thinking sisters were able to disguise her young age, thus saving



her life. Her beloved mother Leah was murdered upon arrival. Ruth Ellen was 15 years old and this tragedy haunted her for the rest of her life.

In the waning months of the war the three sisters were moved to the Oederan camp, where they were put to forced work producing munitions. Ellen quickly learned how to sabotage the bullets she helped to manufacture, ensuring they couldn't be fired. The nightmare finally ended on April 14th, 1945, when the camp was evacuated in the face of the advancing Soviet Army, soon followed by the surrender of the Nazis and the end of the war.

Ruth Ellen and her sisters reunited with their father in Amsterdam and lived there immediately after the war. Her father soon married a widowed Dutch Holocaust survivor, whose daughter was saved from death by a family that hid her through the war. Thus a stepmother and fourth daughter entered the family, establishing a Dutch branch of the family tree. That bond continues with the next generation to this day.

In July 1947 Ruth Ellen, alone, boarded the ma'apilim (blockade runner) boat the Akbel/Biria, and after a perilous voyage arrived in Haifa, in then British Palestine. The ship was intercepted, and its passengers held in the Atlit Detainee Camp. Shortly

thereafter she was released and joined the Ben-Shemen Youth Village, in central Israel, where she had her first taste of freedom, sunshine, happiness, and Israeli chavruta (kinship). Here she was able to complete her basic education, interrupted by so many years of tragedy. Ben-Shemen would remain her reference for all that is good for the rest of her life.

Ruth Ellen served in the Israeli navy, during 1949–1951 and was proud to help defend her new homeland. In 1952 Ruth Ellen met Jack (Yaakov) Nassberg, also a Holocaust survivor, while he was visiting in Haifa from New York. They were married in 1953 in Haifa, and shortly thereafter Ruth Ellen joined Jack in New York.

They owned ladies' wear stores in Queens, New York, expanding on a business started by Jack's brother, Max and his wife, Rae. Called Macrae's, Ellen was then destined to be known as Mrs. Macrae for all the years the business existed. Ruth Ellen was talented in outfitting customers in the latest fashions, although she could hardly speak English in her early years in the US. Her charisma, charm and beauty substituted any necessary words. She later worked in the Saks 5th Avenue Bridal Department, where she quickly learned

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 A detailed photograph of a Seder plate (karpas) filled with various fruits including apples, oranges, lemons, and a large pomegranate. A small glass of wine is also visible on the plate.
 

# Shana Tova

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English and the art of sales. With her first paychecks she bought a small refrigerator for her father in Israel, the first in his neighborhood to own one.

Although the Holocaust halted her formal education in 7th grade, Ellen gained knowledge through voracious reading and learning from others. An intelligent and curious person, she mastered four languages in which she was fluent: German, English, Hebrew, and Dutch.

In 1958 her son Barry David was born, and in 1960 her daughter Michèle Lee was born, Lee, in memory of Leah, her dear mother. In 1970 Ruth Ellen and family

moved to Israel and lived in Haifa for a time. Haifa would remain the home of her heart and soul, even after she returned to the U.S. Over the years three grandchildren came: Ben-Ari, Maya Tani and Victoria Ellen. They were the love of her life; everyone else faded in comparison.

Ruth Ellen's special talent was her famous apple pie, made with decadently delicious German streusel topping. Scrabble was her game of choice, CNN her form of entertainment, and Sanjay Gupta her health guru. She had the posture of a ballerina, till her final day.

Ruth Ellen loved to travel and instilled the travel bug in her children. Naturally, her three grandchildren received the passion through their genes.

In 2004, after Jack had a devastating

stroke, they moved to Indianapolis to be near their daughter Michele and husband, Gadi, who both lovingly cared for Jack and Ruth Ellen during their last years.

Ruth Ellen moved into Marquette assisted living where she lived out her days, regaling staff with her life stories. She is survived by her children, Barry (Nancy) and Michele (Gadi); and her grandchildren, Ben-Ari, Maya Tani, and Victoria Ellen.

Funeral services and burial were held in New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis for Israel programming, or Etz Chaim Congregation.

**Gregory Osherenko, 75**, of Carmel, passed away April 16, 2021. He was born in Mazyr, Belarus to the late Yefim and Mara Osherenko on Nov. 24, 1945. Gregory studied at a technical college and worked in mechanical repair. He is survived by his loving wife, Raisa Grishin; sons, Evgeni (Irina) of Israel, Stas (Leslie), and Martin; brother, Aaron of Israel; sister, Rita of Israel; three grandchildren, Daniel, Shon and Alexa, and nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held April 20th in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery.

**Sanford (Sandy) William Sirkus, 85**, of Naples, Fla., and formerly of Shelbyville, passed away April 20, 2021 in Florida with his family by his side. He was born on Dec. 15, 1935 to the late Paul Sirkus and Lee Cutter Sirkus in St. Louis. The family moved to Shelbyville when Sandy was an infant.

He was a graduate of Shelbyville High School (1954), where he excelled at golf and baseball, and Indiana University (1958) where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. Sandy married his college sweetheart, Louise Kodicek, on July 26, 1959 and remained married until her death in 2008.

Sandy served in the US Army Reserves as a 2nd lieutenant for over 7 years. He raised his family in Shelbyville. Family was the single most important thing in his life. He was dedicated to his 2 daughters and eventually his 4 grandchildren.

He was extremely active in the Shelbyville community and volunteered for a variety of organizations and was a long time member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

He was the owner of both Sirkus Realty and Sirkus Appraisal Agency. He was president of the Shelbyville Board of Realtors and named realtor of the year in 1983. Sandy joined the Indiana Society of Real Estate Appraisers in 1976 and later served as its director from 1986 to 1989, and

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later became president. He and Louise moved to Naples following retirement.

Sandy was an avid sports fan, particularly the St Louis Cardinals and IU basketball. He played golf most of his life and enjoyed reading and traveling.

Surviving: his daughters, Elizabeth Sirkus (Bradley) Cohen and Eden Sirkus (Mark) Bernstein; grandchildren: Adam Sirkus Johnson, Levi Sirkus (Kimberley) Bernstein, Emily Lois Bernstein and Zachary Paul Cohen; sister, Nanette (Michael) Suffian and special friend, Ronda Lande.

A celebration of Sandy's life was held on June 21, 2021, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Eugene Murray Star, 67**, of Indianapolis, passed away April 22, 2021. He was born March 10, 1954 to Alex Star and Regina Concannon. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in social work, Gene started his own lawn and garden business. For over 45 years, he owned and operated Henthorn Mower and Engine Service with his wife, Rickie.

Gene loved music and enjoyed playing the guitar. Recently, he enjoyed going to the casino. He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. His greatest enjoyment came from being with his family – especially his grandson who was the apple of his eye.

Gene is survived by his father, Alex Star; daughter, Jennifer (Russell) Colburn; grandson, Remington Colburn; and siblings, Louie (Janie) Star and Clarissa "Tish" (Ben) Doochin. He was preceded in death by his mother; and wife, Rickie.

Private graveside services were held in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on April 23rd. Memorial contributions may be made to Every Dog Counts or FACE Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Sharon Vivian (Zelinsky) Miller, 70**, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and educator passed away suddenly with her family by her side on April 26, 2021. She was born Jan. 21, 1951. She was a devoted teacher's aide at the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis and was lovingly called Bubbe Miller by children and their families. Sharon was a member of Congregation B'nai Torah.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Robert and their three children, Jonathan "Chaim", Jessica "Gila" and Dovid. Graveside services were held in B'nai Torah Cemetery on April 28th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be

made to Kids Kicking Cancer or to Congregation B'nai Torah.

**Cecilia Rose (Weinberg) Nahmias, 98**, passed away on April 28, 2021 having bid farewell to her loving children and grandchildren in the days prior. "Cecile," as she was known to friends, was born on March 11, 1923 in Springfield, Mass., to parents Herman and Sarah Leah (Cohen) Weinberg. In 1944, while he was stationed at Westover Field during World War II, Cecile married the love of her life, Morris P. "Moe" Nahmias of Indianapolis. Their adventure began on the southside of Indianapolis and to that union, three amazing children were born: Nancy D. Thompson, Scott A. Nahmias, and Paul R. (Sarah) Nahmias, D.D.S. She is survived by six grandchildren, Leslie Thompson (Ben) Pecar, Gregory (Lani) Thompson, Leah Nahmias, Emily Nahmias (Adam) Brown, David Nahmias, and Michael Nahmias; and six great-grandchildren, Logan and Reagan Thompson, Jordan Pecar, and Benson, Cohen and Ari Brown. Moe preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1992. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Styra Tucker



and Barbara Rubin.

Like many women of her generation, Cecile was a homemaker, delighting in the roles of wife, mother and grandmother. Cecile was a member of Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation and was active in the Deborah Sisterhood with whom she spent many hours baking for special events. She volunteered at Riley Hospital for Children where she loved rocking the tiny babies. Cecile also volunteered for the American Heart Association, was a scout den mother, and assumed many roles as a room mother in her children's elementary classrooms.

Cecile never stopped blushing at Moe's teasing, and he in turn praised her "bendichas manos" ("blessed hands") that mastered the art of chicken soup and Sephardic specialties. She was a wonderful grandmother, never missing a performance, ball game, or life cycle event. She will be remembered fondly by many nieces and nephews to whom her home was always open and welcoming. Cecile was loyal, kind, beautiful and timeless. Even at 98, she never complained, saying, "it's okay, I feel fine." The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Marquette Manor and IU Saxony Hospital for their loving care and dedication to her comfort.

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**OBITUARIES**

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Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary** and interment was held at the Etz Chaim Cemetery. Private graveside services were held on May 2nd. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to honor Cecile may do so by making a contribution to the Etz Chaim Congregation, Riley's Children's Hospital, the Employee Fund at Marquette Manor, or their favorite charity in her name and by being joyful and kind.

**Evelyn R. (Cohen) Heisler, 92**, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, passed away on April 29, 2021. She was born Feb. 7, 1929. Evelyn was a fixture at the Jewish Community Center, working for many years as the Membership Secretary, greeting everyone by name as they entered and left.

Evelyn was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. She is survived by her sons, Mark and Joseph, her daughter Heidi, and her grandson Fletcher. Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Jules Heisler.

Graveside services were held on May 3rd in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery.

**Barbara Esther Pomeranz, 72**, passed away on April 30, 2021. She was born in South Bend, Ind., on August 21, 1948 to the late Abraham and Sarah Pomeranz. She graduated from John Adams High School in South Bend in 1966 and Indiana University, Bloomington, with a Master of Science degree in Adult Education. Following graduation, the majority of her employment experience centered on education. Barbara worked with Senior Citizens, students in college, women returning to college, students in GED



programs and preschoolers. In addition, for many years, she tutored adults in a literacy program and started a women's investment group.

Barbara loved Indiana History and to this end taught it at the Indianapolis Senior Center where she was employed as Director of Services and Education for over 28 years. In addition she was a volunteer tour guide at the Benjamin Harrison Center and Indiana Landmarks for several years.

Barbara's family has always been a very important part of her life. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Diane Pomeranz, her significant other David Keeler, her three nieces Amy Pomeranz Essley (Eric), Laura Michelle Crum (Brian) and Heather Brooke Taylor (Ron), four grandnieces, and three grand nephews.

There were no services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Indiana University Health Hospice and **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary and Cremation Service**. A website (www.arnmortuary.com) is available to share condolences with Barbara's family, make contributions to the Jewish Federation, Wheeler Mission, or the Indianapolis Humane Society, and to read a letter Barbara wrote for family and friends.

**Terry Steven Arnoff, 68**, passed away suddenly with his beloved wife by his side, on May 4, 2021. Terry was born in Columbus, Ohio to the late Milton and Yenna Arnoff on May 8, 1952. Terry was a proud graduate of The Ohio State University and worked for Indiana University as a lab supervisor for transplant surgeries.



He is survived by his wife, Kathie-Jo and their children, Rebecca (Milena Fletcher) and Jason (Nicole Ouellette) and grandchildren, Ragen Fletcher, and Madelyn and Owen Arnoff. Terry was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Rick.

Graveside funeral services were held in

Columbus, OH at Beth Jacob Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, where Terry and Kathie-Jo were part of the founding community and active members.

**Betty Kleyman, 88**, beloved mother, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother passed away on May 13, 2021. She was born in the Ukraine on May 31, 1932 to the late Froim and Sara Malyar. She was an elementary school teacher. Her loving husband, Simon, died in 2011.

She is survived by her son, Ardy (Diana) and daughter, Rita; her sister, Polina; grandchildren, Svetlana and Eugene and great grandchildren, Gregory and Daniel.

Funeral services were held on May 16th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, burial followed in Beth-El Zedek North Cemetery.

**Etya Bachkurinskaya, 91**, of Indianapolis, passed away May 15, 2021. She was born in Moldova on Oct. 8, 1929 to Joseph and Fanya Blank. Etya was a Pediatrician and practiced in Moldova and Eastern Europe while traveling with her military husband, Lev.

Etya is survived by her daughter, Lyudmila Rozenberg; son, Igor (Inessa) Bachkurinskiy; grandchildren, Gene (Ashley) Rozenberg, Eric (Anastasia) Rozenberg, Tatyana (Dereck) Duncan, Jessica Bachkurinskiy and Julia Bachkurinsky; and six great-grandchildren; and brother, Leonid Blank of Germany. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lev Bachkurinskiy; and son-in-law, Mark Rozenberg.

Funeral services were held at **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**, on May 20th. Burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holocaust Survivors Fund through Jewish Family Services.

*We will have these obituaries in our next editions: Carol Jean Greenlee Cohen, 87, on May 21, Eleanor B. (Cohen) Gelman, 94, on May 25, Richard J. Sandler, 88, on May 24, Dr. Ruth Kubersky Feinberg, 82, on May 27, Rozita Makaron, 93, on May 27, Lewis Michael Farber, 52, on May 26, Mollie Rae Caine, 99, on June 7, Shelley Elaine Natkow, 68, on June 8, Aubrie Anne Zelikovich, 10, on June 23, Douglas Welcher, 86, on August 8, Sheila Seleman, 81, on July 3, Denise Lawrence, 61, on July 8, Bess (Stern) Roth, 97, and Edward Hollander, 81, both on July 9, Armilda Williams, 83, on July 11, Dr. Raymond Waldman, Jr., 83, and Bryan Lawrence Davis, 81, both on July 17, Gladys Pincus, 84, on July 29, Mikhail Knyazhanskiy, 90, on Aug. 15, and Irwin Rothbard Rose, 92, and Barry Elliott Landy, 81, both on Aug. 22. ✨*

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By MARCIA GOLDSTEIN

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## Ron Klain on J-Post’s Top 50

For what may be the first time, someone born and raised in Indianapolis, Ronald A. Klain, is on *The Jerusalem Post*’s list of Top 50 Most Influential Jews in the World. Klain, a 1979 graduate of North Central High School and now Chief of Staff for President Joe Biden, is #16 on this prestigious list for 2021.



Klain was inducted into the Indiana Jewish Historical Society’s Hoosier Jewish Legends in 2017. As the White House Ebola Response Coordinator, he led the U.S. government’s domestic public health response and the international humanitarian and military efforts in 2014-15 to stop the virus in West Africa. ✨

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Dara works at Full Hand Farm in Noblesville managing the staff and planting and harvesting flowers to sell at the market. They have a great selection of very fresh produce, all reasonably priced. For more details go to: [www.facebook.com/fullhandfarm](https://www.facebook.com/fullhandfarm) or [www.fullhandfarm.com](https://www.fullhandfarm.com), and [broadrippleindy.org/farmers-market/](https://broadrippleindy.org/farmers-market/)

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