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# Simcha Announcements

## Mazel Tov to...

**Elyse Hershenson Freed and Kenny Freed** (below) on the birth of their son, **Zev Isaac** (*Zev Shaya* in Hebrew), on Aug. 24, 2021. Elyse is the daughter of **Michelle** and **Marvin Hershenson**. "When the world has given us a lot of dark in recent weeks," Elyse wrote, "here's some light – introducing the newest member of our wolf pack. Zev means *wolf* and is a name that's always made our short list, but didn't feel right until now. We know that as the third of two strong willed boys, Zevi will have to hold his own. Isaac is for my paternal grandmother, **Ida**. In Hebrew, Isaac means *to laugh* – an important quality in our house! And with Zev being born so close to *Rosh Hashanah* where we recall the story of the binding of Isaac, it felt extra appropriate. *Shaya* is an additional Hebrew name in honor of my maternal grandmother, **Jeanne Sacks Koplów**, ז"ל, whose Hebrew name was *Shayna*. It means *a gift from G-d*, something she most definitely was — and is certainly how we feel about this new guy. Shine on, little man. We can't wait to see what you do. Zev's two older brother are **Asher Shamaria** age 4-1/2 and **Micah Lev** age 2-1/2.



**Juliette Nehring**, and family, on the birth of her twin grandchildren on Sept. 6, 2021 through her daughter **Dana Sofie** and son-in-law **Fernando**. **Esperanza Sofia Joan Casanova** weighed 4 lbs. and **Khulai Mikha'il Brett Casanova** weighed 5 lbs.

**Bob and Candy Vogel** and **Udan Trivedi** on the marriage of their eldest grandchild,

**Brandon Hensley** to **Nancy Bueno** (below) on Sept. 5, 2021. The wedding took place in Mt. Vernon, Ind., where the bride's family lives.



**Jen Lande** and **Michael Gross** (below) on their marriage on Sept. 28, 2021. Jen is the daughter of **Beth** and **Jerry Lande** and granddaughter of **Ann Lande**, the late **Alex Lande**, and the late **Dody** and **Al Rothenberg** of West Bloomfield, Mich. Jen graduated from Indiana University and works at Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Michael is from Pittsburgh and is the son of **Don** and **Susie Gross**, and grandson of **Bea Gross**, the late **Alvin Gross**, and **Stanley** and **Patti Levine** all of Pittsburgh. He graduated from Indiana University Kelley School of Business. Jen and Michael both work and live in Chicago. They honeymooned in Costa Rica.



**Michael S. (Mickey) Maurer** on the release of his new book *The Methuselah Gene*. His wife, Janie, asks, "Sex, mayhem, and medical



## Eva Kor's Story Told in a New Book

*Forgiveness: The Story of Eva Kor, Survivor of the Auschwitz Twin Experiments*, the illustrated biography by noted Bloomington author-illustrator Joe Lee, publishes Oct. 5, 2021, with Indiana University Press/Red Lightning Books.

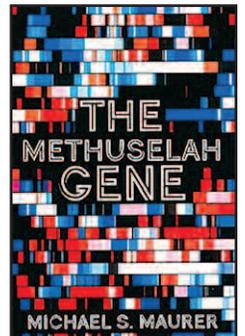
Joe Lee is a cartoonist, illustrator and writer, and he was able to meet with Eva Kor before her death, to travel with her to Poland, and to hear her stories about her life, which he recorded to make this book. He is the author/illustrator of books on clowns (he is himself a former circus clown), Dante, and Greek mythology; editorial cartoonist for the *Bloomington Herald-Times*; and staff illustrator for *Our Brown County Magazine*. His latest large work is the *LeGrande Circus & Sideshow Tarot* for US Games. Lee is a graduate of Indiana University and is currently based in Bloomington, Ind.



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mysteries – where did my husband come up with all of this?"

In this mesmerizing medical thriller, Alex Morton, a talented but unorthodox scientist, undertakes the care of little Jimmy Higgins who suffers from one of the rarest diseases in the world, progeria, a genetic mutation that grossly accelerate the aging process.



Alex's study of progeria yields staggering discoveries about the mother of all diseases, aging. What Alex does not know is that Mother Nature jealously guards her secrets and that his newly developed therapies will lead to calamitous unintended consequences.

**Joel Epstein** for being selected a "5 Star Mortgage Professional" for the 11th year in a row. He is one of only three mortgage professionals in Indiana to be recognized every year the award has been given. He is thankful for all of his clients and partners.. ✨



# Editorial

A year ago the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis presented a Zoom interview with Dr. Ruth Westheimer, age 92. I was amazed at how much energy she had and at the same time she was not anxious about the pandemic, even before vaccines were available.

When Rabbi Sandy Sasso asked her how best to cope with the current situation she replied, “Do not lose your hope, eventually the bad times will be over, and then we are going to rejoice. I respect how difficult it is right now. The reason I don’t talk about subjects like the virus is because we have to listen to the health professionals. Also when it comes to politics, I do not talk except to say how upset it makes me to see children separated from their parents because this is what happened to me.”

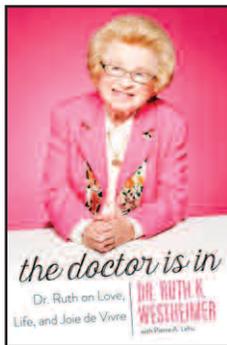
Living with her family in Germany in 1938, Karola Ruth Siegel (the future Dr. Ruth), age 10, was put on a train to Switzerland with other Jewish children where they were put in an orphanage. Two years later, when the letters stopped coming from her parents, she didn’t know what happened to them. She was in a sort of limbo, an orphan who didn’t quite believe her status.

The impression that her parents might someday show up haunts her still. It is not a feeling she will ever lose. And yet she hasn’t clouded her life with darkness. How does she manage such emotional upheaval and stay happy? And how can you do the same with whatever terrible events fill your memory banks?

To find out, I read her autobiography, *The Doctor is In: Dr. Ruth on Love, Life, and Joie de Vivre*. I do not think I have ever read a better self-help book. Almost every page is filled with good suggestions on how to cope with difficulties and to live a happier life.

Since English is probably the fifth language that Dr. Ruth learned after German, Swiss German, Hebrew and French, I attribute the smooth and polished way the book is written to Dr. Ruth’s longtime assistant Pierre A. Lehu who helped her write the book.

Before coming to America, Dr. Ruth studied psychology at Sorbonne University in Paris. That is probably when she first became fond of the phrase *joie de vivre* which in French literally means “joy of living” and is often used in English to



express a cheerful enjoyment of life, an exultation of spirit. It “can be a joy of conversation, joy of eating, joy of anything one might do”.

The book has about 200 pages with some interesting chapter titles such as, “Always Learn New Things”, “Take Risks”, “Recognize That It Is Never Too Late”. To help answer the question of how she is able to stay happy amid unspeakable circumstances, read a few quotes below from her book.

“Focus on the present. Pay attention to the people around you. Ask questions and listen for answers. Tell everyone what happened to you during the day and make it as amusing as possible. Accentuate the positive, try to bring everyone’s spirits up; by doing that, you’ll find your own elevated. And by keeping your brain occupied in the present, it will force toward the back any unpleasant emotions that your past might evoke.” p. 12

“One of my secrets to getting the most from life is that I naturally forget bad things that happen to me. That’s not to say I don’t hold grudges. However, if I’ve forgotten why I should be holding that grudge, it slips through my fingers, along with all the bad vibrations that come with anything negative... You can’t experience *joie de vivre* if you are carrying around a huge lump of bitterness.” pp. 21-22.

In the orphanage in Switzerland, “we couldn’t turn to our parents so we turned to each other. We created bonds that were tough enough to last a lifetime. But when we get together, we aren’t bitter. We don’t cry about what happened. Instead we find ways of making each other laugh. Once you learn to squeeze some fun out of what really are sour lemons, that’s a skill you never lose. You learn not to dwell on what’s horrible in your life ... You look for the good that life has to offer rather than make petty complaints.” pp. 24-25

“I don’t go around with a long face; usually I’m smiling. At what? I actually look for things to smile about. If I’m going to a concert later that night, and I start to feel in a bad mood, I think about the wonderful melodies I’ll be hearing later. I make a conscious effort to be positive. And if you want the most *joie de vivre* in your life, that’s what you must do as well. Negative thoughts will pop into your head as they do to me and everyone. But why give in to those thoughts and allow your mood to be dragged downward? My suggestion is to fight off the temptation to go negative and work at being positive.” p. 98

“When I was ten, I wanted to be doctor. Maybe at that age I didn’t know exactly what that meant, but I knew I wanted to help people. The joy that one can find in giving – be it money or assistance or maybe

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even just your ear to someone in need of one – cannot be matched by any other means. There’s the joy of sex, the joy of success, the joy of acquiring an object you desire – but the satisfaction that comes from giving is a very powerful emotion that you can’t get any other way. If you want to experience *joie de vivre* you have to be open to giving of yourself.” p. 101

If you are meeting a friend for lunch, read the morning paper so you are up on the latest news. If you are watching late night TV the night before and you hear a funny joke, write it down so you are prepared to repeat it at lunch. Mining the *joie de vivre* that life has to offer requires that you put some effort into what you do. ... You want the overall atmosphere to be one where you both come away from the lunch feeling good about having gotten together. If you provide interesting conversation then people will want to get together with you.” p. 111

“When something bad happens, complain as loudly as you can for five minutes then  
**(see Editorial, page IN 4)**

# Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

B.H.

## Religious or Secular

Which is the right way to live? I should know. I grew up rather secular. I suffered a lot as a teenager. My goals were to be popular, have a lot of friends, go to parties and get drunk, have girlfriends and have good times. I failed to achieve these goals and suffered a lot of frustration and jealousy. I was jealous of those who were rich, popular, had girlfriends, went to parties, owned a car or motorcycle and such. I was forced to go to classes and read and study a lot of subjects that didn't really interest me.

When I was 17 years old I tried out religion (yoga). Two months later I realized a lot of improvement in my life. I felt a strange feeling. What was it? Happiness! No more frustration and jealousy! Now I had different goals. Now it didn't bother me that I was not rich or that I didn't own a car or motorcycle. Now I didn't want to go to parties and get drunk. Now I wanted to be good, to do good deeds, to be helpful, to be careful not to harm any living creature. I wanted to believe in G-d and live by His rules. I became a vegetarian, so as not to kill the fish, poultry or cattle. I tried hard to be nice and helpful. When I helped someone they were happier, and that made me happy! I was nice to people so they were nice to me. Friendships blossomed and my life blossomed.

A year later I became *Chassidic*. How did this happen? I spent *Shabbos* (Sabbath) in a *Chassidic* community and was very impressed. I found there a lot of happy people and felt a lot of love. A month later I visited the *yeshiva* in Kfar Chabad. I learned *Talmud* for the first time, and I liked it very much. After a few days I decided to drop out of college and learn full time in the *Yeshiva*. Soon I felt new improvements in my life. Three hours a day I learned *Chassidus*, which explains the deep, inner meaning of the *Torah*, the commandments and every aspect of life. Now I felt the holiness of the Sabbath and the holidays. Now every Sabbath and holiday became a wonderful experience. I remember telling myself: "Wow! This one *Shabbos* is worth more than all of the 17 years that I lived in Indianapolis!"

I began to pray three times a day. What is prayer? To connect to G-d! To realize that He gives us our life and existence and everything that we have, and to thank Him for that! Wow! Three times every day I began to experience G-d in my life. This is a wonderful, priceless experience. Now I feel that G-d is with me and I am never alone. G-d is running the show, so I am sure

## FORGIVENESS

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### Synopsis for *Forgiveness*:

In March of 1944, at age 10, little Eva was arrested with her entire family, including her twin sister, Miriam, for the "crime" of being Jewish.

Nazis loaded Eva and her family into a cattle car with other men, women, and children headed to the Auschwitz-Birkenau



that everything that happens is really good, even things that appear to be negative.

When I was 22, I was introduced to the girl that I married 6 months later. Thank G-d we have a good marriage and we have been blessed with many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. It has been a great pleasure to help them to grow up and become HAPPY teenagers and adults. It is not always easy to be a teenager or adult in our world, but if you are a religious and *Chassidic* teenager you don't have to go through all the pain and suffering that I went through.

I hope that reading this will inspire you to give religion and *Chassidism* a try. It has been a great help for me and for many billions for thousands of years. Spend some time in a *Chassidic* community or *Chabad* house. Learn *Torah*. If there are no *Torah* classes near where you live, you can learn on the internet. Go to one of the *Chassidic* websites.

I understand that looking into the *Chassidic* way of life can be difficult for some people. I remember growing up with negative feelings toward religion. I had to attend services every Saturday morning even though I would have liked to do other things. I told myself that soon I would go off to college and then I would not have to go to services any more.

However, give it a try. We have nothing to lose and a whole lot to gain. Every good deed that we do makes our life and our world better. Amazing! When I do a good deed I am helping seven billion people live in a better world and have a better life! And this is really happening! In recent years many evil regimes have fallen. Millions of people now have much better governments and much better lives. For thousands of years we and our ancestors have been working hard to make our world completely good. Our *Rebbe* told us that we are now close to the finish line! We have to do a lot of good deeds because every good deed will help to bring *Moshiach* (the Messiah) Now!

We wish everyone to be inscribed and sealed to have a good year.

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concentration camp. Within moments of their arrival, the twins lost their entire family to the gas chambers without a chance to say goodbye. Because twins were considered valuable for research, the girls were spared immediate death by Josef Mengele, the Nazi doctor and war criminal, in favor of experimentation and torture.

This stunning, heartbreaking illustrated biography tells the story of a tenacious girl's fight to survive a horrific childhood ravaged by tragedy; her growing anger as an adult who settled in Terre Haute, Ind.; and her eventual discovery that forgiveness might just save her life.

### Two launch events upcoming

There will be a conversation and signing at Morgenstern Books in Bloomington, Oct. 5, 2021 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

A CANDLES Museum event will take place at 1 p.m. on Nov. 13, 2021. Lee will be speaking about his experiences with Eva, and signing copies of his book; he's a gifted storyteller. This will be part of a larger museum event including a candle lighting for *Kristallnacht*. It's a museum appreciation day, so all events will be free and open to the public, but there will be a special invitation for all alumni who visited Poland with Eva over the years – more than 600 people from 43 states and 15 countries. ✨



## EDITORIAL

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put it aside. You've heard the phrase, 'Get it out of your system.' Well, I'm all for that. You're not permitted to allow small misfortunes to linger and fester – not if you want to have a life filled with joy." p. 112

"If you want to experience *joie de vivre* you have to actively combat boredom... there are plenty of activities near you that will stimulate your intellect... [Attend a performance of a local theater company.] If there's no book club near you, start one. If there are children stuck for long periods of time in a nearby hospital, go read to them. Join a local political party and stir the pot. If you think a certain corner needs a traffic signal, collect signatures on a petition. You can even take courses at major colleges online for free. By investing in yourself in all these ways you'll find the fog of boredom will lift and the bright light of *joie de vivre* will begin to light your life." p. 190

The book has many more of these quotes along with fascinating stories of Dr. Ruth's experiences in her professional life on radio, TV and in movies. This includes getting to meet and know all kinds of famous people such as movie stars, politicians, and musicians.

*Jennie Cohen, October 1, 2021 ✨*

# The Peter Max Retrospective Comes to Indianapolis

From Oct. 2-10, 2021, in a limited engagement exhibition presented at Zionsville's CV Art & Frame Gallery, a Peter Max Retrospective will be taking collectors & guests through decades of magnificent artwork: Over 100 works will be available for acquisition, including an exclusive presentation of Peter Max Posters, circa 1960—1970. These are signed and dated by the artist, and their provenance and rarity is accompanied by New York's renowned Posterhouse Museum.

The museum has announced its presentation of the "Peter Max: Cosmic Advertising Exhibition premiering Fall, 2021. This exhibition honors and celebrates the artwork of the American artist, and further solidifies the extraordinary legacy of him and his works.

The German-born Jewish American painter, whose given name is Peter Max Finkelstein, was raised in Shanghai in the shadow of a Buddhist monastery before his family moved to Haifa, Israel, when he was 10. Max was among 30,000 Jewish refugees who fled to the city from their homelands from 1933—1941. About 18,000

of them settled in the "designated area for stateless refugees" to live with local residents.

Peter Max, was born in Berlin in 1937 to two German Jewish parents, Salla and Jacob Finkelstein. In 1938, Jacob fortuitously secured passage for himself and his family along with a number of other Jewish refugees on the SS Conte Verdi, an Italian ocean liner departing from Marseille, France to Shanghai.

In Shanghai, Peter's mother, Salla, who was a fashion designer, cultivated his artistic skills, while his father, Jacob, who was an astute businessman, stimulated his business acumen – a combination that contributed to his development as one of America's most successful artists.

The family spent some time in Paris, and young Max, an only child whose artistic leanings were encouraged by his parents, attended art classes at the Louvre. In 1953, his family moved to Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, and Max attended Lafayette High School.

His work has been licensed by scores of corporations all over the world (starting in 1968 when General Electric put out a line of Peter Max clocks); he's created works for six US presidents; and he's been the official artist of five Super Bowls, the World Cup, the World Series, the US

Open, the Grammys, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and more. His art has adorned tiny things (a US postage stamp) and gigantic things (a Continental Airlines Boeing 777) and has been featured in world-renowned museums and galleries worldwide.

On October 24, 2011 more than 100 members of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society's Emma Lazarus Society — its major donor group — celebrated HIAS's 130th birthday at the studio of artist Peter Max, home of his vibrant pop art, iconic imagery and portraits.

"First I want you to know," Max said during an interview on CBS News, "that my father read *The Forward* every day, every day, of his life! I lived in Hongkou and went to a *Talmud Torah*, the Kadoorie School. My father owned houses.... He supported the local shul. With the Chinese I felt at home. The Chinese protected us."

He continued, "In my home in Shanghai, I heard the word 'HIAS' every single day. My mother was a volunteer in helping newcomers adjust.... HIAS was the center of the Jewish refugee community we lived in at that time..."

The opportunity to learn more about the artist, his journey to America and his Jewish roots is possible during two special

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# Finding Common Ground on LGBTQ Equality

BY ANNETTE GROSS

As the mother of a gay son, I appreciated my recent opportunity to sit down with staff members in Senators Todd Young and Mike Braun's offices to discuss something on which we can find common ground – ensuring fairness and equality for all Americans. Congress this year has an opportunity to finally enact nondiscrimination protections for the LGBTQ community, and I am looking to Indiana's senators to play a constructive role in hammering out details of this crucial civil rights legislation.

My husband devoted his career to military service, defending America's traditions of fair play and equality. As a military family, we moved around a lot, only making a permanent home 25 years ago when we settled in Indiana.

Shortly after arriving, our only child – our son – came out as gay. The love my husband and I have for him guided us in giving him the support he deserves. We are thrilled that he chose to build his adult life here in Indiana, having recently purchased a home.



### Losing our Youth to More Protected Pastures

Unfortunately, many LGBTQ Hoosiers who came of age with our son – as well as countless others younger still – have made the difficult choice to leave Indiana in search of a home in a state committed to protecting their rights and dignity.

As a member of PFLAG, an organization of parents, families, and friends who support their LGBTQ loved ones, I've met

### MAX

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receptions during the exhibition: Sat., Oct. 9th from 6-8 p.m., and Sun., Oct. 10th from 1-3 p.m. All events are complimentary and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the gallery at [gallery@cvartandframe.com](mailto:gallery@cvartandframe.com) or 317-873-2976. The Gallery observes all present CDC Guidelines. Private appointments are available upon request, both in-person and virtually. ✨



too many parents who have watched their children move away because of repeated efforts in the Legislature to target their basic rights and opportunities. Their stories are heartbreaking.

Our family is Jewish and our faith has shown us what discrimination looks like. We've seen friends refused jobs and other opportunities...and been treated differently because of their Jewish faith.

My faith is very important to me and I take seriously the Jewish command to make the world a better place. (TIKKUN). Because of my deep love for my son, I have, in recent years, become an advocate, through PFLAG, for him and every other LGBTQ child. I've attended and organized rallies, opposed discriminatory legislation,

and heard beautiful stories from so many other amazing Indiana parents. They, like me, see no more sacred duty in life than to stand up for their children.

The reality of discrimination is not just something I've witnessed among my PFLAG friends. Nor is it an abstract issue useful as a political football. It has profoundly damaging and lasting consequences for LGBTQ Americans. One in three LGBTQ folks, according to a 2020 survey, experienced discrimination – in public spaces, on the job, in schools, and in their own neighborhoods – *in the previous year*, with that number rising to 60 percent among transgender people. Those experiences, according to extensive research, negatively affect both their mental and physical health.

Vulnerable groups face especially severe consequences. Unemployment and poverty rates – already higher among people of color than among whites – are significantly higher yet among LGBTQ Blacks and Latinos.

Transgender Americans experience unemployment and poverty at two-and-a-half to three times the national average, and almost one in three have experienced homelessness. Violence also stalks the lives of trans people – with a record 44 hate-motivated murders last year.

Among LGBTQ elders, same-sex couples face persistent discrimination in securing senior housing, while the community's youth face bullying, depression, and suicide risks at alarmingly high levels, with less than half the states providing protections against harassment.

### Now Congress has a job to do

But there is now hope that Congress might finally act. For the first time, both Democrats and Republicans have put forward measures that include LGBTQ protections in our nation's civil rights laws. The major bone of contention between the two

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## New Year's Message from Yinam Cohen – New Consul General of Israel to the Midwest

Ayelet and I are excited to share this *Chag* with you today. Thank you so much for the warm welcome, it means so much to us.

*Rosh HaShana* highlights the values of self-reflection and renewal. To be honest with you, a year ago today, myself along with many others had predicted that the global pandemic would be in the rear view mirror. Unfortunately, there are still many uncertainties moving forward, but I am cherishing the fact that we are here together today.

A new year marks new beginnings and new beginnings bring exciting opportunities. We have a newly established government that is unique in Israeli history. It brings together parties from the left, center, and right, Jews, Christians, Muslim, Druze, Ethiopian, Bedouin, religious, secular, LGBTQ, and more. I think this government showcases Israel's rich diversity and pluralism as not only an aspiration but a true reality. It is a bold political experiment and I think it brings a very strong message to all sectors in Israel. I was very excited to hear President Biden in his recent meeting with Prime Minister Bennett, recognizing this is the most diverse government in the history of Israel.

It is also a good moment in U.S.-Israel relations. I would like to cite our Prime Minister after his meeting with the President: "I bring with me a new spirit. A spirit of goodwill, a spirit of hope, a spirit of decency, a spirit of unity, and bi-partisanship".

The recent visit of Mr. Bennett, his first official visit as Prime Minister to the White House, reiterated the strong alliance between the United States of America and Israel.

I heard with great gratitude President Biden's unwavering commitment to the security of Israel. Mr. Biden's strong commitment to ensure Iran never develops a nuclear weapon is a major pillar in our strategic partnership.

A few weeks ago we celebrated the first anniversary of the signing of the Abraham Accords which provided much needed hope for a shared better future in the Middle East. I was there, together with Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi, and I know these agreements created a new paradigm in the Middle East. I hope more Arab nations join the UAE, Morocco, Bahrain, and Sudan in establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

All of this is without to mention that



Israel has repeatedly extended its hand in offering peace deals and concessions to preclude violence and the loss of life. Israel is the sole democratic nation in the Middle East alongside determined enemies who seek out to destroy the Jewish state.

The State of Israel is stronger standing together side by side with its Jewish brothers and sisters in the United States. I acknowledge that the younger generation sometimes holds different expectations than the former. I am determined to cultivate spaces and platforms for our youth to raise their concerns and become active participants in our collective narrative.

The political reality maintains an environment in which Jewish college students around the U.S. occasionally find themselves being forced to choose between their Zionism and allegiances to progressive and liberal issues. Some private sector companies refuse to acknowledge a two-sided conflict in the Middle East, and most recently large companies bring Jews and Palestinians farther apart.

Where do we start? How do we solve this problem? To be honest with you, I have ideas, but I am not certain.

Firstly, I plan to reach out to diverse communities across the Midwest through organizing various town hall meetings. Through active listening, learning, and asking questions we can build a better shared nation as Israel has never been perfect nor ever will be. The bottomline is that open, honest, and frank dialogue is always the best way to overcome challenges.

I believe it is important to build new relations based on mutual respect and better dialogue. The same is true with the Jewish world and especially the Jewish community in the U.S. It's time for a change. The Jewish people are more than allies, they are family. All streams, Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox, are our family. And family is always the most important relationship, and the one that needs to be worked on more than any other. These are not my own words, but Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yair Lapid. The new government in Israel is determined to listen to the voices of all Jews of all streams.

When the Jewish right for self-defense and/or right to exist is being attacked, your voice matters. There is only one sovereign Jewish state of Israel and we and you all

## Bits of Wit

### A Sukkah on Park Avenue

An observant Jew who lived on Park Avenue, built a *Sukkah* on his balcony. Some of his 'high society' non-Jewish neighbors brought him to court. They claimed that the *Sukkah* on his balcony was an eyesore and was having a negative impact on the value of their homes in this posh neighborhood.

In court, the man was very worried about the outcome. It was the eve of the eight-day holiday, leaving him no time to make alternative arrangements in case the judge ordered him to take down the *Sukkah*. He prayed for help.

And *Hashem* listened.

Judge Ginsburg, who was Jewish herself, had a reputation of being very wise. After hearing both sides, she turned around to the observant Jew and scolded him:

"Don't you realize that you live on Park Avenue, and not in Brooklyn? There is a certain decorum which is expected on Park Avenue. You have no right to be putting up an ugly hut on this lovely street without a building permit authorizing it.

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### GROSS

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parties involves balancing the urgent need to protect LGBTQ people with the religious freedoms all Americans cherish.

Finding a path to getting that job done is what legislators do when they are committed to solving problems. Senators Young and Braun can look to the 21 states – including our neighbor Illinois – that have adopted laws prohibiting anti-LGBTQ discrimination without compromising religious freedoms. Washington can do the same.

We need leaders like Senators Young and Braun to reach across the aisle to help end the divisive pattern of pitting religious liberties against the basic rights of LGBTQ Americans.

Senators Young and Braun: "My family and thousands of other Indiana families are counting on you!"

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have a stake in it.

I am happy to be here with you as we celebrate the beginning of a sweet new year. May it be a year full of health and happiness to you, your families, and all Am Yisrael. ✨

## Purdue Hillel Honors Legacy of Bob Ringel

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN — The full-time team at Purdue Hillel expanded this summer with the hire of their inaugural Ringel Engagement Associate, Andrew Kaitcer. This position was added to create, innovate, engage, and inspire deeply meaningful Jewish life on the Purdue campus.

Kaitcer is an early-career, Gen Z professional, whose work will include participating as a member of the Purdue Hillel leadership team in the collaboration, implementation, assessment, and ideation of all worship and programming, developing and mentoring cohorts of students along affinity groups – such as LGBTQ+, students involved in Greek life, athletes, STEM, and more – mentor affinity-based, semester-long paid student interns, develop one-on-one relationships with Jewish students by meeting them where they live, work and/or study, utilizing creative methods to engage and interest them, and lead the team in measuring data, impact, depth, and breadth of engagement.

The position is named for Professor Robert Ringel, z"l. Because of his commitment and belief in the power of building Jewish community at Purdue, and his vision that in order to do so we need to meet more students more intentionally where they are, Ringel designated the lead gift to make this opportunity a reality.



"We are so grateful for the visionary gift that Professor Ringel made to Purdue Hillel," said Melissa Frey, incoming Executive Director of Purdue Hillel. "Purdue is a world-class university graduating world-class leaders, and with the addition of the Ringel Engagement Associate to our professional team, we will be able to advance our efforts to ensure a deeply meaningful experience for Jewish students on campus."

While at Purdue University, Ringel served as an assistant professor in the Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences; professor and head of the Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences; dean of the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education; vice president and dean of the graduate school; and executive vice president for academic affairs. Throughout his career, Ringel's commitment to students never wavered, as he continued to teach in the undergraduate classroom and mentor doctoral candidates every year until his death in 2006. Ringel also served proudly as a member of Purdue Hillel's Governing Board and as Faculty Advisor. Known by

## Indianapolis Synagogues of the Past

When Cassia Margolis emailed in July that Etz Chaim Sepharic Congregation in Indianapolis is working on a documentary (video) of the congregation, she wanted to know if we had any old photos in our archives other than the photo of the synagogue that is in the book, *The Neighborhood of Saturdays* by Susan B. Hyatt. She wrote that a picture of the old Etz Chaim building at the corner of

Church and Morris Streets is on page 55 of the book. I told her I would look.

I found an envelope with old negatives of five Indianapolis synagogue photos from the 1930s, four of which were labeled. Below are those five photos. Perhaps the one not labeled is of Etz Chaim, but it seems different than that one in the book.

**Editor's note:** If anyone recognizes this unlabeled photo, please email me. JC.



Unknown Indianapolis synagogue of the past.



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Shara Tefilla.



most as Bob, he was deeply committed to the mentorship of young professionals and developed a rapport with them that transcended students' time on campus.

"Wherever Dad was in his career, he always made sure it allowed him to continue teaching and engaging with students. He would be very happy to know that the position bearing his name will focus on connecting students, helping them to learn from each other," said Mark Ringel and Stuart Ringel, sons, and Estelle Ringel, beloved wife of Professor Ringel. Along with his wife and sons, Bob is survived by two daughters-in-law, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson, who is named in Bob's memory.

*Purdue Hillel through the Hillel Student Board provides for the social, cultural, spiritual, political, social service/action projects, holiday parties, religious services, and community service needs of the Jewish students at Purdue University. More information on Purdue Hillel's website and on Facebook and Twitter. ✨*



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# Inside and Outside: The Art of IHC

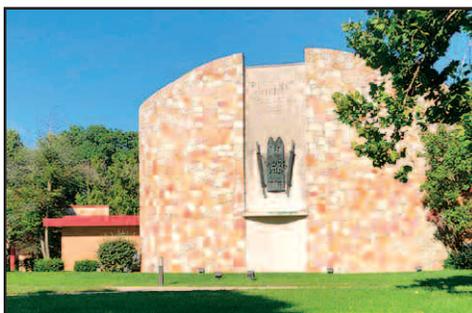
By MARCIA GOLDSTEIN

Where was IHC (Indiapolis Hebrew Congregation) before it moved to North Meridian Street and what did the building look like? What is the theme of the current building and how was it carried through in the art? What changes have been made to the *Aron Ha’Kodesh* (ark) over the years? These questions and many more were answered at a May 18th virtual program sponsored by IHC’s Life After Fifty (LAF) group.



The IHC building at 10th and Delaware, streets was constructed in 1899, but eventually destroyed by fire.

The program began with Eloise Paul, IHC president and art lover, challenging participants to think about the importance of art in the congregation. She noted, “Jewish visual art dates back to biblical times and has flourished since then. Art has been a source of human inspiration and expression for years. A synagogue building can act as a concrete representa-



IHC built and moved to its current building in 1957. Above the stylized Ten Commandments and Torah are the words from Leviticus, “Ye Shall Be Holy as I, the Lord Your God, is Holy”.

tion of the character and condition of the Jewish community it serves. It can reveal who the Jews who make the building are as well as what they think, believe and value.”

Joyce Kleinman, Barbara Levy, Carolyn Hiser and Lynn Levy shared their insight and knowledge about the congregation and its art. Joyce, the creator of the miniature of the 10th and Delaware streets sanctuary, shared the hours of research it



There have been four versions of the ark in the main sanctuary. This picture shows the construction of the third version.

took to create an accurate representation of this space. She also noted that several art and ritual pieces were incorporated into the current building, including the Moses stained glass window and two large *Yahrzeit* plaques. Barbara, the chair of the most recent building renovation committee, discussed the various themes that are incorporated into the outside of the building. The art contained in the sanctuary was shared by Carolyn, the lead temple tour guide. She focused on the architecture and four versions of the ark. Artistic considerations and concepts were shared by Lynn, the architect who designed the last two wood arks.

A link to the program is available for viewing on IHC’s website at [ihcindy.org](http://ihcindy.org).



The “Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh” (Holy, holy, holy) plaques, currently on the sanctuary wall, were originally in the ark above each of the Torah scrolls. The top plaque is made of wood, the middle of clay and the bottom of stone – carrying out the theme of the congregation and representing the concept that G-d is all around us.

## WIT

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I hereby rule that either you remove the hut, or I will fine you \$1,000.”

“You have exactly eight days to do so! Next case!”

## Jewish Dog

Morty visits Dr. Saul, the veterinarian, and says, “My dog has a problem.”

Dr. Saul says, “So, tell me about the dog and the problem.”

“It’s a Jewish dog. His name is Irving and he can talk,” says Morty.

“He can talk?” the doubting doctor asks.

“Watch this!” Morty points to the dog and commands: “Irving, Fetch!”

Irving, the dog, begins to walk toward the door, then turns around and says, “So why are you talking to me like that? You always order me around like I’m nothing. And you only call me when you want something. And then you make me sleep on the floor, with my arthritis. You give me this *fahkakhka* food with all the salt and fat, and you tell me it’s a special diet. It tastes like *dreck!* YOU should eat it yourself! And do you ever take me for a decent walk? NO, it’s out of the house, a short *pish*, and right back home. Maybe if I could stretch out a little, the sciatica wouldn’t kill me so much! I should roll over and play dead for real for all you care!”

Dr. Saul is amazed, “This is remarkable! So, what’s the problem?”

Morty says, “He has a hearing problem! I said “Fetch”, not “Kvetch.”

Submitted by Scott Levine, Indianapolis. ✨



The most recent building renovation included a reconstruction of the main entrance. The five pillars on the right represent the five books of Torah. The twelve smaller pillars on the left represent the twelve tribes of Israel.

# Philanthropists Back Fundraising Effort with Matching Gifts

Indiana Campus Compact, a partnership of 43 institutions of higher education representing 70 campuses throughout the state committed to preparing college students to advance the public good in their communities, is holding its first ever individual giving campaign in partnership with Lilly Endowment Inc., and philanthropists Marianne Glick and Mike Woods. The funds will enable Indiana Campus Compact to create and expand programs that prepare college students as the next generation of civic leaders and community-minded workforce for the state of Indiana.



## Campus Compact Indiana

“Marianne and Mike are energized by Indiana Campus Compact’s mission and work over the years, and we are delighted to announce that they have graciously agreed to match any gift up to \$1,000 from presidents and chancellors,” said J.R. Jamison, Indiana Campus Compact’s Executive Director.

When Marianne Glick and her husband Mike Woods learned about Indiana Campus Compact’s giving campaign, they knew right away they wanted to donate and be catalysts for continuing the work that they believe in. Marianne says, “When students make a difference in the community, it gives them experiences that I think there is no other way to get. One of our greatest hopes for Indiana is that our level of educational attainment and equity improves dramatically. I think anytime a college or university can reach out and make a difference – and they do have the ability to make a difference – it’s good for the faculty, it’s good for the students, and it’s good for their communities to be engaged with each other. We give to Indiana Campus Compact because we know they propel community engagement in higher education in the state of Indiana and make these changes possible.”

The heart of Indiana Campus Compact’s mission is civic engagement, community betterment, and social justice focused on students, institutions, and community mem-



*The Matching Gifts is part of the Indiana Campus Compact Lilly-Glick Challenge to help college students connect with their communities, discover their role as change-makers, and continue doing so in Indiana communities beyond graduation.*

bers who are pushing the status quo to create the next generation of change-makers.

The campaign is, at its core, to build connections that will create an environment of sustained giving, seeded by the initial \$50,000 goal by July 2021.

Not only have presidents and chancellors given to the campaign, Indiana Campus Compact counts other higher education movers and shakers, community engagement practitioners, and community leaders among its donors.

Amanda M. Smith, Assistant Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Excellence at Indiana University Northwest, says, “For me, the choice to give was a simple one. The resources and opportunities provided by Indiana Campus Compact have been invaluable to my work as a community engagement professional. Giving was a way to express my gratitude and to help ensure others have the similar opportunities in the future.”

The individual-giving campaign will be a significant milestone in Indiana Campus Compact’s history, not only because of its nascent nature, but because it is another example of the way they work with institutions of higher education, leveraging their knowledge, resources, and power for the public good.

*Indiana Campus Compact is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that convenes, supports, and promotes Indiana institutions of higher education leveraging their knowledge, resources, and power for the public good. ICC is a partnership of Indiana’s public, private, and community college higher education institutions focused on advocating, implementing, and improving community engagement efforts so that students graduate as well-informed, engaged, and productive members of society who are fully enabled to provide leadership and service that advances the public good in their communities. Contact: Liza Blomquist, Indiana Campus Compact, Director of*



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*Marianne Glick is a philanthropist, artist, and chairman of the board for the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Family Foundation. ☆*

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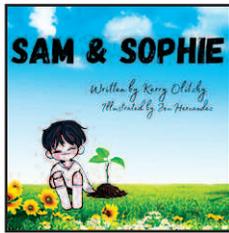


BY SYBIL KAPLAN

## Planting a tree on the birth of a child helps older child

**Sam & Sophie.** By Kerry Olitzky. Higher Ground Books & Media Publisher. \$12.99 paperback. March 1, 2021

This book has a very specific audience – a read-to book for families with a child who are expecting or have just had another sibling. Sam is not too happy over the arrival of a baby sister, Sophie, even though he and his father continue the lovely traditional custom of planting a tree when she is born.



Basically, we read how Sam becomes accustomed to this new person in his house and handles sibling jealousy in a very touching and realistic story with colorful illustrations.

**Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky** has authored more than 75 books. He is an Associate at Mersky, Jaffe & Associates, a firm that specializes in financial resource development and executive search solutions for the nonprofit community. He was previously the Executive Director of Big Tent Judaism (formerly known as the Jewish Outreach Institute), a United States independent organization dedicated to bringing Judaism to interfaith families and the unaffiliated.



**Higher Ground Books** is an independent female owned and operated publisher in Springfield, Ohio.

See **Sybil Kaplan** bio on p. IN 18.

**Editor's Note:** Rabbi Olitzky's two other recent children's books are: *The Candy Man Mystery* illustrated by Christina Mattison Ebert and published by Kalanot Books, Moosic, Pennsylvania and *Avi and Ahmed Play Football in Jerusalem's Sacher Park* co-authored with Inas Younis, illustrated by Leti Saad, and published by Dixi Books in Great Britain.

### The Candy Man Mystery

In a synagogue, everyone plays an important role: the rabbi, the cantor, the

## Sukkot at IJDC

The Indiana Jewish Discovery Center celebrated *Sukkot* with a party for the community at the Schusterman's home on Sept. 23, 2021. The festivities included a bounce house, pony rides, petting birds and animals, a magician, musicians Shoshana Kay and Emmet Hanick (see pg, IN 15) playing lively music, a nice spread of homemade soups and salads in the *Sukkah* and of course everyone had the opportunity to say the blessings over the *lulav* and *etrog*. ✨



Rabbi Schusterman (R) with lulav and etrog.



Pony rides for kids.



A magician performed.



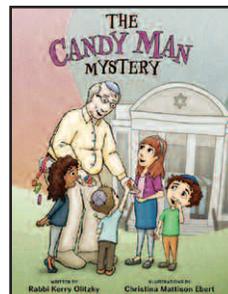
Husband and wife, Shoshana Kay and Emmet Hanick provided beautiful music.



The kids got to pet birds and animals.



teachers, and even the congregation. But some synagogues are lucky enough to have a candy man or woman. Everyone loves the Candy Man at Temple Shalom, especially the kids. It's not just because of the delicious candy that he gives out after *Shabbat* services, either. Mr Sharansky is always ready to help, whether it's reading a book during Junior Congregation, telling a silly joke, or just sharing a friendly smile. But when the Candy Man goes missing, Josh and Becky get to work to uncover the mystery. In the end, the kids find the Candy Man – and so much more! Notes at the back of the book include a glossary and an opportunity to explore the *Shema* prayer. English, Hebrew, and transliterations as well as



American Sign Language diagrams are provided to help young people interact more fully in the synagogue experience.

### Avi and Ahmed Play Football in Jerusalem's Sacher Park

What happens when two boys – one Jewish, one Muslim – play football (soccer) together in Jerusalem amidst the challenging political environment that surrounds them? Friendship. This is the story of these two boys Avi and Ahmed, along with their families, who bond together. But when Ahmed doesn't show up for Avi's birthday party, Avi assumes the worst. Their story provides hope for the reader that anything is possible when people care about each other. ✨



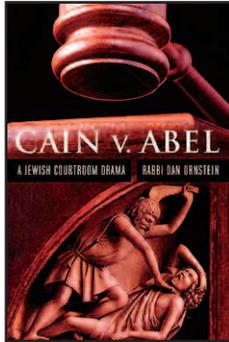
# Book Review

REVIEWED BY SIDNEY MISHKIN

## Interesting case. Interesting issues. Interesting book.

*Cain v. Abel: A Jewish Courtroom Drama.* By Rabbi Dan Ornstein. The Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia. University of Nebraska Press 2020. 196 pages with Notes, Discussion and Activity Guide.

It would be difficult for a non-trial lawyer to create a courtroom drama, especially about this subject, but Reform Rabbi Dan Ornstein has a definite Talmudic mindset which makes this book a good read.



The story of Cain and Abel appears in Gen. 4:1-17 and is somewhat sketchy in some respects. We don't know what Cain said to his brother in the field before he killed him. Over the centuries no one dared supply that dialogue. We don't know why Cain killed Abel. We don't know why God changed Cain's punishment from that of a ceaseless wanderer to a city dweller in a city Cain founded and named for his son. Certainly, it wasn't because Cain ever expressed remorse for what he did.

The name of the Prosecutor is "Truth"; the Defense lawyer is named "Lovingkindness". Wouldn't you know? They depose God with some entertaining exchanges in which God displays the same dislike of being deposed as every other person who has had to give a deposition. Intentionally or not, God is not sworn to tell the truth "so help me God" or otherwise, as are deponents or witnesses in the tradition of the Common Law.

God testified that, contrary to the commonly understood meaning of Gen. 4:5, that God did not pay any heed to Cain's offering, that, in fact, God was giving all of God's attention to Abel's offering at the time and that Cain stormed out before God could pay attention to Cain's offering and explain the situation to him.

The Prosecutor also asked God whether God had ever warned Cain not to harm Abel. This is an important question. After all, no one had ever murdered anyone before. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, but what if there was no law of which to be ignorant? God said God had clearly

warned Cain not to harm Abel, but when asked to give specifics of that warning, God answered in the words of Gen.4:6-7: "Why are you distressed, and why is your face fallen? Surely, if you do right there is uplift. But if you do not do right, Sin couches (crouches) at the door. Its urge is toward you, Yet, you can be its master."

At trial, this question will no doubt be asked by the Defense. As it happened, the Prosecutor, due to apparent inexperience, chose to point out to God at the deposition that this warning was neither clear nor about Abel, after asking a Defense question in the first place.

Among many interesting plot twists, the Defense at the Deposition (which will be used at trial because God has "undisclosed responsibilities elsewhere"), attempts to blame God for Abel's death. And God concedes, rightly or wrongly, that God's question and warning to Cain could have made him more depressed.

The jury trial is before the Celestial Court

and it is interesting. Judge Ne'elam ("hidden" in Hebrew) presides. The Prosecution contends that Cain was given a sufficient warning to control his impulses, and he was not free to ignore that warning. The Prosecution further asks that Cain be given the maximum sentence permitted by law to send a message to Cain's descendants that one is not free to indulge one's most violent impulses.

The Defense contends that Cain's family background and emotional trauma indelibly influenced his decision to murder Abel. This is the first but not the last time this claim will be made in a court of law. The Defense, of course, also questions the sufficiency of the warning. Cain seeks clemency to the maximum that God's laws allow so that justice will be balanced with mercy in the generations to come.

*Sidney Mishkin is a retired lawyer in Indianapolis, Ind. He is the author of The Unvarnished Torah: Observations, Questions and Answers of a Jewish Lawyer and Memories of Donora: Growing Up Jewish in a Western Pennsylvania Steel Town. ★*

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# Obituaries

**Carol Jean Greenlee Cohen, 87**, of Indianapolis, passed away May 21, 2021. She was born on May 4, 1934 in North Salem, Ind., to the late James Howard and Mildred (Hughes) Greenlee. Carol was a graduate of Danville High School and retired as a district secretary from EcoLab in 1998.

Carol was a member of Etz Chaim Deborah Sisterhood and enjoyed spending her time bowling, playing scrabble, and watching the Pacers.

She will be deeply missed by her children, Beth Weinberg, Regina "Gina" Cohen, and Sam (Rachelle) Cohen; grandchildren, Helen, Josh, and Annaliese; sister-in-law, Lois Greenlee; and several nieces and nephews. Carol is preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert and her brother, Everett Greenlee.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Etz Chaim Congregation, 6939 Hoover Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46260. A graveside service was held on May 23rd in the Etz Chaim Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Eleanor B. (Cohen) Gelman, 94**, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, passed away May 25, 2021. Eleanor was born on May 23, 1927 to the late Alex and Anna Cohen. In 1948, Eleanor married LeMar Gelman and together they raised their family in Indianapolis, where they were active in the Jewish community.



Eleanor was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Sisterhood, a life member of Hadassah, former vice president of the Hooverwood Guild and a charter member of the Jewish Community Center. During her later years, Eleanor was a member of the Red Hats, enjoyed playing Mahjong and spending time with her family.

Eleanor moved to Marquette Manor in 2013 and quickly went to work to bring a more Jewish presence to the community. She was instrumental in developing a holiday observance program for the Jewish residents, encouraging her friends to move-in and served as the unofficial Ambassador for the PR department.

Eleanor is survived by her daughters, Kathy (Gary) Cohen and Sandy Schwarz; her grandchildren, Andrew (Brooke) Cohen, Alissa (Andrew) Loewenstein, Dr. Jacqueline (Charlie) Slutzky, Shana (Josh) Thompson and Jonathan Schwarz; 7 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Harold Cohen. Her beloved husband, LeMar died in 2004; and her brother, Jack Cohen, died in 2021.

Private graveside services were held May 27th in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Living, the Jewish Community Center or Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Arrangements by **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

**Richard J. Sandler, 88**, died after a short illness on May 24, 2021. Rich, son of Louis and Betty Sandler, attended Indiana University and graduated as a Pharmacist from the Butler University School of Pharmacy. He also served 2 years in the U. S. Navy.

While a student at Butler, Rich began dating Marcie Cohen and they married in 1955. Rich and Marcie had 4 children – Andy (Pam), Bruce, Jill (Joe), and Ellie and many grandchildren – Tori Sandler, Ty and Gabe Kriegbaum, Aaron and Mara Ofengender and Justin Sandler, and great-grandchildren Isabella, Landon, and Joslyn.

Rich loved being a pharmacist, working into his 80's. He worked for Hooks, SuperX, CVS, and Eskenazi Hospital pharmacies and operated Sandler Pharmacy in the late 1960's. Rich volunteered with many organizations including Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation serving a 2 year term as President. Rich also served 8 years on the Hook Drugs C. U. Board of Directors. Rich also served in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary both in Florida and Indiana.

In recent years, Rich found love and wonderful support from Norma Shorr and her family – Steve, Howard and Dory. They enjoyed several winters in Florida together. Through this past year of pandemic, Rich would help Norma with cooking & baking and, most of all, eating Norma's mandelbread and borekas.

Rich was predeceased by his parents, his wife Marcie and his brother Neil. Rich is survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, his brother Howard, loving fiancée Norma and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services were May 27th, graveside at the Etz Chaim West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation

in his memory, please do so to the Etz Chaim Cemetery Fund c/o Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, 6939 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

**Dr. Ruth Kubersky Feinberg, 82**, of Indianapolis, died on May 27, 2021. She was born on Oct. 31, 1938 to Lillian and Abraham Kubersky, in Brooklyn. She grew up by the ocean on Seagirt Boulevard in Far Rockaway, N.Y. She graduated from Far Rockaway High School in 1956 and Brooklyn College in 1959. Ruth received her PhD in psychology from Kent State University in 1984.



From an early age, Ruth was passionate about Judaism, art, athletics, adventure, nature, cooking, learning, and teaching. Her early years as a wife and mother brought Ruth to live in Newton, Mass.; North Miami Beach, Fla.; London; and Cleveland. Wherever she went, Ruth focused on making friends, giving back to her community, exploring new culinary traditions, and making the world a more beautiful place. In 1972, Ruth married her beloved husband Arnold Feinberg and they spent 32 happy years together blending their families, working hard, traveling the world, and always focusing on public service and philanthropy. In Cleveland, Ruth served on the board of the National Council for Jewish Women.

When she and Arnie moved to Indianapolis in 1979, Ruth opened a college and career counseling practice, and joined the boards of Planned Parenthood, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, and the Advisory Board of the Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University. She was also active with International Executive Service Corps, where she and Arnie together completed service projects in developing countries. Ruth began studying painting in 1974 and served as a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art for several decades.

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Ruth is survived by her family which includes her dear partner of 15 years, Stanley Talesnick; daughters – Marcia (Lance) Sheehy of Dripping Springs, Texas, and Marilyn Smith (Andy McSheffery) of Indianapolis; step-daughters – Cathy (Robert) Weiss of Cleveland, Carla Ashton (Paul Bodycombe) of Columbus, Ohio and Martha (Jonathan) Katz of Sarasota, Fla.; grandchildren – Carolyn, Isabelle, Lily, Lisa, Brian (Yang), Libby, and Emma; and great grandchildren – Ellie Su and Sophie Lin. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Feinberg, and sister, Ellen Joyce. The family feels deep gratitude for the love and kindness given to Ruth by Hannah and Nan in recent years.

Funeral services were held on June 1st at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, with burial following in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and the St. Vincent Cancer Care Art Therapy Program, c/o Ascension St. Vincent Foundation, 8402 Harcourt Road, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260 <http://health-care.ascension.org>

**Rozita Makaron, 93**, of Carmel, passed away May 27, 2021. She was born in Kiev, Ukraine to the late Isaak Shvartsblat and Klara Mandelshtam on Dec. 19, 1927. Rozita spent her career as a payroll specialist.

She is survived by her husband, Isaak Mestetsky; nieces, Lana (Boris) Fridman, Yelena (Simon) Mestetsky, and Elena Medovoy; and nephew, Gregory (Iryna) Makaron. Graveside services were held May 28th in the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

**Lewis Michael Farber, 52**, passed away May 26, 2021. A life-long resident, he was born in Indianapolis to Phillip Farber and Maxine Davis Suess on November 5, 1968. Lewis was helpful by nature and worked as an IT consultant. He will always be remembered for his sweet personality and great smile.



Lewis is survived by his mother, Maxine (Bob) Suess; father, Phillip (Stephanie) Farber; brothers, Alan Jeffery Farber and Joseph Aaron Farber; step-sisters, Tammy LeRoy, Terry Hutt and Brandi Miller and step-brothers, David, Michael and Steven Suess. Graveside services were held June 1st in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery. Arrange-

ments entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

**Mollie Rae Caine, 99**, born to Bertha and Louis Litvak, in Indianapolis passed away peacefully in her sleep in the morning of June 7, 2021, just 3 days short of her 100th birthday. Her parents were active members of the Jewish cultural/political organization, The Workmen's Circle, and Mollie attended kindershtul as a child. She had an older sister, Clara, and a younger brother, Sidney, and grew up in a very warm and loving home. She graduated from Broad Ripple High School and, at age 20, married the love of her life, Jack Cohen (Caine). The Cohens (later: Caines) had 3 children, Daniel, Elliott, Judy, who survive Mollie. Mollie is predeceased by her parents, siblings, and husband.

Mollie was an active member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and Hadassah while in Indianapolis. She was very artistic, as well, and a very accomplished seamstress, having sewn much of her own wardrobe as well as for family and friends. She worked in retail, usually selling clothing and jewelry. Mollie and Jack had a very active social life in Indianapolis.

In 1979, Mollie and Jack moved to the Los Angeles area, finally settling down in Encino. They continued to have a very active social life and enjoyed traveling the nation and the world, and enjoying their grandchildren. Her last years were spent at The Evergreen Senior Care center, in Alhambra, Calif., where she was attended to by a very caring staff. A very vivacious person, Mollie will be missed by her children and their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Graveside services were at Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery South on June 10th.

**Shelley Elaine Natkow, 68**, beloved wife, sister, aunt, and friend passed away suddenly on June 8, 2021. Shelley was born in Hazleton, Pa., on June 3, 1953, to the late Bernard H. and Shirley L. Tannenbaum Natkow. She graduated with a master's degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis. She soon got her certification (ACSW) and kept it up until her death.



Shelley started her career as a Social Worker in Miami, Fla., but came to Indiana in 1981 to work for Jewish Family and Children Services. After a few years, she started her own private practice until forced to retire due to suffering from Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy. Shelley was a member of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, and the National Association of Social Workers.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Robert Walter Slauch; her siblings, Dr. Barbara (Dr. Richard) Schuster and Dr. Neil (Susan) Natkow and nephews, Jay (Erica) Natkow, Scott (Greta) Natkow, and Benjamin (Bridget) Schuster.

Graveside funeral services were held in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on June 11th. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, 3085 W. 116 Street, Carmel, IN 46032.

**Aubrie Anne Zelikovich, 10**, passed away suddenly on June 23, 2021. She was born Feb. 25, 2011 and is survived by her parents, Edward and Shana; her sisters, Olivia and Gabriella; maternal grandmother, Peggy Mitchell; paternal grandparents, Rita and Azik Zelikovich, and uncle, Lenny Zelikovich. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Jim Mitchell.



Graveside funeral services were held on June 27th in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Northside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Jackson Center, 802 Samuel Moore Parkway, Indianapolis, IN 46158, [www.thejacksoncenter.org](http://www.thejacksoncenter.org) or Autism Companion Services, 7208 Dobson St. Indianapolis, IN 46268, [autismcompanion-services.com](http://autismcompanion-services.com).

**Douglas Welcher, 86**, born in Philadelphia on August 8, 1934, Doug left us on June 30, 2021. A 1952 graduate of Shortridge High School, Doug lost his sight in 1967, but through courage and perseverance earned a BS degree from IUPUI in 1975. Following a long career in service to the visually impaired, he retired in 1997. Doug was previous recipient of the Indy Volunteer of the Year award and the JC Penney award for volunteer service.

Doug married Susan (Davidson) in 1963 and they were parents to Brian (Lisa), Linda (Richie Benjamin), and Adam, and grandparents to Aaron, Ethan, and Benjamin Welcher, and Cassandra and Olivia Benjamin, and brother of Gary Welcher.

Doug was an avid fan of jazz music and audio books, especially English murder mysteries. He loved listening to sporting events, baseball, football, and basketball. After his retirement, Doug and Sue traveled extensively having visited every continent except Antarctica. He loved his daily workouts at the JCC.

Private family graveside services were July 4th at Beth El Zedeck North Cemetery. The family would like to thank the medical staff and doctors at the Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis (see Obituaries, page IN 16)

# Making Beautiful Music Together

Husband and wife musicians Shoshana Kay and Emmet Hanick have been playing melodious outdoor concerts together during the pandemic, most recently at the *Sukkot* party given by the Indiana Jewish Discovery Center (see p. IN 11). This photo (below) was taken in the backyard of Mark and Colleen Shere in April where the couple performed.



Shoshana earned her Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance at the University of Cincinnati – College Conservatory of Music. She is a recent graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. While pursuing her Performance Diploma at I.U., Shoshana was a graduate violin student of Alexander Kerr. Most recently, she has appeared with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO), as well as the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. She also plays with the Miami Symphony and Florida Grand opera. If anyone is interested in lessons, she teaches and is currently accepting new students.

Emmet has the same undergraduate and graduate education as Shoshana – he earned a Masters in music. He went on to be appointed a fellow of the new world symphony in Miami Beach for three seasons. Upon moving back to Indiana, he joined the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and freelances with various ensembles in Indiana and the greater tristate area like ISO, Louisville orchestra, and other regional ensembles. Shoshana and Emmet have two daughters. ✨

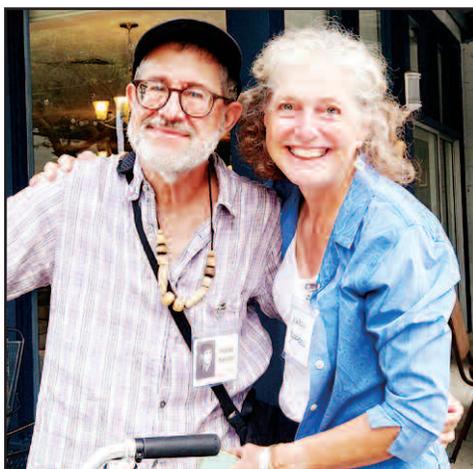


# Broad Ripple's Class of 1970 "50th" Reunion

On Aug. 21, 2021 the Broad Ripple High School (BRHS) class of 1970 celebrated their reunion at the Northside Events & Social Club near 71st St. & Keystone Ave. The 50th reunion was originally scheduled for 2020 but had to be postponed a year because of COVID. About 130 people attended and masks were worn inside but tables were also set up outside and that's where the class photo was taken.

Lou Profeta and Nancy Surratt Ahlrichs

were the organizers. The music was by Baby Boomer Sound owner Dan Cook and his assistant Steve Goldstein. Dan is a 1968 graduate of BRHS. Scott Romer was the photographer and his assistant Marlene Dorfman is a 1972 graduate. She is one of the organizers of their reunion for next year. Bruce Pallman of Roberts Camera fame, Jenny McClure Smith, and Mona Schwartz celebrated their birthdays at the reunion. (Some photos by Jennie Cohen, also a BRHS Class of 1970 alumna.) ✨



Harold and Karen Karabell



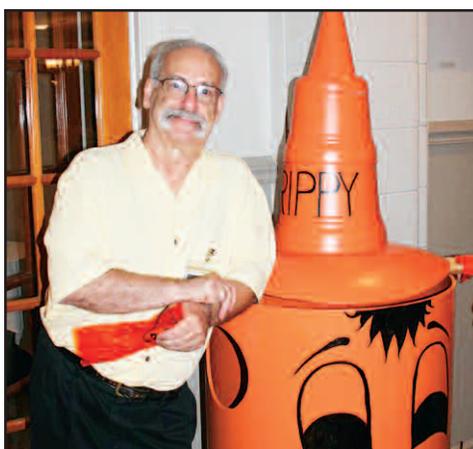
Scott Romer and Marlene Dorfman



(L-R) Bruce Pallman, Jenny McClure Smith, and Mona Schwartz



Gary Cohen



Lou Profeta



L-R: Steve Goldstein and Dan Cook

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Center, the hospice caregivers at Paradigm Health, and the caring staff at Carmel Health and Living who eased Doug's final days. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jazz Studies Program at the University of Indianapolis or JCC Indy.

**Sheila Seleman, 81**, of Indianapolis passed away on July 3, 2021. She was born on Dec. 2, 1939 in Chicago to Morris and Ida (Meiselman) Levy. Sheila worked in various administrative positions throughout the years, including time with IU Hospitals and the Jewish National Fund.

She was a long-time member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), a member of one of the original *Chavurah* groups, and actively participated in many volunteer activities in Chicago and then Indianapolis, including Hadassah (life member), Ann Langer Cancer Research Foundation (past president), B'nai Brith, Council of Jewish Women, Dialogue Today, Pike Township Residents' Association, Amos Society (one of founding members at IHC) and IHC Mitzvah Stitchers (who make items for people in need).

Sheila is survived by her sons, Marc (Kelly) of Atlanta and Fred (Laura) of Indialantic, Fla.; and granddaughters, Melanie and Carrie. She was preceded in death by her husband Gary and daughter-in-law Stephanie.

A funeral service was held July 7th at ARN Mortuary. Burial was in Waldheim Cemetery in Chicago. Memorial contributions can be made to IHC, 6501 N. Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

**Denise Lawrence, 61**, beloved daughter, sister, and aunt passed away after an illness on July 8, 2021. Denise was a graduate of North Central High School. She was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Harriet Lawrence, born in Indianapolis on Sept. 23, 1959.

Early in her career, Denise worked in the insurance industry. Later, during these last 10 years, she worked as a care-giver. She was a member of the Washington Township Fire Department/Indianapolis, Ladies Auxiliary and was in Deb-Ettes in High School. Denise loved spending time with her nieces and nephews, and enjoyed doting her love and attention on them.

She is survived by her brothers, Steve (April) and Paul Lawrence and her sister, Stacy (Jeff) Stewart; her cherished nieces and nephews, Justin, Emily, Abby, Adam, Madison, Samantha, Brock and Dylan; 5 great nieces and nephews and by her extended family.

Funeral services were held on July 12th, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial

was in IHC North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana University Health Foundation to benefit Liver Transplants.

**Bess (Stern) Roth, 97**, a member of the greatest generation, Bess was an accomplished jewelry designer, entrepreneur, a woman ahead of her time. She passed away on July 9, 2021. She was born on April 3, 1924, to Louis and Mary Stern. Bess was married to her beloved husband, Joseph for 68 years. He preceded her in death in 2012. Bess was a master bridge player, having only taken up the game in later years. She was an active member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Sisterhood.

Bess was elegant and intelligent. She did not pass lightly through this life, having touched all those with whom she came in contact. She is survived by her loving children, Steve (Nancy) Roth, Alicia (Mary Lace) Roth and Nathan (Yardena) Roth; her grandchildren, Alexis (Gavin Burris) Roth, Deborah Roth, and Becca Roth and by her great-grandson, Asa Joseph Burris. Graveside funeral services were July 11th in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

**Edward Hollander, 81**, former two-term Blackford County Treasurer and longtime member of the Blackford County Public Defender Board passed away on July 9, 2021. He was born Sept. 20, 1939. A Hartford City resident, he retired to the Heritage Pointe Community in Warren, Ind. Graveside services were held July 12th at Ohev Zedeck Cemetery, at Kelly and South Meridian Streets, Indianapolis.

Ed is survived by cousins, Rick Hollander of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Eugene (Kathy) Hollander of Natick, Mass., and JoAnn (Scott) Hughes of Indianapolis.

**Armilda "Armi" Williams, 83**, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother died on July 11, 2021 in Naples, Fla. Armi was a long time resident of Indianapolis.

She was a graduate of Purdue University School of Nursing and worked as a registered nurse at both Community East Hospital and St. Vincent Hospital. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, its Sisterhood, Life member of Hadassah and Hooverwood Guild, a member of the Quarter Century Club of St. Vincent's Hospital, a member of Purdue Alumni and St. Vincent's Guild.

Armi is survived by her son, Steven V. (Salma) Preston; and daughters, Christine Burge, and Michelle Preston; 8 grandchildren, Gregory, David, Benjamin, Christopher, Michael, Alex, Megan, and Erin; 12 great grandchildren; and sister,

Gertrude Dwyer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Hugh Williams.

Funeral services were held on July 16th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah.

**Dr. Raymond Waldman, Jr., 83**, Optometrist, passed away on July 17, 2021, in Indianapolis. He was born July 28, 1937. Ray's priority was always his family – wife, Cheryl; son, David (Divonna) with grandsons Dalton, Dashiell, Dagan; daughter, Mira (Chikai Ohazama) with grandsons Caden and Mason Ohazama; and brothers, Mark Sharff (Maggie) and Bob Sharff (Nancy). He also leaves a bevy of treasured in-laws cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Ray was very active in the Elkhart, Ind., community as well as in South Bend. He was a 50-year member of both Rotary International and the Masonic Order, and was devoted to the Jewish communities here and abroad. Ray's burial was a simple graveside service in Elkhart, Beth Shalom section of Rice cemetery on July 22nd.

He was a staunch supporter of the Arts and artists of all persuasions. If you feel compelled to memorialize Ray with a gift, please consider a donation to Jewish Federation of St. Jo Valley or Sinai Synagogue, South Bend; Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis or Temple Beth-El, Indy; Phoenix Theatre, Indiana Repertory Theater, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Indy; Elkhart Civic Theater at the Bristol, Ind., Opera House, or another not-for-profit of your choosing.

**Bryan Lawrence Davis, 81**, passed away on July 17, 2021. He was born in London, England to the late Colin and Lily Davis on Jan. 16, 1940. Bryan had many pursuits during his career focusing mostly on sales. He was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. He is survived by his devoted wife, Myrna and his children, Mitchell, Jeremy (Claudia) and Sabrina (Shane); grandchildren, Aberdeen and Vienna and by several nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held July 20th in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery.

**Gladys Pincus, 84**, passed away on July 29, 2021 at her home in Indianapolis after a short illness. She was born on March 14, 1937 in New York City to the late David Bernstein and Bertha (Klein) Bernstein.

She grew up in Chatham, N.J., but moved to Forest Hills, N.Y., before starting high school. Gladys received a BA in English

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from Hunter College (New York City) and an MLS from Pratt Institute (Brooklyn). She worked as a law librarian in a corporate law department, law firms, and a criminal justice agency.

Gladys met her husband Jack who survives her at the New York Society for Ethical Culture where they were married in 1966 and embarked on an incredible 55-year journey. They lived in Boston, the Washington, DC area, Chicago, the San Francisco Bay Area, Pittsburgh and the Lansing, Mich., area before moving to Indianapolis. She enjoyed the different living environments and the new friendships she made. She also traveled extensively with Jack across the US and in Europe, China, and Southeast Asia.

Gladys was an avid reader, often reading three to four books a week. She enjoyed solving crossword puzzles and loved fine art, visiting art museums, listening to classical music, and attending classical music concerts. She was an avid fan of the late Leonard Bernstein and cherished the opportunities she had to see him conducting live symphony concerts.

Graveside services were held August 2nd in Congregation Beth-El Zedek North Cemetery. Donations in her memory should be made to the charity of your choice.

**Mikhail Knyazhanskiy, 90**, passed away on Aug. 15, 2021. He was born March 13, 1931. Resident of Zionsville, well known scientist and chemistry professor, he was a brilliant man whose curiosity and love for life were enormous.



Author of over 300 articles in many international science magazines and two books, he was a creator of educational courses and has four international patents. For over 40 years, Mikhail was Head of the research laboratory and professor of Chemical Physics at the State University of the Southern Region of Russia. Among his students are many distinguished and internationally known scientists and leaders of several Russian educational organizations. He retired and came to the USA to unite with his daughter and granddaughter in 2000.

Until his last days, Mikhail had a clear mind and was an avid reader and had a huge love for classical music. His great music memory and musical talent allowed him to memorize many symphonies and operas and he was able to follow with a full score while listening to them.

He loved and was deeply loved by his family. The love of his life and wife, Alina,

just passed away a few months ago. He simply could not continue living without her.

Mikhail is survived by his daughter, Natalia; and granddaughter, Alina, who will be missing his laughter, encouragement, humor and his love forever.

Graveside services were held August 19th in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery where he was laid to rest next to his beloved Alina.

**Irwin Rothbard Rose, 92**, died peacefully and at home on Aug. 22, 2021, surrounded by family, ending a life of extraordinary accomplishment, achievement and decency. Born Feb. 23, 1929, he lived his life as a proud Jew, a loving husband, father, grandfather and unapologetic American patriot. A man of stature and honor, Irwin Rose was known for his forthright honesty and integrity.



A lifelong Indianapolis resident, Rose attended IPS School 84 and graduated from Shortridge High School in 1945 and his beloved Ohio State University in 1949 where he was a member of the ZBT fraternity and the Ohio Air National Guard. He received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the newly established

United States Air Force immediately following the North Korean invasion of South Korea in June 1950 and was assigned to the 88th Air Base Wing at Wright Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio where he served as a procurement officer in the C-130 project. In addition, he helped transform the then state of the art Lockheed F-80 Shooting Star fighter jet into the primary air weapon of the US Air Force.

The very day after his discharge from the Air Force in 1953, Rose was behind the counter serving customers at his family's retail automotive store on Meridian Street in Indianapolis.

In 1960, Rose established the Company which bears his name, and which is currently in the 62nd year of successful operations. Rose led the firm until his retirement, a few years ago. The Company is engaged in the ownership and management of apartment communities, currently employing 165 associates.

Irwin Rose spent his adult life in civic and philanthropic engagement. He was very proud of his beloved Indianapolis. He was a long time Board Member, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and the 1st President of the IHC endowment. He served for many years in leadership of The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

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Rose served as an Indiana Human Rights Commission member. In addition, Rose was a long time Board Member of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, and was awarded the prestigious Presidents Medal, by Brebeuf Jesuit.

Rose was a loving family man, married to his beloved wife, Jill, for 64 years. He is survived by his wife, Jill Rose, his son Doug Rose (Michelle), son Tom Rose, and his daughter, Jane Rose. He is survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins, and wonderful friends. Irwin Rose was cared for by wonderfully compassionate care givers, during a lengthy illness, each of whom became a loving part of his family. Rose took the greatest pride in all his grandchildren, Jake Hurst, Sophia Hurst, Noam Rose, Yonaton Rose, Udi Rose, Sara Rose, and Emily Rose.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Irwin R. Rose, to The Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation – Endowment Fund, 6501 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260, or to a charity of the donors choosing. Graveside services were private.

**Barry Elliott Landy, 81**, passed away on Aug. 22, 2021 at his home with his beloved sister by his side. He was born on Feb. 14, 1940 in Louisville to the late Archie and Charlotte Landy. Barry was a graduate of Shortridge High School and worked for the department of defense as an accounting technician. Previously, he worked for Northwest Distributing for almost 30 years as an office manager.

Barry is a member of Shaaray Tefilla Congregation, the Elks, American Legion Post #34 and Kennington.

He is survived by his sister, Janice (Alan) Glaubinger of Louisville; nephew, Jay (Robyn) Glaubinger; and niece, Sherri Sirotzky and cousins, Gabrielle Tamler, Nathan Tamler and Lisa Bales.

Burial was held in Shara Tefillo Cemetery on August 25th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra or the charity of the donor's choosing.

**Steve Rosenblum, 78**, of The Villages, Fla., passed away on Aug. 24, 2021. He was born and raised in Boro Park, Brooklyn on June 26, 1943. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irving and Esther Rosenblum, and sister, Harriett Pinsky. He is survived by Susan Rosenblum, his beloved wife of 45 years, children, Adam (Heather) Rosenblum and Cantor Melissa (Dr. Marc) Cohen, and grandchildren, Max, Minnie, Sadie, and Evan.

Steve grew up as a loyal Brooklyn Dodgers fan, eventually adopting the "new" hometown team, the New York Mets, as his own. An avid sports fan, he loved the Miami Hurricanes and traveling with Susan to all of their away games nationwide. Steve enjoyed playing golf (with 2 holes-in-one to boot!), fixing things, traveling, country music, crossword puzzles, and spending time with family in Marco Island every summer.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Steve loved reminiscing about his time in the service and was a proud American and patriot. Steve was an adoring and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family, who were the pride and joy of his life.

A private family graveside funeral was held in Indianapolis on August 29th at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. A recording of the service can be viewed at: <https://www.arnmortuary.com/obituary/Steven-Rosenblum>

Donations may be made to: Cantor's Discretionary Fund, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or the Jewish War Veterans of the USA. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary**.

**Myron C. Rapkin, 82**, of Indianapolis, passed away Aug. 29, 2021. He was born to the late Isadore and Jeanette (Shector) Rapkin on Nov. 24, 1938 in Rochester, N.Y. Myron earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1958. He then proudly served in the U.S. Air Force. Myron was a chemist and a sought-after scientific consultant. Few things brought him greater joy than inventing and discovery which lead to him holding 57 patents. Myron was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), the Society of Creative Anachronism, and the Chemistry Association.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Rapkin; children, Liorah (Michael Schoen) Rapkin and Ari (Kim Brill) Rapkin; sister-in-law, Linda Rapkin; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Milton Rapkin. Graveside services were held in IHC North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to <https://www.wfyi.org/memorial-and-tribute-gifts>

**Sharon Anne Pollack Schuchman, 83**, beloved wife, sister, aunt, and dear friend to many passed away on Sept. 21, 2021. She was born in Indianapolis on June 5, 1938, to the late Philip and Bess Pollack. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School and attended Indiana University. Sharon was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. She worked for 34 years as Office Manager for

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simmer for 30 minutes. Turn off the heat and leave to stand, still covered with a lid, for 30 minutes.

Gently heat the stock until hot, season with salt and ladle into serving bowls with 2 matzo balls each. Garnish with dill.

*Sybil Kaplan is a journalist, lecturer, book reviewer, food writer and author (Witness to History: Ten Years as a Woman Journalist in Israel) and, nine cookbooks (including What's Cooking at Hadassah College). She lived in Israel from 1970–1980. She and her late husband, Barry, came to live in Jerusalem in 2008, where she works as a foreign correspondent for North American Jewish publications, lectures to senior citizen residences, leads walks in English in Machaneh Yehudah, the Jewish produce market, and wrote stories about kosher restaurants in Janglo.net for which Barry photographed from 2014–2020. She has been a regular contributor to The Jewish Post & Opinion since 1971. ✨*



National School Studios, retiring in 1994. Sharon is survived by her husband of 61 years, Daniel Schuchman and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Barry Pollack and sister, Rosalie Glazer.

Graveside services were held on September 24th in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**.

**Robert "Bob" Zalkin, 94**, beloved Cantor Emeritus of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and mentor to many, left this earth on September 28, 2021.

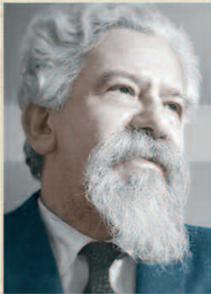


Bob was born in New York, joining Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in 1961 as Cantor. In 1990, Bob married the love of his life, Irene and they shared a love of travel and spirituality. Following his retirement from Beth-El Zedeck, Bob continued his devotion to others' emotional well-being as advisor, and mentor to countless individuals.

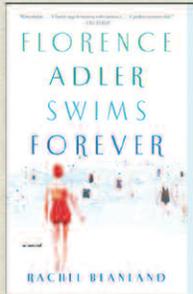
He is survived by his wife Irene and stepdaughters, Sonja Clark and Nicole Eslinger; grandchildren, Jake Eslinger, Luke Eslinger, Thomas Clark, Ben Clark and Vivian Clark. A private family memorial service will be held on October 10th at 1:00 p.m. viewable online at [www.bez613.org/watch-live](http://www.bez613.org/watch-live). Memorial contributions may be made to the Nature Conservatory of Indiana: [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org). ✨

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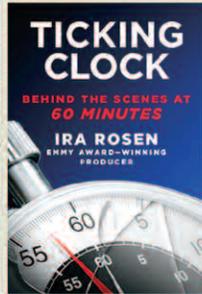
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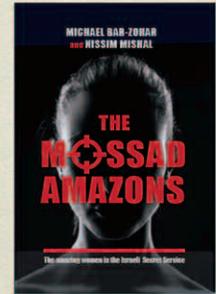
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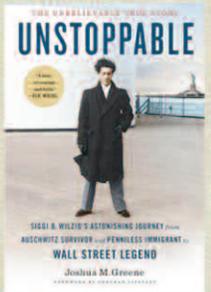
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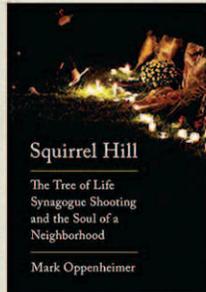
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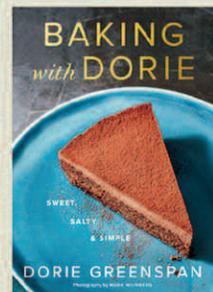
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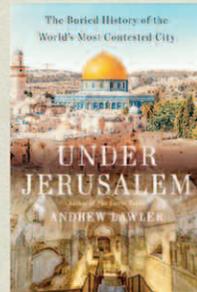
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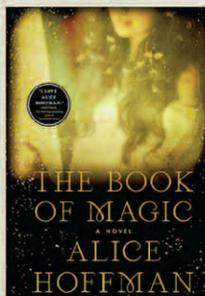
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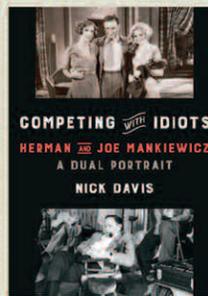
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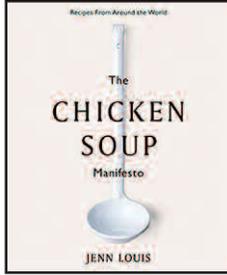
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### A Cure with Global Appeal

**The Chicken Soup Manifesto.** By Jenn Louis. Hardie Grant Publishing. \$30 hardcover. 240 pp. September 1, 2020.

Requests for review copies shipped to Israel are often ignored or get put aside by publishers. This is one of those cases where it took a little longer to get the request to be answered, but the nature of this book made me persistently request it.



Jenn Louis grew up in a Jewish home and for more than 20 years has been involved in the culinary world. She formerly owned three Portland restaurants and a full-service catering company; she was nominated twice for the James Beard Foundation Award of Best Chef; she has written two other cookbooks, *Pasta by Hand* and *The Book of Greens*. She lives in Portland where her publicist wrote at the time of the release of the book “she is currently caring for nine homeless tent camps.”

Here are 131 recipes from 64 countries enhanced by 86 color photos demonstrating that “a pot of chicken soup is the ultimate gesture of love.”

With chapters divided by continent and recipes listed by country, she shows how “culture and locality meld to convey a region’s most treasured flavors. Looking at the world through the lens of a simple bowl of chicken soup, [she] shares stories about traditional cooking styles, ingredients, folklore, family history and more.”

Obviously, not all the recipes are *kosher*, however, besides *Matza* ball soup (regular and *Sephardi*), soups from Egypt/Syria/Lebanon, Russia/Poland, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, and Romania are included.

Cookbook author, Afeena Sussman, writes that this cookbook is “a reminder that though we may think of chicken soup as Jewish penicillin, it is a cure with global, everlasting appeal.”

Ms. Louis writes, “with winter upon us, now is the time to reach for the warm embrace that a bowl of chicken soup can provide.”

This is a great gift for anyone who loves special cookbooks and for readers who want to add new ideas to their tables.

#### Isabel’s Matzo Ball Soup (Serves 4)

The story goes like this: My mom’s (Isabel’s) *matzo* balls were never as tender as she wished until she made a batch of *matzo* balls, turned off the heat and left them in the poaching liquid while we went to services at the synagogue. When we returned to eat dinner, the balls, sitting in the warm water for an hour or two, softened and plumped up. Her, and now my, cooking method was changed forever.

- 2 Tbsp. rendered chicken fat or olive oil
- 2 large eggs
- 125 g (4-1/2 oz/1/2 cup) *matzo* meal

- 2 Tbsp. Water
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1.9 liters (64 fl oz/8 cups) Chicken Stock
- 2 Tbsp. roughly chopped dill, to garnish

Place the chicken fat or olive oil, eggs, *matzo* meal, water and salt in a large bowl and stir until completely combined. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

Bring a large pot of very well salted water to a simmer. Scoop the batter into soft but not packed golf-ball-sized balls, then lightly drop into the simmering water, partially cover with a lid and

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