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Chag Pesach Sameach!



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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Mickey and Janie Maurer (below) on Mickey's special birthday on Dec. 16, 2022, and 13 days later, their 54th wedding anniversary.



John and Diane (Calderon) Abrams, (below) who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Dec. 18, 2022.



Jacob Lewin, son of **Arnie Lewin** and **Harriet Greenland**, who was promoted to partner in the Stein Adler law firm as of Jan. 1, 2023. Jacob has a wealth of litigation experience in New York and New Jersey's state and federal courts, at both the trial and appellate levels. The promotion is a testament to his skill, dedication to clients and commitment to delivering excellent legal counsel.



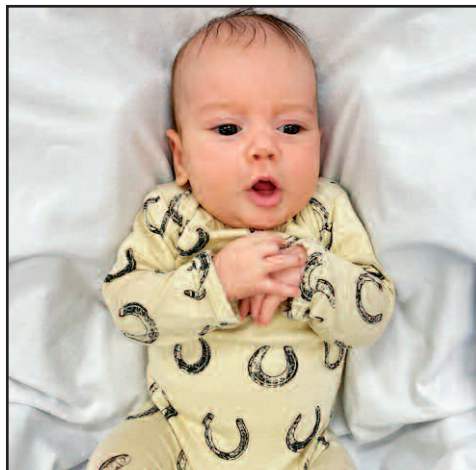
Rebecca W. Geyer, founder of Rebecca W. Geyer & Associates, PC, who

was sworn in as the 145th President of the Indiana Bar Association. Her law practice concentrates in estate planning, estate and trust administration, elder law, tax planning, and business services. A board certified Indiana trust and estate specialist and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Rebecca is also an adjunct professor of elder law at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. She earned her undergraduate degree from Indiana University and her J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. She also volunteers in the community where she serves as Past President of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, and Treasurer of the Indianapolis Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. She is the daughter of **Richard Gole, z"l**, (see obituary on p. IN 22) and **Barbara Quinn**. She enjoys spending time with her husband, **Paul**, and their three sons.



Jake and Rachel Katz on the birth of their son **Jackson Lee Katz** on Jan. 21, 2023 at about 12:29 a.m. He weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. He is named after his maternal great-grandmother, **Jeanette Weisberg**, and fraternal great-grandmother, **Leonore Katz**. Maternal grandparents are **Michael and Karen Kesner** of Deerfield, Ill. and paternal grandparents are **Don Katz and Lori Katz** of Carmel, Ind.

Dovid and Chana Grossbaum on the birth of their son, **Menachem Mendel** (nickname **Mensch**; below) on Jan. 23, 2023 (The second day of *Shevat*). He has two older sisters **Chai** and **Leba**. His maternal grandparents are **Rabbi Yosef and Rivkie Vogel** of London and paternal grandparents are **Rabbi Avrohom and Nini Grossbaum** of Indianapolis.



Mike Getman (right), who grew up in Bloomington, Ind., on his induction into the Indiana Soccer Association Hall of Fame

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in Carmel, Ind., on Jan. 28, 2023 for the HOF class of 2022. Getman played for Indiana University (1978-81), voted an All-American. He was instrumental in starting the Bloomington SC Cosmos with Nick Matavuli (Indiana Soccer HOF) Dennis Grace (Indiana HOF). Mike joined the Detroit Express in 1982 where he was voted rookie of the year of the American Soccer League (ASL) and the team was ASL Champions (1982-1983). He went on to become an assistant Coach at Indiana University. In 1987 he became the Head Coach at Harvard University where he became the youngest coach to reach NCAA Division I final four. He took Harvard to number 1 ranking for the first time in school history. He was the Head Coach at the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) from 1992-2018. He led the Blazers to eight NCAA tournament appearances including an Elite Eight in 1999, and a Sweet Sixteen in 2001. He was Conference USA Coach of the Year three times and Conference USA Coach of the Decade in 2005. He currently ranks 41st



Mike Getman (L) with his former IU soccer coach Jerry Yeagley, who is considered the most successful collegiate soccer coach in the history of the sport.

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Editorial

Recently I heard a 30-minute discussion about ways to increase happiness. Rabbi David Wolpe was interviewed by Evey Rosenbloom, host of the Choose to be Happy Podcast. Dated Dec. 8, 2022, below is a brief summary.

Worrying about the future makes it impossible for you to enjoy what you have now. Spend time thinking about your blessings, what you are grateful for and what is good in your life. Notice what's going well.

When you are frustrated or angry, take a moment to pause before you react. If you mess up you have to let things go. You are not the exception, we all make mistakes. Learn from them instead of beating yourself up. It's not constructive to continually be upset with yourself. Allow yourself the luxury of being imperfect and realize that every human being is flawed. For those of us who wish we were different, realize it takes a lot of work, time and effort to grow.

You are unique with all your flaws and your virtues. Try to see the good in the world. Sometimes people who are suffering could benefit from the companionship of a dog, cat or horse. Religious communities and support groups can help you realize that you are not alone. There are others struggling with the same issues. Helping other people and doing acts of kindness can heal you. When you see how much joy and help you can bring to someone else, it reminds you of your worth in this world and how much you are needed.

Know that the bad feelings will not last forever and that joyous practices like singing and dancing and pushing yourself to exercise or joining your community or group can create joy. Sometimes we have to push ourselves to do the things that might be good for us and joy will follow the action.

Rabbi Wolpe concluded, "Again and again Jewish people have found light in dark times. Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav said the great sin is despair. No matter how difficult the situation, you cannot be without hope. Whatever you are going through, in the course of history, human beings have gone through that and far worse yet have managed to immerge. Always have hope, always believe there is a possibility that tomorrow can be brighter or can be made brighter. A lot of people in this world will be able to help you."

This is our last printed Indiana Edition

It has been my joy to be able to share these types of messages with positive written words over the years. As we come to our last printed Indiana edition, it wraps

About the Cover

An award-winning recording artist, engineer, technology marketing expert and vegan activist, Steve Schuster is CEO and founder of Rainier Communications, a leading PR agency for technology companies, including more than 75 private and public Israeli firms. A liberal Zionist, Steve frequently travels to Israel on business and is deeply committed to providing a voice in North America for Israel's high-tech industry where he is also a founding partner in several technology startups. He and his wife Julie have three children and two granddaughters. Steve's published his Liberation *Haggadah* in 2009 and he created this issue's cover artwork exclusively for our Passover edition. His original song and music video "Masada" (filmed on location) can be seen and heard at <https://bit.ly/schustermasada>. ✨



S. Schuster

up what my goal for the newspaper was when I first started writing. For our May 21, 2003 edition, I wrote that words matter and I wanted to publish fewer words that hurt and more words that heal.

I said I wanted to publish fewer words such as *stupidity, evil, cowardice, greedy, hatred, detest, regret, resent, and distress*, and more words like *compassion, forgiveness, healing, loving, caring, praising, rejoicing, joy, delight, happiness, pleasure, sympathy, empathy, and kindness*. Almost all of the mainstream media were publishing the former and I wanted our dear readers to have a much needed break by publishing the latter.

For those wishing to advertise in a print publication, contact Andrea Kruszynski at akruszynski@jfgi.org. You can see all of the details about advertising with her at the following link: cdn.fedweb.org/fed-33/2/Ad_RateSheet23.pdf?v=1666967043

Also anyone with access to the Internet can view and search almost all of the editions of *The Jewish Post & Opinion* going back to 1933 on the National Library of Israel website at: www.nli.org.il/en/newspapers/indianajpost

Also searchable on that site are my father's, Gabriel Cohen, newspapers under different names that he published before World War II from Louisville, Ky. The links to those are: www.nli.org.il/en/newspapers/kentuckyjc and www.nli.org.il/en/newspapers/chroniclerspokesman. On the website for Illinois newspapers, one can search *The Chicago Jewish Post & Opinion* editions published from 1962–1981.

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Dream Big – You’ll Never Know ‘Til You Try

If I had gone to a fortune teller 20 years ago and she had told me one day I will not only be managing, editing, and publishing a newspaper, but also writing a column for it, I would have laughed at her. I would have told her that her crystal ball must be off kilter because she was reading the fortune of someone else, not me.

My seven siblings and I had not been interested in taking over my father’s newspaper partly because we saw that it took all of his free time and then some. But that gradually changed for me when I moved back to Indianapolis to help my aging parents. My mother was then 82, and my father 90. I figured I would mostly be helping them with household chores, but a year later my mother passed away.

My father lived and worked in a generation where the men left the house to go to work while their wives stayed home and took care of the cooking, cleaning and child rearing. For him the kitchen was like being in a foreign country. Without my mother in it, he was lost.

Since we were both mourning the loss of my mother, I thought it would be best if I stayed with my father. At that time I was told when a man reaches 90 and his wife of 60 years dies, chances are he will not live more than a year. I thought I could manage to care for him for at least that long. No one believed then that he would live seven more years.

As my father’s health declined, I started getting more and more calls from his office workers to help with small tasks. Although I had grown up stuffing envelopes at my father’s newspaper office, I had no experience in any of the other positions, nor had I taken any classes on publishing except one in college titled, “Journalism for Non-majors”.

As my father was not able to keep up, I had to learn all the positions, on-the-job from the other employees. The reason I was able to accomplish this was because it was a gradual process. No sooner had I gotten one area under my belt, a new one arose. Eventually I had done every possible job except graphic design. That gave me the confidence to assume that whatever else new came my way, I would be able to handle it.

An example of how this took place was

when one employee gave a two week notice. He had been working at the newspaper for 21 years in design and production. I had to hire and help train a replacement.

The next year the two editors came to me with a major concern. We were still publishing weekly then and my father’s editorials had been on the same subject for five weeks in a row. My father believed strongly that officers of boards of congregations should be present at their Sabbath services every week.

I did not know how many times previously he had written on this topic but I was told complaints were coming in from readers who said they would cancel their subscription if this continued.

My father was 94 at the time and no longer had the sharp memory he once did. I thought if I simply showed him his past five editorials, he would understand and write on a different topic. Instead he said he felt the message was so important it needed to be repeated over and over again.

At that point I had never written an editorial but I told the editors I would write one for the upcoming edition and then find another writer to fill that spot. It took me all week to write and rewrite the short editorial, but it turned out better than I expected and that was gratifying. Together with the help of the editors who looked at what I wrote and made additional corrections, I realized I could write editorials. That was the beginning of approximately 300 I have written over the years.

By the time my father passed away four years later, I was already doing all the managing and deciding what went in the paper and where. I still had two editors with 50 years editing experience between them. They helped correct the columns that came to me by email from our writers from all over the country, Canada and Israel. I paid close attention to what they did. By the time the last editor was gone, I had learned enough that I could do it by myself, though not as well as either of them.

I admit that I have made a few big blunders and a million smaller ones in these past several years but I learned so much because every day a new challenge arose.

When I was in the middle of all these challenges and also caring for my ailing father, I was not always a happy camper. However, as I look back I realize – crystal ball or not – we cannot always imagine where the road will take us. If all of the above occurrences beginning with me moving back to help my parents had not taken place, I may not have achieved what I did.

My advice to you, dear readers, is to dream big and do not underestimate what you can accomplish. I am in awe of all that has transpired.

Jennie Cohen, July 14, 2017 ✨

EDITORIAL

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Even though we are not planning more printed Indiana editions, we are hoping to publish some special themed editions. An example of two of those are located on the top of page IN 9. If your subscription is current you will receive a copy of those in the mail. If it is not, and you would like to receive them, please email jpostopinion@gmail.com or write to the address on page IN 3 with your request.

I have so many people to thank that I will not be able to list all of them here but I will start with all of the advertisers because without them there would have been no paper at all. Secondly, I am so grateful for all of the writers who toiled over the years to send interesting and pertinent articles with photos to help illustrate their writing. Next, I am also very thankful for the subscribers. Whenever I received a subscription renewal I knew that someone was reading the paper and it made me feel my work was valued.

Besides my family and friends who provided much moral support, I am so grateful for the readers who sent me their news, events, and *simchas*. Since we always had sad news with the obituaries, I especially enjoyed including the baby namings, *bar* and *bat mitzvahs*, graduations, engagements, marriages, and all the other accomplishments that people achieved.

Next, because the newspaper isn’t Facebook or Twitter which all have a way for the reader to “like” or “love” a post, I am thankful for those who came up to me in the synagogue or the grocery store and told me about an article that they liked. Going forward, I hope to make use of social media by posting articles I receive on LinkedIn and other sites. I am also appreciative of those who went out of their way to make sure that an elderly or disabled person would receive a printed copy of the edition.

Finally, I have been blessed with highly talented people such as graphic designers and editors who helped me make each edition look special, even if it was behind the scenes with work like bookkeeping, ad sales, printing, and mailing. Their work was very important and I felt like co-creators with them.

“Dream Big”, on this page, was my Introduction for my book, *True Stories of Hope and Inspiration*. (See book cover and Table of Contents on page IN 9.) It describes how I got started with the newspaper 24 years ago.

We wish all of our dear readers a Happy, Healthy and *Kosher Pesach* 5783 and for years to come.

Jennie Cohen, March 29, 2023 ✨
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MAZEL TOV

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among active head soccer coaches in winning percentage, and 15th in victories. He remains the youngest coach ever to reach the Final Four having done so at the age of 28. In 2020 he started his current position as Director of Coaching – Hoover-Vestavia SC. Mike and his wife, **Rena Cohen**, have been married for 40 years. They have three sons (two of which are men's college assistant soccer coaches) and one grandson. You can read more about him at the following link. <https://thejewishnews.com/?s=Mike+Getman>

Solomon Schwartz Rudavsky (below), son of **Shari Rudavsky** and **Peter Schwartz** on becoming *Bar Mitzvah* at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ) on March 11, 2023. Solomon's *Torah* portion was *Ki Tisa*, about the golden calf. When asked if he was nervous, he responded "yes". His brother told him the last thing you do – the *Haftarah* – is the hardest thing. Solomon says he got way less nervous after that and was kind of relieved it was



over, but then he kind of thought, that wasn't so bad. He was surprised how quickly it went by, but he thinks "it would have been boring sitting in the crowd".

He was glad his aunt and uncle and their spouses and his five cousins came from Boston and Washington. He is thankful for **Mr. [Jeff] Linkon** and **Cantor Melissa [Cohen]** for helping him prepare. His favorite part of his *bar mitzvah* training was learning how to be fluent in something new "and then after you learn it for a long time, you are finally done". When asked what advice he would give to someone who is preparing for his or her *bar* or *bat mitzvah*, he said, "Don't be nervous until the last day. Don't worry about it."

Something special for him was his *tallit* that was made by a distant relative, **Cantor Avima Rudavsky Darnov** (his mother's second cousin) whose mother made a *tallit* for Shari's father decades ago. His brother, Sam, who became a *Bar Mitzvah* at BEZ in November 2019 (*parsha Lech Lecha*) now has his father's *tallit* so it was particularly special that Avima made Solomon's *tallit*, which features the colors of Africa/the Ethiopian flag interspersed with blue stripes.

Sigal Tavel (below with her parents **Bob** and **Aviva Tavel**), who is excited to match at the Emergency Medicine residency



of University of Virginia, Charlottesville. She is a graduate of the Hasten Hebrew Academy, North Central High School, and Indiana University. She switched from a prospective Humanities for her college major to Pre-Med after volunteering for Magen David Adom while she was living in Israel during her gap year. That is also where she met her future husband, **Ben Caley**, from Australia, while they were both volunteers on Kibbutz Maagan Michael.

Rabbi and Mrs. Benzion Cohen, of K'far Chabad, Israel, on the marriage of their granddaughter, **Chaya Mushka Cohen** to **Mendel Braun** (below). The wedding was held on March 28, 2023 in Brooklyn. The bride is the daughter of **Rabbi and Mrs. Sender Cohen** of Buffalo, N.Y., and groom is the son of **Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef Braun** of Crown Heights, N.Y. The other grandparents are **Rabbi and Mrs. Yechezkel Gold, Rabbi and Mrs. S.B. Lipskier**, and **Rebbetzin Golda Braun**.



Aaron and Sarah Margolis-Greenbaum (below), for capturing over a century of Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation history in a new documentary titled, *Who We Are*. These two up-and-coming directors are



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The Indiana University Center for Bioethics will be hosting the **Silvers Annual Lecture on Holocaust, Genocide, and Contemporary Bioethics** on Mon., April 17, 6–7 p.m., Holocaust Remembrance Day (*Yom Hashoah*). The lecture is being given by **Dr. Alex Kor, DPM**, a podiatrist, Fellow and Past President of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine, and the son of Eva Kor. The lecture title is: *The Lessons of the Holocaust for Healthcare: Personal, Professional, and Historical Reflections*.

Dr. Kor will relate the story of three people: his mother, Eva Kor, who was a victim of Dr. Mengele at Auschwitz; Dr. Hans Muench, a physician at Auschwitz who found a way to protect prisoners there; and himself, a podiatrist and cancer survivor. These stories yield important lessons about memory, forgiveness, and the ethical practice of medicine. The lecture can be viewed in person or online.

To register for online viewing, visit:
<https://iu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvduqsqz0jGNNEZ41lcbgXPNx3jmHB218q>
(see Lecture, page IN 8)

Hoosier Jewish Legends Nominations

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) is taking nominations for Hoosier Jewish Legends for 2023. **Nominations are due by April 5, 2023.**

To download the nomination form, or for further information, please refer to the

IJHS website www.ijhs.org or contact Sheila Greenwald at sheilaeg@aol.com or Leslie Katz at lgkatz@gmail.com.

The Hoosier Jewish Legends – A Hall of Fame celebrates Jewish and non-Jewish Hoosiers who have created a significant and lasting impact to their profession, faith-based and/or secular community, and the legacy of the role of the Jewish community in Indiana’s continuing story. ✨


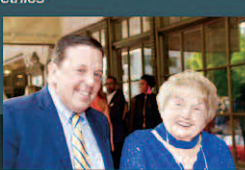


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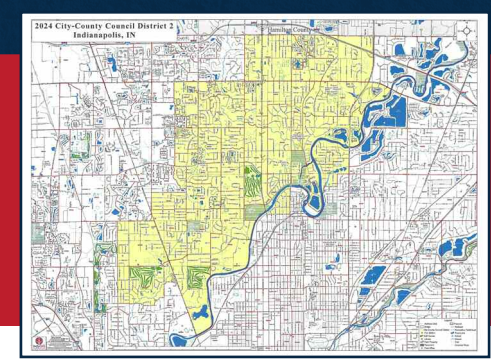
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Rabbi D. Sasso Stepping Down

Rabbi Dennis C. Sasso will be stepping down as senior rabbi at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck at the end of June this year after 47 years. Volumes could be written about all that he and his wife of 53 years, Rabbi Sandy Sasso, have accomplished not just for their congregation, but for all of Indianapolis and beyond. What is written below came from the Indiana History Center when the rabbinic couple were honored last summer as Indiana Living Legends. We wish them both well in all they do going forward and hope to see them around for many years to come.



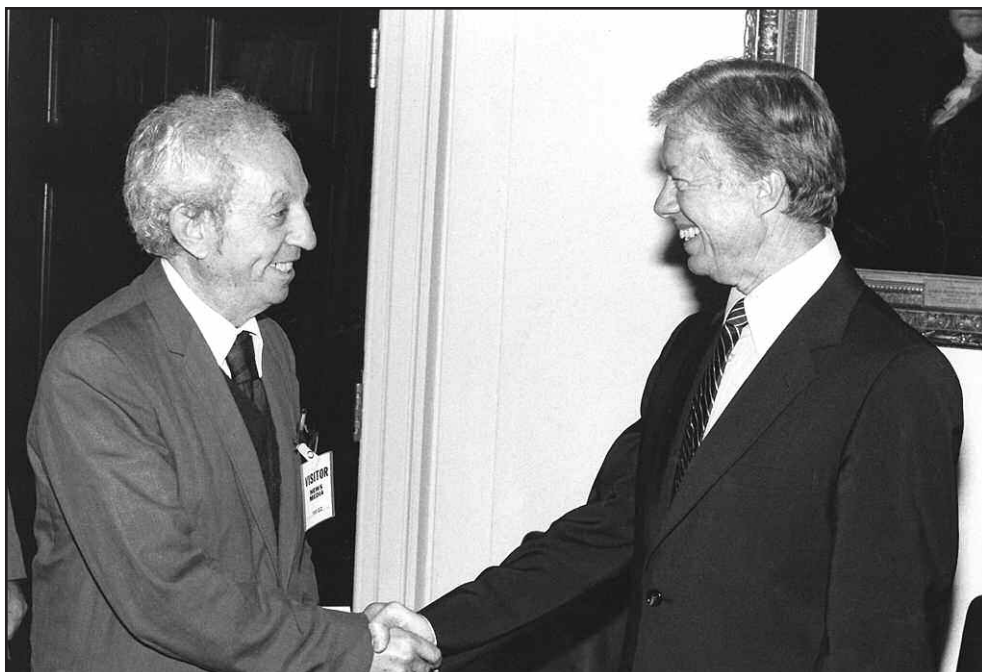
Rabbis Sandy and Dennis Sasso, on the occasion of receiving a Hoosier Living Legend Award from the Indiana Historical Society on July 28, 2022.

Rabbis Sandy and Dennis Sasso are history makers both individually and collectively, serving their community with bountiful effort, energy and passion.

Sandy was the first woman ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the first to serve a Conservative congregation together with her husband. Sandy and Dennis are the first practicing rabbinical couple in world Jewish history.

Dennis has been Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck since 1977. A native of the Republic of Panama, he descends from Spanish/Portuguese Sephardic families who settled in the Caribbean following the discovery of the Americas. Dennis has served on many boards, including the Indiana Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, United Way of Central Indiana, the Immigrant Welcome Center, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School Board of Trustees, and the Lake Family Institute Advisory Board.

Sandy is Rabbi Emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, where she served for 36 years. In 2014, she became the director of the Spirituality, Religion and the Arts Initiative, now at IUPUI Arts and Humanities. Sandy is active in the arts, civic and interfaith communities and has written



Editor and Publisher Gabriel Cohen, z"l (L) and President Jimmy Carter in the White House in 1979 along with others in the media. A transcription of the meeting was printed in the Oct. 19, 1979 JPO edition. Some of the discussion was on the subject of Blacks and Jews. On Feb. 18, 2023 President Carter entered hospice care at the age of 98; he is the longest living president. Below is Cohen's conception of Mr. Carter.

"For one thing our personal psychology informed us that Mr. Carter was a tall, huge man. We confused his office with his skeletal frame, and he is not much taller than our 5 feet 7 inches, and not much heavier than our 145 pounds or so. But he is a man of great charm. He elucidates with disarming ease, and we would find it difficult to envisage him angry or bitter. He is most affable and he knows the answers. He would fit beautifully into academe, and that is our kind of man... As each of us passed out of the room, we shook hands with him and were photographed."



and lectured on women, spirituality, and children's religious imagination. She is also the author of nationally-acclaimed children's books, winning National Jewish Book and Indiana Authors Awards. Sandy is cofounder of Women4Change Indiana and served as President of Gleaners Food Bank and Chair of the Spirit and Place Festival. She serves on the boards of Indiana Humanities, Encyclopedia of Indianapolis, Advisory Board of IUPUI, and Environmental Resilience Initiative.

Sandy and Dennis are recipients of the "Hoosier Jewish Legends" award from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and the "Interfaith Ambassador of the Year" award from the Center for Interfaith Cooperation as well as the Sagamore of the Wabash for Distinguished Citizen Award from the Governor of the State of Indiana.

Dennis obtained his B.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University, an M.A. in religion from Temple University, and was ordained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1974. He holds a Doctor of Ministry in theology from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, where he is Affiliate Professor of Jewish Studies. He is

the recipient of various Doctor of Divinity Honorary degrees.

Sandy received her B.A. Magna Cum Laude and M.A. from Temple University. She was ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1974 and received a Doctor of Ministry from Christian Theological Seminary. Sandy is a recipient of the Heritage Keepers, Spirit of the Prairie, and Torchbearer awards.

They are the parents of David (Naomi) and Debbie (Brad) and grandparents of Darwin, Raven, Ari, and Levi. ✨



MAZEL TOV

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also long-time members of the Etz Chaim Congregation. The 64 minute film can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_NE3kHr018

A Blog about the making of the documentary and how the two got support from IUPUI's Professor of Anthropology, **Dr. Susan Hyatt**, is available at: <http://bit.ly/4081ICm>. It was written by Sam Kneprath. (Photo by Cassia Margolis) ✨

Changing Our Attitude Will Lead Us to Freedom

BY RABBI ALAN ALPERT

What is slavery? At Passover we think of Egypt, where our ancestors were slaves to the Pharaohs – subjected to the whims and orders of their taskmasters.

Indeed slavery is an economic system where there are those who are owned. For the most part slaves are objects or tools and not legitimate human beings. In civilized societies slavery is condemned as inhumane and barbaric.

However, there are other definitions of the word “slavery.” One such definition in Webster’s Dictionary is “submission to a dominating influence.” Slavery is typically viewed in a negative light. We are slaves to something we feel is beyond our control. We are enslaved by false guilt, faulty thinking, habits, and addictions. In a sense all of us are slaves of at least one negative influence.

In commenting on Exodus 6:6, the 19th-century Hasidic Master Mendel of Kotzk wrote: “I will bring you out from under the bearings of Egypt.’ Why ‘bearings?’ Because there was something worse than bondage, namely...that they were willing to bear the Egyptian yoke, and it was from these ‘bearings’ that they had first to be delivered.” In other words, as bad as slavery was so was the Israelites’ acceptance of the situation.

So often we as individuals or communities say, “We can’t change.” “We have always done it that way.” “We have always been taught this way.” At some time, the once free Israelites had developed a slave mentality and gradually lost any memory of freedom.

According to Mendel and others, the Israelites could not be delivered until they changed that attitude. It was not easy to change. Constantly they told Moses not to rock the boat and how good it was in Egypt. But, finally they were able to enter the Promised Land as free men and women.

In determining whether change is beneficial or not, we must ask these questions: Why is it that we cannot change? Is what we are doing helpful to the individual and the community? Are our past methods and actions still working for us? Is our thinking leading us in ways that allow us to climb the mountain or drown in the sea?

For the Israelites to become free they had to look at themselves and their community. They had to decide what was right and what was life affirming. They looked within themselves, they looked at each other, and they looked to God.

We need to decide if we want to be free women and men or be slaves to false guilt, faulty thinking, habits, and addictions.

Acts of Kindness

BY RABBI MICAH D. GREENSTEIN

The bumper sticker, “Practice Random Acts of Kindness,” as with so many other great ideas, is rooted in Judaism. The values of doing for others (*gemilut chasadim*), improving the world (*tikun olam*), charity (*tzedakah*), and kindness (*chesed*) are central to Jewish life and practice. Passover, like these values, is active. We don’t simply recall the symbols of our experience in Egypt, we eat them! *Pesach* is dynamic and full of life; it’s the story of how our people moved from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy, and from slavery to freedom.

What acts of kindness are you planning to do as springtime emerges? The following are ten suggestions among the 365 on the *A Kindness A Day Calendar*, published by www.areyvut.org. This press uses Jewish lessons to make the world a better place. Each suggested act of kindness is accompanied by a Jewish text for you to reflect upon and a goal for you to accomplish.

As Passover approaches, I hope these acts of kindness, in no order of importance, infuse your life with core Jewish values. May this year’s holiday be for you, and those you love, a deeply meaningful one.

Here are the some ideas for your consideration:

1. Passover celebrates freedom. Consider people in other parts of the world whose freedom is in jeopardy, and actively do something to help them.

If the Holy One, Blessed be God, had not taken us out of Egypt, we would still be slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt (Passover Haggadah).

2. Call or visit someone who is sick.

Just as God visited the sick, so you must visit the sick (Talmud Sotah 14a).

3. Call or visit a relative that you haven’t seen in a while and ask if there is anything you can do to help them.

Joseph provided all the needs of his father, his brothers, and all his family, down to the very youngest (Genesis 47:12).

4. Work on minimizing one of your negative traits like anger, jealousy, laziness, or lack of focus.

Create in me a pure heart. Purify me so that I may serve God and life better (Jewish Liturgy).

We have the same resources that our ancestors had – ourselves, each other, and God. Our future is not certain and there are many obstacles in our way. However, if we mobilize our highest nature and the loftiest values of humanity, and act in a godly manner, we will enter the Promised Land.

This is from the April 2006 bulletin of Congregation B’Nai Israel in Muskegon, Mich. ✨

LECTURE

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To attend in person: IUPUI Campus Center Theatre (basement), 420 University Blvd, Indianapolis. Parking is available at the Vermont Street Parking Garage that is attached to the Campus Center. For any questions, please contact Pierce Logan, graduate assistant at the IU Center for Bioethics at pielogan@iu.edu ✨



5. If you are upset with someone, talk to that person about it instead of talking to others.

Righteousness and peace have touched each other (Psalm 85:11).

6. Expose your children and yourself to people who are different than you.

The personalities of God’s children differ just as their faces differ (Talmud Berachot 58a).

7. Go out of your way to cheerfully greet people you interact with today, whether in person or on the phone.

A merry heart makes a cheerful face, the spirit is broken by a sorrowful heart (Proverbs 15:13).

8. Call someone who has lost a loved one within the past few months to see how he or she is doing.

When my cares are many...Your comfort delights my soul (Psalms 94:19).

9. When your parent, spouse, or loved one asks you to do something, respond immediately.

A love that is not dependent on anything will never cease (Pirkei Avot 5:16).

10. Pray for someone who is having a difficult time.

And God heard the cries of the Israelites, and God remembered the eternal covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob (Exodus 2:24–25).

Chag sameach!

Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein is the senior rabbi of Temple Israel in Memphis. (This is from their April 7, 2006 bulletin.) ✨

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Born in Cuba, Professor Montané has studied in Cuba, Italy, and the United States. Currently a Professor of Music (Voice) on the faculty of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, Bloomington, and throughout a career spanning over five decades, he has performed only leading roles all over the world, including at the New York City Metropolitan Opera and the Philadelphia Lyric Opera.

The concert is open and free to the public. Donations will be accepted. ☆

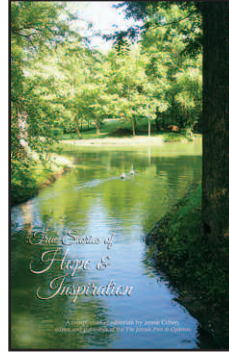
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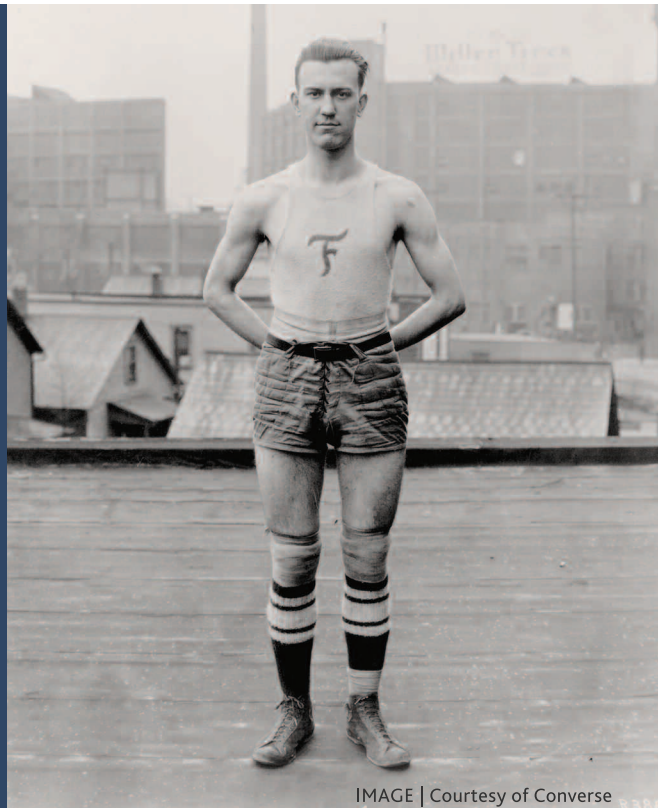


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SCORE Scores Jewish Volunteers

By MATTHEW J. SILVER



The Service Corps of Retired Executives, commonly known as SCORE, a non-profit subsidiary of the Small Business Administration (SBA) established in 1964, provides free mentoring to would-be entrepreneurs. Locally, the 70 volunteers with years expertise in various endeavors are matched to women and men based on their business aspirations.

"The first thing we ask is how do you know there is a need for the product or service you seek to provide," says Stephen Calderon, who with his family owned and operated Calderon Brothers Vending for over thirty-five years.



S. Calderon

A 12-year veteran of SCORE, Calderon notes the initial one hour meeting with the client is attended by two mentors in order to cover all aspects of a potential business. Non-profits are mentored as well.

Originally meetings were face-to-face, but since the pandemic, Zoom is the word for

initial and follow up visits, although some mentors are now doing face to face sessions.

With over 250 chapters nationwide comprised of more than 10,000 volunteers, SCORE volunteers are familiar with all areas of business management and can provide insight into a wide variety of topics, from investigating the market potential for a new product to providing cash flow guidance management. They can also advise on starting a business, purchasing an existing business, franchising or selling a business.

The 2020 annual report documents the development and implementation of SCORE programs, projects and resources that have led to an increase of 30% in total annual services, more than 45,000 new business starts, and 120,000 new jobs created. Additionally, four million volunteer hours were documented in the fiscal year, facilitating 315,283 mentoring sessions.

Locally, Tom Morgan, current co-chair with Jennifer Aspy of the Indianapolis chapter, says Indianapolis was the sixth

chapter organized by the SBA in 1964. "Last year we logged 2,000 sessions, the majority with existing businesses seeking our assistance, affecting over 1200 enterprises," he says.



T. Morgan

"Our Judaic tradition encourages us to give back to our community. The previous two co-chairs were **Randy Bernstein** and **Keith Pitzele**, and ten percent of our mentors are Jewish. The executive committee is mostly Jewish," he notes. Morgan's father operated five pharmacies on the north side. Morgan worked for Lilly, and retired from Roche as Director of International Development.

SCORE maintains a database of the entrepreneurs with whom it has made contact, and continues to offer updated webinars, projects, programs and other resources in ongoing support. Nationally, the organization has helped over 11 million entrepreneurs through its mentoring workshops and resources. The bottom line is SCORE provides the tools for entrepreneurs to succeed. For free. To learn more go to: www.score.org/volunteer

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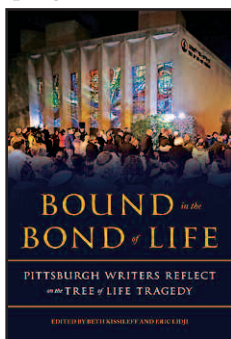


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RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

Worst Anti-Semitic Crime on American Soil

Bound In The Bond Of Life (Pittsburgh Writers Reflect on the Tree of Life Tragedy). Edited by Beth Kissileff and Eric Lidji. University of Pittsburgh Press. 2020. Pp. 242.

The utterly shocking and deeply unsettling 83-minute attack on *Shabbat* morning, October 27, 2018, on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, resulting in the death of eleven worshipping Jews, has been described as the worst anti-Semitic crime committed on American soil. The book's title, *Bound In The Bond Of Life*, is the traditional Jewish memorial response asserting life's primacy while facing painful death and loss.



The moving volume of insightful reflections by a wide array of Pittsburgh writers connects to their own lives' experiences. It is thoughtfully fitting testimony honoring the memory of the slain who are rightfully placed in the context of the long historical chain of Jewish martyrdom, culminating in the Holocaust and beyond, with the appellation of "*Kedoshai Pittsburgh*" (Pittsburgh's Martyrs).

The book's co-editor, Beth Kissileff, is married to one of the attack's survivors, Rabbi Jonathan Perlman of New Light Congregation that meets at Conservative Tree of Life (which in the 1860's broke away from the historic Reform Rodef Shalom). She has taught at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Minnesota, among others, editing, *Reading Genesis: Beginnings*, along with, *Reading Exodus: Journeys*. Kissileff compellingly challenges us, "The essays in this volume raise issues and ask tough questions – Can one heal after gun violence? Can any of us feel safe again? Did anti-Semitism really not ever go away? – With the anticipation that perhaps for those reading, there will be an impetus to think about these issues in a new way and even perhaps act to ameliorate the twin problems of anti-

Semitism and gun violence that plague the United States at this moment, as well as the concomitant fear of the immigrant that is said to have impelled the shooter to his brutal action" (p. 231).

Obviously the above raised and interrelated issues are complex and beclouded by sectarian politics; thus, so much more so that we are not free from tackling them while advocating for remedies that will help prevent similar tragedies in the future, aware of the precipitous rise of anti-Semitic violent acts in this country and around the world. Surely and sadly anti-Semitism, xenophobia, Islamophobia and hate of the Other are deeply seated in American society and elsewhere.

Co-editor, Eric Lidji, is director of Pittsburgh's Rau Jewish History Program & Archives at the Senator John Heinz History Center. He is the author of *The Seventeenth Generation: The lifework of Rabbi Walter Jacob*, and co-editor of *Her Deeds Sing Her Praises: Profiles of Pittsburgh Jewish Women*. He oversees preserving the October 27, 2018 massacre's documentation. "In due time, with persistence, I can know just the tiniest bit more. I can know each thing individually. I will be able to describe it, and I will be able to situate it among all the other things in the archive, so that nothing is ever lost or overlooked, so that others can someday make meaning from it all." (p.94). However, what "meaning" can be derived anytime, now or in the future, from such a calamitous occurrence though perhaps recurring lessons can be learned or relearned? Documenting the tragedy aids in the sacred act of remembrance, while having a therapeutic dimension though qualified by Lidji, "The work is not therapy, and it cannot take the place of a private reckoning. It is simply an act of praise, a way to dignify a communal experience" (p.94).

David M. Shribman, who wrote the book's Forward, is the former executive editor of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* during the Tree of Life tragedy, and his team won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for covering the carnage. He is currently scholar-in-residence at Carnegie Mellon University and visiting professor at McGill University. His newspaper then printed in Hebrew the first four letters of the memorial *Kaddish* prayer on the Friday after the shooting. "These are the shots that try our souls. The phrase is adapted from Thomas Paine, from a pamphlet called *The Crisis*. For those shots were the opening shots in our contemporary crisis of hurt and hate. Only a few of us heard the shots when they actually rang out, and some eleven were slain by them. But we were all injured by them" (XI). Powerful words indeed that will long echo!

Andrew Goldstein who writes for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* was a member of the team winning the Pulitzer Prize. For the shooting's first anniversary he interviewed some people who were involved and impacted by the searing event. Goldstein was touched by the trauma visited upon these survivors, ordinary people thrust into the limelight against their wishes with their wounds physically and mentally still fresh. At the commemorative community gathering, Goldstein sensed growing togetherness as well as commitment for social justice. The younger Dor Hadash congregation meeting at Tree of Life was inspired to conduct a "*Refugee Shabbat*" for the gunman's ire was at the refugees and immigrants assisted by H.I.A.S., who sought entry into the U.S. "Just as the Holocaust survivors once warned my generation, those of us who saw what happened at Tree of Life must tell those who come next." (p.31). The challenge is to retain the bond of remembrance and the attack's lessons over time's forgetfulness.

Dr. Laura Zittrain Eisenberg teaches modern Middle East history at Carnegie Mellon University. She is a third-generation family member at Tree of Life and serves on its board. Her husband, the temple's immediate past president, missed arriving at the fateful *Shabbat* service by a short time. Dr. Eisenberg participates in the Stories Collection Project. "The Pittsburgh Jewish community observed the one-year anniversary of the shooting with a campaign designed to reciprocate the love it had received over the past twelve months, organizing blood drives and more than 30 community service activities at libraries, food pantries, and service organizations across the city, under the slogan 'Remember. Repair. Together.'" (p.81). Responding to an overwhelming tragedy of long-term effect in such a praiseworthy manner that snatches life

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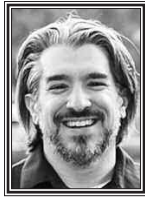
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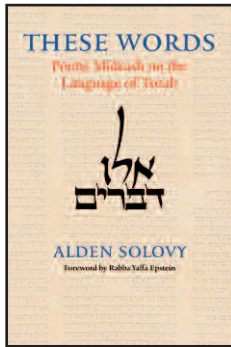
Meaningful Prayer for Every Person at Any Time

Alden Solovy has become one of the most revered liturgists of the last decade. His latest work, *These Words: Poetic Midrash on the Language of Torah*, continues his efforts in providing meaningful prayer to contemporary Jews. This time, however, he does something quite unique.



A. Solovy

First, Solovy chooses 70 words from the *Torah*, words that are central Jewish ideas. He takes us on a deep dive into the meaning of each word. He explains the word through its ancient Hebrew meaning in its biblical context and uses the various layers of Jewish tradition (Rabbinic, Medieval, Chassidic, and Critical Scholarship) to bring new understanding and interpretation. Then, in his own distinctive way, he offers an entirely new reading of each word that speaks to the spiritual sensibilities of our own day, in ways that Jewish seekers can find new meaning in these ancient words.



Solovy is adding his voice to the continuing process of *Midrash*, doing so in the poetic and liturgical forms that have become the style by which we have come to know him and his moving works. *Midrash* is obviously an ancient interpretive technique. Poetic *Midrash* is relatively new. It is one of many contemporary forms like visual art, drama, music, and film that are now used to make classical Jewish texts relevant and meaningful, speaking to our own moment and experiences.

Those 70 words are organized in 10 groups. Some of these group headings are obvious and expected: God, Peoplehood, *Mitzvot*. Others are intriguing and invite us to consider their content: Journeys, Mysteries, Love.

In the section on God, Solovy offers us explanations and Poetic *Midrash* on seven

of God's names, capturing the nuances of each, illustrating the power of *Elohim*, the intimacy of *Y-H-W-H (HaShem)*, and the all-encompassing nature of *El* through an English alphabetic acrostic original psalm. He does something very similar in the section on Peoplehood, presenting seven different aspects of the Jewish story.

Every poem is bursting with symbolism, with multi-layered allusions to the Jewish past, present, and future. There is something for every person and at every time. Rabbis, Cantors, Jewish professionals, lay leaders, and seekers all will be moved and inspired by Solovy's Poetic *Midrash*. This book is for those who know Hebrew and for those who do not. Either way, it will provide a new understanding and connection to familiar words and will offer us a new language to voice the prayers in our hearts.

Rabbi Hal Schevitz is the Associate Rabbi of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis. He also served as its Assistant Rabbi from 2013–2016. His passion is the study and teaching of Torah, and it is his goal to guide every person to find modern relevance in our ancient texts, connecting each one to a tradition that has been evolving for thousands of years. Rabbi Hal is married to Jena, and they have two daughters. He is originally from Baltimore, Md., like the (see Schevitz, page IN 13)

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out of the jaws of death, promoting communal healing, hope and harmony. However, can this spirit of both altruism and practicality, turning pain into promise, be sustained over time?

The Jewish experience, including the American Jewish one we have agonizingly discovered, is mixed; tears of joy as well as tears of sorrow with hopefully through prayer and action, the former having the upper hand.

Only congregation Tree of Life remains in the building which will be redesigned by famed architect Daniel Libeskind, son of Holocaust survivors, who designed the World Trade Center site following the September 11, 2001, attacks. The remodeled building will memorialize the worst anti-Semitic violation on American soil as well as serve the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh. Quite a confluence of related tragedies!

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is founder and spiritual leader of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach, Va. He is honorary senior rabbi scholar at Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church there and is the son of Polish Holocaust survivors. Rabbi Zoberman served Temple Israel in Gary, Ind., from 1977 to 1981. ✪

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Some had limited abilities to participate in common activities and required special support from family, friends, and the greater community. Most of these folks are not fully able to live and manage activities of daily life that most of us take for granted.

Through feelings of love and responsibility, most of these members of our society were cared for by parents and siblings; and as these caregivers were beginning to age, the realization that they would not be able to continue to provide for their disabled children came to the forefront. The idea of leaving their care to strangers or an institution was unacceptable. Their goal was to find a way to provide as full a life as possible, as long as possible, wrapped in the Jewish community that they had always known.

The solution to this problem was the establishment of a dedicated and professionally managed group home to meet the very special needs of these members of our community. The actions to meet this challenge began 43 years ago.

The currently accepted term for those in this impacted population is “Intellectual and Developmental Disability” or IDD. The State of Indiana defines individuals with this population who are receiving various types of support as “consumers.”

The first Jacobs Home was located on approximately 5.2 acres near the intersection of Allisonville Road and East 62nd Street. This spacious 3,250 Sq. Ft. home had eight bedrooms, but typically had 4 or 5 permanent residents. Residential services were also projected from this facility to other Jewish consumers located around Indiana.

Making this group home happen required the integrated cooperation of four stakeholders – philanthropic and community resources, professional support, a residential real estate provider, and the personal income resources of the residents. As the cliché expression says, it really does take a village to make projects like this happen!

The first step was securing the necessary seed money and the commitment of community resources. Steve Jacobs stepped up to contribute a direct personal financial gift and his personal involvement to the project, and whose name is carried by the home. His generous contribution made Jacobs Home possible.

Beyond this founding gift, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI) provides property maintenance supervi-

sion, continuing financial, administrative and legal support. The original Jacobs Home was owned by JFGI. In 2022, the physical condition of the original home was declining and the value of the surrounding acreage had increased in value. So, a decision was made to sell the property and relocate Jacobs Home to a much newer and more appropriately sized home in the Delaware Trails subdivision.

This new home is specially constructed for use by handicapped individuals and is ideally located in proximity within the traditional Jewish community surrounding the Jewish Community Center, Hooverwood, synagogues, and other Jewish infrastructure. The new residential facility was constructed and is owned by the Terebinth Group, LLC. Terebinth Group provides a significant number of high-quality homes to IDD consumers in desirable neighborhoods within Indiana.

Interestingly, the Terebinth name was inspired by a story from the Old Testament in which three wanderers, in need of assistance, happened upon the town of Terebinth where they met Abraham. Abraham graciously invited these wanderers into his dwelling – providing safety, shelter and nourishment and treating the wanderers with the dignity and respect all people deserve. At the end of the story, it is revealed that the three wanderers were angels.

Terebinth Group believes that all people deserve access to high-quality, safe and affordable homes. Terebinth Group is partnered by Andy Rosenthal and Len Grabovsky, and the new Jacobs Home would not be possible without their involvement. Their service extends beyond the home, as Terebinth actively partners with others, like Jacobs Home, to be a voice for their tenants, enabling them to integrate into the local community.

The house was actually built for a previous group prior to Jacobs Home and was constructed to the standards and requirements of the Indiana Department of Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). The FSSA provides a uniform level of funding and regulation of many services. The Task Force for Assessment of Services and Supports for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities was established in the 2017 session of the Indiana General Assembly. The task force is led by Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, a champion on issues important to people with disabilities and their families.

FSSA provides case management oversight and monthly payments through the Indiana Waiver program, which provides income for direct funds for qualified consumers within Indiana for healthcare, counseling, day services, and 24/7 staffing of the home.

Professional support, staffing, and day

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For more information on **Alden Solovy**, see his website: www.tobendlight.com.

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services are provided by New Hope of Indianapolis, a local 501(c)3 service provider. Having just celebrating their 45th year, New Hope of Indiana supports individuals with disabilities and their families to live their most independent, fulfilling lives through services that they provide. These services include staffing and assistance with everyday activities in the home and workplace. New Hope also offers day services, counseling, transition, vocational and wellness services, and manage and staff about 46 affordable and accessible group homes and other facilities serving more than 200 residents.

Personal income resources of the residents are also applied to provide funding for rent, utilities, food, clothing and personal expenses of maintaining the home. These resources include Social Security Disability Income, regular social security payments, and participation by families and friends.

There are four permanent residents currently living at Jacobs Home. Rebecca O. is the only female resident and an original resident. Male residents include Mike S., also an original resident of Jacobs Home, Alan V. and Adam G. While Jacobs Home does not have a *kosher* kitchen, it is a “Jewish home.” Decorations within the common areas include Jewish-themed art and traditional display items such as menorahs, Sabbath candelabras, framed art based on Jewish prayers and iconic designs, and appropriate decorations are displayed at holidays. Each resident decorates their own rooms as they wish.

The staff make the effort to maintain a “*kosher*-style menu” (like Shapiro’s Deli) that doesn’t include pork products. Staff and families also serve holiday specific foods, such as *matzo* at Passover.

Residents frequently visit outside the home for meals or spend weekends with brothers, sisters, and other family members. When appropriate, families and staff come together to celebrate the Jewish holidays, such as candle-lighting with a *menorah* on *Hanukkah* at the home. But many civic and religious holidays are spent with family and friends away from the Jacobs home.

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Obituaries

Ira William Jaffee,



loving husband, father, PopPop, trusted friend to many, and a champion of the Indianapolis Jewish community, passed away peacefully in his home on Dec. 9, 2022. He was born on April 14, 1948, in Easton, Pa., the middle child of Nathan and Doris Jaffee. Ira's parents and siblings, Marvin, and Serena, all preceded him in death.

Ira's roots were fostered by vibrant and hardworking parents.

From an early age, Ira excelled and loved participating in multiple sports. It was Ira's passion for pursuing studies devoted to social welfare that brought him to Butler University, where he met and eventually married the love of his life, Cheri. Ira earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in counseling at Butler, as well as a second master's degree in nonprofit management from Indiana University.

Ira began his professional career as a teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis before commencing a 40-year career with the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis (JCC). Ira was initially hired to oversee the Summer Sports Camps and served as the full-time Youth Director. Ira began serving as Executive Director and CEO of the JCC in 1984, a position he held for the next 33 years until his retirement in 2017.

The JCC thrived under Ira's leadership in terms of membership, early childhood education, cultural arts initiatives, fitness and wellness programming, and diversity of members and staff. Ira was the kind of leader whose humility served as the foundation of his character, routinely crediting his incredible staff and the volunteer officers and board of directors who devoted their time and energy to JCC initiatives. One of his greatest strengths was how he motivated his staff and board to become relevant to the mission of the JCC, as well as further expand that mission. If one was willing to devote ones energies to improving or enhancing the JCC, Ira inspired you to make a difference.

Over his career, Ira received national and statewide recognition for his work in the nonprofit sector. In 1998, Ira was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governor O'Bannon, which is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Governor of the State of Indiana. Ira received the exceedingly rare honor of having this honor bestowed upon him twice, as Indiana Governor Holcomb presented this award to Ira in 2017.

Following his retirement from the JCC, Ira devoted his time and talents to the Dropping Dimes Foundation, where he served as its Executive Director, addressing the needs of former American Basketball Association players and their families. Ira also developed a love of a new sport, pickleball, and became a leader in the Indianapolis pickleball community, forming friendships and creating opportunities for organized play.

Ira was devoted to his family and adored playing with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Cheri Acker Jaffee; daughter, Kira (Shlomo) Shemesh; son, Ethan (Sarah Zink) Jaffee; and grandchildren, Elijah and Ella Shemesh, and Margot Jaffee.

A Celebration of the Life was held January 29th, at the Jewish Community Center. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Ira Jaffee Leadership Fund at the JCC, jccindy.org/donate/.

Laurie Lorinsky, 78, of Indianapolis, passed away Dec.17, 2022. Laurie was born in New London, Conn., on May 14, 1944. She was a proud graduate of Bellevue Nursing School in New York. Laurie spent her 48-year career caring for others as a licensed nurse, retiring in 2013. She cared for patients as a visiting nurse and therefore was licensed in California, Alabama, Massachusetts, and Indiana. Laurie was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and assisted Adult Day Services through Catholic Charities. She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer Lorinsky-Simpson and Jessica Lorinsky; son, Michael Lorinsky; and grandsons, David Simpson and Nicholas Ard. Funeral services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on December 22nd. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Humane Society.

Neal J. Rothman PhD, 94, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away on Dec. 21, 2022, in Monroe Township New Jersey. (see Obituaries, page IN 17)

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Residents also have a vacation each year. In recent years, vacations are typically spent at in-state venues such as Indiana state parks, Indiana Beach, Holiday World, and French Lick.

House staff conduct shopping trips for new clothes and essentials, as needed. Families do not have to worry about furnishings, but families of the residents consistently supplement needs that come up from time to time. Residents occasionally attend a movie or an event like a Pacers' or Colts' game and even a theatrical production at Beef and Boards! For the safety of the residents, most off-site events must be chaperoned, except for family events.

Residents must be accompanied during walks in the neighborhood, but they do not have to sign out and sign back in most cases. Visitors were monitored and restricted during Covid. If a resident likes to attend Sabbath and Holiday services at family homes or synagogues, transportation to and from is provided by staff and family members.

House residents are always welcome at the Jewish Community Center. Jacobs Home owns its own van, purchased by equal contributions by families, New Hope, and JFGI. This van, which is kept on-site, is used to meet doctor's appointments, shopping and entertainment.

As shown in this article, it requires significant resources to do what is needed to provide for those among us that need a hand to live their best lives. It is not a "best practice" to sequester these members of our community at their childhood home indefinitely. The Jacobs Home provides them with an excellent opportunity to live normal lives. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this effort and make a difference, please contact Jeff Linkon at JFGI where a fund is maintained for Jacobs Home.

No byline or bio is given because the author wishes to remain anonymous. ✨



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BY MIRIAM L. ZIMMERMAN, Ed.D.

Passover Observance Over Generations

"I'd rather see a bad play than a good movie," has guided my entertainment choices throughout my life. *In Every Generation*, a TheatreWorks Silicon Valley production in Mt. View, Calif., tested this mantra on Jan. 24 of this year. The play followed the Italian-American-Jewish multicultural Levi-Katz family at Passover celebrations for over 3500 years. "They struggle with questions of race and religion that have yet to be resolved," according to TheatreWorks' website. The play, in four parts, enacted these struggles over different generations.

I struggled, too, during Part One, which consumed all of Act I. Act I Part One represented the pre-Covid contemporary era of the Levi-Katz Family *Seder* in April 2019. As the debacle of the *Seder* concluded and the lights came on for intermission, I stifled the urge to proclaim to the audience, as loudly as my required mask would allow, that this Passover *Seder* was different from all other Passover *Seders*. The only semblance to a real *Seder* was its length. I felt embarrassed and ashamed at this depiction of a *Seder*, by a Jewish playwright no less.

Perhaps it was the staging and not the script that resulted in the cacophony of confusion. The Levi-Katz family Passover table supported five members, all but one speaking loudly over the other. Grandfather Davide's ALS prevented intelligible speech and confined him to a wheelchair. Distortions from Grandmother Paola's faked Italian accent made understanding her almost impossible. None of the family agreed on any of the heady issues discussed, playing to the worst of Jewish



Members of the Levi-Katz family recite the Ten Plagues in a scene from the Chicago production of *In Every Generation*. (Photo by: Liz Lauren)



Starring in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's production of *In Every Generation* are (L-R): Michael Champlin, Luisa Sermol, Olivia Nicole Hoffman, Cindy Goldfield and Sarah Lo.

stereotypes. Audience alienation and misunderstanding resulted, as evidenced by this viewer, her husband, and some of the audience members around us. Some thought the play antisemitic.

Two granddaughters, Devorah, "Dev," and Yael, talk about their dreams to become a rabbi and a doctor, respectively. Dev is an adopted daughter, born in China; Yael has just been accepted by Yale. Although they call each other "Sis" and embrace, their gestures seemed hollow and perfunctory to me. I could detect no love between them, or among the other family members. Sandwiched between granddaughters and Holocaust survivor grandparents Davide and Paola Levi, is the divorced mother, Valeria Katz. That

her ex was a rabbi adds another layer of "Jewishness" to the play.

Act II, Part Two, April 1954, depicted the grandparents, Davide and Paola, 65 years earlier. It is their first Passover *Seder* in their new country, Los Angeles. They try to have a good time but remember the baby they lost in the DP (displaced persons) camp just after the war. The doctor tells Paola she will still be able to bear children. They fantasize about having a hundred babies, and what those babies would become. One of them wishes for a doctor and a rabbi, a rare touch of irony in the play.

I found myself wanting to like this Holocaust-memory-battered couple, as they flirted with each other, becoming more passionate. The scene ended in a dance sequence that required the services of an intimacy consultant, listed in the playbill credits. New to me, an intimacy consultant is a professional who coaches actors on where and how to place their hands and bodies in scenes depicting sexual behavior. When the lights dimmed, ushering in Part Three, you knew what the characters would be doing next, perhaps conceiving Valeria in the process.

Part Three, April 2050, takes place 96 years after Part Two and 31 years after the initial *Seder* in Part One. The grandparents (see Zimmerman, page IN 16)



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have passed. The elderly mom, Valeria, is in a wheelchair, presumably with ALS like her father before her. She uses a digital device to communicate with her two daughters, now adults. Dev and Yael have, indeed, become a rabbi and a doctor. Valeria's words are projected onto the proscenium arch above the stage. One of the daughters sings "Dayenu" with Valeria, knowing it is her mom's favorite part of the Seder. For me, it was the most emotionally compelling moment in the play.

In 2050, antisemitism has increased exponentially, causing the Jewish family to live in fear, much like the grandparents previously described from their Holocaust experience. Given today's resurgence in antisemitism, the scene seemed frighteningly plausible.

The final scene, Part Four, takes place in April 1416 BCE in the Sinai Desert. Ancestors of the family, poised to enter the Promised Land, pause to partake of their last meal, *manna* from heaven. It is the first Passover Seder. Brilliant staging results in one of the daughters extracting Passover Seder symbols from the desert sands. For me, Part Four was the most powerful scene in the play, worth waiting for.

The play had its West Coast Premiere in this production. Playwright Ali Viterbi's website includes the awards the play has won, notably the 2019 National Jewish Playwriting Contest of the Jewish Plays Project. Ms. Verterbi received her B.A. from Yale University in 2014 and her M.F.A. in Playwriting from U.C. San Diego in 2020. Her impressive resumé lists her TV and play credits as well as her numerous awards and honors. Her accomplishments at such a young age suggest that her best work is yet to come. I look forward to her future productions.



A. Viterbi

In Every Generation deserves an audience; I recommend this play despite my reservations about Act I. Act II is worth it. Watch for it in a theatre near you.

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Dr. Rothman was born in Philadelphia on Nov. 20, 1928, to Louis and Sarah Rachel (Lieberman) Rothman. Neal's family moved frequently between Philadelphia and Atlantic City and he graduated from Central High in Philadelphia, June class of 1944.



He served as a member of the Army Medical Corps during the Occupation of Japan. Neal benefited from the GI bill and attended the University of Delaware; he often credited a former teacher for sparking his interest in mathematics. He then attended Tulane for his master's degree, meeting his future wife, the late Rozann Cole, whom he married in 1955. Neal received his PhD from Louisiana State University. After graduating he worked at the Aberdeen proving grounds on the ENIAC with Von Neumann. He went on to teach at University of Rochester, the University Of Illinois at Urbana, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion, and was head of the Department Of Mathematics at Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI). He also had a stint at the National Science Foundation in Washington DC.

Throughout his academic career he took great pride in teaching and furthered the field of semi-group theory. After retirement he volunteered to help people with their taxes, working in a number of local library branches, as well as taking on the role of treasurer in the Indianapolis Early Music society.

He was most proud of his family: wife, Rozann (deceased 2010); son, Hal (Lauralee) who predeceased him in 2007 of ALS; and daughters Elaine and Anne (Dov); and his six grandchildren, Talia, Joshua, Brent, Quentin, Yehuda, and Zissie.

The last years of his life were complicated by Parkinson's, he had a wonderful aide named Michael Asiamah who made his final days comfortable. Neal will always be remembered for his joy of mathematics, music and his love for a good mystery or science fiction story.

Graveside services were December 27th in Washington Park North Cemetery.

May his memory be an eternal blessing. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**.

Pearl Wides Roth, 100, of Indianapolis, passed away January 2, 2023. A lifelong Hoosier, she was born Nov. 23, 1922 to the late Michael and Esther Leventhal. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School and worked in medical records for Winona Hospital. Pearl was a member of

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

She is survived by her children Barry (Li) Wides, Michelle (Ron) Fleischman, and Ron (Ellen) Wides, daughter-in-law Cindy Wides; daughters, Carolyn (Harold) Hiser, Barb (Mitch) Luskin, and Judy (Stu) Weg, 12 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, and son, David Wides.

Graveside services were held January 4th at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Janice G. Goodrich Gerson, 82, of Lebanon, passed away Jan. 2, 2023. She was born in Portland, Ind., on Sept. 19, 1940, the daughter of Perce Gordon and Francis Ann (Hawkins) Goodrich. Janice graduated from Portland High School, William Woods Junior College, and the University of Chattanooga. She lived in Lebanon from 1970-1990, and Zionsville for 10 years. While in Lebanon and Zionsville she was active in the early 4-H cat program. She also taught at Perry Worth Elementary School. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, and a Life member of Hadassah.



After the death of her husband Alex in 1992, she moved to Beaver Island, Mich., where she lived for 24 years. She spent winters in Sarasota, Fla., and stopped in Lebanon for spring and fall visits. While on Beaver Island she started the audio book program for the district library. In 2015 she moved back to Lebanon to retire.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alex Gerson and her brother John B. Goodrich. She is survived by her sister-in-law Sarena, her daughter, Cynthia Fisk of Sandusky, Ohio; three grandchildren, and her sister, Elizabeth Orrill of Madison, Ind., as well as two nieces and two nephews, all of whom live in Portland, Ind. Also surviving is her friend of 50 years, Dr. Paul Nordman and her best friend, Opal, her French Bull dog.

Donations may be made to the Witham Foundation and the Boone County Humane Society. Funeral arrangements were handled by Myers Mortuary of Lebanon and final burial is being handled by Baird-Freeman Funeral Home of Portland, Ind.

Marlene Roberta Winkel Bradley, 80, passed away Jan. 14, 2023. Marlene was born on Aug. 18, 1942 to the late Wilfred and Betty Winkel. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School. She worked as a receptionist at Dann-Pecar and later worked at D.Dann's Clothier. Marlene loved cats, and would appreciate those wishing to memorialize her make

donations to the Exotic Feline Rescue Fund. She is survived by her son, Jan Bradley, and preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Gary Winkel. Graveside services were held in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery on January 17th.

Stanley Zlotnick, 88, long time Indiana resident, died Jan. 18, 2023. Stanley was born in Cleveland on Sept. 4, 1934, to the late Louis J. and Dolly Saltzman Zlotnick. The family moved to Indianapolis and Stanley was a Shortridge High School graduate and a graduate of Butler University. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Past President of the Home Remodelers Association and a member of Brookshire Golf Club.

Stanley proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Stanley owned a company that manufactured replacement windows, and served as president of Enco Industries, traveling 17 states.

He is survived by his wife, Yong; daughter, Marianne (Scott) Adams, and grandchildren, Paul and Sophie. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Joshua, and sister, Maxine Cohen. Graveside services were on January 20th in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**.

Martha "Joy" Brindle, 94, left this

earth on Jan. 21, 2023, to be reunited with loved ones who awaited her: her husband of 50 years, Richard "Dick" Brindle, and her second husband, Robert Albright; her parents, Soloman Basan and Lillian Blau Basan; sister, Pearl Basan Refkin (Max); nephews, Max and Daniel; and her many cats. Joy was born in Morganfield, Ky., on March 23, 1928 to Russian and Austrian immigrants, Sol and Lillian Basan.



Sol, born in St. George-in-the-east area of London, was a shoe cobbler and relocated their family to Indianapolis when Joy was 12. Joy worked as a soda jerk in the front of Rural Drug at Rural & Washington Streets on Indy's near-east side during World War II. After graduating from Arsenal Tech High School in 1946, Joy attended Indiana University where she earned a degree in Business Law and a master's degree in English from Butler University.

While at Indiana University, Joy met the love of her life, Dick, who studied Chemistry, after serving in the European theatre (Normandy; Battle of the Bulge) and earning a Bronze Star for his service in the Army during World War II. Dick and Joy enjoyed a rich, fulfilling life together.

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They shared a love of music, particularly the jazz of Wes Montgomery, Count Basie, Sarah Vaughan, Frank Sinatra, and Ray Charles. This undoubtedly inspired their daughter, Rebecca “Beki”, who has been inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame.

Joy worked as a teacher of stenography at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, led administrative efforts at the Indiana Statehouse during a few sessions, and experienced a long teaching career at Carmel High School, where she taught typing (keyboarding), and business law classes. Joy retired in 1994. After celebrating 50 marvelous years of marriage with Dick, he suddenly passed in 2002. In 2013, Joy was unexpectedly reintroduced to her first love, Robert “Bob” Albright, after a gap of 67 years. The couple married in 2014. Bob passed just over 5 years ago.

Joy is survived by her children, Rebecca (Ralph) and Nathan (Sally); grandchildren, Kevin (Helle); great-grandchildren, Gibson, Tilde, Bodhi, and Liv; step-grandchildren, Dean, Ralph Jr., and Franchesca, nieces and nephews, Joseph, Melynda, Cynthia, Karen, Judy, Steve, Patty, Ellen, Kevin, John, Sara, Robert, Marianne, David, Michael, Murray, and Mark, and many, many more.

Funeral services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on January 26th. For those unable to attend in-person this service was livestreamed. A private graveside burial was held at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to IHC Foundation or to a favorite not-for-profit supporting cats.

Marsha (Schuchman) Frisch, 77, life-long resident of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 22, 2023. Marsha was born in Indianapolis on Sept. 12, 1945, to Gaby and Sylvia Schuchman. She was the middle child to brothers, Harvey and Fred, who will miss her deeply.



Marsha was a graduate of Broad Ripple High School and Indiana University. She and her late husband, Jack were married for almost 55 years, proudly raising their children, Gary (Michelle) Frisch and Cathy (Craig) Weiss, who survive her.

Marsha will be remembered by her large group of life-long friends as one that always went above and beyond to help those she loved. She was an avid tennis player and golfer, and past club champion at Broadmoor Country Club, an active member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and their Sisterhood.

Marsha worked for over 20 years as the bookkeeper for her dear friend Penni Brodey’s store Sweet Things. She loved playing Maj Jong and Canasta, and drinking her McDonald’s diet cokes. However, the true light of her life were her grandchildren, Carlye, Isaac, Andrew, Ari, and Ava.

Funeral services were on January 24th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. The funeral was livestreamed. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Simon Cancer Center or Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

Mary Evelyn (Jones) Shapiro, 97, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Jan. 27, 2023. She was born Dec. 7, 1925 in Elwood, Ind. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and will be deeply missed by her family.



She graduated from Wendell Wilke HS and shortly after moved to Indianapolis, working for Public Service Indiana. It was there that she met and married her beloved husband, Julius Shapiro. They loved to travel, dine with friends, and spend time with family. She will be remembered for her sweet personality and sense of humor.

She is survived by daughters Gwyneth Dalton (Greg) and Laura Shapiro, and grandson, Evan Dalton (Kristy). A graveside service was held on at Beth-El Zedeck Memorial Park in Fishers. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Leonid “Len” E. Zhurbin, M.D., 95, long time Indianapolis resident passed away on Feb. 3, 2023. He was born on March 18, 1927 to Efim and Rebeka Zhurbin in Dzhankoi, Crimea, Ukraine. Len was a pathologist. He and his family moved to the United States in 1990. They made a home in Indianapolis and enjoyed the many friendships in the community. Len and his late wife, Feia “Fay” both served as members of the Jewish Burial Society for many years. Fay died at age 91 in 2018.



Survivors include his beloved daughter, Irina (Alex) Leyvand, granddaughter, Masha (Stephen) Nelson, and great granddaughters, Mila and Anna

Graveside services were held February 10th in Carmel Cemetery. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**.

Eva Kolten passed away on Feb. 4, 2023. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Cy Kolten, and her daughter, Nancy Feldman.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol (Elliott) Segal, grandsons, Matt (Jenifer) Segal, Bobby (Rachel) Segal, and Josh Feldman, son-in-law, Eddie Feldman, and several great-grandchildren. Visitation and funeral were held in Munster, Ind.

Dana Lynn Karsch Wagner, 61, passed away on Feb. 5, 2023. She was born April 17, 1961. She grew up on the northside of Indianapolis and attended Broadmoor Country Club and Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, where she was consecrated and confirmed. She attended Springmill Elementary School, Northview Junior High School, Park Tudor, North Central HS class of 1979, and Indiana University and San Diego Community College. She studied both theater and business.



Dana was a night club disc jockey for 15 years, then an office manager for Re/Max La Jolla where she retired early and had a blast! In 1987, she married (and later divorced) Keith Malcolm Wagner, deceased, on board a large yacht in Fort Lauderdale.

Dana loved being a mother to her son, Myles, throwing great birthday parties, and acting as his Cub Scout Den Leader in La Jolla. Together, they had many adventures in La Jolla Shores, the Florida Keys, and Indiana. Dana loved scuba diving, motorcycle riding, boating/tubing on Patoka Lake, kayaking, traveling, plus her pets and beautiful home. She was good at reading people and could guess peoples’ astrology signs among other things.

Dana volunteered at the Voting Polls in La Jolla Shores and Big Pine Key, along with volunteering at the San Diego Humane Society charity store in La Jolla, Boy Scouts of America, and was Secretary of Eden Pines Homeowner Association in Big Pine Key. She also TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) 18 feral cats in McCordsville, Ind. Dana knows her soul lives on and will see her loved ones again. She was loved and admired, enthusiastic and personable. She meant a lot to a lot of people and will be remembered by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Marilyn Karsch and grandparents Elsie and Charlie Karsch, Albert and Alice Griffis, and Alice Radecki. Dana is survived by her son, Myles K. Wagner and her brother, Blair Adam Karsch, both of Indianapolis. Dana’s family would welcome anyone who has pictures or stories to share of Dana. Please email them to: Edumentor TSP@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Feed Tabitha in McCordsville, Kokomo Community Cats, or Forgotten Felines Florida Keys.

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Purim Celebration at the Indiana Jewish Discovery Center



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Montie F. Felman, 88, passed away on Feb. 11, 2023 in Indianapolis. He was born April 12, 1934, in Dayton, Ohio to the late Mary Etta and Morris Pacey Felman.

He will be missed by Eleanor, his wife of 63 years; children, Marlon (Sarah) Felman, Rebecca (Dr. Mitch) Pfeiffer, and Philip Felman; and grandchildren, Daniel and Thomas Felman, Scott, Harrison, and Zoe Pfeiffer, Jax Kobey, and Micah Felman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Dayton Chapter of Hadassah.

Gary Nalibo, 63, passed away Feb. 20, 2023. He was born Igor Nalibosky, in Minsk, Belarus to Samuil and Maria on July 5, 1959. He was a graduate of Moscow Institute with an advanced degree in Engineering, specializing in Radio Telecommunications Engineering.

Gary (Igor) moved to the United States in 1992, and has been a very proud American every day since, and has provided his work in service of the United States Navy. He worked as a computer programmer for multiple decades, most recently in the Department of Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) since 2013.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife, Veronika; his son, Stanley; sister, Maya; daughter, Natalia; nephew, Pavel and niece, Olga. His funeral service was held on Feb. 24, 2023 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**. Burial followed in IHC North Cemetery.

Sarann Horwitz Klain, 81, passed away peacefully on Feb. 21, 2023, surrounded by her children. Born Feb. 19, 1942 to Maurice and Lillian Horwitz, she graduated from Shortridge High School, married at age 18, became a mother at 19, and had three children by age 28. While being a devoted



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My Kosher Kitchen



By SYBIL KAPLAN

International Meat Dishes After the Seder

After eating all the wonderful seder dishes, I find it fun to try dishes that are unusual and not from our backgrounds. Here are some you might want to try. Egyptian-born Claudia Roden is the master of Middle Eastern Food and author of 20 cookbooks. Now 84 years old, she lives in London. I met her in the 1970s when she came to Israel and we had a wonderful visit. This is her recipe from the *New York Times Passover Cookbook*, adapted from *The Book of Jewish Foods* which she wrote, characteristic of the Middle East.

Brisket Meatballs in Tomato Passata* (4 servings)

This Italian-influenced dish (above, middle) was created by Hillary Sterling for Vic's, her New York City restaurant.

**Passata is an Italian word meaning "go*



through," because the cooked tomato puree goes through a special machine.

Meatballs

- 1-1/2 cups crumbled, unsalted matzo
- 2-1/2 Tbsp. water
- 1-1/4 pounds ground brisket
- 1 large egg
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- salt to taste
- 1-1/2 tsp. ground fennel seeds (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper
- pepper to taste

Tomato Passata

- 1/4 cup sliced garlic
- 1-1/2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 28-ounce can crushed, drained plum tomatoes

- 1/8 cup fresh marjoram leaves
- 2-1/2 4x1-inch orange peel strips
- salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 425°F. Set a wire rack inside a large baking sheet and coat with vegetable spray. Combine crumbled matzo and water in a bowl. Add brisket, egg, oil, salt, fennel (if using) red pepper and black pepper. Mix with hands until combined. Shape into 8 meatballs. Arrange meatballs on sprayed wire rack. Bake in oven until browned, about 22 minutes. Meanwhile, in a frying pan, cook garlic and oil for passata, stirring often, a minute and a half. Add crushed tomatoes, marjoram leaves, orange peel strips, salt and red pepper. Bring to a boil then remove from heat. Transfer meatballs to tomato passata in frying pan. Garnish with crumbled matzo, fresh marjoram leaves and Chile oil (such as Roland). Serve warm.

Kabsah

This is a Lebanese dish, from It Tastes Too Good to Be Kosher by Peter A. Weissenstein, which is good for using leftover lamb or chicken.

- 1 pound ground lamb
- 1 pound ground chicken
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- salt to taste

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mother she launched a career as a pioneering businesswoman, founding the incentive travel firm Group Travel Consultants in the 1970s, which she grew into national scope before selling it; she also founded the discount clothing store Dress Up. In the 1980s, she was tapped as the first General Manager at Union Station Indianapolis when it was reopened as a commercial development.

Active in the Jewish community, she wrote a column for *The Jewish Post & Opinion*, and served as a Board Member and Chair for Hooverwood. Later in life, she became active in politics, serving as Vice Chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party, and an active force in helping to launch Women4Change.

Above all else, she was a loving mother and grandmother, and is survived by children Ronald Klain (Monica Medina), David Klain (Rachel Schatz), and Marlo Katz (Todd Katz); grandchildren Hannah Klain (Jon Sklaroff), Michael Klain (Courtney Ratner), Daniel Klain, Katie Klain, Tess Klain, Jade Klain, Jaren Katz, Adam Katz, and Quincy Katz. She is also survived by husband Larry Warner, and brother Jere Horwitz (Rebecca Horwitz).

A memorial service was held at Congregation Beth El-Zedeck. For those unable to attend, the service is live-streamed. Memorial contributions made by made to Jewish Family Services Adopt-a-Family Program. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit, www.arnmortuary.com.

Jill (Cooper) Rose, 89, died peacefully on Feb. 25, 2023 at home ending an extraordinarily and full life of purpose accomplishment and decency. She was a proud member of the Indianapolis Jewish community from the time she became a resident of Indianapolis when she was 23 years old. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.



Jill was born in Chicago on July 18, 1933 and raised in Highland Park, Ill. She was a graduate of Highland Park High School where she made lasting and lifelong friends. Jill began her college studies at The University of Arizona in Tucson but returned home to finish her studies at Northwestern University to be with her family during her father's terminal illness.

When Jill married Irwin R. Rose of Indianapolis in the fall of 1956, she made Indianapolis her home. While raising her three children, she was heavily involved in many philanthropic causes. The one that

she was probably most proud and had the most impact was in the 1970s and 1980s she helped to relocate and settle scores of Soviet Jewish families to Indianapolis all of whom were escaping the anti-Semitic and oppressive Soviet Regime. She not only set up and furnished these strangers new homes, but she assisted in every aspect of their new and foreign lives in Indianapolis ranging from taking them to English language classes; arranging and transporting individuals to medical appointments; enrolling their children in religious and secular education and assisting with finding and securing employment.

She devoted her time efforts, resources and talents to countless other Indianapolis and international causes including leadership roles in the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Hadassah, The Indiana Chabad Center for Jewish Life, The United Way, The March of Dimes. She was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation since arriving in Indianapolis as a newlywed in 1956.

Jill was married to her beloved husband Irwin R. Rose for almost 65 years until his death in August 2021. She is survived by her 3 children: sons Doug Rose (Michelle) and Tom Rose and her daughter Jane Rose. Jill took the greatest pride and joy in her grandchildren; Noam Rose (Carter), Yonaton Rose, Udi Rose Sara Rose Perkins (Joey); Emily Rose, Jake Hurst and Sophia Hurst. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and wonderful friends.

Jill was cared for by wonderful compassionate and professional caregivers from the death of her husband. Each of whom has become a loving and integral part of the Rose family. Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of the donor's choosing. Graveside services were private.

Rose Black, 96, lived a long, happy life. She was born Dec. 10, 1926 and passed away March 9, 2023. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl (Joe); sons, Sam (Sue) and Marvin (Char); grandchildren, Max (Sarah), Matthew (Amanda), Daniel (Amanda), Sarah, Kim and Jim; and seven great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Etz Chaim Cemetery at on March 12th. Rose's family loved her very much and will miss her.

Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.arnmortuary.com.

Tibor Weiss, 76, of Carmel, Ind., passed away March 13, 2023 after a very short battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Khust, Ukraine on Nov. 28, 1946 to Leah and Chesky Weiss. Tibor earned a mechanical engineering degree

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- 2 medium, diced onions
- 1 finely diced large tomato
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 4 Tbsp. minced parsley
- oil

In a bowl combine lamb, chicken, garlic, salt, onions, tomato, cumin, and parsley and blend. Heat oil in a frying pan. Spoon mixture into frying pan and fry until well heated. Serve with Israeli salad.

Matzoh-Meat Pie*(4-6 servings)*

- 1 large chopped onion
- 3 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1-1/2 pounds ground lamb or beef
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 2 Tbsp. raisins
- 2 Tbsp. pine nuts or walnuts
- 1 cup warm beef stock
- 5-6 *matzot*
- 1 small beaten egg

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a pie plate with vegetable spray. Heat 2 Tbsp. oil in a frying pan and fry onion over medium heat for 10 minutes until golden. Add ground meat, salt, pepper, cinnamon and allspice. Cook, stirring until meat has browned but is still moist, about 10 minutes. Add raisins. In another pan, fry the nuts in 1 Tbsp. oil for 1 minute, stirring until nuts are lightly colored. Add to meat mixture and stir. Place beef stock in a large, shallow rectangular pan. Soak *matzot* one at a time, pressing them gently to absorb the liquid. Press 2 or 3 softened *matzot* into a pie plate. Place meat mixture on top of *matzot*. Cover pie with remaining *matzot*. Brush top with beaten egg. Bake in oven 30 minutes or until top is golden.

Sybil Kaplan is a journalist, compiler/editor of 9 kosher cookbooks (working on a 10th) and food writer for North American Jewish publications; she lives in Jerusalem where she leads weekly walks of the Jewish food market, Machaneh Yehudah, and writes restaurant features for Janglo.net, the largest website for English-speakers. ★



while in the army.

Tibor was devoted to his family and loved celebrating all the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. It gave him so much joy to see them succeed in the country that he brought them to. He was proud to be an American citizen and always said that this was the best country in the world. Tibor never met a stranger.

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OBITUARIES

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His desire to help others and his infectious, joyful personality was his most defining trait. Tibor loved life and lived it to its fullest. He was an avid fan of the Colts and Pacers. He will be deeply missed by his family and everyone that knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Dora; daughters, Inga (Gary) Perel and Maya (David) Burekhovich; sister, Eva Raich; and his grandchildren, Steven, Emma (Ovadia Mosseri), and Samuel Burekhovich, and Ella and Lenny Perel.

Graveside services were held at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery on March 13th. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Rosalyn Cibull Solotkin, 94, passed away March 17, 2023. She was born in Vincennes, Ind., on Dec. 15, 1928 to the late Harry and Sofia Cibull. Her parents were first generation immigrants from Eastern Europe. The family owned several shoe stores in southern Indiana. Rosalyn graduated from Martinsville High School and later moved to Indianapolis. She worked for a short time as a secretary at an insurance company in downtown Indianapolis. Rosalyn was gifted musician, playing the violin. Rosalyn had several siblings who were seriously ill and died during childhood, and she played a significant role in their care.



She was the loving wife of Meyer Solotkin for more than 60 years until his death in 2016. She was the beloved mother of David Solotkin, M.D. (Kathleen). She was a member of Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ) synagogue and the Indianapolis Jewish Federation. Graveside services were held March 20th in the BEZ North Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**.

Elaine C. Miller Atlas, 85, passed away on March 19, 2023. She was born on Nov. 30, 1937 to Joseph and Sarah (nee Caplin) Miller. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School. She and her husband, Arthur I. "Art" Atlas are long-time members of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ).



Elaine is survived by her beloved family, her husband, Art; children, Kathy Winay, Lyn Baird, Artie Atlas, Teri Waldman, Andy Atlas, and Tina Pitchford; 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held in BEZ

North Cemetery on March 22nd. Memorial contributions may be made to BEZ, www.bez613.org. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**

Richard A. Gole, 77, passed away peacefully on March 22, 2023. He was born on Oct. 26, 1945 in Brooklyn to Nathaniel and Fanny (Storch) Gole. Richard and his family moved from Brooklyn to Plainview, N.Y. in 1955, where he later attended Plainview High School. In 1963, Richard left New York to attend Indiana University, where he received his B.S. in Business in 1967. Richard was an active member of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity at IU, and remained close with his pledge brothers throughout his life. Richard also attended law school at Indiana University, graduating with his JD in 1970.



Richard fell in love with Indiana and settled in Indianapolis after graduating from law school. He practiced law in Indianapolis for more than 40 years. He was also a member of the Army Reserves and provided legal services at Fort Benjamin Harrison, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Richard was an active member of the Castleton Optimist Club throughout his career. Richard retired in 2012 and moved to Boynton Beach, Fla., where he enjoyed golfing, spending time with friends, and serving on his homeowner's association board.

Richard was a true people person who made friends wherever he went, and he maintained those friendships throughout his life. He was incredibly proud of his family, who brought him tremendous joy. There was no bigger fan of IU than Richard, and he never missed a football or basketball game. Richard was a long-time member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

He is survived by his life partner, Betty Carnine; his daughter, Rebecca (Paul) Geyer of Carmel, Ind.; his son, Aaron Gole, of Chicago; his sister, Maxine Hillman, of Henderson, Nevada, and his grandchildren, Nathan Geyer, Sam Geyer, and Charlie Geyer.

Funeral services were held on March 26th, at Beth Israel Memorial Chapel, Delray Beach, Fla. Burial followed at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens in Boynton Beach, Fla. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana University Foundation. Online condolences may be shared at www.bethisraelchapel.com.

Phillip Karl Bercovitz, 90, passed away on his birthday March 24, 2023 at Marquette Manor. He was born in Lafayette, Ind., to Isaac and Sadie (nee

Gershuny) Bercovitz. He grew up in attending Jefferson High School. Phillip was a graduate of Indiana University, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu. Following graduation, Phil entered the U.S. Air Force, proudly serving his country for two years.

Returning to Indiana, Phil graduated from Butler University as a pharmacist, where he was a member of the Rho Chi Society. Phil spent his early career as an independent pharmacist, before joining his cousin, Marvin and family friend, Leo Fang in B and F Drugs. The trio enjoyed many years of work and friendship and they retired from B and F Drugs in 1983. Phil continued working, and served as a consultant for several pharmaceutical companies and the Poison Control Center.

Phil and his wife of 68 years, Beverly, were long-time members of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ). Phil volunteered with Hadassah, a cause Beverly championed.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; son, Jeffrey (Marilyn) Bercovitz, daughter, Fran (Terry Stewart) Susskind; grandchildren, Hilary (Scott Freeman) Bercovitz, Robert Bercovitz, Emily (Jason) Markovitz, Carrie (Eric Shipley) Susskind, and Melanie (Joey) Sutow; and great granddaughter, Sylvie Kei Markovitz.

Funeral services were March 27th at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home**, and burial followed in BEZ North Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah (hadassah.org), the Cheer Guild at Riley Hospital for Children (riley-cheerguild.org), BEZ (BEZ613.org) or Evans Scholars Program at Crooked Stick Golf Club (wgaesf.org). The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the private caregivers and staff of The Health Center for the support and care Phil received.

Elaine Marcia Seidman, 84, of Indianapolis, passed away March 26, 2023. She was born in Detroit to the late Joseph and Rose Lentzer on Dec. 19, 1938. She studied at IUPUI and later excelled in sales. She worked in both the fashion industry and at Capital Paper. Elaine was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ) and its Sisterhood as well as the National Council of Jewish Women.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 48 years, Laurence J. "Larry" Seidman; children, Rosie (Tom Bartlett) Hirsch, Cheryl (Marc) McCarthy, Mark (Whitney) Seidman, and Erika (Ben Downing) Seidman; and grandchildren, Noah Seidman and Rachel Hirsch.

Graveside services will be held April 2nd, in BEZ North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to BEZ. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Funeral Home.** ✨

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Ten years ago on April 14, 2013, a sapling from the chestnut tree that stood outside the secret annex where Anne Frank was hiding with her family was planted at the Anne Frank Peace Park located in front of The Children's Museum in Indianapolis. This was the first sapling planted in the United States from that tree. Anne could see the change in seasons through the window because of that tree and it gave hope to a teenage girl who could not go outside. She wrote about it in her diary.

Rabbi Brett Krichiver (below) was one of the local speakers at the event that was covered by almost all of the local newspapers, and TV and radio stations, and he also helped plant the sapling. Our *Holocaust Educator* writer, Miriam

Zimmerman, visited the tree on June 7, 2022 (right) and from that photo one can see just how big the tree has grown.

"It is our hope that the Anne Frank Peace Park and Diary Sculpture will serve as a remembrance of the tragedy of the Holocaust, but also as a symbol of Anne's hope and our hope for the future," said Jeffrey Patchen, who was CEO of The Children's Museum, at the time. ✨




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