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**Rabbi Jacob Neusner meets
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Politics and sports compete in every Olympic Games

Although the Olympics are meant to stand above politics, politics has always been a part of these games, says a Purdue University sports historian Randy Roberts.



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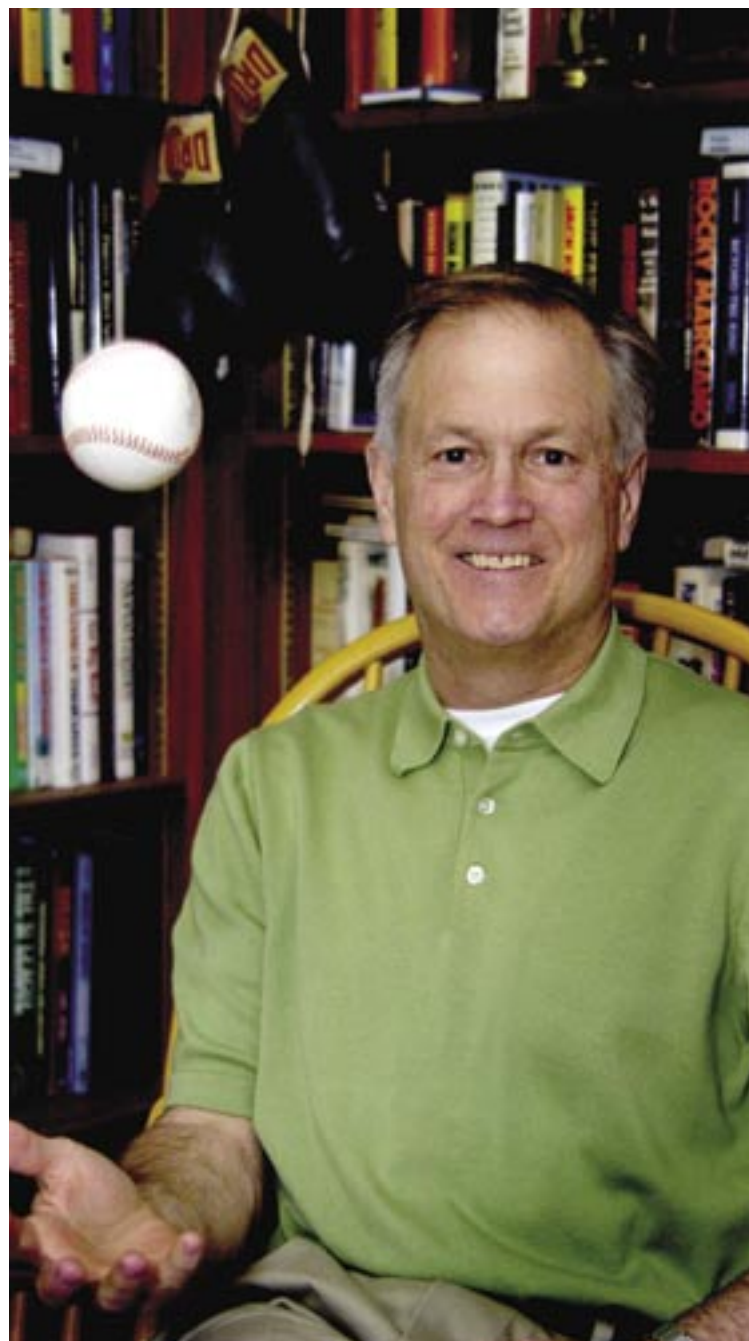
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Randy Roberts has made more than 50 appearances on television documentaries and films in the past 20 years. As a pop culture historian, Roberts often is quoted in national media. He is a regular guest on History Channel's *Real To Real*, and he served as a consultant and on-camera expert for the Emmy-Award winning series "10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America" and the award-winning Ken Burns documentary "Unforgivable Blackness."

"Even the 1896 revival of the modern-day Olympics, thanks to Frenchman Pierre de Coubertin, had a political agenda," says Roberts, distinguished professor of history. "De Coubertin was trying to raise the profile of France after its loss in the Franco-Prussian War more than two decades earlier. His interest in sports and the Olympics was to encourage the development of French masculinity and international collaboration."

Since then, the Olympics have been the site for demonstrations and the occasional boycott. For example, in 1972 South Africa and Rhodesia were banned from the games because many African countries spoke out against apartheid in those nations.

This summer's Olympics are Aug. 8-24 in Beijing, China. The controversy surrounding these games has focused

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Community Events

Talmudic Ethics – Timeless Wisdom

This course about finding your way to good ethical decisions begins Thurs., May 1, followed by sessions on the following Wednesdays (May 7, 14, 21, 28). All sessions are from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC at 6701 Hoover Rd. This course is a Jewish Learning project sponsored by Lubavitch of Indiana. Fee \$65, textbook included. For more information or to enroll, go to www.myjli.com, call 317-698-6423, or email jli@lubavitchindiana.com.

Israeli Expressions, Fine Art Exhibit and Sale

May 3–10, Rothbaum Art Gallery & Laikin Auditorium, at Arthur M. Glick JCC. This is one of the most comprehensive Israeli art exhibitions in the United States, showcasing over 70 of Israel's finest artists. All media, all price points. Come to add to your art collection, purchase jewelry for yourself or for gifts, or just come view the exhibit. Modern, contemporary, impressionist, traditional, oil, watercolor, ceramics, textiles, sculpture, jewelry.

Yom Ha-atzmaut – Israel's 60th

Join the entire Indianapolis Jewish Community on Sun., May 4 to celebrate Israel's 60th birthday! Celebration at the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center for a multitude of fun events; including a walk/run for Israel, Israeli art sale, camel and pony rides, wall climb, moon bounces, arts and crafts and more! Stay tuned for more information. 251-9467.

Women's Leadership & Development Day

On May 7, Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis will celebrate Prime Time Women. Guest speaker Hank Phillip Ryan, TV news anchor and author. Outstanding volunteers of local Jewish women's organizations and agencies will be honored. Contact JFGI for more information: 726-5450

David Horowitz at Beth-El

As part of our community's celebration in honor of Israel's 60th anniversary and on the eve of Yom Ha'atzma'ut, David Horowitz will speak on his recent book, *Still Life with Bombers: Israel in the Age of Terrorism*, 7:30 pm, Wed., May 7, at Beth-El Zedeck, 600 W. 70th St. A combination of personal accounts and political reporting, Horowitz describes how violence in the Middle East has affected personal life in Israel and the West Bank. Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, he has written for *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times*. This program is cosponsored by The Alan & Linda Cohen Center for Jewish Learning and Living at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and the JFGI. Copies of his book are available for purchase in Beth-El Zedeck's Gallery of Judaica. For more information, please contact the synagogue office at 317-253-3441 or bez613@bez613.org.

Hadassah Luncheon

Annual Hadassah Donor luncheon will be held Sun., May 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Broadmoor Country Club. The luncheon will celebrate Hadassah's generous contributors and feature "Henrietta Szold" up close and personal from the past; Lauren Azoulai, Hadassah College Jerusalem: looking to the future; and Dana Goot, mezzo-soprano: a sampling of music through the ages. Special recognition will be made to Merrill K. and Hermine Chalsin Cohen and Harvey P. Roland Spousal Trust. RSVP by May 9 to the Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah at 566-9870. Luncheon \$30/person. All are invited.

Examine your fiscal fitness

The Endowment Department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis invites you to examine your fiscal fitness at the home of Lois Eskenazi, 300 Willow Spring Rd., Indianapolis, May 19, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Guest speaker Elaine Bedel will talk about how to manage your retirement or inheritance dollars, living wills, trusts, assets and liabilities (what they are and their impact), and life insurance policies. No solicitations will be made. Please RSVP by May 9 to the Federation offices at 317-726-5450 or by email at fedfront@jfgi.org.

Lag B'Omer BBQ at Shaarey Tefilla

On May 23, join others at Shaarey Tefilla, 3085 West 116th, Carmel for BBQ at 5:30, followed by Kabbalat services under the evening sky. \$10/adults, \$6.50/children. RSVP by May 15 to CST 317-733-2169. This is a joint project of the CST Sisterhood and CST Men's Club., For questions or to volunteer, call Jay Perler at 317-876-3669 or Linda Dunn 317-844-4020

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Politics

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on China's human rights record. Recently, there have been protests as the Olympic torch travels through countries to China.

"When the International Olympic Committee gave the games to China, its members were not ignorant of China's record on human rights or what was going on in Tibet," Roberts says. "The committee knew it could be problematic. But once those games are given to a city, there is a historical obligation to the games, and most countries support the committee's decisions."

However, the intensified attention brought on by being host site for the games can take its toll.

"When the United States decided not to participate in the 1980 Olympics, it was a huge embarrassment to the Soviet Union," Roberts says. "Four years later, the Soviet Union and its Communist allies boycotted the U.S. Games in Los Angeles. The Olympics are prestigious events, and support for the games means a lot for countries that are striving for legitimacy."

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Israelpalooza!

On April 6, the Helene G Simon Hillel sponsored Israelpalooza! at Dunn Meadow in front of the Indiana University Student Union in Bloomington. Students enjoyed Israeli music, food, arts, products, and more. (Photos by Kim Kushner).



The group Hooshir, a Jewish a cappella group at IU, performed.



Vicky Adamova and Rebecca Waxman, IU students enjoying themselves.



IU students Stephanie Haberman and Jessica Englert.



IU student Matt Tepperman staffed the Hoosiers for Israel booth.

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Obituaries

Whitney Jordan Greenberg, 87

Whitney Jordan Greenberg, son of Reuben William and Ethel Silan Greenberg, came into the world in the back seat of a Jordan Automobile in Akron, Ohio, on August 28, 1920. Whitney died April 11, 2008.

Whitney was preceded in death by his sister Phyllis Greenberg Singer and his parents Ethel and Reuben Greenberg. He is survived by his lovely wife of 62 years, Barbara Ungar Greenberg and their three sons, Bruce (Peggy), Jim (Cheryl), Greg (Shari), and his grandchildren, Elliot and Jonathon, Michael and Caroline, and Harrison and Lillian Greenberg. Also surviving

is nephew Michael Singer and niece Marilyn Caplan. Whitney's family is extremely thankful for the 35 years of dedicated care, service and love provided by Rose Simmons.

Whitney was a founding member of the social club S.W.A.N.K. He was a 1942 graduate of Indiana University and a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. Whitney then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and became an aerial engineer, serving during WWII. While in the Air Force, he was a rifle and carbine marksman. He also received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Whitney worked with his father Reuben at the Kirk Furniture Company. He became owner and operator of The Kirk Furniture Store in the mid-1970s. He also owned

and operated Taylor-Smock Furniture Store in Lebanon. Whitney was past president of the Midwest Home Furnishings Association and he spent his later years as a mentor for The Executive Service Corps of Indiana.

Funeral services were held Tues., April 15, 2008 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at: www.arnmortuary.com

Ann Kaplan Seif, 81

Ann Kaplan Seif, of Indianapolis, died April 18, 2008. She was the daughter of David Kasriel and Ida Goldberg Kaplan.

Ann and her late husband, Morris Seif, co-owned Seif Scrap and Metal Company in Knoxville, Tenn., for 17 years. Upon moving to Indianapolis, Ann and Morris owned Seif Trash and Waste Removal for 11 years before selling the business in 1971. From 1971 to 1990, Ann and Morris owned and operated The Put-On T-Shirts outlets which grew to 11 locations in malls across Indiana and Texas. She retired in 1990.

Ann was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Sisterhood, Hadassah and the Organization for Rehabilitation Training.

Ann is survived by her loving family: son, Allan I. (Marcia) Seif of Indianapolis; brother, Harris (Midj) Kaplan of Austin, Texas; sisters, Dorothy Grodin of El Paso, and Frieda (Eph) Mazer of Birmingham, Ala.; grandsons, Jeremy and Adam Seif and great-grandsons, Taylor and Solomon Seif. Ann was predeceased by her daughter Debra.

Funeral services were held on Tues., April 22, 2008, at the Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made to The Riley Hospital for Children Research Fund. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.arnmortuary.com.

Frances Siegel Kaufman, 91

Frances Siegel Kaufman died April 19, 2008. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis she was the daughter of Abe and Ethel Schneiderman, born on Feb. 13, 1917.

Frances owned and operated Siegel's Market at 34th and Clifton after her husband,

Martin Siegel's, death in 1963. She later married Edward Kaufman who also preceded her in death.

Frances was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Hadassah and B'nai B'rith Women. Her hobbies included needlework and playing cards. Frances enjoyed entertaining and traveled extensively. She is survived by her loving family: daughter; Sandy (Dennis) Maroney of Los Angeles; son,

Norman (Barbara) Siegel of Indianapolis and two grandchildren, Michelle Maroney and Victoria Siegel.

A graveside service was held Mon., April 21, 2008 at Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery South. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences for the family may be sent to www.arnmortuary.com.

Events

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HAI Awards Dinner

The 2008 Hasten Hebrew Academy HAI-Life Awards Dinner will be held Sun., June 1 at the Laikin Auditorium in the Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. Honorees are Dr. Jack and Sally Cotlar, long-time Hasten Hebrew Academy supporters and community volunteers. Also being honored are early childhood teacher Paula Fogle and administrative assistant Sharon Merin for their years of service to the school. For information on attending the dinner or purchasing ads in our ad journal that accompanies the dinner, contact March Ekhaus at 251-1261.

JCC's Annual Golf Tournament

Don't forget to register for JCC's Annual Golf Tournament in memory of Shelley Shane, June 2, at Broadmoor Country Club. In its 12th year, the tournament raises funds for JCC members and program participants who, without this financial assistance, would not be able to benefit from the activities at the JCC. It is one of the JCC's primary fundraising events and supports JCC's commitment to keep our doors open to everyone. Early Bird registrations honored through May 2. For more information about registration, fees, timing, and sponsorships, call Martha Karatz at 251-9467, ext. 209.

Strawberries on the Circle

The 43rd Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Thurs., June 12, at Christ Church Cathedral on Monument Circle. The downstairs of the Church opens at 8:30 a.m. for carry out orders. Serving under tents on the circle begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. This year's entertainment includes: UIndy Jazz Combo Camp, 10 to noon; Christ Church Bell Ringers, noon to 12:15; ISO Brass Ensemble, 12:30 to 1; White River Jazz Band, 1 to 3; and Marott Banjo Band, 3 to 5.

Israel Bonds dinner

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Congratulations Fay Dorfman

On Sun., March 16, the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck sponsored a special afternoon honoring a special person. The Annual Torah Fund Appreciation Event fiesta was all about Fay Dorfman, a Jewish Theological Seminary graduate and Torah Fund benefactor.

The event was hugely successful because so many people know Fay and wanted to tell her in person about their admiration and appreciation for her work. Over 75 people attended.

Fay wrote a very moving thank-you that a friend delivered to the audience for her because Fay had lost her voice.

Fay and her husband moved here in 1967, when their two children, Stuart and Debby, were graduating from college and high school (respectively). Fay's husband Julius, more commonly known as "Jules," was the executive director of the JCC for 14 years, from 1967 to 1981.

Since then, Fay was very ac-

tive in leading the Yiddish Club at the JCC. She was an active board member of the Beth-El Sisterhood and served one term as its vice president.

Fay taught Hebrew to both children and adults at the

Jewish Education Association (now called the Bureau of Jewish Education) and Beth-El as well as teaching Sunday School at Beth-El.

In later years, when she and Jules were retired, they

led Shabbat services at Park Regency.

And she simply was a good neighbor and a good volunteer.

In Jackie Wolf's words: "Fay is such a long-time volunteer for Beth-El and for Beth-El's Sisterhood and she taught many Hebrew language learning classes for years, and everyone knows her. In fact, she

was my first teacher of Hebrew. And long after she retired, they keep asking her to come back and help with adult education."

The event included salsa dancing by Chad Wright and Sonja Kuhnau Overhiser, piano performance by Gert Dock, and talk about growing up Jewish in Venezuela by Sylvia De-Castro.



Lugar Awards Scholarships to 10 Outstanding Hoosier Students

The Fund for Hoosier Excellence (FHE) is a privately funded, nonprofit organization established in 1983 by U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar to encourage outstanding minority students to excel in school and remain in Indiana as leaders.

Each year, the FHE names 10 high school seniors as Lugar Scholars. Eight \$4,000 scholarships are awarded and two \$20,000 scholarships are awarded, one each to a boy and a girl. Each recipient must study at an Indiana college or university.

2008 marks the 25th anniversary of the FHE, which has awarded more than \$1.6 million in scholarships to minority Hoosiers. A nonpartisan selection committee evaluates the students based on academic and extracurricular achievement. Past Lugar Scholars have distinguished themselves in medicine, engineering, business, and academic life.

"We began this program 25 years ago to conspicuously recognize outstanding minority students, and we have witnessed the successes of a generation of Lugar Scholars," Lugar said. "These outstanding students have been leaders in their high schools, and we hope they will continue to lead by example while attending Indiana's colleges and universities."

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Critics Corner



“Forbidden Broadway” 1-night stand not long enough

BY CHARLES EPSTEIN

Spoof, parody, satire, call it what you will, *Forbidden Broadway* is a hilarious evening of cleverly written material that will keep you in stitches,

The one-night stand at Clowes Memorial Hall to a near-full house left the audience wanting more, much more.

Forbidden Broadway is much more than an ordinary revue. It is the funniest show to play Indianapolis since *The Producers* came to town. Some of the Broadway shows spoofed are *Phantom*, *Miss Saigon*, *Oklahoma*, *Aspects of Love*, *Jersey Boys*, *Chicago*, *Cats*, *The Lion King*, *Avenue Q*, *Cabaret*, *Rent* and *Les Miz*.

The genius writer’s poison pen also drips personalities, including Carol Channing, Julie Andrews, Ethel Merman and Yoko Ono. The show starts off with *Annie* singing “I’m going to get shot, tomorrow.” So you know what follows is going to be hysterically funny.

I will mention a few of my favorites. I was floored with *Mary Poppins* and *Man of La Mancha*. *Fiddler on the Roof* [Fiddler Made a Goof] the revival, made my favorite director, the innovative Brit Trevor Nunn, look silly with the announcement that there were no Jews in the production. In fact the song “Tradition” was changed to “Direction” blaming him for

the failure of the revival.

To top this ridiculousness, Harvey Fierstein was cast as Tevye. He was dressed like a fugitive from *Hairspray*, singing “I Enjoy Being a Girl.” I do not know who played him – either William Selby or Brian Patrick Miller. To duplicate Fierstein’s gravelly voice must have been difficult. However, both men were wonderful in all their roles.

As were the women – especially in West Side Story singing “My Name is Chita, not Rita.” The combatants, Donna English and Valerie Fagan, were magnificent.

Forbidden Broadway was the brainchild of Gerard Alessandrini, who created and wrote the show, which spawned 12 editions, since musicals open and close on Broadway so frequently. To listen to the clever lyrics is a thrill. No doubt those shows have been recorded. I do not know how many different shows are available but I am sure the cordial Bill Kirtley at Sinfonia 1728 E. 86th St. Suite A, 843-0411 or 1-800-566-0411 can help you.

Oh, the sweet baby

Ethel Booth (center) portrays the nearsighted Florence Snider who beholds her long lost “nieces” Maxine (Bill Book, left) and Stephanie (David Wood, right) in Indianapolis Civic Theatre’s production of the Ken Ludwig comedy *Leading Ladies*. When two down-on-their-luck English Shakespearean actors pose as female relatives of a rich, elderly widow to inherit her fortune, romantic entanglements abound, especially when one

falls head-over-petticoat in love with the old lady’s vivacious niece who’s engaged to the local minister.

Ken Ludwig’s *Leading Ladies* can be seen at Indianapolis Civic Theatre, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, on the campus of Marian College, May 2 through May 18, 2008. Tickets \$21 (Thu.) and \$28 (Fri.–Sun.), group discounts available. For more information, call the box office at 317-923-4597 or go www.civictheatre.org.



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