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Jeffery Smulyan speaks at Hadassah meeting

The opening meeting of the Indianapolis's Chapter of Hadassah was held on Sun., Sept. 30, in the Laikin Auditorium of the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center. Jeffrey Smulyan, CEO of Emmis Communications Corporation, was the guest speaker. He shared some of his thoughts about success and failure in an inspiring speech. One key piece of advice he offered was to "keep your life in perspective." For more about the speech, see page NAT 2.



President Debbie Ornstein presents Jennifer Hodes with life membership.



Jeff Smulyan speaks about how to live a successful life.

FW Federation names their new exec



Doris Fogel has been serving as the Fort Wayne Federation's interim director since April. In late September, she was named as the new permanent executive director.

Doris served previously as the president of FWJF from 1999 to 2005. And during the past 10 years, she has served as interim exec twice, chaired or co-chaired the annual campaign a number of times, advocated for Holocaust awareness, and twice led Achduth Vesholom Congregation as president. At the 2005 General Assembly in Toronto, she was elected to the Board of Trustees of United Jewish Communities, and served as representative of small federations.

Doris is a Holocaust survivor and says, "The work we do is significant."

She has been married to now retired Fort Wayne attorney Sam Fogel for 46 years. They have three married children, all living in the North Shore area of Chicago, and have been blessed with eight grandchildren.



Sukkot in Indianapolis—Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso leading a service in the sukkah with the young crowd at Beth-El Zedek. Photo by Jeff Cohen



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Spirit & Place Events

Can Tzedakah, Tithing, and Zakat Save the World?

Wed., Nov. 7, 2007 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at Martin University, 2171 Avondale Pl., Indianapolis. **Event Format:** Discussion, display, film/video, panel, Q&A, reception; **Audience:** adult of all ages, young adults (18–40), youth (middle/high school); **Presenter(s):** Elizabeth Brown, Fr. Boniface Hardin, Dean Illingworth, Imam Mikal Saahir, Rabbi Lew Weiss. **Event Description:** Interactive discussion moderated by Martin University President Fr. Boniface Hardin explores how Judaism, Christianity, and Islam address society's chronic issues of poverty, disease, war, and environmental destruction. Discuss how these traditions can work together to create a better world, learn about upcoming community events, and hear from Habitat for Humanity Director Dean Illingworth about the House of Abraham project. Admission is free. For more information, call 317-466-0114 or e-mail cwiles@peacelearningcenter.org.



Jam with Creation

Sun., Nov. 11, 2007, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 3000 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Event Format:** performance; **Audience:** youth (middle/high school); **Event Description:** Inspired by their bat/bar mitzvahs, five fifth-graders formed the band "Creation" with the mission to help create a more peaceful world and to educate kids about multiculturalism, tolerance, and peace. Profits from their first CD supported a school in Africa, and they have been featured in *USA Today*, *Time For Kids*, *The Montel Williams Show*, *The Jewish Week*, and other media outlets. Their Indianapolis performance helps kick off a new permanent exhibit, *The Power of Children: Making a Difference*. Call 317-334-4000 for free concert tickets, which include admission to the museum. Admission to The Children's Museum will be charged the day of the event if you do not have advance tickets. Presented by The Children's Museum of Indianapolis and The Bureau of Jewish Education. For more information, call 317-334-3322 or e-mail communic@childrensmuseum.org.

Not Your Ordinary Montana Logging and Ballet Company

Closing Night Celebration, Sun., Nov. 18, 2007, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN **Event Format:** Performance; **Audience:** Adult of all ages, children (elementary school), seniors, young adults (18–40), youth (middle/high school); **Presenter(s):** Montana Logging and Ballet Company; **Event Description:** Using original songs, skits, and satirical humor, this innovative performing troupe will open your heart and tickle your soul on the closing night of the Spirit & Place Festival. One hilarious skit compels us to confront personal and corporate greed, while a spoof of the Indy 500 presents the perils of a "me first" perspective. Their humorous song "We Don't Get It" challenges us to look at male/female relationships through a more generous and understanding eye. Headlines of the day become a satirical playground for looking at other-than-generous nations, communities, and individuals. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will benefit the Mar Elias Educational Institutions in

Ibillin, Israel, whose founder, Bishop Elias Chacour, was nominated three times for the Noble Peace Prize. Presented by St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Congregation Beth El Zedek, Spirit & Place, and University of Indianapolis. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance contact St. Luke's United Methodist Church 317-876-3776, Congregation Beth-El Zedek 317-253-3441, University of Indianapolis 317-788-3583, or email montanaconcert@hotmail.com.



Critics Corner



"Oklahoma!" returns to B&B

BY CHARLES EPSTEIN

I was fortunate as a wee boy in the mid-1940s to attend a Broadway performance of *Oklahoma!* which back then was a revolutionary musical by Rodgers & Hammerstein starring Alfred Drake, Joan Roberts Celeste Holm, Howard de Silva and Lee Dixon with choreography by Agnes de Mille.

I remember it was extremely difficult to get tickets without "pull." Thank goodness my father had the right contacts then. *Oklahoma!* was based on the play *Green Grow the Lilacs*, by Lynn Riggs. The pre-Broadway title was *Away We Go!*

Since I have seen *Oklahoma!* too many times to count, the luster of witnessing some-

thing new, fresh and exciting has been thoroughly dulled. However, do not let me steer you wrong.

This production now playing at the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre is not that bad. It is not outstanding, but not bad. The stage is filled with talent - with Curt Dale Clark, a sweet tenor, portraying Curly and Amalie Larsen as Laurey. The chemistry between these two lovers was sparse. Donna M. Ryan was exceptionally funny as Aunt Eller, as was Andrew Kindig, as the peddler with the funny three-piece suit, Ali Hakim.

Some local stalwarts joined the cast and did wonderfully. Doug King plays the dancing Lou Parker with as much

energy as he did 20 years ago when he first played the role at B&B. Adam O. Crowe was effective in a nonsinging role and my favorite dancer, Peter Scharbrough, was extraordinary.

The show was directed and choreographed by Mark Robin, whose production number Kansas City was outstanding. Brian Horton outdid himself again, as usual, as costume designer. Ali Hakim's sample bag matched his black and yellow checked suit. Again Michael Layton's lighting design was too dark in spots, especially in the abbreviated ballet sequence.

Other performers deserving mention are Jayson Elliott as the mean Jud Fry, Hillary Thompson as the laughing Gertie, Bob Payne as Pop Carnes and especially Jessica Kademenos as the lovable Ado Annie.

I am definitely looking forward to this B&B powerhouse next season opening with the hilarious play *Run for Your Wife* in January, followed by *West Side Story*, *Showboat* and *Peter Pan*.

The thrill of the 2008 season is the Mel Brooks musical *The Producers*, opening in August. I can't wait.

Temple celebrates 65th

Kokomo's B'nai Israel Temple will mark its 65th anniversary at a gala weekend scheduled for Nov. 9, 10 and 11, 2007. Events will include Sabbath services, study groups and a Saturday night banquet.

John Tritt, Temple president has appointed Amy Shemoel and Rebecca Mulis to the steering committee. Student Rabbi Tami Elliott will welcome the special speaker, Rabbi Richard Rheins of Denver's Temple Sinai. This outstanding speaker will be the scholar-in-residence for the celebration. He served the local congregation two decades ago while a student at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Rabbi Rheins' expertise will be focused on today's Judaism and the impact for future generations.

Jerry and Maryann Kopolow, now residents of

Denver and members of his Temple, are sponsoring Rabbi Rheins' visit. This homecoming is expected to attract three generations of the local Temple's membership.

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Family Bingo Night

Save the date: Sun., Oct. 21, 4:30 p.m. Hasten Hebrew Academy will be hosting their family bingo night. Volunteer opportunities available; call Marci Landis at 415-0079 or Judith Friedman at 566-1606.

9th Annual Ann Katz Festival of Books

It's a cultural feast of authors, films and art at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Road. Most events are free and open to the public. In addition to being the largest literary event of its kind in Central Indiana, the festival also includes an art exhibit and film series. Events run Oct. 24 through Nov. 15, 2007. For a full calendar, go to www.jccindy.org. See page IN 6.

Open Mic Nights

Fridays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 30, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Books a Million, 5750 W. 86th St. Come with your poetry or song or instrument or rap. Or come to enjoy others. All ages welcome.

God's Echo

Explore the Bible through Midrash, a 2,000-year-old method of interpreting the Bible for relevancy to modern times and concerns. Rabbi Sandy Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck will lead this study at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Purchase textbook at the first class. Sun., Nov. 4 and 18 (2 sessions), 10:30 a.m. to noon; free; registration required. For more information, call 251-9437 or go to www.JCCindy.org.

Spirit and Place Festival

Authors, artists, ensembles, scholars, musicians, poets, community leaders, researchers, storytellers, and more will illuminate what Living Generously means during Indianapolis's annual one-of-kind civic celebration. Choose from over 71 events for all ages between November 2 and 18. For a complete schedule, go to www.spiritandplace.org.

What was Picasso thinking?

View and discuss the highlights of art and architecture periods from antiquity through the modern era. Learn to understand symbolism and get on the inside of artists' jokes. Paul North, instructor at Ivy Tech Community College and Indiana Wesleyan University's Adult Studies program, will lead this class and take the group on a guided tour at the Indianapolis Museum of Art for the final class. Tuesdays, Nov. 6 - Dec. 18 (6 sessions; no class December 4), 7-8:30 p.m., at Arthur M. Glick JCC; \$36 JCC members / \$54 nonmembers. For more information, call 251-9437 or go to www.JCCindy.org.

Three Faiths / One Voice

Wed., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m., at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 W. 70th St. A musical program honoring Judaism, Christianity, (Continued on next page)

Festival announces Public Conversation

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis's 12th annual Spirit & Place Civic Festival begins Fri., Nov. 2, and lasts through Sun., Nov. 18. The 17-day festival hosts approximately 70 programs and is a collaborative effort of over 150 partnering organizations. Events include lectures, films, exhibits, concerts, panel discussions, worship services, demonstrations, performances and workshops.

This year's Spirit & Place theme is *Living Generously*. This theme is a chance to discover and name our own gifts, to examine our notions of hospitality and abundance, and to talk about the many faces of giving and receiving. Through festival programs, participants can explore how we live generously with ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, as well as other nations and the environment.

The Public Conversation, annually considered the centerpiece of the festival, will be held on Sun., Nov. 4, at 2:00 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall. Speakers this year include: Patty Stonesifer, a Hoosier who now is CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Nathan Dungan, founder of (Continued on page IN 8)



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Obituaries

Richard Gerbofsky, 57

Richard Gerbofsky, of Columbus, Ohio and formerly of Indianapolis, died September 27, 2007, surrounded by his loving family. Rick served as a manager for an insurance company. He is survived by his devoted wife, Pam Boyd Worley, and his children, Ashley Reale, Saiward Runyon, Austin Worley, Garrett Gerbofsky and Joseph Gerbofsky and by his mother, Ann Crash Gerbofsky. Graveside services were held on Fri., Sept. 28, 2007 in Ezras Achim Cemetery in Indianapolis. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary (317) 846-6501



Events

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and Islam, with world-reknown musicians Maria Krupoves and Gerard Edery. Co-sponsored by Beth-El, Christ Church Cathedral, and St. Luke's United Methodist Church as part of Spirit and Place Festival. No charge.

Rick Recht at Beth-El

On Fri., Nov. 9, Beth-El offers the first Synaplex of the fall. Singer and guitarist Rick Recht will enliven this Friday night service. For more information, call Beth-El at 253-3441.

Triathlon training for aspiring and veteran Athletes

12-week program prepares seasoned athletes or aspiring athletes. Training begins Mon., Nov. 12. Triathlon training participants choose: *The Basic Training Plan*: \$125 JCC members / \$150 nonmembers. *The Premium Training Plan*: \$290 JCC members / \$325 nonmembers.

Sun., Feb. 3, the JCC Indoor Triathlon will host athletes 13 and older in an all-day swim/bike/run competition. Fee: \$25 for entries received by Jan. 31 or \$30 after Jan. 31. Registration for the triathlon has already begun, and spots are limited. Forms are available online at www.JCCindy.org or can be picked up at the JCC. Call Whitney Diggs, 251-9467, ext. 238 for more information or to receive registration info by mail.

Pizza and Politics

On Wed., Nov. 14, at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 N. Meridian, there will be an opportunity to meet and speak with your Indiana General Assembly legislators. Pizza and legislative briefing at 6 p.m.; Q&A at 6:45. Bring your questions and concerns about education, health care, separation of church and

state, and social services. This event is cosponsored by the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Hanukaffair and Bazaar

Sun., Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Beth-El Zedeck features a bazaar with entertainment, food, activities, and vendors from around the state. No charge.

Soy Candle Making

Learn how to make hand-poured and clean-burning jar candles. Take home one 4-oz. and two 8-oz. jar candles. A \$10 supply fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class. Wed., Nov. 28, 6-8:30 p.m., at Arthur M. Glick JCC; \$22 JCC members / \$32 nonmembers. For more information, call 251-9437 or go to www.JCCindy.org.

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B'nai Mitzvah's

Jacob Tehrani Bar Mitzvah

Jacob Tehrani will become bar mitzvah on Oct. 20 at Etz Chaim. He is the son of Bahram and Farzaneh Tehrani, and the grandson of Jacob and Latifeh Aframian and Khalil, z"l, and Mazal, z"l, Tehrani. Jacob has two sisters, Debbie, who used to write regularly for the Post, and Becky.

Jacob's Torah portion is Lekh Lekha, and he says he's learned that Abram (soon to be Abraham) had a lot of guts to leave his hometown and to go where G-d told him. He explains that not only was Abram abandoning his family, but he also was to go to a place where he had never been. "I also discovered that Ishmael was circumcised at the age of thirteen (ouch!)," says Jacob.

"I am extremely surprised that I mastered my Haftorah in only 4 weeks while attending Camp GUCI (Goldman Union Camp Institute)." But Jacob had a lot of excellent support. "The incredibly patient Cantor Meyersberg, from

the BJE, has been helping me with the Torah, Haftorah, and prayers. My rabbi, Itamar Cohen, also helped the actual use of prayers by having me recite them in front of the congregation. Also, at GUCI, Rabbi Adland tutored me for 2 weeks," says Jacob.

Jacob says he is usually calm when talking to a large group of people, but thinks he might be a little tense, as there will be 230-ish people staring at him on the bima. "I am excited that most of my family is going to be there, and that my grandma and grandpa are coming. We have around 50 out-of-towners, and some of them are my camp friends!"

Jacob acknowledges that now, all of his mitzvot count, which also means that now he has to be more conscious of his actions. And he wants to thank all the members of Etz Chaim who have helped him in the process. "I am part of a wonderful community!" Jacob says.



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Jonah Siegel

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