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# The Boy in the Striped Pajamas appears at Heartland

Heartland Truly Moving Pictures announced that it will host the North American premiere of Miramax Films' *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* on Thurs., Oct. 16 at The Murat Centre. The highly-anticipated premiere will be the Opening Night Event of the 2008 Heartland Film Festival, which will take place Oct. 16-24 in Indianapolis.

"We are thrilled to be premiering *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* at the Heartland Film Festival. The film's themes speak directly to the philosophy of Heartland's organization, making it the perfect place for the film to launch in North America," said Miramax

President Daniel Battsek.

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* is a fictional story that offers a unique perspective on how prejudice, hatred and violence affect innocent people, particularly children, during wartime. Through the lens of an 8-year-old boy largely shielded from the reality of World War II, we witness a forbidden friendship that forms between Bruno, the son of a Nazi commandant, and Shmuel, a Jewish boy held captive in a concentration camp. Though the two are separated physically by a barbed wire fence, their lives become inescapably intertwined. The imagined story of Bruno and Shmuel sheds light on the brutality, senselessness and devastating consequences of war from an unusual point of view. Together, their tragic journey helps recall the millions of innocent victims of the Holocaust.

The film was adapted from John Boyne's award-winning novel and written for the screen and directed by Mark Herman. The film is produced by David Heyman and co-produced by Rosie Alison. The film stars David Thewlis, Vera Farmiga, Asa Butterfield, and newcomer Jack Scanlon. Miramax will open the film on Nov. 7,



2008. Herman, Boyne and Thewlis are all scheduled to attend the Opening Night Event and will participate in a question and answer session, followed by a reception.

A number of other films at this year's Festival that may be of particular interest to the Jewish community including *Blessed is the Match: The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh*, *A Secret*, *Auschwitz: If You Cried, You Died*, *Prisoner 32,232* and *Sophie Scholl - The Final Days*.

Tickets are on sale at The Murat Centre box office, any

central Indiana Ticketmaster outlet, Ticketmaster.com or by calling Ticketmaster at 317-239-5151. Normal Ticketmaster fees will apply. Tickets for the dinner, screening and reception are \$125, \$25 for the screening and reception, or \$12 for the screening only. For more information on this event and others during the festival, visit [www.HeartlandFilmFestival.org](http://www.HeartlandFilmFestival.org).



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The Indiana Jewish Historical Society will hold its 2008 annual meeting and brunch at noon on Sun., Oct. 19, at Broadmoor Country Club, 2155 Kessler Blvd., Indianapolis.

Guest speaker Randy Voller, mayor of Pittsboro, N.C., will recall some of the stories told to him while he was growing up in Valparaiso, Ind., many of which center around his maternal grandfather, the legendary Harry "The Horse" Danning, a Major League catcher (1933-1942) for the New York Giants. These stories are an important part of Jewish baseball history, addressing questions about American sports and anti-Semitism in the 1930s and 1940s.

Danning was selected for the National League All-Star squad in four consecutive years (1938-1941). He retired from baseball after serving in the military and

worked later as a minor league coach. Danning received one vote in the Hall of Fame voting in 1958 and 1960. He died in Valparaiso, Ind., at the age 93.

Randy Voller's presentation takes on another frontier of the IJHS mission as we explore Jews in Sports. This program will educate and entertain everyone, including avid baseball historians.

Event schedule:

Noon - Welcome and introductions. 1:00 - Meeting and short committee reports. IJHS Board Members will be available to collect new archive material for our collections at the Indiana Historical Society. Please have all documents/photos identified and in a protective envelope. 1:30 - Speaker: Stories from my grandfather "Harry the Horse Danning."

This speaker program is free and open to the public. You may

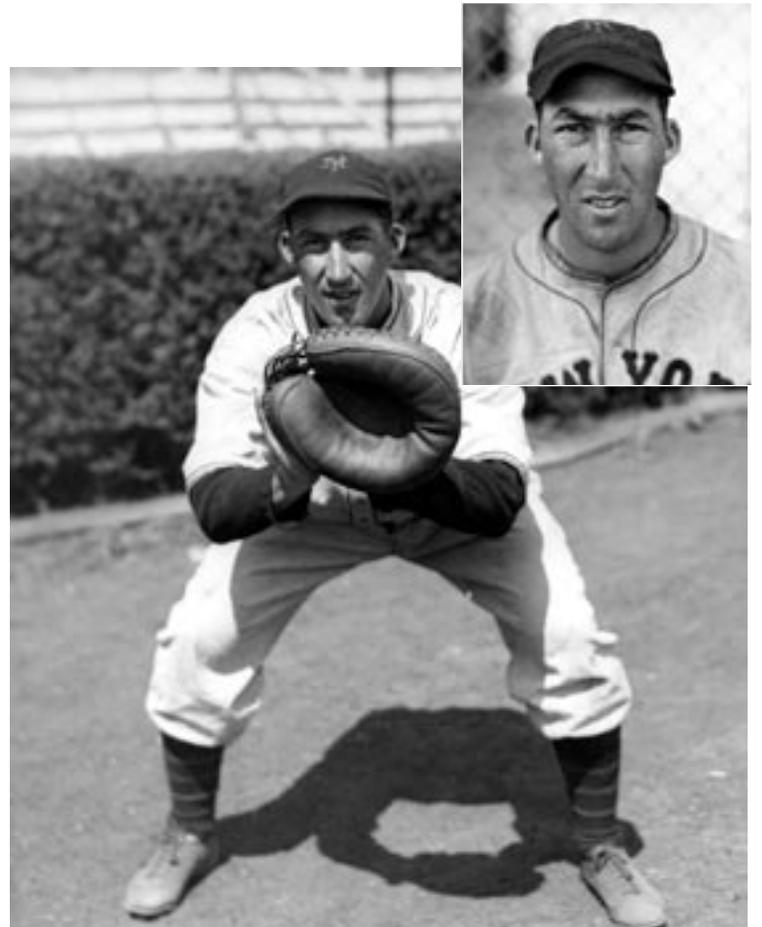


Randy Voller, guest speaker at IJHS annual meeting.

attend the program without attending the brunch.

Reservations are required for the dairy brunch. Cost for brunch is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by Wed., Oct. 15 by sending your check to the IJHS, 6527 Constitution Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46804, and a list the names of those attending.

For more information contact the Indiana Jewish Historical Society at 260-459-6862, or [indiana\\_jhs@verizon.net](mailto:indiana_jhs@verizon.net).



Harry "The Horse" Danning, legendary major league catcher for the New York Giants (1933-1942). Photo printed with permission of the Harry Danning Trust.

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## Bob Glazer Chai-A-Thon Campaign set

This year's Lubavitch of Indiana annual Chai-A-Thon campaign is dedicated to the memory of past president Mr. Robert Glazer. "Bob was an active member, past president and generous supporter of Lubavitch," said Rabbi Avi Grossbaum, executive vice president of Lubavitch of Indiana, "and he always took a particular interest in the annual Chai-A-Thon campaign. "It is an honor for us and a fitting tribute to dedicate this annual drive to his memory."

Eighteen is the numerical equivalent of the Hebrew word "Chai," which means

"life." During the High Holiday season, when we pray for life and health for ourselves and for our loved ones, Jewish tradition suggests contributing to charities in multiples of eighteen.

The campaign raised \$32,217 last year from 504 generous donors, and the goal for this year is \$36,000 (twice Chai), which would represent a 12% increase over last year's receipts. The group hopes to reach it by adding to the number of donors and by donors increasing their pledges.

The funds in this drive raised  
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Since their first trip to Israel together in 1980, the Jewish homeland has played an important role in the Himelstein household. The first family trip occurred in 2002, at the height of the second intifada. Lynne and Phil felt the importance of bringing their children to Israel and of showing their support at a time when there were few tourists. As hoped, it made a huge impression on them. Their daughter, Allyson, studied at Hebrew University during her semester abroad in 2007. Following her graduation from Emory last May, she moved to New York and is associate director of Operations with the ADL. Their son Michael traveled extensively in Israel during the summer of 2006. Currently he is a junior at the University of Denver. This semester he will be studying in Prague.

Phil grew up in Ft Wayne, Ind., where his parents were active in the Jewish community. He completed his undergraduate work in economics at Miami of Ohio and earned his law degree from Harvard in 1975. Upon graduation, Phil made a fateful decision. He moved to Los Angeles where he met the love of his life, Lynne, and went on to practice law for 17 years.

Lynne was born and raised in Beverly Hills, Calif. She received her undergraduate degree from UCLA and for seven years taught at a local Jewish day school. Her parents were ardent Zionists and many dinner conversations focused on relatives who had immigrated to Palestine in the late 1920s. Lynne's first active

involvement occurred during the Six-Day War when she and Jewish friends from her B'nai Brith Girl's Chapter worked to raise money to send to Israel. From then on, Israel and fundraising have always been a focal point in her life.

In 1992, Lynne and Phil moved their young family to Indianapolis in search of a more "Midwest value-oriented life." Phil managed a nutritional products company and Lynne immediately became active in the Jewish community. Through the years Lynne has served on the boards of the JCRC, NCJW, JCC and JFGI where she was also co-campaign chair for two years. Most recently she has served as chair of AIPAC for Central Indiana. Currently, she is co-chair of Endowments for National Women's Philanthropy of UJC.

Since selling the family business in 1996, Phil has been an owner and operator of a variety of business interests and is currently a director of The Sage Group, an investment bank located in Los Angeles, and BrainScope Company, Inc., a neurodiagnostics company based in St. Louis and New York City. The bulk of his nonbusiness life has been focused on two local not-for-profit organizations. He is currently chairman of the Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center, one of the largest treatment centers in the country, serving individuals with bleeding disorders. Phil is also a founder and board member of University High School of Indiana.

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# A Jewish community in Terre Haute

By Ari Kaufman

The proverbial seeds connecting Terre Haute, Ind., to the state of Israel were planted during World War I. After hostilities had cut off Britain's supply of acetone, an ingredient in explosives, Dr. Chaim Weizmann developed a synthetic product for the British Admiralty. One of the major producers of the synthetic acetone was located in Terre Haute.

For Weizmann's war effort, the British government issued the 1917 Balfour Declaration, a basis for creation of the modern nation of Israel more than three decades later. The Vigo County Historical Society claims, "The moneys Weizmann received in royalties for the Terre Haute plant, helped Weizmann in 1948 realize his dream of establishing a state of Israel."

Historically Jews began settling in the Wabash Valley in the 1820s. The first written record of a member of the Terre Haute Jewish community came via the 1827 purchase of land by attorney Samuel Judah. Mr. Judah later became an Indiana legislator, representing the local district and rising to become speaker of the 25th General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

In 1845 David Arnold and others purchased a piece of land at First Street and Eighth Avenue in Terre Haute for a burial ground; thus, the first record of a Jewish community in Terre Haute was the formation of said society. Most of the Jews at that time were German immigrants, a high majority of them working as merchants. They formed Temple Israel, which met in people's houses,

then rented locations, and finally found a permanent location near the downtown area. Temple Israel was one of the first synagogues to affiliate with the new Reform movement.

Rabbi Isaac Mayor Wise, founder of the American Jewish movement, came to Terre Haute in 1858, where he found 33 Jewish families in town. At that time, Rabbi Wise described Terre Haute's Jews as "sober, industrious, intelligent people respected by their neighbors." According to the United Hebrew Congregation's website, "Jewish people opened stores, became professionals, founded numerous Jewish organizations, participated actively in Terre Haute community life and became known for their work ethic and philanthropy."



In the 1890s, a new group of Jews arrived in Terre Haute. These Jews, like those who simultaneously immigrated to New York and the Atlantic seaboard, were from Poland and Russia. Again, these were also mainly merchants. They formed an Orthodox congregation:

B'nai Abraham. They too met in houses and rented facilities until they could build a permanent building. In 1912, Temple Israel raised funds to construct the current building, now located peacefully at 540 S. Sixth St., in Terre Haute.

"The building was unique in that it was built in a Greek or Roman revival style. It included large stained glass windows, in the German style, which were made by a company in Columbus, Ohio, and which are still in the building. The building was remodeled in about 1970, and has remained unchanged since then," Dr. Herschel Chait, president, United Hebrew Congregation recalled.

In mid-1920s, the Orthodox congregation built a new building at the corner of Fifth and Walnut Streets in Terre Haute. That building, though now a senior center, remains today.

"By the mid 1930s, as a result of the depression and the departure of many of their members, the Orthodox congregation could no longer afford their building. A deal was struck whereby the Orthodox and Reform congregations merged," Chait said. "The new congregation took on the debt associated with the Orthodox building."

Ultimately then, in 1934 the two Terre Haute congregations – Temple Israel and Temple B'nai Abraham – merged, creating the United Temple. Later the name changed to United Hebrew Congregation, which stands today. The present congregation is said to be the first completely integrated synagogue of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism in America.

Religious School and Hebrew Schools were provided using both buildings. They also had a Jewish Boy Scout troop, B'nai

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# ISC presents *Israel in Egypt*

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir will present two performances of Handel's *Israel in Egypt*: on Fri., Oct. 24. at 7:30 p.m. at Honeywell Center, Wabash, Ind., and Sat., Oct. 25, at 8:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

*Israel in Egypt* draws its dramatic text from the events of the Exodus from Egypt and Moses' Song at the Sea as depicted in the books of Exodus and Psalms. This oratorio for double mixed chorus will be performed by the 160-voice Indianapolis Symphonic Choir under the direction of Artistic Director Dr. Eric Stark. The piece will be accompanied by the Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra, playing on period instruments.

Leading up to these concerts, Dr. Richard Baker, theologian in residence at Second Presbyterian Church, is presenting a series of discussions studying the scriptural roots of *Israel in Egypt* on Wednesday nights. This program, which continues through October 22, includes discussion from 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the choir room at the church, preceded by an optional dinner (\$5) at 6:00 p.m. The series is free (except for the dinner) and open to the public, and anyone may attend any or all of the discussions.

"Handel wrote *Israel in Egypt* for a religious audience," said Rabbi Faedra Weiss, a member of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir who will be singing in these concerts. "His settings evoke the devastation and terror of the plagues, the hopes and fears of *Yitziat Mitzrayim*, the triumph of *Shirat Hayam*. This piece reminds us why so many of our prayers say *zekher litziat Mitzrayim* -- reminding us of the Exodus from Egypt as a critical event in our sacred history that speaks to us as well today.

"As we read in the Talmud and every year in the Passover haggadah, in every generation we are to regard ourselves as if we personally had been redeemed from slavery in Egypt. *Israel in Egypt* reminds us not only of the redemption that we experienced, but of the oppression and the destruction that brought us to the shores of the Sea. Knowing that history reminds us of our obligation to treat every person with respect and to create a world in which all have food and water, shelter,

and the other necessities of life -- for we were strangers, people without rights, in the land of Egypt."

Other members of the Indianapolis Jewish community who will be participating in this concert include Jeremy Brimm, Cassie Goldstein, Dana Goot, and Irit Mendelsohn.

For further information about *Israel in Egypt* and about the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, please visit [www.indychoir.org](http://www.indychoir.org).

## Glazier

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are used to support camps, the Jewish Student Center at I.U., and other educational and cultural programs. This past year, a disproportionate number of families requested scholarship help in paying camp fees. No child was turned away for lack of funds to pay for camp.

If you can volunteer two hours to make calls, please contact the Indianapolis Lubavitch office at 317-251-5573. They need your help to reach their goal for this year. Calls will take place on Sunday morning, Oct. 5, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Be sure to respond generously.

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# Shapiro to perform Kurt Weill's Concerto for Violin

Larry Shapiro knew early on that he wanted to make his living as a musician. When he chose the violin, his parents asked why. "Because it's the hardest," a young Shapiro responded.

Now, Shapiro smiles and says "after 60 years or more of playing it, I was right. But, I'm starting to get the hang of it."

"Eclectic," "multitalented," and "very busy" all describe

Shapiro's musical career. He has toured as a soloist, performed chamber music, and held various concertmaster positions. He is concertmaster of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, and the orchestra at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Shapiro also teaches violin at Butler University and is in his 44th year as a college professor.

Shapiro has also immersed himself in music and dance. He toured as soloist with the American Ballet Theatre, soloing more than 100 times in most of the major cities in the United States, as well as in Paris, Tokyo, and London. As part of the eclectic musical whole, this experience has been unique to Shapiro.

Shapiro's October includes a performance of Kurt Weill's

Concerto for Violin and Wind Orchestra with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra on Oct. 18 at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. Weill composed the intense, expressionistic piece in 1924. Shapiro describes the piece as a synthesis of several different styles and influences.

"You think you've got a handle on it, and you hear this driving military kind of



Larry Shapiro

snare drum thing, and you think of Stravinsky's *L'histoire du soldat*," he says. "And then there comes an expressionistic moment when you swear that you're hearing Schoenberg. It's a remarkable piece, and I was so glad when Kirk Trevor (music director of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra) asked me to do it."

Shapiro jokes that his hectic schedule will certainly "keep him off the streets," and he flashes a cheerful smile as the conversation winds down. Any additional comments? "Just that it keeps getting better and better," he says.

Sat., Oct. 18, at 8:00 p.m. at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. Tickets - \$25 Adults & \$10 students. For more information about this another Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra performances, go to [www.icomusic.org](http://www.icomusic.org) or call 317-940-9607.

## Forum on hunger

On Sun., Oct. 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation will host the 7th District Candidates Forum on Hunger. The public is invited to hear candidates Rep. Andre Carson (D) and Gabrielle Campo (R) discuss their views on how our government should play its part in ending hunger at home and abroad. The candidates will make opening remarks, and then field questions from the audience. Dr Lewis Galloway, senior pastor of Second Presbyterian Church will moderate the discussions. The forum is sponsored by: Bread for the World, Interfaith Hunger Initiative, RESULTS, Church World Service/IN-KY. Gleaners Food Bank, and WFP Committee of Indiana. For more information, go to [www.BreadIndiana.org](http://www.BreadIndiana.org) or please contact Rev. Larry Lindley, 861-5653, email: [lmlindley@att.net](mailto:lmlindley@att.net).

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# Terre Haute

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Brith Gan Eden Lodge #110, Council of Jewish Juniors, the Temple Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans and Jewish Welfare Fund. This new United Temple made use of both buildings until the 1950s, when the Poplar Street site was given to the city.

The temple's website speaks of the physical building: "In designing Temple Israel, Simon Eisendrath was concerned with creating a sense of light and space within a relatively small space. This was achieved by installing a half-dome skylight over the bima of the sanctuary that casts natural light over the ark and the pulpit. The other three walls contain highly colorful stained glass windows in the Art Nouveau style of the time. The windows on the sides are approximately 15 feet tall. The central windows on the sides depict Abraham and Moses and are bordered with windows presenting abstract floral designs. The barrel structure of the ceiling reinforces the sense of verticality and size in a sanctuary, which seats only about 250 people. The light blues, whites and greens of the walls, ceiling, and carpet set off the dark woods of the doors and ark."

At its height, United Hebrew Congregation had approximately 250 member families and a full-time rabbi. "Over time, the congregation aged, the structure of the retail industry changed and small stores were replaced by large chains, and the children of the merchants became professionals and left Terre Haute," Chait noted.

Currently, United Hebrew Congregation has about 40 member families and is the only synagogue in the Wabash Valley. Almost all members are

## Park Regency services

Norm Sider will lead the Erev Yom Kippur service on Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., in the Kaufman Chapel on the second floor of Park Regency. Ingrid Bellman, a cellist with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, will again play Kol Nidrei. Yizkor services will take place on Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Residents of Morningside who would like to attend these services should inform Activity Director Glenda Dearth of their interest to assure that there will be access to Park Regency and adequate seating in the chapel.

professionals and come from a variety of backgrounds. The last full-time rabbi was Paul Tuchman who left in about 2000.

"Our mission continues to be to provide a Jewish presence and Jewish services to the Wabash Valley," Chait states. "We currently use student rabbis provided by Hebrew Union College, have weekly Shabbat

services, holiday services, adult education, a Jewish cemetery and a religious school."

"I think the fact that we have a temple in Terre Haute is a great thing. There are not that many Jewish students at ISU, and the temple is a great place for these few students to feel connected to their heritage and attend services," Rebecca Kristal, a 4th-year grad student at Indi-

ana State who also worked at the temple for two years as a religious school teacher, said. "I know that if the temple was not here I would have to travel to Indianapolis or Bloomington or Evansville to attend Shabbat or High Holiday Services. The congregants are also really nice. One invites students and other people without a place to celebrate the holidays into her

home for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as Passover dinners."

*A former California school-teacher, Ari Kaufman is a military historian for the Indiana War Memorials Commission. He is also an associate fellow at the Sagamore Institute in Indianapolis and the author of "Reclamation: Saving our Schools Starts from Within," available on Amazon.com.*



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## IHC Holy Day broadcast

In cooperation with WICR-FM (88.7 FM), Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation is broadcasting High Holiday services. Rosh Hashanah services were heard across the state on Sept. 29 and 30. Yom Kippur worship services can be heard on Oct. 8 and 9.

This is the 23rd consecutive year, High Holy Day services at IHC will be available on WICR-FM. The partnership, which began in 1986, enables congregants who are homebound or hospitalized to be part of holy day worship. Last year, the broadcast was streamed over the Internet on WICR's website and reached former Indianapolis residents including a couple now living in Texas and a young man who was working in Africa at the time.

According to Rabbi Jon Adland, "This is an opportunity for people who cannot be physically present to be spiritually present with our community. It also allows non-Jews to experience Jewish worship and the majesty of our holiest season." Mel Polick, IHC member and choir member, says, "Last year when I was ill, it was particularly wonderful to listen and hear the music and prayers I know so well. It is an important service we provide to our members and community."

The schedule of the remaining broadcasts is: Wed., Oct. 8 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. and Thurs., Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Information about other events at IHC can be found at [www.ihcindy.org](http://www.ihcindy.org).

## ISO adds Metropolitan Youth Orchestra to educational offerings

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will operate and manage the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, a youth and family development program serving primarily Marion County students and their families. Originally managed by the Children's Museum of Indianapolis and recently by the Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis, the MYO will continue its mission of providing reduced-tuition music instruction and ensemble experiences under the leadership of artistic director and founder, Betty Perry, and the ISO's education department.

"When I first saw the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra play three years ago, I was astounded by the impact the program had on the lives of those children," said Simon Crookall, president and CEO of the ISO. "Now that the orchestra is a part of the ISO family, we are ready to help with its day-to-day administrative and fundraising needs, and more importantly, strengthen and develop the program so that even more

children can be offered this wonderful opportunity."

Founded in 1995 by Perry, the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra serves more than 125 socially, economically and racially diverse students in grades K-12 from five area schools - Shortridge, IPS School #70, Crispus Attacks, Flanner House and Broad Ripple - and several township schools.

During the 35-week program, discounted music lessons are provided to families by private music instructors, various musicians from the ISO, graduate students from Butler University and Perry herself. Each student has a weekly private lesson, a weekly ensemble experience and an opportunity to perform in three public concerts every year at Madame Walker Theatre.

The MYO becomes part of the ISO's Learning Community, the department which provides educa-

tional opportunities through music to students and communities in Indiana. Through the St. Vincent Family Series concerts, workshops, outreach programs and resources, the Orchestra's Learning Community serves approximately 80,000 students every year. This year, some of the programs students can participate in include the world premiere of Finding the Groove on Oct. 19; the Side-by-Side concert on March 24; and the Young People's Discovery Concerts from April 14-24. Other concerts in the St. Vincent Family Series include You Make the Call on Feb. 22 and Prokofiev's Cinderella on April 26.



## Holocaust Survivor Justice Network Project

Holocaust survivors who worked while living in German-controlled ghettos during World War II may be entitled to a one-time payment of about \$2,800 from the German government. As part of a national movement and with the assistance of Bet Tzedek in Los Angeles, Baker & Daniels

will offer free legal assistance for Indiana residents who are eligible to apply. Indiana's current community partners include the Jewish Community Center, ElderSource, and Baker & Daniels. To find out more, please contact Julie Sondhelm, Community Social Worker at 317-259-6822 ext. 106,

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## Beth-El Sisterhood bakes rounds for the New Year

It's a labor of love by members of the Sisterhood at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Once a year, for weeks on end, round loaves of challah and honey cakes are made for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which was celebrated beginning at sundown on September 29 this year.

Honey was used as the sweetener in biblical times, and for this joyous holiday symbolizes the wish for a sweet year. Honey is used in the making of both the challah and the honey cakes. The first night of Rosh Hashanah, after the traditional blessing of the bread is recited while dipping our challah into honey, apple slices, signifying the fall season, are also dipped in honey while a prayer asking God for a sweet year is recited.

As opposed to the braided loaf of challah, which is generally available at local stores, the round loaf, which represents the circle of life for Rosh Hashanah, is a much harder commodity to find. This is where volunteers from the Beth-El Sisterhood

step up to the plate, or rather the counter, coming together on Sunday mornings in August to start the process, which begins by making the dough.

They use the commercial kitchen at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, which is equipped with the commercial size profession mixers needed to mix the triple recipe batches of dough. Left to rise overnight in the walk-in cooler, a team arrives Monday mornings to continue the process, splitting the large balls of dough (15 balls per weekend) into three portions. Each portion is then rolled into a length that is then wrapped around itself into a round shape. During other times of the year, the same dough, after being rolled out, would be braided into the more familiar loaf. After allowing some time to rise again, the loaves are baked and then packaged for sale to congregation members.

Each dough-making session requires a "dough master" to be present – a person who has the experience and the touch to know how much

flour and moisture is needed, the length of kneading time, and so on. No two batches are exactly the same, due to variables such as the brand of flour, humidity in the air, the size of the eggs, the minute variations in measuring from volunteer to volunteer. That is why the experienced touch of the dough master is needed.

Sue Welcher has been one of the official dough masters at Beth-El Zedeck for 10 years. She is one of several called on to supervise these sessions.

The honey cakes are baked by separate teams of volunteers and are called by those who have partaken in "the world's best honey cakes" – moist and very flavorful. There is one whole orange (yes, including

the rind) incorporated into every cake. Each year the Sisterhood bakes about 150 cakes in three different varieties: regular (with eggs, nuts and raisins); with egg beaters (no eggs, but nuts and raisins); and a version with no nuts (eggs and raisins). These cakes are baked by Sisterhood volunteers under the direction of Mona Mallin. Some years she has pressed her son Josh and her husband Mel into service. The recipe is

from Judy Zimmerman, who gave it to Sisterhood shortly after moving here.

Even those who do not usually like honey cakes have nothing but praise for these delicious symbols of the Jewish New Year.

In addition to being a convenience for congregation members, baking the honey cakes and challah has proven to be an excellent fundraiser as well.



Going round for the New Year. Sue Welcher and Barbara Bohard kneading dough.

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LEONARD & ALICE BERKOWITZ and FAMILY extend Best Wishes for Happiness, Peace, and Prosperity in the New Year to their relatives and friends.

## C

MIRIAM CALDERON and children, STEPHEN CALDERON, DIANE, and JOHN ADAMS and grandchildren, LISA, LORI, DAVID, LESLIE, and MICHAEL wish all a Healthy New Year.

MR. and MRS. STEPHEN B. CAPLIN and STACIA, EDDIE, BRIAN, DEDE, KYLE and ELAINA, and SABINE and FISCHER extend New Year Greetings and Best Wishes to their friends and relatives.

ALAN & LINDSEY, and children, ALLISON, JULIE, AND MEREDITH COHEN extend Best Wishes for Health, Happiness, and Prosperity for the New Year.

The FAMILY of GABRIEL M. COHEN, z"l, extend Best Wishes for a Safe, Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

Happy New Year to our family and friends. JEN, JEFF AND GRACIE and IZZY COHEN.

LARRY & DONA COHEN and FAMILY want to extend

for a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

## H

NORMAN & MAXINE COHEN extend sincere Greetings to relatives and friends for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## E

The family of DR. ROBERT EDESESS, z"l, send Best Wishes and Warmest Thanks to the community for support and comfort during our difficult time. HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL!

## F

DR. & MRS. LARRY FALENDER and JOE & JESSICA extend New Year Greetings to all their relatives and friends and patients for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

## G

ELEANOR GLICKSTEIN extends Greetings to her family and friends for a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

DR. & MRS. JAY L. GROSFELD and FAMILY extend their Prayers for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year to all their relatives and friends.

RABBI AVI & NINA GROSSBAUM AND FAMILY and RABBI MENDEL AND FREIDEL SCHUSTERMAN AND FAMILY of LUBAVITCH of INDIANA send Best Wishes for a Joyous and Inspiring New Year. May all be inscribed for a year of life.

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LAWRENCE & RACHETTA KASEFF, JODIE, and DR. & MRS. BENJAMIN KASEFF and grandson, JONATHAN wish all their relatives and friends a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year.

AL KATZ, LARRY & BEVERLY NEWMAN, MINA & DANNY SHIRAZI, EMILIE & KENNASONDELM, LOUIS & DRENE KATZ extend Best Wishes to relatives and friends for a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

ARI KAUFMAN and FAMILY write: "In this New Year, let us pray for our friends in Israel, and for the international world to properly accept its legitimacy and leave it in peace."

## M

Extending to all relatives and friends a Healthy and Happy New Year. JACK & RUTHIE MESHULAM, HELENE & WALTER ROACH, SHERYL & STEVE ROMER, SUSAN & MOR-

RIS MESHULAM, grandchildren RYAN and ERIC.

MR. and MRS. SUSAN & MARVIN MITCHELL, IRA MITCHELL, LIZ & BILL CANNON, SOPHIE & EMILY CANNON, JENNY & JIMMY GOODMAN, and ELLA ROSE GOODMAN extend Best Wishes and Good Health to all this New Year!

## R

MICHAEL & KIMBERLY, CODY, and GINNY REXROAT would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Wonderful New Year!

MYRA and GREG RILEY extend Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MR. & MRS. LEV RINGO and FAMILY wish to extend Greetings to all their friends and relatives for a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

RIKI and RAPHAEL ROSE write: Happy New Year to all members of the Jewish community. May it be a wonderful year filled with peace, happiness, health, love and well-being for all of us, and all Am yisrael.

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MARILYN SCHANKERMAN and FAMILY wish all their relatives and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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## W

IRENE WEINTRAUB, children JEFFREY, AUDREY, JULIA, and ALAN, and grandchildren LILA, STUART, ANDREW, HANAH, NAOMI and RUBEN LEVENTHAL extend Best Wishes and Good Health to all for the New Year.

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# Bruchim Habaim to Yisrael and Miriam Gettinger

By Matthew J. Silver

To say that Rabbi Yisrael and Miriam Gettinger are teachers is like saying Central Park is a patch of grass in Manhattan. They are literal fountains of learning; they rejuvenated the spirit of Torah education and observance throughout the entire Jewish community in a small town of only 1,800 Jewish people in northern Indiana. Rabbi Gettinger took a small shul, which did not have a daily evening minyan, and developed it into arguably the most active synagogue in the state, successfully achieving minyan twice a day and doubling the congregation to 120 families.

A fire, some suspect was caused by arson, had destroyed the building of the Hebrew Orthodox Congregation of South Bend in 1970, and membership had sunk to 28 families, many elderly, giving a bleak outlook for Orthodoxy in this city. But Jewish determination stepped in, funds were raised, a new synagogue was erected, and in 1974 the South Bend Hebrew Day School opened its doors. Two years later the city hosted a Summer Educational Environmental Development (SEED) program through Torah Umesorah that brought ten rabbinical students to town under Rabbi Gettinger. As a result of this initial contact, the congregation hired Gettinger as their rabbi in 1980.

Smaller congregations like the one in South Bend are often viewed as stepping stones for young rabbis, by the congregations as well as by the rabbis themselves, and neither side expects much to change, nor for the rabbi to stay more than 2-5 years. What changed in this case to make him stay? "Our focus on education," replied Rabbi Gettinger. "The more opportunity [one has] to learn Judaism, the more likely that person will be observant," he noted.

Moving quickly, in 1981 Rabbi Gettinger founded Camp Shalom, the only all-Jewish Day Camp in Indiana at that time, and the next year opened the Kollel Institute of Jewish Studies, teaching Torah to adults, and serving as its dean.

In 1988, with 13 post-high school students, he founded the first ever Rabbinical College in Indiana, the Rabbi Naftali Riff

Yeshiva of South Bend, named for his maternal grandfather. His brother, Rabbi Rephael Moshe Gettinger moved from a similar post in Israel to become dean. The following year, the high school opened with 19 freshman students, and a grade was added each subsequent year.

"The aim of the yeshiva," said the founder, "is to achieve academic excellence in the education of Jewish young men, implanting the sacred values of our faith in their hearts and cultivating within them a true sense of responsibility to the Jewish people." Six years later, enrollment had grown to nearly 80 students for both schools. In 2003, 92% of the 10th graders passed the state's ISTEP Graduation Qualification Exam, the highest percentage in any school the state. Last year 100% passed ISTEP.

Rabbi Gettinger, his deliberate stride, keen wit, and accent intact as befits his New York roots, assumed the pulpit of B'nai Torah in Indianapolis August 1. "I teach class two or three times a day in the synagogue, and that doesn't include my teaching in the yeshiva...my emphasis is on Jewish education and programming," said Rabbi Yisrael Gettinger. "The more education, the more awareness, the more the awareness, the more the desire. That way people know enough to care [about Judaism]."

Yisrael, who grew up on the west side of Manhattan, was born to a long line of rabbis. His father, Emanuel – also an avid proponent of Jewish education – has been the rabbi at Young Israel of the West Side since 1955. Yisrael is eighth generation rabbi on his mother's side, and his rabbi grandfather migrated from Europe during World War I. His wife also descends from a long line of rabbis.

He received his formal education at the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia, and Yeshivas Be'er Yaakov and Brisk, in Israel, and his ordination in 1978 from the renowned Gaon Rabbi Yitzchak Hutner from Yeshiva Chaim Berlin in Brooklyn.

Miriam Gettinger is the new principal of Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapo-



Congregation B'nai Torah's new rabbi, Yisrael Gettinger.



lis (HHAI), having served in that position at the South Bend Hebrew Day School. Her father, Rabbi Berel Wein, is a noted Jewish historian, author, lecturer, and educator who offers a weekly parsha on his website [www.rabbiwein.com](http://www.rabbiwein.com) and maintains a column in the Jerusalem Post.

The engaging Mrs. Gettinger was born in Chicago but moved with her family to Florida and

attended the Hebrew Academy of Greater Miami (HAGM) at age seven. She returned to Chicago and completed her secondary education at the Hannah Sacks High School for Girls. She studied in Israel for a year, graduating from the Beth Jacob Institute, a teacher's seminary, the same year as the Yom Kippur War.

"One time after the war, I was on the no. 12 bus in Jerusalem, I watched an Arab man get on the bus and 50 feet later get off the bus, leaving an orange basket on the seat right next to me. I immediately told the driver – it was two sticks of dynamite set to go off in 15 minutes," said Mrs. Get-

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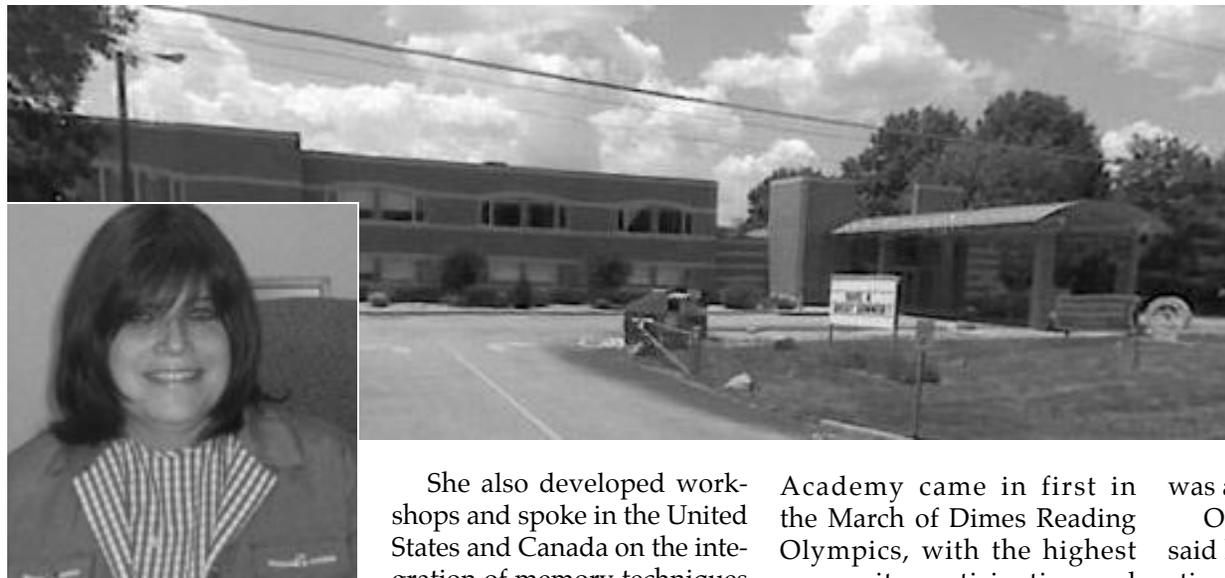


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tinger, "just the amount of time it would take to get to the central bus station." This was a tumultuous time for Israel. She met numerous relatives there, who covered the religious and political spectrum from the most Haredi to the most secular. "The daily issues of life and death are just such a large part of living there," she noted. "I think a part of who I am definitely comes from my experience in Israel."

Returning to New York where her family had relocated, she earned a degree in political science from Touro College, taught high school, married, and moved to South Bend in 1980. "I thought we might be there for two years, so I thought of it as my Peace Corps mission, and then we would return to the enclave of New York. But I learned from my father that it is as important to give as to receive, in the educational setting as well as communally," she said. "And I have learned to reach out and enjoy the diversity of surroundings that are very different from those of my upbringing." Initially, she taught in the South Bend Hebrew Day School, but most



Hasten Hebrew Academy's new principal, Miriam Gettinger.

of her experience was teaching teenagers and adults. When the search committee for a new principal for the day school came up empty handed, she was asked to try it for a year. She served as principal for 22 years.

In 1998, with her husband she helped establish the Bais Yakov of Indiana, a high school for girls from families who wanted their daughters to receive a Jewish education beyond the day school, and she served as principal. "The only criterion for admission was that the students wanted to be there," added Mrs. Gettinger.

She also developed workshops and spoke in the United States and Canada on the integration of memory techniques as they impact instruction, both in the Judaic and general studies curriculum. "Personal responsibility is the key concept that must be implanted in our students. I just spoke with some younger students, telling them that even if they are not in the presence of an adult, if what they are about to do or say would not make their parent, teacher, or principal proud of them, then they should reconsider doing it," said Mrs. Gettinger.

The HHAI was founded in 1971 and has a long history of providing quality education to students from early education through the eighth grade. As long ago as 1984, of 100 central Indiana schools, the Hebrew

Academy came in first in the March of Dimes Reading Olympics, with the highest per capita participation and money raised. While not a major competition, the award indicates a strong commitment to high standards on the part of the school as well as on the part of the families. More recently, the Academy has had 100% pass rates on the state's standardized ISTEP tests.

Hart Hasten, cofounder of HHAI along with his brother, Mark, said Indianapolis is becoming more Yiddishkeit than ever. He has known Rabbi Gettinger for 20 years and describes him as a very learned man, a Talmudist and a scholar, very articulate and sophisticated. "He gives some of the best sermons I have heard anywhere in recent years," said Hasten. "It is a *mechayeh* (great pleasure) to listen to him. We are very fortunate it happened this way – the shul needed a rabbi, and the academy needed a principal, and they live in the same house, and they are between the school and the shul." Mr. Hasten, also a friend of Mrs. Gettinger's father, has invited Rabbi Wein to speak at the annual Hanukkah dinner at the academy this year.

Dr. Elliot Bartky moved his family from South Bend to Indianapolis because of the Gettinger's strong focus on education. "Of my four children, my youngest is a 16-year-old son with Downs Syndrome. They [the Gettinger's] assured me they would mainstream him, and they have done that. He reads Hebrew perfectly," exclaimed Bartky, who now commutes from Indianapolis to teach at Notre Dame and IUPUI Fort Wayne. "They are able to combine the best of the Jewish and secular worlds," he added.

B'nai Torah member Rick Bentley was seated at the same table as Mrs. Gettinger at HHAI's graduation dinner a few months ago and re-

membered she seemed rather quiet during the meal. When she got up and spoke to those assembled, Bentley realized she was probably thinking about her talk. "She gave a most eloquent speech, without notes, of the essence of a Jewish education, quoting Biblical verses and tying it to the Torah reading of the week," he said. "It

was absolutely amazing."

Of Rabbi Gettinger, Bentley said he is very refreshing and stimulating. "At the weekday service he teaches the Mishnah, and if you have a question, he recites a Biblical verse as part of the answer. He can be serious as well as humorous, but he is always perceptive."

Michael Aronson, the local mohel, 50 years in Indianapolis, is very excited about Rabbi Gettinger coming here, calling him knowledgeable, charismatic, and energetic. "He has jumped into many aspects of the community with both feet and has become very involved," said Aronson. "He has a strong commitment to Kashrus, and his sermons are enlightening. I look forward to hearing them."

Rabbi Gettinger is no stranger to Indianapolis. He has many friends here, has spoken before at B'nai Torah, and has participated in many celebrations in Indianapolis as well. "With this size Jewish community, it behooves [us] to have a Jewish parochial school beyond the eighth grade, for the benefit of the children, primarily, and for the benefit of the community as a whole. Having a yeshiva makes the Jewish community more attractive. We have to make sure the sacred tradition continues," he said.

Mrs. Gettinger: "The Hasten Academy is an educational and architectural model of the Hebrew Academy of Greater Miami. My roots in that sense are tied to Indianapolis," she said, smiling broadly.

The Gettingers are becoming legends of education, in the tradition of their forebears.

They have four children and seven grandchildren. All three sons and their son-in-law, not surprisingly, are headed for the rabbinate.

Welcome, indeed, Gettingers.

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