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Happy 60th Birthday Israel!



Photos **Top Row**- Kids enjoyed the moon walk and obstacle course; Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels; Rikki Rose; brothers, Jerry and Phil Lande. **Second Row**- George Kelley, youth and school administrator at Beth-El Zedeck; Janie Maurer, chair for the Israel at 60 events with Rob Reiner and Brad Bell, JFGI president; Michele Boukai, JFGI's donor relations manager, and Debra Winger. **Third Row**- Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard; photographer, Scott Romer. **Bottom Row**- Rabbi Nosson Schuman and his daughter; four children enjoyed looking for and finding locations in Israel that George Kelley called out to them; Elaine Fox; Larry Rothenberg modeling the T-shirts produced by his Sunday School class. See story on page IN 8. Photos by Jennie Cohen.



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Yom HaShoah



The Yom HaShoah event at the Indiana Statehouse was one of three major observances in central Indiana. Isaiah Kuperstein was the keynote speaker for the Indiana Holocaust Memorial at the statehouse. Todd Maurer spoke on behalf of the JCRC.

37th Annual HAI-Life Awards Dinner to Honor Dr. Jack and Mrs. Sally Cotlar



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Community Events

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Splash! On Sun., May 18, JCC's funtastic water park opens for the summer.

Hadassah Luncheon

Annual Hadassah Donor luncheon will be held Sun., May 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Broadmoor Country Club and 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 to the Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah at 566-9870. Luncheon \$30/person.

Dessert & Wine with Ruth Messinger

JFGI's Young Leadership division and the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving invite you to dessert and wine with Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service, an international development organization. Sun., May 18, 7 to 9 p.m. at The Melting Pot, 5650 E. 86th St. Cost \$18 (tax deductible). RSVP online at www.jfghi.org.

JCC Business Network

Join us on Wed., May 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for our next meeting - a great opportunity to network. You have three minutes to tell everyone about yourself and your business. Build relationships, build business, have fun! Bring plenty of business cards. Tell us who your ideal customer would be and what those sitting around the room can do to contribute to your success.

The meeting is free. Dinner is \$10, payable at the meeting. Meal will include salad and baguettes, sandwich (salmon, tuna, or veg), dessert, water and coffee. RSVP for meeting and meal to Larry Rothenberg at lrothenberg@jccindy.org or at 251-9467 ext 233.

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 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

HAI Lag B'Omer and Graduation

Hasten Hebrew Academy 8th grade graduation, May 29 at HAI. For more information, call 317-251-1261. Lag B'Omer picnic at Lienert,s Gym Camp 1010 W. 64th St., May 23. For more information call 251-1261.

The White Elephant Sale at Shaarey Tefilla

Everything is for sale but the animal itself, Sun., June 1, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clothes, housewares, furniture, tools, bikes, camping gear, antiques - priced to sell. Includes new handmade items: artwork, jewelry, crafts. Snacks sold after 11. 3085 West 116th street in Carmel, next to University High School.

HAI Awards Dinner

The 2008 Hasten Hebrew Academy HAI-Life Awards Dinner will be held Sun., June 1, 5:00 p.m., 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, contact Marcy Ekhaus at 251-1261.

BJE annual meeting

The 97th annual meeting of the Bureau of Jewish Education is June 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the BJE Domont Auditorium located at 6711 Hoover Road. It will include the election and installation of board members and officers. Reception immediately following meeting.

Lubavitch sponsors Lag B'Omer at JCC

Join the fun. On Thurs., May 22, at 5:30 p.m., Lubavitch of Indiana will sponsor a picnic at the Sablowsky Pavilion behind the JCC. Adults \$12/ Children under 10 are \$6. RSVP at 251-5573 or at events@lubavitchindiana.com.

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Events

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JCC's Annual Golf Tournament

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 would not otherwise be able to benefit from the activities at the JCC. One of JCC's primary fundraisers, this event supports JCC's commitment to keep our doors open to everyone. For more information, 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.

JCC annual meeting

JCC's annual meeting will be Mon., June 16, at 7 p.m. in the Laikin Auditorium. It is in celebration of the JCC's 50-Year Anniversary on Hoover Rd. The living presidents from the past 50 years will be honored and a booklet recapping the JCC's history at this address (though the JCC is more than 90 years old overall) will be distributed to all attendees.

JFGI annual meeting

JFGI's annual meeting is June 19, 7 p.m. in the Laikin Auditorium of the JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd..

Ellef Symphony by Avner Dorman given U.S. Premiere with ISO

On June 6 and 7, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Asher Fisch, will present the U.S. Premiere of the acclaimed Ellef Symphony written by prominent Israeli composer, Avner Dorman.

Avner Dorman composed his Ellef Symphony when he was only 25 for the Young-Euro-Classical Festival in Berlin in 2000. Ellef means "one thousand" in Hebrew and was written in honor of the year 2000.

The symphony was first performed by the Young Israel Philharmonic on August 13, 2000 at the Schauspielhaus in Berlin. The piece went on to win ACUM's Golden Feather Award in 2001, and was one of three pieces for which the composer received Israel's prestigious Prime Minister's Award in 2000.

The piece's first three parts are inspired by Jewish poetry of the second millennium (1000-2000), each concerned with a

different aspect of war. The fourth movement represents the third millennium and the composer's aspirations that the poetry of the third millennium will not have to deal with wars. The movements are based on works by Shmuel ha-Nagid (993-1056), Haim Nachman Bialik (1873-1934) Israel's National Poet, and the young Israeli poet Yuval Rappaport. (b. 1975).

Praised as a "fresh, young voice, worth following" (*Gramophone Magazine*), Avner Dorman has quickly risen to become one of Israel's most successful and renowned composers. At the age of 25, he became the youngest composer to win Israel's prestigious Prime Minister's Award for his Ellef Symphony, and that same year he was awarded the Golden Feather Award from ACUM (the Israeli Society of Composers and Publishers). Since coming to the United States, Dorman received several international awards from ASCAP, ACUM, and the Asian Composers League.

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Israel Bonds dinner

2008 Israel Bonds dinner is scheduled for Sept 7 at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. Lynne and Phil Himelstein will be honored.

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BY CHARLES EPSTEIN

The Indianapolis Opera had one of its best productions with Jacques (nee Jakob) Offenbach's opera *The Tales of Hoffman*. Everyone connected with this production deserves huge praise.

The large cast included some very talented performers, some singing more than one role. Most impressive was Arthur Woodley, portraying four different menacing villains. His strong and threatening voice made for wonderful characterization. He was the Councillor Lindorf in both the Prolog and the Epilog. In Act 1, he was Coppelius, the eye maker for a strange doll, which I shall discuss later. Act II presented him as the evil magician Dappertutto. Act III had him as the diabolical Dr. Miracle. This was a remarkable performance by the talented Mr. Woodley.

Also playing multiple roles was Mark Gilgallon, the man with the rich baritone voice. His inn keeper in the Prolog was overshadowed by his profound performance as Crespel, the father of Antonia, in the third act. Douglas Perry had a busy time of it playing the comic roles throughout: that of a servant in the Prolog followed by the gregarious inventor, Spalanzani, in Act I. Next in Act II, he was the deformed Pittichinaccio. And in Act III, he was the delightful servant, Franz, who had some very funny bits. A very busy man was Douglas Perry, entertaining constantly.

As to the females, the hit of the performance was Rachele Gilmore, as Olympia, in the first act. Her characterization of a mechanical doll was enchanting. Jane Dutton was

1st annual Indianapolis kids triathlon

For Competitive and Non-competitive Athletes Ages 7-14

The JCC of Indianapolis invites your children to participate in the first annual Indianapolis Kids Triathlon on Sun., June 29, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Following the event, the JCC's water park will be open to all athletes and their families for a "family fun day" with music and food in addition to the water park's attractions.

For more than 90 years, the

JCC of Indianapolis has been inspiring members of the Indianapolis community to live healthy, fulfilling lives. The Indianapolis Kids Triathlon introduces children to a sport - swimming, running, cycling or triathlon competitions - and gives them tools to remain active for the rest of their lives.

This effort is consistent with the JCC's mission and is a response to the national concerns regarding childhood obesity, lack of physical activity

and poor eating habits among today's youth.

The sport of triathlon has grown exponentially over the past 10 years. These week-end events regularly attract 500-2,000 participants of all levels, from amateur athletes to professional triathletes. The popularity of the sport is now reaching America's youth.

All entrants will receive a packet, t-shirt, swim cap and goodies from race sponsors on
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impressive as the courtesan, Giulietta, in Act II. Antonia, the songstress in Act III, was Laura Z. Pederson. The pants role in this opera belonged to Kirsten Gunlogson as Nicklaus, Hoffman's companion and protector.

But the magic glue which held this show together was Gran Wilson, whose Hoffman was in all five scenes. This strenuous role requires a voice that is not only versatile but powerful as well. Mr. Wilson was magnificent in the title role.

I marveled at the direction of Joshua Major, except for the static third act. He achieved a

stupendous production and held the gesturing cast in tow. I have never seen so many entrances and exits on a stage before, especially a slanted stage. Set designer Peter Dean Bock is credited with the unusual feat. Chorus master John Schmid did a masterful job in corralling the huge chorus into one tremendous voice.

James Caraher conducted the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra superbly. *The Tales of Hoffman* was composed Jacques Offenbach. The libretto was by Jules Barber and Michael Carre based on stories by E. T. A. Hoffman.

Next season holds exciting promise as the Indianapolis Opera offers Verdi's *Il Trovatore* followed by Humperdink's *Hansel and Gretel* with Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera *The Pirates of Penzance* next. However, there is a special added production of Richard Wagner's *Das Rheingold* in concert in May.

Executive director John C. Dickett views next season as Gypsies, Witches, and Pirates, Oh my! I assume the "Oh my!" is for the Wagner verk. For more information about Indianapolis Opera productions, go to www.indyopera.org or call 317-283-3531.



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Obituaries



Fay Dorfman, 93

Fay Dorfman, of Indianapolis, died on May 1, 2008. She was born on April 8, 1915 in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of Zelig and Beckie Kaplan.

Fay was a graduate of Columbia University Teachers College, where she received a BS in education and of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City where she was awarded the bachelors degree in Jewish Pedagogy. After moving to Indianapolis 41 years ago with her husband, Jules, who preceded her in death, Fay taught Hebrew and Jewish Studies at the Jewish Education Association, now known as the Bureau of Jewish Education.

She was an active member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, served on the board of its Sisterhood and coordinated the synagogue's Sunday School program for several years. Fay was also involved with numerous programs and activities at

the Jewish Community Center. She was also a long-time member of Hadassah.

Fay is survived by her son, Stuart of Atlanta, Ga.; daughter, Deborah Demers, son-in-law, Kenneth Demers and granddaughter, Rebecca Demers, all of West Hartford, Conn.; and sister, Mildred Kay of Syracuse, N.Y. Funeral services were held at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on Mon., May 5, 2008. Burial followed in the Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery North.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jules Dorfman Cultural Arts Jewish Education Fund at the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis, 6701 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260; the Torah Fund for the Jewish Theological Seminary, c/o Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Sisterhood, 600 West 70th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260; or to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Sisterhood at the previous address. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at armortuary.com.

Frank Rosen, 81

Frank Rosen, of Indianapolis, died May 6, 2008. Mr. Rosen was a World War II Army veteran. He graduated from the

University of Cincinnati and began his career as a chemical engineer. For the last 30 years, he worked as a construction project manager for several companies.

Mr. Rosen was an active member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, where he served on the Board of Directors and was a long-time member of its choir. He also spent many years volunteering and was involved with the JCC of Indianapolis. Frank was also a member of Jewish War Veterans.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine Weissman Rosen; three children, Judi Chambers of Carmel, Bruce (Rachel) Rosen of Westfield, and Larry (Deb) Rosen of Indianapolis; his granddaughter, Audrey Chambers and his brother, Jack (Rachael) Rosen of Cincinnati.

Funeral services were held on Fri., May 9, 2008 in Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary; burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Beth-El Zedeck or to St. Vincent Hospice. Online condolences may be made to armortuary.com.

Abraham Ekhaus, 86

Abraham Ekhaus, of Indianapolis, died at St. Vincent

Hospice on May 4, 2008. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Joseph and Bertha Ekhaus.

Abraham proudly served his country as a parachute packer in the U.S. Army during WWII. He worked in Brooklyn and Long Island as an auto upholsterer for 30 years until 1975 when he moved to Los Angeles. There he became a printing estimator for Litton Industries, retiring in 1987. Abraham then moved to Indianapolis to be near his family.

He leaves behind his loving family, wife of 66 years, Estelle Backer Ekhaus; sons, Ivan (Marcy) Ekhaus of Indianapolis and Joel (Margaret) Ekhaus of Lexington Park, Md.; grandchildren, Benjamin (Inna), Miriam, Daniel and Sam; and great grandson, Simon.

Services were held on Wed., May 7, 2008 at the Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Burial followed in B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Rotary Club of Indianapolis Northeast. Online condolences may be submitted at armortuary.com.

Anne Borinstein-McGarvey, 91

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Broadmoor Country Club and volunteered at Hooverwood Nursing Home for 25 years. Anne was the widow of the late Wilfred R. Borinstein and Eugene McGarvey. Anne is survived by her daughter, Missy Pierce; sister, Gloria Wall; and many cousins in Wisconsin and relatives in California.

Graveside services were held May 6, 2008 in the Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery South. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Guild, Hooverwood Nursing Home or to a favorite charity. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at arnmortuary.com.

Indianapolis, died May 2, 2008. She was born in St. Petersburg, Fl., and attended high school and college there.

She was a member of

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Triathlon

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race day. Food and water will be available throughout the event. Every kid's a winner in this race—all participants will receive a medal and prizes will be awarded to the winners for males and females for each age within each division. A free prerace clinic will be offered at the Arthur M. Glick JCC on Sat., June 28, 3 – 4 p.m.

The JCC's partner for the Indianapolis Kids Triathlon is Circle City Multi-Sport Club (CCMS), Indy's exclusive triathlon club. CCMS is a non-profit organization, sanctioned by United States Association of Triathlon (USAT), the governing body for most triathlons

that take place in the United States. For more information, go to www.usatriathlon.org.

Kids Triathlon: Sun., June 29, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., family fun day at the JCC's water park follows the race, at Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Road, Indianapolis. Cost: \$22 / JCC members and \$27 / nonmembers. Race day cost: \$30 / JCC members and \$35 / nonmembers. A waiting list will be maintained after the first 400 registrants. Registration: Online at www.active.com or at a membership desk at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Road, Indianapolis

If you can make a little box with the following information – great!

JCC Kids Triathlon Race Format

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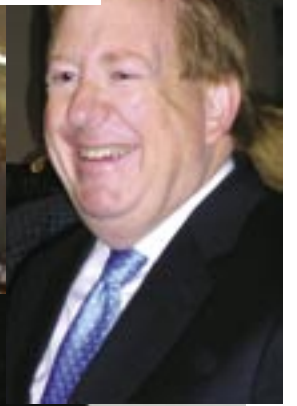
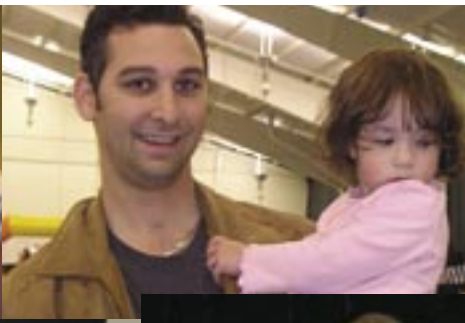
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Local community celebrates Israel's 60th at the JCC

On Sun., May 4, the crowds came out and celebrated. The event sponsored by JFGI and JCC featured everything from Camel rides to a moon walk and obstacle course, an art exhibit and sale, a giant floor-size map of Israel, performances by Israeli dancers, jugglers, a magician, good food and more.

Mayors Brainard and Ballard, Governor Daniels, Attorney General Steve Carter, Brad Bell, and celebrities Rob Reiner and Debra Winger all spoke in praise of Israel in the Laikin Auditorium from about 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Janie Maurer, chairperson for all of the Israel at 60 events, did a superb job of directing this celebration of the 60th birthday of the State of Israel on Sun., May 4, 2008. She said the success is attributed to the wonderful work of the many volunteers and key people, including Margo Fox and Marcia Goldstone, George Kelley, Marsha Goldstein, and David Waldman. She also credits her committee of Penni Brodey, Jill Burnett, Claudette Einhorn, Marcia Fisch, Lindsey Geller, Rosalie Gussow, Susie Jacobs, Barb Leventhal, Linda Maurer, Megan Maurer, Moriah Nof,



Bonnie Prystowsky, Laura Rich, and Mary Smith.

The planning for all the Israel at 60 events started 16 months ago. The reason for the variety of different activities offered on that day is that the committee wanted there to be something for all ages and not simply for very young children, older children or adults.

Maurer was amazed at the large turnout for the event. It was much greater than expected and included all ages from infants to elders in their

90s. Her committee had told the chefs to cook for 500, and approximately four times that many people showed up. She was touched by the fact that no one complained about long lines caused by the large attendance.

The speeches in support and praise of Israel were uplifting, and the governor and mayors were honored to be invited and allowed to express their

thoughts. Maurer was especially pleased how everyone in Indianapolis from all the different synagogues and organizations worked together to make this a successful event.

Photos (clockwise): Omid Rastegar and his wife Jennifer, son Asher, daughter Stella; Stuart Salawitch; Jeff and Kenna Sondhelm; Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard; Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter; Dennis and Sandy Sasso's grandson, Ari Joseph Herold.

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Dorman's unique approach to rhythm and timbre has attracted some of the world's leading conductors, including Zubin Mehta, Asher Fisch, and Simone Young to bring his music to audiences of the Israel Philharmonic, the Munich Philharmonic, Nashville Symphony, and the Hamburg Philharmonic, among others.



The Romantic Hero –

Harold in Italy



Asher Fisch
Israeli Opera Music Director



Michael Isaac Strauss
ISO Principal Viola



Avner Dorman
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Harold in Italy has its origins in the globetrotting stanzas of Lord Byron; ISO Principal Viola Michael Isaac Strauss leads the journey. Earlier on the program, Israeli composer Avner Dorman's *Ellef (Millenium) Symphony* makes its US premiere. The work combines three parts based on Jewish war poetry with a fourth envisioning a peaceful future. Israeli Opera Music Director Asher Fisch conducts.

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Asher Fisch, Conductor | Michael Isaac Strauss, Viola (ISO Principal)
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Join Fisch, Strauss and Dorman for a discussion of the program and Israeli and Jewish-American musical life at the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center, 6701 Hoover Road. This program, free and open to the public, is part of the JCC's celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Israel.



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