

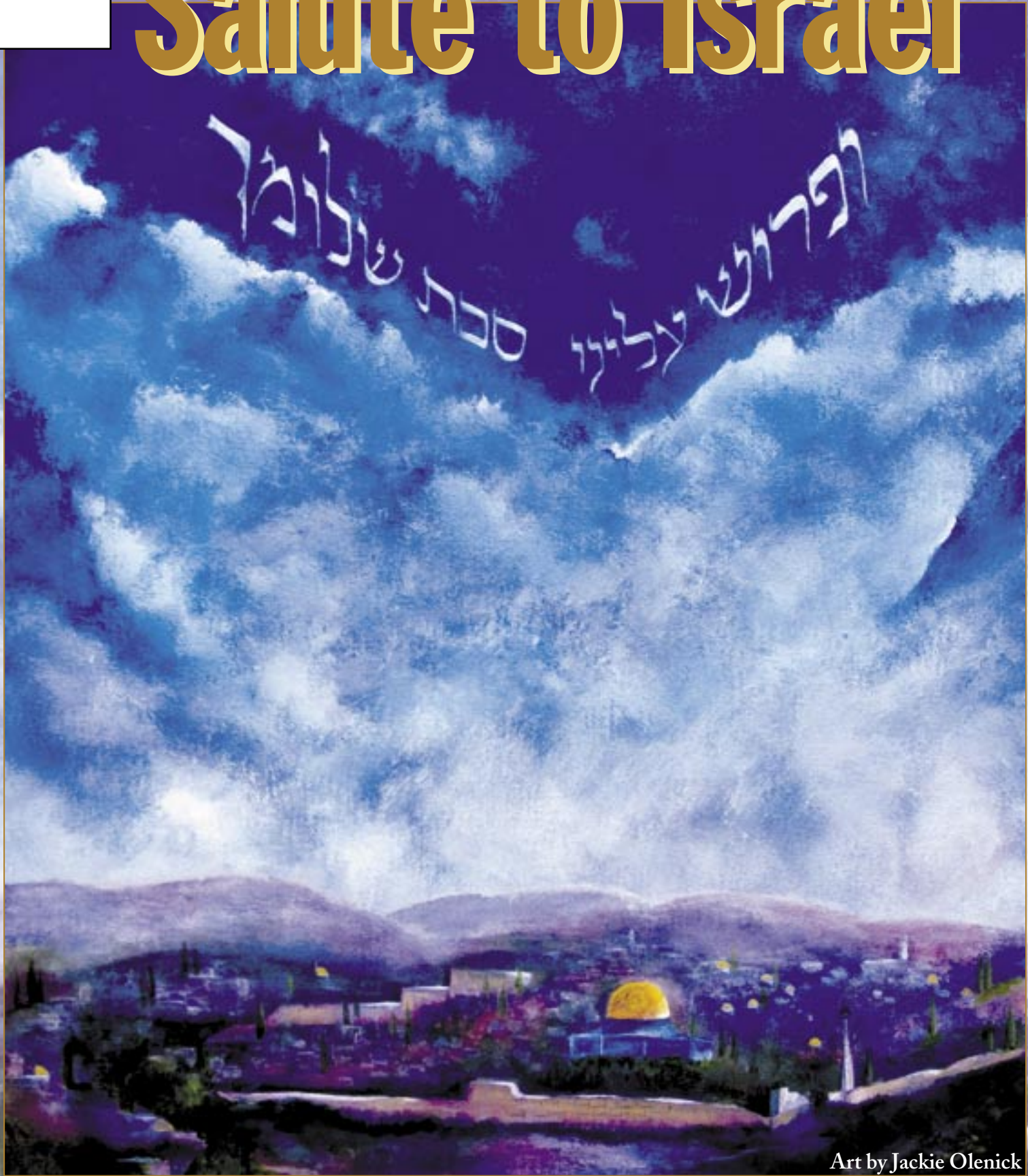
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Salute to Israel



Art by Jackie Olenick

Congratulations HHAJ Graduates

The 8th graders from Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis will graduate on Thurs., May 29 at 7:00 in the Cultural Arts Center at the Hasten Hebrew Academy. The students will also be recognized at the HAI-Life Awards Dinner to be held in the Laikin Auditorium of the Arthur M. Glick JCC.

Graduates are (standing l to r) Neeli Rhodes, Ariel Humphrey, Talia Berday-Sacks, Rebecca Nisenbaum, Ben Stoller, Noam Rose, Rachel Fogel, Chaya Tabas. Seated (l to r) are Federico Artaza, Leeza Kolesnikov, Marty Weiss, Talia Avisror, Cal Shere. *Photo by Stacey Stufflebeam.*



Penny Count

The students at Hasten Hebrew Academy have been working to collect six million pennies. In early May, their penny count was \$9,225.54. So save your pennies over the summer and donate in the fall when school opens again.

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A four week visit to Israel



Mike and Sylvia Blain in Israel celebrating Mike's 80th birthday with some of their grandchildren. Refer to story on page NAT 7. Photos submitted by Mike Blain.



Former Hasten Hebrew Academy teachers with Sylvia Blain: (l to r) Tanchum Raybi, Shumel Atsmi, Hadassah Atsmi, Sylvia Blain, and Rachel Raybi. Refer to story on page NAT 7. Photos submitted by Mike Blain.

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Celebrating Israel at 60

By Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard

Indianapolis celebrated Israel's 60th birthday at the JCC on May 4. Many local politicians participated. This is the speech given that day by Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard. For more speeches see page NAT 7.

It truly is a great occasion for which we are gathered here today. For months now, I have spoken to groups throughout the city, the state and in other places across the country, about what a diverse community of citizens we have here in Indianapolis.

Cultures from all corners of the world call Indianapolis home and the Jewish community is certainly no different.

Indianapolis is home to more than 10,000 Jewish people, making us the city with the largest Jewish popu-

lation in the state. We are so proud of the heritage that the Jewish people have brought to Indianapolis and we embrace the efforts to integrate your history and culture into our neighborhoods and communities.

Places like the Jewish Foundation, the Jewish Community Center, Hooverwood Jewish home, the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Hasten Hebrew Academy make the Jewish community of Indianapolis a strong force in building a global city.

I am honored to be mayor of a city that welcomes and

supports the efforts of our diverse communities. President Bell and the entire staff and supporters of the Jewish Federation of Indianapolis deserve great credit for your efforts to build a strong community right here.

When it comes right down to it, we all are here to reach a common goal and that is to make Indianapolis a greater place to live for this and for future generations. No matter race or religion – building great communities, strengthening education and caring for our neighbors is key to our bright future,

and my administration, the city of Indianapolis and all of our neighbors are here to work together to support this common goal.

So as we gather here this morning to celebrate the 60 years since the founding of Israel and the effects that has had on the Jewish community and the entire globe, I am honored to present to you this proclamation on behalf of the city of Indianapolis.

BJE Board Members for the 2008–2009 School Year

The following list includes the new BJE Board of Directors: Valerie Weesner, president; Daniel Kahn, vice president; Dana Renay-Lopes, vice president; Linda Falender, vice president; William Cannon, treasurer; Cindie Harp, secretary; Gerald Lande, immediate past president; Ora Leivant, executive director. Members at large: Jerry Ancel, Dianna Balanoff, Michael Blain, Miriam Dant, Linda Dunn, Elaine Edmands, Ron Frankovitz, Andie Friedman, Benjamin Goldfarb, Lawrence Greenwald, Marquis Hodes, Zachary Hodes, Dwayne Isaacs, Marlene Jacobs, Donald Katz, Beth Klapper, Phillip Lande, Sandy Malinzak, Benton Marks, Janie Maurer, Evan Morris, Jane Morrison, Michael Papo, Rabbi Jon Adland, Rabbi Arnold Bienstock, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Rabbi Sandy Sasso, Rabbi Lewis Weiss, Lawrence Reuben, Brandon Roger, Janice Roger, Marilyn Roger, Mark Roger, Karen Rothbaum, Robert Rothchild, Marla Rubenstein, Greg Schahet, Mary Smith, Bob Stoner, Eileen Vandroff, N. Bill Weinstein, Zev Winicur, Cynthia Yosha-Snyder, and Mark Zuckerberg.

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This summer's presenters include:

July 23: Choosing a Presi-

dent, Crowning a King, Norman Sider

August 6: The November Elections and the Implications for Israel and the Middle East, Pierre Atlas

August 20: Re-Thinking Synagogues, Rabbi Aaron Spiegel

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Shavuot

The month of Iyar, a reflection on the omer

During the month of Iyar, each evening we say a blessing for the counting of the omer, which is a measure of grain. This counting begins at the end of the second seder (Passover) and continues for 50 days until Shavuot, the holiday that commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people.

In the spirit of this month, we typically think of the many things that we count and number. Do we focus on material wealth – the amount of money that we make, the number and type of possessions we acquire? Do we focus on spiritual wealth – the number of good deeds we do in a day, a week, a month, a year? What is the effect of the numbering accounting? Is there a way to live without the necessity of keeping score? Or is there, perhaps, a value in numbering and counting things? Does this help us create balance in our lives?

This reflection was reprinted from "The Covenant of the Soul," published by the Women of Reform Judaism and the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The Counting of the Omer

The counting of the omer begins with a blessing and ends with the actual counting. Following is the blessing and the count (in Hebrew and English).

BA-RUCH A-TAH ADO-NAI E-LO-HE-NU ME-LECH HA-OLAM ASHER KID-E-SHA-NU BE-MITZ-VO-TAV VETZI-VA-NU AL SEFI-RAT HA-OMER.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the counting of the Omer.

1. **Ha-yom yom e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is one day of the Omer.
2. **Ha-yom sh'nay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is two days of the Omer.
3. **Ha-yom sh'losa yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is three days of the Omer.
4. **Ha-yom arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is four days of the Omer.
5. **Ha-yom chami-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is five days of the Omer.
6. **Ha-yom shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is six days of the Omer.
7. **Ha-yom shiv-a yamim, shehaym shavu-a e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is seven days, which are one week of the Omer.
8. **Ha-yom sh'mona yamim, shehaym shavu-a e-chad v'yom e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is eight days, which are one week and one day of the Omer.
9. **Ha-yom tish-a yamim, shehaym shavu-a e-chad ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is nine days, which are one week and two days of the Omer.
10. **Ha-yom asara yamim, shehaym shavu-a echad ushlosa yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)**

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11. **Ha-yom achad asar yom, shehaym shavu-a echad v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is eleven days, which are one week and four days of the Omer.

12. **Ha-yom sh'naym asar yom, shehaym shavu-a echad vachami-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twelve days, which are one week and five days of the Omer.

13. **Ha-yom sh'losa asar yom, shehaym shavu-a echad v'shisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirteen days, which are one week and six days of the Omer.

14. **Ha-yom arba-a asar yom, shehaym sh'naym shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is fourteen days, which are two weeks of the Omer.

15. **Ha-yom chami-sha asar yom, shehaym sh'naym shavuot v'yom echad ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is fifteen days, which are two weeks and one day of the Omer.

16. **Ha-yom shi-sha asar yom, shehaym sh'naym shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is sixteen days, which are two weeks and two days of the Omer.

17. **Ha-yom shiva asar yom, shehaym sh'naym shavuot ushlosa yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is seventeen days, which are two weeks and three days of the Omer.

18. **Ha-yom shemonah asar yom, shehaym sh'naym shavuot v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is eighteen days, which are two weeks and four days of the Omer.

19. **Ha-yom tisha asar yom, shehaym sh'naym shavuot va'chamisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is nineteen days, which are two weeks and five days of the Omer.

20. **Ha-yom esrim yom, shehaym sh'naym shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty days, which are two weeks and six days of the Omer.

21. **Hayom e-chad v'esrim yom, shehaym shlosa shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-one days, which are three weeks of the Omer.

22. **Ha-yom sh'nayim v'esrim yom, shehaym shlosa shavuot v'yom echad ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-two days, which are three weeks and one day of the Omer.

23. **Ha-yom sh'losa v'esrim yom, shehaym shlosa shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-three days, which are three weeks and two days of the Omer.

24. **Ha-yom arba-a v'esrim yom, shehaym shlosa shavuot u'shelosha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-four days, which are three weeks and three days of the Omer.

25. **Ha-yom chami-sha v'esrim yom, shehaym shlosa shavuot v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-five days, which are three weeks and four days of the Omer.

26. **Ha-yom shi-sha v'esrim yom, shehaym shlosa shavuot va'chamisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-six days, which are three weeks and five days of the Omer.

27. **Ha-yom shiva v'esrim yom, shehaym shlosa shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-seven days, which are three weeks and six days of the Omer.

28. **Ha-yom shemonah v'esrim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-eight days, which are four weeks of the Omer.

29. **Ha-yom tisha v'esrim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot v'yom e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is twenty-nine days, which are four weeks and one day of the Omer.

30. **Ha-yom shloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty days, which are four weeks and two days of the Omer.

31. **Hayom e-chad u'sheloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot u'shelosha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty-one days, which are four weeks and three days of the Omer.

32. **Ha-yom sh'nayim u'sheloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty-two days, which are four weeks and four days of the Omer.

33. **Ha-yom sh'losa u'sheloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot vachamisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty-three days, which are four weeks and five days of the Omer. (Lag Ba'Omer)

34. **Ha-yom arba-a u'sheloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty-four days, which are four weeks and six days of the Omer.

35. **Ha-yom chami-sha u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty-five days, which are five weeks of the Omer.

36. **Ha-yom shi-sha u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot v'yom echad ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty-six days, which are five weeks and one day of the Omer.

37. **Ha-yom shiva u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty-seven days, which are five weeks and two days of the Omer.

38. **Ha-yom shemonah u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot u'shelosha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is thirty-eight days, which are five weeks and three days of the Omer.

39. **Ha-yom tisha u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha**

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40. **Ha-yom arba-im yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot va'chamisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty days, which are five weeks and five days of the Omer.

41. **Hayom e-chad v'arbaim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-one days, which are five weeks and six days of the Omer.

42. **Ha-yom sh'nayim v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-two days, which are six weeks of the Omer.

43. **Ha-yom sh'losa v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot v'yom e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-three days, which are six weeks and one day of the Omer.

44. **Ha-yom arba-a v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-four days, which are six weeks and two days of the Omer.

45. **Ha-yom chami-sha v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot u'shelosha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-five days, which are six weeks and three days of the Omer.

46. **Ha-yom shi-sha v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-six days, which are six weeks and four days of the Omer.

47. **Ha-yom shiva v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot va'chami-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-seven days, which are six weeks and five days of the Omer.

48. **Ha-yom shemonah v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-eight days, which are six weeks and six days of the Omer.

49. **Ha-yom tisha v'arbaim yom, shehaym shiv-a shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)** Today is forty-nine days, which are seven weeks of the Omer.

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Community Events

Hasten Hebrew Academy Graduation

Hasten Hebrew Academy 8th grade graduation, May 29 at HHAI. For more information, call 317-251-1261.

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.

HHAI 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.

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Cancer survivor's group

A group of cancer survivors and other interested individuals will meet as a new group to begin to offer some cancer support within the Jewish community. Our first event will be June 8 at the JCC, Room A25. The group welcomes you as a participant but is also seeking volunteers in their recruitment effort. Community social worker Julie Sondhelm, MSW, LSW, will facilitate the group. For more information call 259-6822 or email jsondhelm@jfgi.org.

Politics and Elections with ACE at the JCC

Summer Thursdays, July 31 – Aug. 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Register for all 3 sessions and save: \$20 JCC member / \$30 nonmember. Per session: \$10 JCC member / \$15 nonmember. Pierre Atlas, July 31. Gary Varvel, August 7. Pierre Atlas, August 14.

Session 1: July 31, Pierre Atlas, Ph.D.

Campaign Rhetoric vs. Reality: Do you really believe what the candidates are saying? Pierre Atlas, director of the Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies, assistant professor of political science at Marian College and opinion columnist for RealClearPolitics.com and the *Indianapolis Star*, will help you sort out what is really being said and why.

Session 2: Aug. 7, Gary Varvel

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Plant a Tree at Shaarey Tefilla

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turing Peggy Lannerd and Marvin Friedman. This talented duo will perform a program of classical and Jewish music for solo piano and piano four hands. Free. At IHC, 6501 N. Meridian St., 255-6647.

Hadassah closing meeting and installation

On Wed., June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd., the Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah will enjoy "Cracking Eggs" by Martha Hoover, owner of Café Patachou, who will talk about her success in the restaurant business and about her travels to France.

Installation of officers will be performed by Paulette Goodman, Hadassah Region Advisor. Officers include: Debbie Ornstein, president; Jennifer Hodes, executive vice president; Phyllis Kaplan, recording secretary; Shirley Aprison, corresponding secretary; Lola Herman, records administrator; Mary Jo Erdberg and Mary Ann Zaban, treasurers; Phyllis Russell, education; Joan Katz, fundraising; Annette Gross and Evelyn Harris, new program; Helaine Herman, opening/closing meetings; Rosalie Gussow, religious program; Florence Leshnover and Sally Se-

idenstein, membership; Randee Owens, community outreach coordinator.

Reception following program with desserts donated by Café Patachou. RSVP to the Hadassah office at 566-9870. Guests welcome.

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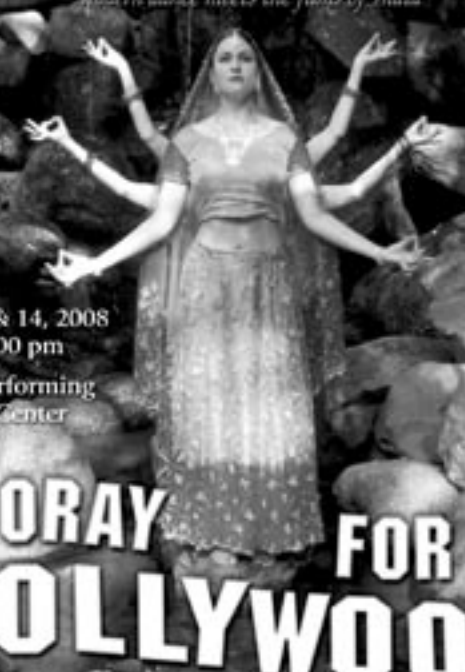
JCRC annual meeting

June 12, 7:30 p.m., you are invited to the annual meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Council. Meeting will include election of the 2008-2009 officers and a talk by Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard regarding the faces of Carmel. Dessert reception to

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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.

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4. Give to the Israel Now campaign of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.
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Indianapolis — An adorable duo will be the talk of the town this summer, delighting Indianapolis Zoo visitors and bringing a bit of the “down under” to central Indiana. But they’re not permanent residents, so everyone is encouraged to “love ‘em before they leave!”

Two Queensland koalas, native to Australia and on loan from the San Diego Zoo, will be the new stars at the Indianapolis Zoo, 1200 W. Washington St., beginning Memorial Day weekend.

They are presented by Citizens Gas and open to the public on May 24 through Sept. 1, 2008. This Aussie magic will be special to the new generation of Zoo visitors who may not have been around the last time koalas visited Indianapolis in 1994 (or the time before that, in 1986).

Bamba (an Aboriginal word meaning “with force”) and Muuri (“lightning”) are about three years old. The young koalas will spend lots of time chilling out on their perches and munching eucalyptus leaves.

Extensive renovations to the Zoo’s Forests Biome ensure the two marsupials have everything they need for their brief stay. In fact, Bamba and Muuri may feel as though they’ve jetted off for vacation in their

native land. Species such as a trio of Australian finches – Gouldian, owl, and shaft-tail finches – a White’s tree frog, bearded dragon lizards and a carpet python, all indigenous to the land down under, will be on exhibit at the Zoo this summer, adding to the Aussie ambience and helping Bamba and Muuri feel right at home.

Visit indianapoliszoo.com to learn the fascinating history of koalas, the specifics of their eucalyptus diet, and what a marsupial really is (hint: not a bear!). Also in-

cluded is information about the status of koalas in the wild and the threats to their survival, plus how people can help keep them safe.

Visit the “Koala Kids” page recounting the exciting adventures of plush koala Phil, who traveled the globe this past year with Zoo staff members on his mission to spread the word about conservation. “Phil’s Picks” will steer kids toward koala-friendly games and information.

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Obituaries

E. Evalyn "Dodie" Sugarman, 87

E. Evalyn Sugarman died Fri., May 9, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Sugarman was a graduate of Northwestern University. A journalist, she worked as an editor for Down Beat Magazine and the Long Island Herald.

She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, the Women's Advertising Club of Chicago and was on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Chapter of the League of Women Voters.

She is survived by her loving daughter, S. Jennifer Sugarman and her husband Konrad Banaszak and granddaughter, Caille Sugarman-Banaszak and her husband Chris Titman. Mrs. Sugarman was preceded in death by her dear husband, Harold J. Sugarman.

Funeral services were held Mon., May 12, 2008 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Foundation or to the Walther Cancer Institute. Online condolences may be made at www.arnmortuary.com

Sarah Shapiro Gumbiner, 97

Sarah Shapiro Gumbiner, formerly of Chicago, died May 14, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis.

In Chicago Mrs. Gumbiner worked as a secretary for All American Decorating until her retirement in 1979.

She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, a life member of Hadassah and a member of B'nai B'rith Women.

Sarah is survived by her dear daughters, Bobby (Lenny) Rubenstein and Susan (Bradley) Carlins; her adored grandchildren, Michael Carlins, Steven (Rose) Carlins and Jeffrey (Jennifer) Rubenstein; and darling great grandchildren, Matthew and Rachael Carlins. Mrs. Gumbiner was preceded in death by her dear husband, Morrie.

Graveside services were held in West Lawn Cemetery in Chicago. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Morningside. Memorial contributions may be made to Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Hadassah or St. Vincent Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.arnmortuary.com

Byron Falender, 82

Byron Falender, life resident of Indianapolis, died May 18, 2008.

He was the son of the late Archie and Lillian Abrams Falender. Mr. Falender was a graduate of Butler University and owned Byron Falender Construction Company for 50 years. Prior to his illness, Byron belonged to Broadmoor Country Club, The Columbia Club, The Athletic Club, and he was a Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League. Mr. Falender also served his country in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his loving family: wife, Mary Kay Falender; daughter, Cynthia (Don) Sartino; grandchildren, Josh Kuklak,

Shavuot

Shavuot customs bind family and community

by JULIETTE NEHRING

Time and its passing carry deep meaning in Jewish life. Daily activities, the passing of the week, a new month, the cycle of the seasons, events over a lifetime – all these can be marked with blessings and reflection. Counting the omer on the way to Shavuot, like other counting traditions, intentionally builds our anticipation of the culminating holiday. Although the focus of this holiday, also called Pentecost, has changed over the centuries, it remains one of the most important times of reflection in the Jewish year.

The word "Shavuot" means weeks referring to the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot. It is sometimes referred to as *Pentecost*, because there is a period of 50 days between Passover and Shavuot. Its English name comes from the Greek term for the holiday, *pentekoste hemera*, or "fiftieth day" (from *pentekonta* or "fifty").

Another name for Shavuot is *Yom Habikkurim*, or "The Day of the First Fruits." The holiday was originally a wheat harvest festival celebrated on the 50th day after Passover. Israelites brought offerings of the first fruits of their fields to the Temple in Jerusalem. Harvest

offerings were also brought to the Temple for Passover and for Sukkot, the other two of the three harvest festivals, sometimes called *shalosh regalim*, or three pilgrimage festivals.

Yet another name for Shavuot is *Zeman Matan Toratenu*, or "The Season of the Giving of Our Torah." This name comes from the tradition that the giving of the Torah to the Israelites at Mount Sinai, and especially the Ten Commandments, coincided with Shavuot. The focus of Shavuot in modern times has shifted to the giving of the Torah. The rabbis emphasized this connection after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 C.E.

Many Shavuot customs have developed since its earliest celebrations. One legend says that the Israelites overslept on the morning on which they were to receive the Torah. From this came the tradition of staying up all night to study in the synagogue, insuring that one will not oversleep on Shavuot morning. This observance is called *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, or "Restoration of Shavuot Eve."

In services on Shavuot, the congregation stands during the reading of the Ten Command-

ments. The Biblical Book of Ruth is another special reading for Shavuot. The Book of Ruth is set in Biblical times during the wheat harvest, the period we now celebrate as Shavuot. Her story of choosing the Torah and the Jewish people as her own is seen as being congruent to the Jewish people's acceptance of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

But as much as Shavuot is primarily a community holiday, other customs help bring the festival of Shavuot into your home and family. Confirmation of teenagers who have continued their studies after their bar/bat mitzvah ceremonies often is celebrated on Shavuot morning. Homes and synagogues are decorated with flowers and greenery, because when the Israelites arrived at Mt. Sinai to receive the Law, they found the area to be very fertile, with lush greenery and flowers.

Of course, you and your family might most enjoy the foods custom of Shavuot, which suggests the eating of dairy and sweet products in reflection of the Biblical verse: "And He gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Happy Shavuot



This holiday celebrates the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai. This year Shavuot is celebrated beginning at sundown on June 8.

Shavuot, or the Feast of the Weeks, also celebrates the harvest. The counting of the weeks from Passover to Shavuot is exactly 7 weeks and is called the Counting of the Omer.

For some Jews, there is a tradition of studying *Pirke Avot* (or *Ethics of the Fathers*) on the Sabbaths between Pesach and Shavuot. Others continue until the Sabbath before Rosh Hashanah. Depictions of wheat, for

the harvest, are often used during Shavuot.

One of the legends is that Israelites actually overslept on the day the Ten Commandments were given. For this reason, there is a custom practiced by many Jews of staying awake all night on the night that Shavuot begins, studying the Torah. Another practice is to eat dairy foods on Shavuot because the Torah said, "He gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey."



Stephanie Troyer and Kimberly, Luke and Dominic Sartino, and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Shannon Whiteside. Funeral services were held on Tues., May 20, 2008 in the chapel at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ovarian Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences for the family may be made at www.arnmortuary.com

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- An Israeli company has unveiled a blood test that via the telephone diagnoses heart attacks.

- The Israeli-developed Ex-Press shunt is providing relief for American glaucoma sufferers.

- An Israeli research team has found that the combination of electrical stimulation and chemotherapy makes cancerous metastases disappear.

- Israel has designed the first flight system to protect passenger and freighter aircraft against missile attack.

- An Israeli company developed a computerized system for ensuring proper administration of medications, thus removing human error from medical treatment. Every year in U.S. hospitals 7,000 patients die from treatment mistakes.

- Israel's Given Imaging developed the first ingestible video camera, so small it fits inside a pill. Used to view the small intestine from the inside, the camera helps doctors diagnose cancer and digestive disorders.

- Researchers in Israel developed a new device that directly helps the heart pump blood, an innovation with the potential to save lives among those with congestive heart failure. The new device is synchronized with the heart's mechanical operations through a sophisticated system of sensors.

- A new acne treatment developed in Israel, the ClearLight device, produces a high-intensity, ultraviolet-light-free, narrow-band blue light that causes acne bacteria to self-destruct – all without damaging surrounding skin or tissue.

- An Israeli company was the first to develop and install a large-scale solar-powered and fully functional electricity generating plant in southern California's Mojave Desert.

- Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers was produced by Haim Saban, an Israeli whose family fled persecution in Egypt.

- Israel has the world's second highest per capita of new

books.

- Israel is the only country in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees.

- Israel has more museums per capita than any other country.

- Israeli scientists developed the first fully computerized, no-radiation, diagnostic instrumentation for breast cancer.

- With more than 3,000 hi-tech companies and start-ups, Israel has the highest concentration of hi-tech companies in the world (apart from the Silicon Valley).

- In response to serious water shortages, Israeli engineers and agriculturalists developed a revolutionary drip irrigation system to minimize the amount of water used to grow crops.

- Israel has the highest percentage in the world of home computers per capita.

- Israel leads the world in the number of scientists and technicians in the workforce, with 145 per 10,000, as opposed to 85 in the U.S., 70 in Japan, and less than 60 in Germany. With over 25 percent of its work force employed in technical professions, Israel places first in this category as well.

- The cell phone was developed in Israel by Motorola, which has its largest development center in Israel.

- Most of the Windows NT operating system was developed by Microsoft-Israel.

- The Pentium MMX Chip technology was designed in Israel at Intel.

- Voicemail technology was developed in Israel.

- Both Microsoft and Cisco built their only R&D facilities outside the United States in Israel.

- The technology for AOL Instant Messenger was developed in 1996 by four young Israelis.

Events

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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.

Israel Bonds dinner

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

Ace

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Israel Facts

Geography of Israel

Israel stands at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa. Geographically, it belongs to the Asian continent. Its western border is the Mediterranean Sea. To the north it is bound by Lebanon and Syria, to the east by Jordan, and to the south by the Red Sea and Egypt. Long and narrow in shape, Israel is about 290 miles (470 km) long and 85 miles (135 km) across at its widest point. Its total area is 22,072 sq km, of which 21,643 sq km is land area (Sea of Galilee: 164 sq km; Dead Sea: 265 sq km). Israel's total land border measures 857 km, its Mediterranean coastline 194 km, and its Red Sea coastline 12 km.

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Rabbi Friedman at Temple Adath B'nai Israel says farewell

In his most recent temple bulletin, Rabbi Friedman says that the two most important moments in the relationship between a rabbi and a congregation are the times of saying "hello" and the times of saying "good-bye" the time when a congregation and its new rabbi greet each other and the time when a congregation and its rabbi bid each other farewell.

On Fri., June 6, Rabbi Friedman will say farewell to Temple Adath B'nai Israel in Evansville, Ind. After six years in Evansville, he is retiring. Rabbi Friedman and his wife Nancy will be moving to St. Louis to be near their family.



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Mountains – 16%
Rift Valley – 9%
Coastal Strip – 5%

Selected Elevations of Israel

Mt. Hermon, Golan – high-est point in Israel, 7,300 ft., 2,224 m.
Mt. Meron, Upper Galilee – 3,964 ft., 1,208 m.
Mt. Ramon, Negev – 3,396 ft., 1,035 m.
Mt. of Olives, Jerusalem – 2,739 ft., 835 m.
Mt. Tabor, Lower Galilee – 1,930 ft., 588 m.
Mt. Carmel, Haifa – 1,792 ft., 546 m.
Dead Sea – lowest point on Earth – 1,368 ft., 417 m.

Natural Resources of Israel

Raw materials for construction of buildings and roads: gravel and stone, sand, kurkar, clay, limestone, gypsum, and tuff.

Raw materials for manufacturing: potash, bromine, magnesium, salt, phosphates, sand, clay, and limestone.

Energy sources: natural gas, oil shale.

Population of Israel by Religion (2006)

Jews – 76.1%
Muslims – 16.2%
Christians – 2.1%
Druze – 1.6%
Not classified by religion – 3.9%

Population Distribution of Israel

Urban – 91.8%
Rural – 8.2%

Largest Cities of Israel by population (2006)

Jerusalem – 719,900
Tel Aviv-Yafo – 378,900
Haifa – 267,000
Rishon Lezion – 219,500
Ashdod – 200,600

Immigrants to Israel by Continent 1948–2005

Europe – 1,801,530
Africa – 493,638
Asia – 427,383

America and Oceania – 238,89
Unknown – 31,656

Immigrants to Israel by Year of Immigration

1948–1951 — 688,000
1952–1959 — 272,000
1960–1969 — 374,000
1970–1979 — 346,000
1980–1989 — 154,000
1990–2001 — 1,060,091
2002–2005 — 98,913

Education in Israel

University Students by field of study (total 124,000 students in 7 universities):

- Humanities – 25.1%
- Social Sciences – 26.4%
- Science and mathematics – 16.4%
- Engineering – 13.9%
- Medicine – 9.3%
- Law – 3.2%
- Business & Administration – 4.3%
- Agriculture – 1.4%

Figures based on the Statistical Abstract of Israel, No. 57, 2006. Retrieved from the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs at www.mfa.gov.il on May 10, 2007.

Local Artists on Exhibit at JCC

The JCC Art Gallery at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd., features monthly exhibits by local artists, or by artists with a connection to Indiana. Exhibits are open to the public and free of charge. Current exhibits include the following. For more information, call 251-9467.

Kelly Spiegel: *Connection: People and Places I Love*

May 18–June 20. Have you ever had a connection to a particular place or been captivated in the presence of a person? Kelly Spiegel strives to evoke the emotion of a particular place in her landscapes and capture the being of the person she is painting. Her figurative style points to our profound connection to the natural world and to other people...the wonder that is in our daily lives, if we simply notice it.

Kelly holds a master's in psychology and has 15 years' experience as an artist with instruction from the Art Institute of Chicago and the Indianapolis Art Center. She maintains a studio in Indianapolis and teaches art at the Indiana School for the Blind.

Stu Johnson: *Planes, Trains & Automobiles*

June 29–Aug. 1. Stu Johnson

travels Indiana to bring you a collection of photographs of airplanes, trains and various automobiles from an entirely new perspective. Stu collaborates with local artist John McKee to make fine art Giclée prints from Hoosier landmarks such as the Indiana Transportation Museum in Noblesville, the Grissom Air Museum in Bunker Hill, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum in Speedway.

Stu Johnson and John McKee met at North Central High School, where Stu was a student and John worked as a career coach for the school's transition program. Stu's interest in photography matched well with John's art background and BFA in photography from Herron School of Art & Design. Stu's work has been on display at Zionsville's Sullivan Munce Gallery and Starbucks at 86th and Ditch. Stu was also the featured artist for Easter Seals/Crossroads Wine Tasting in 2007. John has displayed work locally for several years, most recently at the Indianapolis Art Center, where he is also on the faculty teaching black and white photography.

Opening Reception: Sun, June 29, 2–4 p.m. Meet the artist

and join us for refreshments.

Gary Varvel: *Varvelous*

Aug. 7–Sept. 9. Does your morning begin with a cup of coffee and the political cartoon in *The Indianapolis Star*? Don't miss this rare opportunity to see a gallery exhibition by Gary Varvel, award-winning editorial cartoonist for *The Indianapolis Star* since 1994. Varvel's work is internationally syndicated through Creators Syndicate. His cartoons have appeared on CNN, Fox News and in *Newsweek*, *Time*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Washington Times*, *National Review* and *Sports Illustrated*.

Gary is a ten-time first-place winner of the Indiana Society of Professional Journalists' Award for Best Editorial Cartoon. He is also a ten-time winner of the first-place award for Best Editorial Cartoonist in the Hoosier State Press Association Contest since 1995. In 2006, Varvel finished second place in the national "Best of Gannett" cartoonist of the year.

Opening Reception: Thurs., August 7, 6–7 p.m. Meet the artist and join us for refreshments. Free and open to the public.



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