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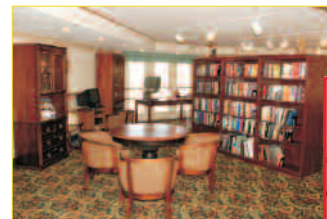
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The Indianapolis Jewish Intercongregational Men's Softball League takes the field! (see article IN 3)



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Play Ball!

BY JAY PERLER

The first year of the Indianapolis Intercongregational Men's Softball League reached its halfway point on July 5. Everyone involved is thrilled about the turn-out. It's especially exciting that all five of the city's shuls are represented in our four teams. The level of play has been (surprisingly) high, the umpires have been terrific, and the JCC has been great in helping us maintain the field. We've even gotten help from sponsors for jerseys.

While the softball is fun, the larger goal of the league has been to provide an opportunity for all parts of the Jewish community to come together in a social atmosphere, and to that end there is no doubt the league has succeeded. While we hoped that the players would have a great time, we didn't imagine how many loyal families would enjoy coming out every week, which has enhanced the atmosphere even more. Everyone is having a blast.

Games are played Sunday morning's at Kaufman Stadium at the Arthur M. Glick JCC through Aug. 2. Team captains are Benjy Ekhaus (Shaarey Tefilla), Rick Bentley (B'nai Torah), Jerry Bluestein (Beth El Zedeck), and Jeremy Rosenstein (Etz Chaim/IHC). *(see photos on IN 2) ✨*

Community Events

Exhibit: Freddie Kelvin: An Inquisitive Eye

July 14–August 28. Enjoy an exhibit by photographer Freddie Kelvin. He and his camera have captured images of international sites, rehearsals at Dance Kaleidoscope and ordinary people on the street. His perspective is sure to intrigue your mind and perhaps inspire you to pick up the camera too. A retired physician, Freddie is also a member of Photoventure Camera Club. Over a short period of time he has received many ribbons in their competitions. His work has been seen at Patrick's in Zionsville and he will exhibit at the Eagle Creek Coffee Company in Fall 2009.

There's No Music Like Our Music: Exploring Text and Tune

Camp Melton adult course, led by Cantors Judy Meyersberg, Janice Roger, and Giora Sharon. July 22 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.). Owning the liturgy includes feeling comfortable with a musical style as well as knowing the depth and breadth of musical choice that any liturgical text can support. Why do we have multiple settings of a given text? What purpose do these differences serve? How can our under-

standing of the text's meaning and intention enrich our worship experience? What are the styles of "participation" and how does a particular text suggest a predominant style? Find out the answer to these questions and more by joining us. Location: Indianapolis BJE at 6711 Hoover Rd. Cost is \$15 / session or \$50 for entire series. Contact Miles Roger at 317-255-3124 to register or for more information.

Sons of Jethro

The next meeting of Sons of Jethro will be Thurs., July 23, 7:30 p.m., in Room A15 of the JCC. The group will continue its exploration of life cycle events by exploring Jewish teachings and traditions concerning childbirth, circumcision, baby namings, and adoption. The Sons of Jethro welcomes the participation of all men who are not Jewish but whose children are being raised to be Jewish, whether or not the family is affiliated with a synagogue. This is not a conversion program, and there is no cost. If you plan to attend or would like more information please contact Norm Sider via email at nssider@yahoo.com or by phone at 802-9501.

Class Reunion

North Central High School class of 1969 will celebrate their 40th reunion on Sat., July 25, 2009 at Woodland Country Club. For more information email Linda Mordoh at lindamordoh@indy.rr.com.

Music Under the Stars

Join the Beth-El Zedeck's Men's Club for Couple's Night at Conner Prairie for Music Under the Stars. This event will be held on Sat., July 25 and will feature the music of Billy Joel. Adults \$18; Children \$11. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, contact Howard Levitin at 507-6530.

YLD Goes to the Symphony

Join the Young Leadership Divisions of JFGI at Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Rd., Sat., July 25, 8 p.m. This is a casual evening, with the music of Billy Joel. Adult tickets \$18; Children \$11. RSVP by calling Lindsey at 715-9257 or through our Facebook group (JFGI Young Leadership Division).

Adam Shapiro in Concert at the JCC 3rd Annual Benefit for Breast Cancer Research

Our favorite son, Adam Shapiro, returns for an afternoon of delightful music. From Broadway favorites to jazz standards, folk songs to parodies, Adam will take you on a musical journey to please your ears. Adam makes his home in New York City. His recent appearances include *Gimpel Tam* with the National Yiddish Theatre and Broadway Backwards, where he shared the stage with Whoopi Goldberg and Florence Henderson. Sun,

July 26, 2 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, Laikin Auditorium. Admission: Donation to breast cancer research.

Jewish Singles dinner at Athens on 86th

Sunday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. (RSVP at www.meetup.com/Indianapolis-Jewish-Singles, deadline: July 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.) Hope you're hungry because we're getting ready for some great Greek food. The restaurant is located at 2284 W. 86th St., in Indianapolis. Nothing complicated here – just good food, and good conversation. You'll be ordering from the menu (where vegetarian options are available), and pay after the meal is done. We've set an RSVP date, in order to make sure we have enough seats for everyone. See you there! *Scott.*

The NEW Jewish Philanthropy: Jewish Values in an Assimilated World

Camp Melton adult course, led by Andrea Pactor. July 29 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.). What is Jewish giving? Is it giving that reflects Jewish ideas and values or giving only to Jewish causes? How has Jewish giving changed in the last 15 years and what are the implications for federations and the Jewish communal framework? Explore the rich traditions of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and *tzedakah* (acts of righteousness) in the context of a 21st-century assimilated Jewish community. Location: Indianapolis BJE at 6711 Hoover Rd. Cost is \$15 / session or \$50 for entire series. Contact Miles Roger at 317-255-3124 to register or for more information.

Yiddish Discussion Group

Meet with others on the first Tuesday of each month at the Arthur M. Glick JCC – for an informal get-together in Yiddish. Next meeting Aug. 4, 1–2 p.m. Free. No registration required.

From "G-d's Mouth" to Our Ears: Understanding Jewish Texts through Ever Evolving Translation

Camp Melton adult course, led by Rabbi Bruce J. Pfeffer. Aug. 5 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.). Understanding a text can be difficult if you do not know the original language. Can the message of text be changed when it is translated from one language to another? Is there a "correct" way to translate a text? By comparing various translations, we will explore the meaning of the original text as understood throughout the generations. We will study several texts from the Tanakh and Rabbinic literature. Location: Indianapolis BJE at 6711 Hoover Rd. Cost is \$15 / session or \$50 for entire series. Contact Miles Roger at 317-255-3124 to register or for more information.

Coffee and Conversation

Join Indianapolis Jewish Singles on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 1:00 p.m. at Cornerstone

Coffee located at 615 E. 54th St. If it's the second Sunday, that means it's time for a chance to catch up with old friends, and meet new ones in a relaxed and casual setting. It's a monthly event for a good reason. Hope to see you there!

Discovering the White River

Experience the natural beauty of White River from the water. In cooperation with friends of the White River, JCC adults will paddle from just above the Indianapolis Art Center, past the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and through Holliday Park on a float of approximately two hours duration. Cost includes transportation, use of livery grade rafts, life jackets and paddles. There will be a group leader from Friends of the White River serving as guide. Some physical activity is required. A minimum of four adult registrants is required for the trip. Participants must be at least 15 years of age. Transportation provided to and from White River. Trip is Sun., Aug. 30, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$30/\$20 JCC members. To register, visit www.JCCIndy.org, or call 251-9467.

Hadassah presents The Jewish American Songbook

The Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah presents *The Jewish American Songbook*, based on Carmel's new Feinstein Foundation for the Education and Preservation's *The Great American Songbook*. Featuring the music of American-Jewish composers, this program features world-renowned pianist (and Indianapolis native) Richard Glazier. Mr. Glazier will perform "*Gershwin – Remembrance and Discovery.*"

Program will be Sun., Oct. 25 at Meridian Music, Munger Hall, 12725 Old Meridian St., Carmel. Tickets: \$20.00 per person; \$10.00 for students. For tickets and information, contact the Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah at 317-566-9870. ✨

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For more information about this program, contact the Office of Distance Education Admission at 800-499-0373, elm@smwc.edu, or www.smwc.edu. ✪

Young Actors Theatre Presents...

Children and families are invited for a special performance of *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by the Young Actors Theatre (YAT) based on the popular book by Judy Blume. The play offers a humorous look at family life and the troubles that can only be caused by a younger sibling. Sibling mischief and best pal escapades are the problems Peter Hatcher faces in his attempts to deal with his impossible little brother, Fudge. Young Actors Theatre (YAT) is Indianapolis' oldest independent children's theater, established in 1976.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing will be presented Sat., July 25 at 3 p.m. and Tues., July 28 at 7 p.m., at the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library Central Library, Clowes Auditorium, 40 E. St. Clair St. Performance is free and open to the public. Call 275-4099 for more information. ✪

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In their former house, he says that he was in charge of most of the elements of owning a home: maintaining the exterior, lawn and landscaping and keeping track of all of the bills. "While the expenses aren't equal, they aren't too far off either," Mr. Bremner says. "All of that burden was lifted when we moved here. Living here allows you to leave all those chores behind."

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Ari Kaufman and Maria Riccardi

Ari Kaufman, a historian with the Indiana War Memorials Commission and writer for the Jewish Post & Opinion, married Maria Riccardi, a doctoral student in clinical psychology on May 23, in the bride's hometown of Bogota, Colombia.

Ari tells how he and Maria met: Early in the summer of 2005, Maria and I both traveled to Burlington, Vt., to work a summer program at the university. I

arrived a day early, and was, thus, in position to pick up the other counselors at the airport. Maria arrived on a flight from New York with two other counselors. Both were very chatty, but then I noticed Maria in the back, lagging behind, with her heavy bags. She was so cute standing there with a smile and pleasant demeanor. As we boarded the bus, I ignored the garrulous girls and glanced at Maria, who was peaceful and still smiling. We hit it off that night during some introductory games, had coffee downtown, then walked back up the hill together on a humid late June night. And the rest, well, is history – and good history.

Maria tells about when they became engaged: Ari and I were on our way to visit some friends in Richmond, Va., during the summer of 2007. It was a long drive from Indianapolis, and Ari had indicated he wanted to stop at the Blue Ridge Parkway and look at the beautiful scenery before arriving at our friends' house. Toward the end of the evening, Ari became increasingly nervous about getting to the Parkway. I did not really understand what all the rush was about until we pulled up to a lookout point at the perfect moment when the sun was setting behind the mountains. I was so distracted by the breathtaking view that I did not notice what was going on until I felt Ari pulling on my sleeve. When I finally turned around to face him, he was on one knee, looking up at me and holding out a beautiful diamond ring. I cannot remember his words verbatim, but I know that I let out some sort of scream/yelp that later made me feel glad we were the only ones within several miles of that place. I could tell we both were a little bit shaky and had tears in our eyes as I threw my arms around him and, although I could barely speak, whispered "yes" into his ear. ✨



Correction:

In the June 24 issue, we reprinted an article about Myra Rosenbloom and her work to get a bill passed in the U.S. Congress that would require a doctor plus an ER physician to be on the premises of every hospital, 24 hours a day. Unfortunately the bill did not pass last year; fortunately it has been reintroduced this year. However, we printed the old bill number. The new bill number for this year's 111th Congress is House Bill 2388. ✨



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Obituaries

Dava Shvartsblat, 71

Dava Shvartsblat, of Indianapolis, died June 30, 2009. Dava was born in Kiev, Ukraine, on Aug. 6, 1937 to the late Isaac Shvartsblat and Klara Mandelshtam. She is survived by her beloved husband, Ilya Liberman; loving daughters, Yelena

Mestetsky and Lana Fridman; and sister, Razita Makaron. Funeral services took place graveside at Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery North on Fri., July 3. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hasten Hebrew Academy, Dava Shvartsblat Memorial Fund, 6602 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260. Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.arnmortuary.com.

Ellen Rosenheim Lorch, 84

Ellen Rosenheim Lorch died Saturday, June 27. Ellen was born in Germany on May 11, 1925. She lived in Holland and Cuba before being able to immigrate to the United States with her parents in 1941. After graduating high school in New York City, she went on to New York University where she graduated with honors.

On June 15, 1947 she married Ernest Lorch and moved to Indianapolis. Theirs was a love affair that lasted for 62 years. After volunteering time for numerous charities for many years while raising her children, Ellen entered the work force where she remained for nearly 30 years at the United Way of Central Indiana. She began as the director of the United Christmas Service, became the director of the Voluntary Action Center, and before retiring in 1993, was the director of their Key Division.

Ellen was the consummate volunteer. She taught boardmanship, organizational development, and fundraising, in addition to her other duties. She was active in the National Council of Jewish Women, chairing the Thrift Shop and the Angel Ball. In 1964-65, she was the local chapter president of the National Council of Jewish Women. She served as a Democratic precinct committeeperson in Washington Township.

In 1979 then Mayor Hudnut awarded Ellen the Key to Indianapolis in recognition of her community service. She was a board member of YWCA, Colman Adoption, CICOA, Healthnet and numerous other charitable organizations. She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and gave tours of the building to visitors.

She also gave tours of downtown Indianapolis landmarks for the Indianapolis Landmark Society. She organized the Young Jewish Leadership series and the TV program "Focus on Faith" for the Jewish Community Relations Council. She was an active member of the Executive Service Corps and the Downtown Kiwanis. Ellen also taught English as a second language. After retiring she spent the next 18 involved years as a docent, giving tours at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Her work as a docent gave great satisfaction and a true focus to her retirement years.

Ellen loved to travel and visited many parts of the world. She was interested in art and politics. She was a gourmet cook and a great hostess who enjoyed entertaining and setting an elegant table for her guests. She was lucky to have many wonderful friends and enjoyed an active social life.

She is survived by her husband Ernie,

her son Kenneth (Susan), her daughter Karin (Dick) Miller and four wonderful and much-loved granddaughters, Abby and Carrie Miller, Erica and Lesley Lorch. Funeral Services took place Mon., July 6 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 1328 West 86th St. Memorial Contributions may be made to the I.U. Foundation for Breast Cancer Research, PO Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266 or to Hooverwood, The Indianapolis Jewish Home, Inc., 7001 Hoover Rd. Indianapolis IN, 46260. Please visit www.arnmortuary.com for online condolences.

Rosa Aronchik, 85

Rosa Aronchik, of Indianapolis, died on July 2, 2009. Rosa is survived by her loving daughter, Raisa Perel; grandson, Gary Perel; two great-grandchildren; and brother, Leonid Braylovsky. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Nursing Home. Funeral services took place on Sun., July 5, 2009 at Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.arnmortuary.com.

Arnold K. Satz, 80

Arnold K. Satz, of Indianapolis, died July 12, 2009. He was born in Indianapolis, May 1, 1929, the son of Murray and Ruth Satz. He attended Florida Military Academy and graduated from Shortridge High School. Arnold was a graduate of Indiana School of Business and attended I.U. School of Law. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He operated Murrays Apparel Shop for ten years and for the last 40 years, he owned and managed commercial real estate.

He is survived by an adoring family – his wife, Carol; sons, Mark (Ann) and Dr. Andrew (Lori); sister, Eileen Tuchman; nephews, Preston & Michael Tuchman; and six loving grandchildren, Spencer, Jillian, Andrew, Rachael, Cade and Alexa.

The family wishes to express its deepest gratitude to all of the outstanding doctors, nurses, aides and therapists at St. Vincent Hospital, St. Vincent Hospice, and Forum at the Crossing Rehab Center for all of their compassionate care. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent Foundation, 8402 Harcourt Rd., Ste. 210, Indpls. 46260. Funeral services were held on Wed., July 15 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 1328 W. 86th St., at 11:00 a.m. Burial followed at Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North. Online condolences may be sent to www.arnmortuary.com. ✨

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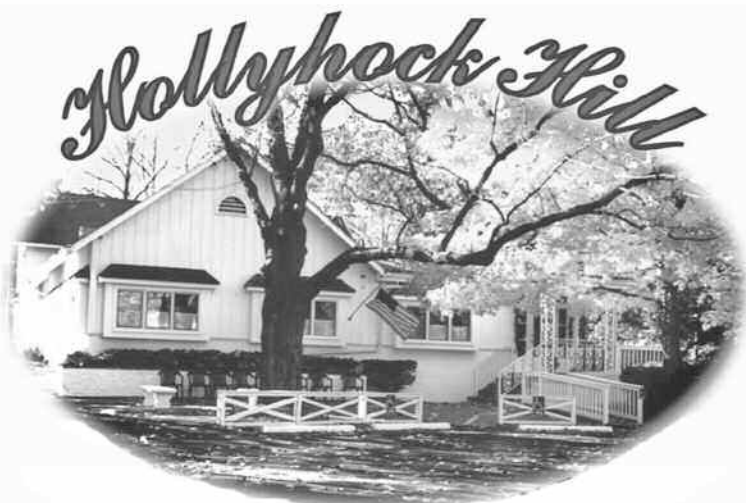
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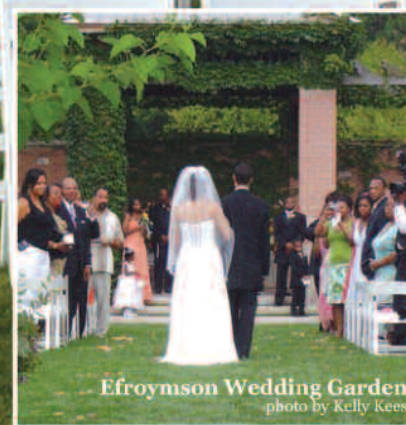
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The books and endless Internet articles tell you *to sleep when the baby sleeps*, but they often forget about the laundry that needs to be done, the meals that need to be prepared, and all the other countless chores that don't disappear just because you brought a baby into the house. This does not even take into account those parents who return to work after maternity/paternity leave or have other children.

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