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## **Yom HaAtzmaut 2012 at the JCC!**



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# Simcha Announcements

## Mazel Tov!

Marshall and Anita Yovits, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Phyllis and Martin Magaziner, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., announce the birth of their granddaughter, Talia, (9lb.-12oz, 22" long) on May 4. The baby is the daughter of their children Steven and Julie Yovits of Chicago. Talia has an older brother, Alex, who is 3 years old. ✨

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation celebrated their building rededication during Shabbat services Friday evening May 4 and their Building Rededication Gala on Saturday night May 5. During services on Friday the following people were praised for their diligent work on making the renovation possible: Brad Bell, Aaron Cohen, Chuck Cohen, Ben Deremiah, Nancy Gitelson, Lynda Goodman, June Herman, Carolyn Hiser, David Kleiman, Greg Kroot, Carolyn Leeds, Barbara Levy, Larry and Lisa Sablosky, and Rabbi Brett Krichiver and Cantor Janice Roger. ✨

## HAI-Life Awards Dinner

On May 20, The Hasten Hebrew Academy is honoring Dr. Pierre Atlas and Dr. Debra Luffer Atlas with this year's HAI-Life Award for their school and community supporter, and also Mrs. Dawn Bick, Elementary School Science Teacher, with the 2012 Distinguished Teacher Award.

Pierre and Debby, parents of a Hasten Hebrew Academy graduate and a current 5th grader, extend themselves through their work on boards, committees, and leadership programs. Through their positive attitude and school pride word of the Academy's accomplishments reach the greater Jewish community.

Mrs. Bick has been a part of the Hasten Hebrew Academy "family" for ten years. Her students benefit from her passion for teaching science and her fellow staff members benefit from her "can do" attitude.

And, of course, we will be honoring our eighth grade graduating class, all of whom have been at the Hasten Hebrew Academy since kindergarten or longer.

For more information about the dinner or to place an ad in honor of the Atlases and/or Mrs. Bick, please contact Marcy Ekhaus or Sharon Merin in the school office at 251-1261 or mekhaus@hhai.org or smerin@hhai.org. ✨



### Mini Hoosier Reunion in Israel

Three former Indianapolis residents are reunited in Israel. Sylvia and Michael Blain, now living in Cleveland, on a recent visit to Israel over Passover were joined by Dorothy and Simmy Friedman, now residents of Modiin, Israel, and together visited old friends Nora and Harry Goldstein in Beit Shemesh, Israel where the Goldsteins now reside. All three couples have children and grandchildren living in Israel. L-R: seated, Harry and Nora Goldstein; standing: Dorothy and Simmy Friedman; and Sylvia and Mike Blain.

INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 7, 2012 – It is with regret that Congregation B'nai Torah informs you of the recent passing of Nora Goldstein in Israel. As you know, this is Harry Goldstein's wife. The funeral (in Israel) is Tuesday afternoon. May your prayers be with the family.

Elizabeth Alexander, Office Manager  
Congregation B'nai Torah

Ed. Note: Full obituary to be in next issue on June 6.



Dr. Pierre Atlas and Dr. Debra Luffer Atlas

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### HAI 8th Grade



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# Editorial

The theme of our April 25 National edition was *Yom HaShoah*. In it I wrote about an article that appeared in the *Indianapolis Star* on April 19. The topic was a local Holocaust commemoration that had taken place the previous day at the Albert and Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial Garden behind the Arthur M. Glick JCC.

As part of the ceremony, six candles were lit. Included with the article were three photos, one depicting that candlelighting. The caption read: "Alex Star lights a candle to remember family members who died. The six candles represent the 6 million Jews who perished." However, in the article to the left of that photo it was written: "The six candles that were lit represent the 6 million Jews who are thought to have perished in the Holocaust." No byline was given to show who wrote the article; it said only "Star report."

We have about 300 local readers who receive this newspaper by email. When I sent that issue, in the body of the email I wrote that the *Star's* choice of such watered-down words as "thought to have perished" is offensive. Then I asked if a Letter to the Editor was in order. I also posted that message on my Facebook profile.

I received a total of 26 responses from both places. All of the messages except three said a letter was needed. One of those replies was from Miriam Zimmerman who has been writing for this newspaper since 1988. She is a mediator and a Holocaust educator. Originally from Terre Haute, Ind., she has been living in San Mateo, Calif., for almost 30 years.

Zimmerman is the daughter of Holocaust survivor Dr. Werner Loewenstein, z"l, who was born and raised in Germany. In 1937 he immigrated to the United States then returned there as a soldier serving in the US Army during World War II. He was one of those who liberated Buchenwald Concentration Camp. Read much more about this on pages 10–13 of the following link: [www.jewishpostopinion.com/Jewishpost/NAT\\_4-25-12.pdf](http://www.jewishpostopinion.com/Jewishpost/NAT_4-25-12.pdf).

This was Zimmerman's response: "My first inclination is yes, definitely do send a letter to the editor. You could request that the editor not publish your letter, but the issue is so important that they should know: scholars used to agree that just less than six million Jews were murdered during the Holocaust. With the opening of additional archives with the fall of the iron curtain in 1990, new information became available. There is some evidence that more than six million were destroyed.

## To the Editor of the *Indianapolis Star*

April 24, 2012

As a son of Holocaust survivors who has devoted a lifetime of scholarship to the horrible events of the 1930's and 1940's that annihilated two thirds of all living Jews in Europe, it was startling to read the article that appeared to the left of two photos published in your April 19, 2012 edition. You referred to the six candles being lit at a commemorative ceremony as representing the 6 million Jews "who are thought to have perished in the Holocaust." These benign and thoughtless words suggest that the methodical, well documented, and historically recorded annihilation of Jews may simply reside in some peoples' mind – a mere thought.

Please allow me to inform your readers that the murder of my grandparents, my aunts and uncles and their children (my cousins), and the children of my cousins, is not some "thought". It is a painful reality that resulted from the anti-Semitic venom spewed by Hitler and executed by his Nazi German minions and their collaborators. My family and relatives did not "perish." They were cruelly decimated, killed, and not allowed to exist because of only one reason – they were Jews.

The events relating to the murder of Jews in the 1930's and 1940's are the most documented events of the 20th century. There are still millions of pages of archival documents that have not been examined yet by scholars. There are countless photos, diaries, testimonies, official records and recorded names. There is historical film footage. There are thousands of books on the history of these events. And, the Holocaust continues to be studied and pondered in all forms of the arts.

There is no greater eyewitness to the committed atrocities than General

There might never be a final audit, but there is scholarly consensus that six million is the appropriate number. I hope that helps."

Not long after I had emailed several of your responses to Marcia Goldstone, executive director of our Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), I received a powerful "Letter to Editor" written by Isaiah Kuperstein. It has not appeared in the *Indianapolis Star*, but he gave me permission to publish it here (see above).

Thank you to all those who replied to my question. I appreciated hearing your opinions.

Jennie Cohen, May 9, 2012 ★

Eisenhower, the former Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in World War II and President of the United States. He visited the liberated concentration camp of Ohrdruf in Gotha, Germany, on April 12, 1945, where he personally witnessed the thousands of piled bodies that were shot and burnt beyond recognition. The stench alone was overwhelming. He wrote to his wife Mamie, "I never dreamed that such cruelty, bestiality, and savagery could really exist in this world."

And to General Marshall he wrote, "The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering as to leave me a bit sick... I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda'."

President Eisenhower well understood how time may damage memory. And, that is why he made sure that as many of his fellow soldiers as possible see for themselves the physical horrors of the Holocaust. Let us do no less than remember the events of the Holocaust as they truly occurred and whose impact many of us still feel a generation later. The pain will never die and the memory of those we lost will live forever.

Isaiah Kuperstein, Former Director of Education, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2201 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205. 317-253-3417, ★

## About the Cover

Happy 64th birthday Israel!

This year Israel celebrated her 64th birthday, and on Sun., April 29, Indianapolis celebrated with her. That afternoon the Arthur M. Glick JCC buzzed with people of all ages listening to Klezmer music, enjoying Israeli food, dancing, joining in on drumming sessions in the Bedouin tent room and celebrating. Parents brought their children to decorate t-shirts, most with an Israel theme, leap and dive through an obstacle course, read books with the PJ Library in Greater Indianapolis, and answer trivia questions on a giant map of Israel. Outside, the younger crowd lined up to tackle the joust arena and go crazy in the bounce house. The evening ended with an amazing performance by award-winning Israeli singer and pianist Rami Kleinstein. The entire event was brought to the Indianapolis community by the Shaliach Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. (Cover photos taken by Julia Goodman and Freddie Kelvin.) ★



## Community Events

### C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Holocaust Museum Trip to Auschwitz

Eva Kor, Director of the C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute and a survivor of Dr. Mengele's twin experiments, will be leading a trip to Auschwitz in **July**. If you are interested in participating in the trip, you can download the brochure and application at: <http://www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org/data/file/webcontent/file-document-123.pdf>.

### A Family's Vision

Exhibit: **May 8 – July 6**. Reception: **Mon, May 21**, 5–7 p.m. Meet the artists and join us for refreshments.



Twelve-year-old Indianapolis native Tal Rothenberg expanded his photographic experiences with three trips abroad to Kenya, China and Costa Rica. The Kenyan trip left such an impression on him that he chose to make this exhibition his *bar mitzvah* service project. By donating proceeds from sales of his work to the Sally Test Pediatric Center at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Kenya, Tal hopes to help many of the children at the Center and have been abandoned by their parents and who suffer from serious, life-threatening diseases.

His parents, Jeff and Joani Rothenberg, will also be exhibiting work with their son. Joani is a successful artist and illustrator whose work can be found in many public and private collections, including the JCC. Jeff is a glass artist who creates both artistic and functional work. His latest large-scale projects can be seen in the lobbies of the Glick Eye Institute and the Riley Mother Baby Hospital in Kenya.

### BJE Dalet Graduation

On **Sun., May 20** at 10:30 a.m. in the Domont auditorium of the BJE there will be a Hebrew School Centennial Graduation and *Yom Yerushalyim* Celebration. Join the BJE Auxiliary immediately afterward for

## Chag Shavuot Sameach!

One of the reasons we eat dairy and sweets on *Shavuot* is a reflection of the Torah verse: "And God gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey."★

the Spring Fling Carnival. Food, game, silent auction and more for people of all ages. Please RSVP by May 15 to [ccaldwell@bjcindy.org](mailto:ccaldwell@bjcindy.org) or call 255-3124.

### HAI Awards dinner

**Sun., May 20** see details on p. 2.

### JCC Business Network

The next meeting will be on **May 23**, at the JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. RSVP to Larry Rothenberg [lrothenberg@jccindy.org](mailto:lrothenberg@jccindy.org) or call 317-715-9233.

### Jewish Lawyers

Jewish lawyers group meets for lunch on the **fourth Wednesday of each month**. The next meeting is **May 23** at Shapiro's downtown at 12:15 p.m. Presently, the group's leaders are Irwin Levin, Zeff Weiss and Elliot Levin. For more information contact Elliot at [edl@rubin-levin.net](mailto:edl@rubin-levin.net).

### Eskenazi Water Park opens at JCC

The outdoor pool opens at the JCC on **Sat., May 26**. There will be new extended hours for members.

### 5th annual Indianapolis Kids Triathlon

**Sun., June 24** at the Arthur M Glick JCC starting at 9 a.m. Registration: Online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), [www.jccindy.org](http://www.jccindy.org), or at a membership desk at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Road, Indianapolis.

### Jewish Bereavement Group

The Albert & Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center began a bereavement group in partnership with Community Home Health Services, a part of the Community Health Network. This bereavement group, which has a Jewish perspective and is facilitated by Rabbi Bruce Pfeffer, is open to all. For information regarding meeting times please contact Julie Sondhelm at 317-259-6822 x6.

### The Mothers Circle of Greater Indianapolis

Are you raising Jewish children but you're not Jewish? There's an app for that – a human app! The Mothers Circle of Greater Indianapolis provides FREE education and support for women of

## Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

**May 26** at sunset is the beginning of the holiday of *Shavuot*. This is the day when we received the Torah. This is a great reason to celebrate. The Torah is the direction manual that *Hashem* provided us in order to live a good, happy and fulfilling life. Just like an automobile manufacturer provides an instruction manual, so *Hashem*, who made us, provides one for us.

Now what would happen if for some reason we brought a new car, but didn't follow the instruction manual? Maybe it got lost. Maybe we never opened the glove compartment. Maybe we were too busy with other things. After a while we would get into trouble. If one drives around for two or three years without changing the oil, the motor breaks down. So we put in a new motor. But unless we start following the instructions, the new motor is also going to break down. All kinds of troubles will start.

The same thing happens when we try to live our life without the Torah. We get married, we make a new relationship, and are very happy. But if we don't live by the Torah, after a while the marriage breaks down. We try making new relationships. They break down, too. Sometimes even our relationships with our parents and siblings run into a lot of trouble. Going to therapists every week for years may help somewhat.

So now is a wonderful opportunity to start learning the Torah, and live our lives right.

A beautiful *mitzvah* is to light candles before sunset and say a blessing over them. It's basically the same blessing we make over *Shabbos* candles, but at the end instead of saying *Shabbos*, say *Yom Tov*, and we also add the blessing *Shehechyanu*.

May we all receive the Torah with great inner happiness. *Shavuot*, like *Shabbos*, is a great opportunity to rest, with no phone calls, no computer, no emails, and to learn a lot of Torah. It is our custom to learn Torah the whole night. We are sure that every *mitzvah* that we do brings *Moshiach* closer.

*Rabbi Cohen lives in K'far Chabad, Israel. He can be reached by email at [bzcohen@orange.net.il](mailto:bzcohen@orange.net.il).*★

other religious backgrounds who are raising Jewish children in the context of an interfaith marriage or committed relationship with a Jewish partner. Contact Patti Freeman Dorson, Facilitator, at the [MothersCircle@comcast.net](mailto:MothersCircle@comcast.net) or 441-5259.★

# God bless the Hooverwood Guild

BY SUSAN LERNER

The volunteers that support Hooverwood – Indiana's only Jewish nursing home – move mountains. Collectively, they are known as the Guild. On a recent visit, Hooverwood bustled with the energy of its caring staff and the dedicated volunteers of the Guild.

Barbara Marquis, Director of Social Services and Admissions, took me on a tour. A genial woman who radiates warmth, she pointed out some of the Guild's many projects. Our first stop was a sparkling new activity center, complete with full kitchen and work table. The Guild partially funded this windowed, sun-filled room, where residents regularly bake cookies and other snacks.

It was in the activity center that I met Andre Fall, one of Hooverwood's activity programmers. Proud of the creative activities her department cooks up, Andre showed me photos of residents at some of her department's events – all of which are Guild sponsored.

The Guild funds weekly bingo and blackjack parties, birthday parties for each resident, holiday parties with entertainment,



(L-R) Andre Fall, one of Hooverwood's activity programmers for 25 years, and Administrative Director Gail Hassler.

and more. Recently the staff transformed one of Hooverwood's spaces into a mock nightclub. "The Guild paid for the evening, complete with club décor, dim lights, cocktails and a lounge singer," said Barbara. "The residents loved it." The setting was so authentic that one attendee quipped, "Now all I need is a cigarette."

Guild funds make it possible for Andre and the rest of the staff to provide a fun and stimulating environment for Hooverwood's residents. The Guild's annual fundraiser is a raffle, luncheon and fashion show held at the Broadmoor



Barbara Marquis, Director of Social Services and Admissions.

Country Club, and all proceeds go directly to Hooverwood's residents. This year's event is slated for October 10.

Hooverwood Guild's president, Joan Katz, said the Guild's presence can be seen in every corner of the facility, even before entering the building. The new Guild-purchased van is available to take residents to doctor appointments or on bimonthly trips to local restaurants. The Guild bought new railings for the outside of the building. Hooverwood's beauty shop was recently remodeled with Guild funds. The Guild also staffs and manages

(see Lerner, page 7)

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## Torah Fund event a success

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Sisterhood's Torah Fund event was held on Sun., March 18 with 70 people in attendance. A scrumptious luncheon supervised by Becky Schneider with the assistance of Sisterhood chefs was served.

This year's honoree was Miriam Satinsky. Miriam has devoted many volunteer hours in the support of Sisterhood and Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Some of those hours included singing in the Beth-El Zedeck Choir for 60 years, sending Torah Fund cards for local donations, and participating in Sisterhood events and activities. Many of Miriam's friends and family members attended the event to help honor her.

The entertainment was by the Kol Zimra and Kol Zedeck choirs. Those who have supported the Torah Fund campaign were recognized. Guardians included Ado Fogle, Illene Maurer, Detra Mills, Sue Schwab and Amanda Siegel. Benefactors included Shirley Aprison, Toni Bader, Annette Doherty, Myrna Fang, Linda Glanzman, Nancy Greenberg, Cindie Harp, Evelyn Harris, Judy Koor, Sharon Mishkin, Debbie Ornstein, Miriam



*Guardians/Benefactors in attendance: Sharon Mishkin, Sue Schwab, Annette Doherty, Cindie Harp, Toni Bader, Mary Smith, Miriam Satinsky, Jackie Wolf, Helaine Workman, Trina Zych, and Evelyn Harris. Not pictured – Debbie Ornstein.*

Satinsky, Mary Smith, Jody Tzucker, Jackie Wolf, Helaine Workman, and Trina Zych.

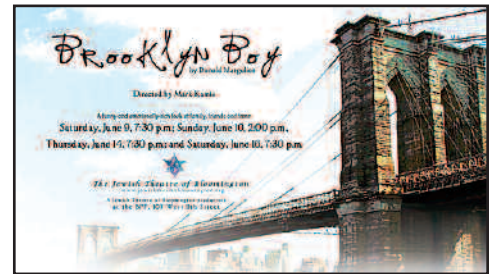
Thanks to the following people who helped to make this event successful: Annette Doherty, Rosalie Gussow, Cindie Harp, Helaine Herman, Jennifer Hodes, Pearl Joffe, Mona Mallin, Sharon Mishkin, Melanie Ohlsen, Debbie Ornstein, Sue Schwab, Judi Silverman, Carolyn Spector, Cheryl Toof, Carol Vanaver, Jackie Wolf, Abby Workman, and Trina Zych.

Raffle prizes were donated by the following merchants: Brics, Café Patachou, Gallery of Judaica, and Shapiro's.

Those who support the Torah Fund campaign help to strengthen and perpetuate Conservative/Masorti Judaism throughout



*Scene from The Music Man. © Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.*



*Brooklyn Boy presented by The Jewish Theater of Bloomington, Indiana's only Jewish theatre.*

the world and ensure the legacy for future generations. These funds help the Jewish Theological Seminary educate (see Torah Fund, page 14)

At Marian University we decided the time for talk was over. So we took action to address the state's doctor and nursing shortages. We are building the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences to house our College of Osteopathic Medicine and School of Nursing. Here medical and nursing students will work side by side, just as they will once they graduate. This initiative is not only a great step toward solving a pressing issue, it will also have a significant economic impact on our state. Visit [marian.edu/actnow](http://marian.edu/actnow) and learn more about the power of doing and our upcoming 75th Anniversary Gala.



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## The Jewish Theater of Bloomington presents *Brooklyn Boy*

To open the 2012 season, the Jewish Theatre of Bloomington presents *Brooklyn Boy* (see image p. 6) by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Donald Margulies. Directed by Mark Kamie, the play will be presented on June 9, 14, and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and June 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Playwrights Project, 107 West 9th St., Bloomington, Ind. Tickets are available at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre Box Office, 114 East Kirkwood Ave., (812) 323-3020, or online at: [www.bctboxoffice.com](http://www.bctboxoffice.com) (\$18.00 General Admission).

This play reveals the perils of success and going home again. It is a story that resonates with anyone who has ever returned to the old neighborhood and becomes aware of how far from home he or she has strayed.

In *Brooklyn Boy*, a middle-aged novelist who has finally written a best-seller confronts his Brooklyn past, in the form of his dying father and an old friend he left behind in Brooklyn; his failed marriage; and harbingers of his future as a famous writer – a literary groupie, a film producer, and an actor. The people who “knew him when” both puncture his self-esteem and remind him who he really is as he moves into his new life. *Variety* critic David Rooney adds that the play is “illuminated by sensitivity and humor, by sparkling, naturalistic dialogue and by the grace with which it extends a deeply personal story into a universal realm.”

### About the Director and Cast

Mark Kamie directed *The Price* by Arthur Miller for the Jewish Theatre of Bloomington in 2011 and Martin McDonagh's *The Pillowman* for IU Theatre this spring.

The novelist Eric Weiss is played by Equity actor Bill Simmons who appeared in the 2011 JTB production of *My Name is Asher Lev*. Ken Farrell who recently appeared in the Bloomington Playwright Project's production of *Three Views of the Same Object*, will play the role of Manny Weiss, Eric's father; and Equity actor Rick Massery who appeared in the 2010 JTB production of *The Price*, has been cast in the role of Ira Zimmer, Weiss' childhood friend.

IU Maurer College of Law faculty member, Catharine Du Bois, will play the role of Nina. IU Theatre students Courtney Lucien and Tom Beaver have been cast in the roles of Alison and Tyler Shaw. Indianapolis actress Beverly Roche will play the role of Melanie Fine.

For more information about the Jewish Theatre of Bloomington, please visit



## Critics Corner

REVIEWED BY CHARLIE EPSTEIN

### *The Music Man* scores

*The Music Man* opened at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre to tremendous applause and accolades. The sold out house was very appreciative. For me the two standouts in this production were Katie Sina as Marian, the librarian whose voice and acting were super, and Will Hutcheson as Tommy, whose dancing and energy were simply spectacular.

The costuming by Jill Kelly (see photo p. 6) was beautifully appropriate, as was the skeletal scenery designed by Michael Layton. The lighting design by Ryan Koharchik was equally good. However there were numerous small things that bothered me. The rapid fire delivery of Jeff Stockberger as the Anvil salesman made him difficult to understand. One could not tell whether the leading man Harold Hill played by Curt Dale Clark was conning or telling the truth which could have been an attribute for his character. The lisp of the boy Winthrop played by Abraham Rittenhouse was not consistent. Douglas Stark as the Mayor and much of the rest of the cast missed many laughs due to the way they spoke the dated material. The usually talented choreographer Ron Morgan had uninspired dance maneuvers during the first act. This was much improved after the intermission. The thrilling finale was a surprise. Children from the audience were dressed in band uniforms holding brass instruments.

I am looking forward to Beef & Boards next production, *The Wizard of Oz* with director Eddie Curry in the title role. TV star anchorwoman Trisha Shepherd will be seen as Glinda the good witch. Her counterpart as the wicked witch will be reliable Lynne Perkins. Doug King will be the Scarecrow as Jeff Stockberger will perform the Tin Man. This classic musical runs from May 31 to July 15. A good time should be had by all.

Epstein, from Indianapolis has been theater, movie and the performing arts critic for The Jewish Post & Opinion – Indiana Edition for more than 35 years. Read more of his work on his blog at: <http://charliethecritic.blogspot.com>. This is from his blog April 17, 2012. ✨



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### LERNER

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Hooverwood's gift shop, which is stocked with jewelry, children's toys, Judaica, snacks and much more. Thanks to the Guild, new residents receive welcome gifts of extra blankets and other handy items.

Music therapy sessions, and the Hooverwood library, which stocks large-print periodicals and books, are other Guild sponsored projects. The Guild also funds and sponsors a “Make-a-Wish” program, and the first wish was from a resident who wanted to attend a baseball game.

Andre, who has found her calling at Hooverwood, shared photos of residents enjoying her department's activities. As she relayed the stories behind each picture, she put her arm around me in a friendly gesture, and I thought how lucky the Indianapolis community is to have such a warm and compassionate caretaker for our elders and those with disabilities. “Everything my department does is paid for by the Guild,” she said, her eyes tearing up. “We depend on them for everything we do. Without them we can't breathe.”

Without support from the community, the Guild can't carry out its mission. The Guild needs you. Join their ranks – membership costs only \$25. You can call the Guild's office at 493-2782. The phone is answered 1–3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and messages are taken at other times. Also, volunteers are always needed, whether to serve as a “Friendly Visitor” to one of Hooverwood's residents, or to help implement the “Make-a-Wish” program.

Hooverwood serves adults of all faiths, and it's good to know the Guild is around should someone in our lives, of any age, require Hooverwood's long-term care. The Guild provides funds and volunteer-power to ensure its residents – possibly our own parents and grandparents, the very people who cared for us – continue to live full, dignified lives. If we should ever need help, wouldn't we want that for ourselves?

Susan Lerner is a freelance writer living in Indianapolis. She is working towards an MFA in Creative Writing and posts book reviews at <http://booklerner.blogspot.com>.

Editor's Note: When Hillary Clinton was First Lady she said it takes a village to raise a child. She made a good point, but it also takes a village to care for elderly. Lerner's article about Hooverwood Guild lists many ways to help, but not all. One thoughtful idea was provided by Marilyn Glick. Her endowment to the Federation provides a fresh flower for each dining room table at Hooverwood once a week. This creative idea is especially nice for those residents who are not able to go outdoors. ~ J.C. ✨



# Obituaries

A Memorial Service for **Elaine Irene Wolman**, who died in December 2011, was held on Tues., May 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Elaine attended Shortridge High School and Washington University in St. Louis. She was very active in the temple youth group serving as vice-president of the Ohio Valley Region. She was a fashion designer and received several awards including a Coty and Woman of the Year in fashion.

She is survived by her mother Marjorie Wolman; sister Roberta Sue Wolman (Nicolas Papas); nephews Maxwell and Andrew Papas. Andrew is an opera singer and performed at the service. Elaine is predeceased by her father Morton Wolman and her grandparents Sol and Irene Goldsmith of Indianapolis and the Wolman family of Columbus, Ohio. ★

**Frances L. Hackett, 82**, a longtime resident died on March 27 in Venice, Fla., where she was spending the winter with her family when she died suddenly and without suffering.



Esteemed for her integrity, kindness, intelligence and keen wit, Frances left many legacies: She was co-founder and President of a successful book publishing company; the matriarch to a large and loving family; a mental health crisis-line counselor; a champion for racial harmony; and a stalwart friend.

Frances Ruth Lurvey was born Nov. 29, 1929 at Methodist Hospital. She was the youngest of five children of David and Frances (Traugott) Lurvey. Her father was the owner of Hatfield Electric Company. Frances was preceded in death by her sister, Rosalie P. (Rothbard) and two brothers, Leonard and Jerome. She is survived by her brother, William L. Lurvey of Indianapolis.

Frances attended Tudor Hall and Shortridge High School. At Goucher College in Baltimore, where she matriculated in 1947, she received a degree in history. She married Sam Ross and they had two children, David and Jennifer.

Early in her career, she worked as a writer for a magazine in Miami, where she interviewed celebrities such as Rock Hudson and Joan Crawford. After her divorce from Ross, she returned to Indianapolis, becoming director of publicity for Bobbs Merrill Publishing Company's College Division, where she met her future husband William H. Y.

Hackett Jr. The couple married in 1969 and Hackett adopted Frances' two children.

In 1972, Bill and Frances founded Hackett Publishing Company in their home on Pennsylvania Street. The company grew to become one of the nation's leading publishers in the humanities, with offices today in Indianapolis and Cambridge, Mass. When Bill Hackett died in 1986, Frances moved to ensure the continuity of their company as an independent venture and shared with its growing staff in all of its core functions, remaining its President until the time of her death.

Frances, who knew the ordeals of depression, had a special compassion for those suffering such afflictions. For the past decade, she was a suicide-intervention counselor for Mental Health America of Greater Indianapolis. Frances was also a founding member of Dialogue Today, a coalition of Jewish and African-American women in Indianapolis that dealt with the twin problems of racism and anti-Semitism.

Survivors include her daughter Jennifer Ash, son-in-law David Ash, grandchildren Drew and Maddie Ash, all of Connecticut; son David M. Hackett, daughter-in-law, Kimberly Hackett, and grandchildren Anthony, Laura and Aaron Hackett, all of Venice, as well as five step-children, William H.Y. Hackett III of Fort Myers, Fla., Emily, Tom, and Mark Hackett, all of Vermont, and Olive Hackett of San Francisco.

Other survivors include nine step-grandchildren, Megan, Martha and Ira Shaughnessy, Whitney and Abigail Hackett, Cole and William H.Y. Hackett IV, Calder Corey, Lilda Rock-Wiley and Emily Y. Hackett. She is also survived by nine nieces and nephews, including David and Diane Lurvey of Indianapolis.

Even as she entered her 80s, Frances maintained a youthful spirit. She enjoyed golf, bridge, bowling and, most of all, reading. A tower of books was always close to her bedside.

She last played golf in October, defeating her son, 31 years her junior, on the final hole. She pocketed her winnings in the clubhouse and bought him a beer and hotdog. She never looked happier.

Services were April 4 at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Burial followed at Washington Park Cemetery. A celebration of her life followed at the Broadmoor Country Club. Donations in her honor may be made to the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis, the Southern Poverty Law Center or Feed America. Arrangements provided by **Aaron Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ★

**Fred Sanders, MD, PhD, 88**, died March 28 at his home, in the presence of his beloved wife, Frieda, who selflessly

cared for him during his short, brutal battle with cancer. Fred was born April 10, 1923, in The Bronx where he grew up in a tough and poor immigrant neighborhood. The urban experience of his youth was abruptly halted by World War II. He proudly served in the US Army from 1943 to 1945, earning an honorable discharge despite his occasional dishonorable behavior in France in regards to food and wine.

After the war, he and his then new bride moved to Bloomington, Ind., so that Fred could attend Indiana University on an academic scholarship. As he had his entire life, Fred excelled in academia. He graduated from IU in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree with High Honors. Fred and Frieda then moved to Muncie, NY, where Fred joined the research team of Lederle Laboratory. In 1958, he was admitted to the prestigious New York Academy of Sciences.

Encouraged by his success as a research scientist, Fred earned a joint PhD in biochemistry and an MD from the University of Texas. He held the distinction of graduating not only with a double degree, a rarity at that time, but also with graduating as the number one student in his medical class. Fred was accepted in a residency program in general medicine at Marion County General Hospital (now Clarion/IU Hospital).

In 1963, he opened a private medical practice on the northwest side of Indianapolis, where he continued to treat a large and loyal roster of patients until his retirement at the age of 76. Although no longer practicing, patients continuously telephoned him during those retirement years to seek advice regarding their medical conditions and personal lives. He always found the time to talk to them. Sometimes he even found the time to lecture them.

Fred will be remembered for his keen intellect, his wicked sense of humor, his sharp tongue, his ability to teach himself Italian at the age of 83, his love of opera and classical music, his distaste for politics, his



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even greater distaste for politicians and his inability to accept mediocrity. Fred was also known for his socially acceptable quasi-hedonistic taste for food and wine, especially his love of authentic delicatessen and the foods of his youth.

Fred was most proud of his successful marriage of 64 years to the woman he referred to publicly and privately as "Punim", his three children and his six grandchildren whom he referred to as "the light of his life". He spent many afternoons in retirement teaching his grandchildren how to play chess, distinguish Mozart from Brahms, and jump rope. Less than a week before he died, he was found teaching one of his grandchildren how to use a vintage 35 mm camera.

Besides Frieda, Fred is survived by his children: Susan Sanders, Martha Sanders Hoover (John Hoover), George Sanders (Dana Sanders), his grandchildren: Sarah Hoover, Rachael Hoover, Jordan Sanders, David Hoover, Benjamin Sanders and Rebecca Sanders. Preceding Fred in death were his mother, Sarah (Sadie) Sanders and his sister, Florence (Babe) Sanders.

A funeral service was held April 1, at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. A private burial followed. Memorial contributions may be made in Fred's honor to the American Cancer Society. The family wishes to thank St. Vincent's Hospice and their hospice angel, Toni Triplett, who provided boundless compassion and professional care without hesitation. ✨

**David Schwimer, 90**, of Indianapolis died March 29. He was born Jan. 23, 1922 to Joseph and Ida Schwimer in Pittsburgh, Pa. He proudly served in the US Coast Guard.

A butcher by trade, David and his wife moved to Indianapolis in 1953 to work for Capitol Meat Co. Later he worked for Kroger for 20 years, first at the 96th and Meridian St. store and then in Broad Ripple until he retired.

David was a member of Beth-El Zedeck and Jewish War Veterans. He was a man of strong values, devoted to his wife and family. He lived a life of honesty and integrity and will be forever missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his son, Howard (Margaret) Schwimer and their children, Joshua, Bradley and Ashely and daughter, Ilene (Jeffrey) New and their children, Daniel (Megan), Seth and Jordan and brother, Millard Schwimer. David's beloved wife, Claire Friedman Schwimer and his sister, Zelda Piper, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held April 1 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity. ✨

**Jeffrey Norman Davis, 66**, of Carmel died April 2, 2012. A lifelong resident, Jeffrey was born in Indianapolis to Harold and Edith Dorfman Davis on April 12, 1945. He was an avid lover of history, automobiles, golf and his family.

Jeffrey is survived by his wife, Kathryn; children, Robyn (Michael) Boyd, Hilary (Dwayne Reed) Davis, and Megan (Bryan) Grant; grandchildren, Hannah, Cate and Evan Boyd, Emile Davis, and Connor, Sophia and Izabella Grant; sisters, Susan (Steve) Salmon and Marlene (John) Brattain; and nieces and nephews, Josh and Sara Salmon and Jeremy Tritch. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Ellah Grant.

A funeral service was held at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** April 6 and burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck's North Cemetery.

**Elaine S. Weinberger Fox, 70**, of Indianapolis died April 5, 2012. A lifelong resident, she was born on January 17, 1942 to Samuel and Helen Weinberger. She graduated from North Central High School and attended Emerson College.

Elaine was active in her community. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Sisterhood, the Hooverwood Guild, a life member of Hadassah and the Hadassah Book Club.

Elaine was a wonderful role model for her family and friends. She overcame a profound hearing loss with determination, dignity and her indomitable spirit. This challenge became her greatest gift. Her ability to communicate and navigate the hearing world impacted all those whose lives she touched.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Stuart S. Fox; sons, Michael (Joyce) Fox, Daniel (Margo) Fox and Bart Fox; grandchildren, Jorie, Jane, Jason, Mark, Sam, Hailey and Avery Fox; brother, Dr. Myron (Myrna) Weinberger; and sister-in-law, Janet Fox.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sam and Helen Weinberger Youth Development Fund of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 West 70th Street, Indpls, IN 46260 or the IU Simon Cancer Center Tissue Bank, PO Box 660245, Indpls, IN 46226.

A funeral service was held April 9 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Burial followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck's North Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Friends and family are invited to leave a message of condolence for the family at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com). ✨

**Esther Lask, 85**, was born in Kovno, Lithuania, in 1927. She died April 10, 2012. She and her sisters Miriam and Eva

(known as Chava) survived the Holocaust. Her parents and two younger brothers were killed in October 1941 after the Nazi's invaded Lithuania. She was sent to work at the air field after that. She dug ditches and probably saved her sister's life by digging her portion as well.

She was married in a displaced person's camp, gave birth in Germany to her son Mordechai, who became known as Morris. She came to the United States in 1951, where she gave birth to her daughter Golda. She was an integral part of the Jewish community of Indianapolis, volunteering with Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), Interfaith Hospitality Network and she also helped to resettle the Russian immigrants when they arrived in Indianapolis.

She was on the board of the JCRC for many years as well as the Indiana Jewish Historical Society as the representative for B'nai B'rith women. She was very active in Jewish Women International (formerly B'nai B'rith) and served as the community service chair and Hamentaschen baking chairperson. She was also a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House.

She helped individuals going through the conversion process teaching them Hebrew and how to cook Jewish dishes. Her specialty was Hamentaschen – especially poppy seed.

After arriving in Indianapolis in 1964 she worked as a cook at Stauffers, Hasten Hebrew Academy and Park Regency. Her last job was at the 96th & Meridian Street McDonalds making French fries for which she was famous. Her matzo balls were legendary. She brought them to Passover Seders where they were enjoyed by all.

She didn't learn to drive until she was in her 40's and she often took Sunday drives for the joy of it. In her 70's she learned to use the computer in order to stay in contact with her granddaughter, Teroma, in Mexico. In her 80's she learned Spanish.

A memorial service was held on April 12 at IHC to honor her life and her legacy. Contributions in her memory can be made to IHC, the Reuben Center and the US Holocaust Museum. Esther was a kind, loving person with a big heart and will be missed by all who knew her. ✨

**Marilyn K. Celender, 74**, died April 10, 2012. A lifelong resident, she was born on July 2, 1937 to Maxwell and Dorothy Karabell. Marilyn was a graduate of Shortridge High School and the Michael Reese Hospital X-Ray Technician Program. She retired from Northwest Radiology Network.

Marilyn was active in golf and was a City and State Champion in Women's Tennis. (see Obituaries, page 13)

# Whose your Jewsiar

By IDELLE ROSENBLUM-KERZNER

## Prof accused of racism, blasted with racism

*Cartoon the following description, please. A man complete with skull cap, beard, and puppeteer strings cascading down and controlling another gentleman, who is staring at a document while sitting behind an official looking-type desk. The Jew, who obviously is the manipulator of whatever is about to happen, uses his "innocent victim" for his own amusements.*

Sound familiar? It should! This is the "real stuff" that holocausts and pogroms are made of – right?

However, this cartoon is not from the tabloids of Nazi Germany, the country that fueled hateful propaganda that led millions of Jews to their deaths. No, this age-old historic depiction, which has been used and promoted by every raging anti-Semite, was recently featured in the *Purdue Calumet Chronicle* of Hammond, Ind. What prompted such an insensitive and ignorant cartoon?

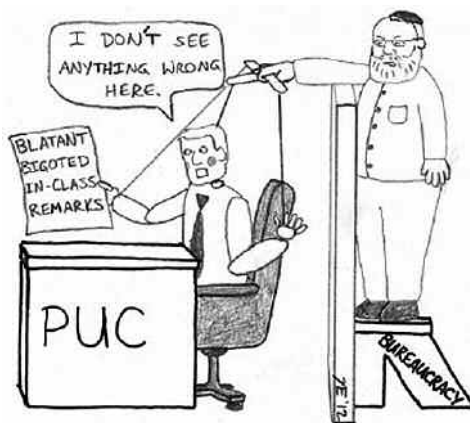
Well fellow Hoosiers, meet our Hoosier Jewsiar of the month, Dr. Maurice Eisenstein, Political Science Professor of Purdue Calumet, and ironically, the real victim of a cartoonist's manipulative hands. The following is my interview with him.



Dr. Eisenstein

*How long have you worked at the University and what is your position?* "I have been at the Purdue for 20 years (tenured) and I am an associate professor of political science."

*Why did you choose political science?* "Political science contains everything from political philosophy to sociology. It encompasses every aspect of knowledge."



*What do you want your students to gain from your classes?* "I want them to gain the ability to think and make judgments for themselves. I grade them on how they present their ideas."

*What was the pivotal event at your campus that started the protests against you and prompted such an anti-Semitic cartoon to run in the university paper?* "It all started on Nov. 11, 2011. On Facebook, I mentioned about Muslims killing Christians in Nigeria. I then asked where the moderate Muslims were and why they were not speaking out when people are being killed in the name of Islam and Mohammed. I guess I just was not politically correct enough. That is when all hell broke loose."

*How did the students and the university respond?* "Students protested against me and called me racist. Multiple harassment charges were filed against me and the University hired an outside lawyer to investigate the charges against me. I was cleared of all harassment charges, but I am still targeted. I have received threatening messages on my answering machine filled with anti-Semitic remarks."

*Do you think there are many American citizens who, like you, feel that the word "racist" is being used by certain parties for their own manipulation?* "Yes. What is really under attack here is the American Constitution. I am afraid that America is changing in the fact that people are fearful of being branded a racist, when in fact,

they are not. Educators, similar to myself, wanting an open dialogue, are accused of racism to demonize them because they are not politically correct enough if they do not agree with a liberal, anti-Israel approach taken by most professors on college campuses and by others with an agenda other than what American stands for. Professors on most college campuses, who are more conservative, continue to be demonized for their opinions. The cartoon that was printed in the university paper is a product and an outcome of this situation and is not just an insult to me, but to Jews everywhere."

*What other ramifications has this incident caused?* "The local Jewish Federation has pulled out of a program that was going to be brought to the University regarding Holocaust Education. The program included Peggy Shapiro, the Midwest director of StandWithUs, an organization dedicated to informing the public about Israel and seeking to combat extremism and anti-Semitism. But the University did have on campus a program involving the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), along with anti-Israel activist Sefi Samuel speak. Yet, the university's history department, in conjunction with the local Jewish Federation, played a part in canceling Peggy Shapiro."

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# About Mimouna

By Rabbi Ari Enkin

*Mimouna* is the post-Passover celebration of friendship, brotherhood, and unity that is observed in Moroccan Jewish communities. It is a 24 hour celebration which begins immediately with the conclusion of Passover. It is viewed by many as the formal return to *chametz* (leavened bread) after such foods were forbidden over the course of the holiday. The theme of *Mimouna* is good fortune, fertility, wealth, and prosperity. To this effect, gold and jewelry often decorate the *Mimouna* table, and sometimes they even decorate the food, as well.

While the primary traditional food of *Mimouna* is certainly the *moufletta*, a type of pancake closely resembling the *mallawach*, there are others as well. Fruits, especially oranges, apples, almonds, and nuts are eaten. *Zaben*, white almost nougat, *marozia*, fried raisins with nuts, and *mazun*, fruit jam also feature prominently. Plates of flour decorate the *Mimouna* table which is often topped with gold coins, oil, or beans. Live fish are also often found at *Mimouna* celebrations due to their association with protection and fertility.

There are a number of theories as to the origins of the name "*Mimouna*" with an emphasis on a continuation of Passover themes. First, there are those who suggest that the *Mimouna* celebrations commemorate and are named in honor of Maimonides' father, Rabbi Maimon ben Yosef, who is believed to have been born and/or died on this day. Maimon was an important figure in Moroccan Jewish life, having written and worked extensively on Muslim-Jewish relations. Indeed, largely due to his influence Muslims often joined the *Mimouna* celebrations of their Jewish neighbors, even supplying the flour used to make the *mouflettot*, as many Jews did not keep flour in their homes over *Pesach*



(L-R): Jean Pierre Fartouh, Rabbi Dr. Eytan M. Cowen, and Jeff Sondhelm celebrate *Mimouna* at Congregation Etz Chaim.

and therefore had none in their possession at the conclusion of the holiday.

Others say that the name *Mimouna* derives from the Arabic word for "wealth" and "good luck" or from the Hebrew word *emuna* or *ma'amin* both of which mean "faith" or "belief," which reflect *Mimouna* as a celebration of faith and trust in God. This is closely related to Passover in general and the crossing of the Red Sea in particular, which took place on the last (7th) day of *Pesach*. It was at the crossing of the Red Sea that the entire nation witnessed the awesome power and might of God which was an experience that strengthened their *emuna* (faith).

The *Midrashim* (ancient sacred texts) also teach that following the drowning of the Egyptian pursuers, their gold and jewelry washed up to the shore and was made available for the taking, thereby enriching the Jews, hence the theme of wealth. So too, just as the Exodus from Egypt was the fulfillment of a promised redemption, *Mimouna* also symbolizes the hope for the future redemption with

the coming of the messiah, a cornerstone of the Jewish faith. The word *Mimouna* may also be related to the *manna* which was the food which God provided the Jewish people following the Exodus from Egypt and the subsequent wandering in the desert.

In the Morocco of yesteryear, *Mimouna* had a prominent place in the synagogue, which is no longer the case in most communities today. On the afternoon of the last day of Passover, the congregation would take to the fields to recite the *Birkat Illanot* – blessing over fruit trees. Following the conclusion of Passover, a number of readings were conducted from the Scriptures, especially from the book of Proverbs as well as the Mishna, which formally inaugurated the *Mimouna* celebrations.

In Israel, *Mimouna* is a national holiday observed with barbecues in the parks and family visits. It is interesting to note that *Mimouna* is a relatively new holiday having only emerged in the middle of the 18th century.

Article submitted by Jeff Sondhelm. ★



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# Israel is closer than we think

BY HELEN WEINBERG

As I stepped into the hotel in Northbrook, Ill., for BBYO's recent Midwest Israel Seminar, I realized that BBYO is bigger than Jewish teens coming together for a fun time; it is bigger than serving the community; it's about Jewish teens all being connected by our strong identities, and Israel is part of that identity; whether we've been there before or not.

This was BBYO's first ever Midwest Israel Seminar. Regions from all over the area sent delegates to receive Israel education and advocacy training. Kali Cohen from Cincinnati and I were the only two delegates representing our KIO (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) region.

As soon as I checked in I began to make friends. The seminar kicked-off with a series of icebreakers, creative services, and programs. The theme of the convention was "Storytelling about Israel." I have never been to Israel and the stories that people told proved how each Israel experience is unique. In each story, no matter if they were traveling alone, or with a group, the common factor was that no one wanted to leave. They kept saying that from the second they stepped foot in Israel, and especially after they spent time there, it felt like their home. They were somehow connected to the homeland of the Jewish people in a way that was indescribable. And even though the people there were from different backgrounds and different places, they each felt connected to one another because they had been to Israel.

The seminar was put on in partnership with the iCenter in Chicago, an Israel Informational Center. We learned about how Israel sends electronics and health equipment to other countries that need them. This helped me to see Israel in a different light because I had the notion that Israel was the one in "distress" due to so many hostile neighbors. But, it turns out that Israel is the one making a difference in other countries more than we can even imagine.

We also learned that it's important when seeing or hearing things in the media to check the source and get both sides of the story, the pretty and ugly side. Not only is being educated about Israel important, it's also important to experience Israel firsthand and absorb all of the information you can because information is power and the more you know the more you can spread the word.

Along with meeting friends from Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota,



(L-R): Helen Weinberg and Kali Cohen at BBYO's Midwest Israel Seminar.

Chicago and Ohio, I also saw how loud our voices can be. After this experience, I believe it's my duty to share knowledge about Israel with my family, friends, the KIO region, and the world. The Israel Seminar was outstanding and brought me closer to my religion and to my homeland and inspired me to go and experience Israel for myself. I walked away with more knowledge about how to educate people about Israel and made so many connections and friends. We bonded over a common factor which was Israel and Judaism. This weekend truly made me proud to be Jewish and proud to represent Israel, BBYO, and KIO. ★

## Grandview Gardens

BY GADI BOUKAI

Grandview Gardens is a newer enclosed housing development located off of Grandview Road between 64th and 71st Streets. Built between 2004 and 2007, these homes have modern designs with high ceilings, large living areas, nice yards and sidewalks. On the south side they border on a nature preserve with a small lake, and are surrounded by mature trees.

The houses were built by Davis Homes just before the market crashed and were sold at peak prices. After the crash, when some of those buyers needed to move, they were not able to get the amount that they had paid. Therefore they had to sell at lower prices, and sometimes as short sales or even foreclosures. Today the average price per square foot is \$60-\$70, similar to other homes in the area that are much older.

If you are looking to purchase a practically new home within walking distance of the JCC, B'nai Torah, Hasten Hebrew Academy, Etz Chaim, and Hooverwood, I can help you find a good deal. Currently four homes are available that have at least 3 bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. They are 2,500-4,000 sq. ft. Some of the homes are

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She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Beth-El Zedeck Sisterhood. She is survived by her sister, Sara Schmidt; nieces; nephews; and cousins.

A funeral was held April 16 at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed at Crown Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent Hospice or the American Cancer Society. ★

**Harold Herbert Stolkin, 92**, died peacefully on April 12 at Hooverwood Nursing Home. He was born in Indianapolis on May 28, 1919, son of Robert and Anna Stolkin. He graduated from Shortridge High School and attended Indiana University and the University of Michigan.



He was married to Jacqueline Adell Frank and has three children, Mark, Sue and Robert. He was the proud grandfather of Ali, Max, Jay, Sarah, Daniel, Sam and Sadie; and great-grandfather of Kothe and Maxine. He is also survived by his older sister, Natalie Smulyan.

Harold was an avid golfer, bowler and sports enthusiast. He brought smiles to the lives of everyone. He will be sorely missed by us all.

Funeral services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on April 15. ★

**Nathan Gotthelf, 87**, died April 18, 2012. He was born in New York City on April 24, 1924 to Hyman and Lena Gotthelf. Nathan served his country in the United States Army during WWII in the 38th infantry and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.



He went on to sell insurance for over 20 years for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In retirement, he worked at Marsh Supermarket at 86th and Ditch Road in the Meat and Deli Departments. Nathan was a former member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Men's Club.

Nathan is survived by his beloved family; wife, Patricia Pearson Gotthelf; daughters, Linda (Bob Jr.) Thrush of Midland, MI and Debbie (David) Mennel of Carmel; five step-daughters, Donna Schoenling, Beverly (David) Morgan, Bonnie (Bob) Hoffman, Nancy Linxwiler, and Jan (Barry) Jones; stepson, Phil (Diana) Linxwiler; sixteen grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held April 20 at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** and burial

followed in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck's North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or a related charity. ★

**Betti K. Lurie, 95**, died on April 27, 2012. A lifelong Indianapolis resident, she was born on July 3, 1916. After graduating from Tudor Hall, she attended Smith College. After a brief time in North Adams, Mass., she returned to Indianapolis with her husband, Lewis Lurie.

Betsy was an active member of the community for several decades. For many years, she had a Girl Scout troop at the Indiana School for the Blind and she transcribed books into braille for the Library of Congress for years thereafter. She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and on the board of the American Red Cross. She was a past president of O.L.G.A., the League of Women Voters, and the Hoosier Capital Girl Scout Council. She was also a tutor for adult literacy and worked to rehabilitate prisoners. In addition to giving her time and talents, she was philanthropic.

Betsy enjoyed reading, bowling, bridge, tennis and was an avid golfer. In her younger years, Betsy and her husband for 51 years, Lew, were passionate square dancers. She loved attending the Indianapolis symphony. She touched all she met with her love of life. More than anything, she loved her family. She was a matriarch with a special flair – honest, articulate, generous, and straightforward, she will be missed.

She is survived by her daughters, Ann Levinsohn and Peggy Penjoyan; her son-in-law Alan Levinsohn; her daughter-in-law Arlene Lurie; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Betsy was preceded in death by her husband Lewis Lurie; son, David Lurie; and son-in-law Rich Penjoyan.

There was a private graveside on May 2, 2012. A memorial service will be held on Friday June 15, 2012 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation at 11:00 a.m. A gathering celebrating Betsy's life will begin later that day at 5:00 p.m. at Broadmoor Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to IHC, the League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts, or the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ★

**Jeanette M. Schwartz Taylor, 92**, lifelong resident was born Aug. 29, 1919 and died on April 28, 2012. She was a 1936 graduate of Shortridge High School. Mrs. Taylor was a long time member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC). Her beloved husband Eric died in 1999. She is survived by her cousins, two nieces and

## KERZNER

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*Have you had any other problems before this incident?* "In twenty years, I have never been accused of unfair grades nor have I treated anyone differently. However, some students, when I present controversial ideas or ideas that are not left-of-center politically in the classroom, do think that I should not be allowed to present ideas with which they disagree or which they believe is offensive. This is a problem. Basically, only those ideas that a student agrees with then becomes acceptable. This problematic situation is buttressed by faculty members who also want only ideas that are left-of-center presented in the classroom."

*What would you like to see happen in terms of a positive response in order to "make right" what has occurred?* "The university itself has to act positively to stop the demonization and suppression of ideas that are positive to Israel and defend and that represent the American Constitution, especially the First Amendment. That is what I expect and it is what all Hoosiers expect."

**Note from Dr. Eisenstein:** In accordance with Purdue University Policy Memorandums B-4 and B-48, these emails are strictly my own ideas and thoughts. They in no way reflect the views of the University. There is also no attempt whatsoever to imply that I in some way represent the University.

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Kerzner frequently writes for the Indiana edition of this newspaper. She graduated from Indiana University with a degree in education. She has secondary endorsements in reading and science. A columnist for the Post Tribune, Kerzner is also a freelance writer. Employed as a fifth grade teacher and teaching Math for Title One for the Chicago Public Schools, Kerzner lives in Munster, Ind. with her husband Irwin and their children.

**Note:** Please e-mail Idelle Kerzner at Bailah18@sbcglobal.net for more information or any ideas you might have. Kerzner is hoping that the Purdue Calumet Chronicle will write an acceptable letter of apology to the Jewish Community. ★



a nephew. Jeanette was deeply grateful for the devoted care and friendship of her caregivers over these last many years.

Funeral services were held on May 1 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. (see Obituaries, page 15)

## CST Sisterhood's trip to CANDLES Museum

BY GAYLE BERNSTEIN

I did not know what to expect upon visiting CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center on Sun., April 22. I had wanted to visit it for a long time and when the invitation arrived from Michelle Hershenson, Shani Zucker, and the Congregation Shaarey Tefilla Sisterhood, I knew my time had come.

Sharing my trip with varied members of our Indianapolis Jewish community who I didn't know was the beginning of this adventure. Meeting and hearing Eva Mozes Kor speak was the inspirational culmination. From the moment I entered Eva's sanctuary and tribute to the millions of Jews who died during the Holocaust, I became a part of history, Eva's history.

Hearing her relate her stories through her own voice, reading the visual displays throughout her Museum and seeing remains of the physical devastation that was caused by the 2003 arson of CANDLES Museum is a testimony to the spirit and determination that flows through Eva. How she and her young twin sister endured being in Mengele's Twin experiments in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp is incomprehensible to me.

Throughout my visit to CANDLES, my mind was racing with thoughts of, "I was born during the Holocaust. I have grandchildren the ages of those who were kept and subjected to retched, brutal confinement and human guinea pig experiments. I am so grateful to be born and reared in the United States of America. I can't believe the life my family, friends and I live is so free, so easy and so beautifully filled with hugs, warmth from the cold, food, shelter and green grass. Please God, enable Eva (and all of us) to continue to keep her story alive as she shares it with so many throughout the world. It can never be allowed to be forgotten or perish."

As Eva kept talking, I was surprised and uplifted by the humor that she incorporated throughout her presentation. However, I truly understand the dark humor that comes out during times of illness, stress and fear of the unknown. Eva brilliantly wove many varied life stories that served to exemplify a woman filled with strength, courage, optimism and triumph. By continuing to speak about her personal experiences, Eva demonstrates how to turn hate and prejudice into lessons of compassion, understanding and education. And Sunday I was privileged to meet and learn first-hand what Eva Mozes Kor is, a true survivor.

## Ronen Chamber Orchestra

BY MARY ANN MARGOLIS

The Ronen Chamber Orchestra concert at Hasten Hebrew Academy on Sun., April 22 was fabulous. Readings by Janus Korczak took place in between classical music pieces and Yiddish songs and lullabies from the ghetto. Janus Korczak was a doctor born in 1879 who died in Warsaw in 1942. He founded a Jewish and also a Polish orphanage in Warsaw. He wrote a lot about children's psychology. He had the children have some part of the governance of the orphanage; they published a newspaper and other activities. The woman who ran the orphanage went to Palestine but returned to be with the children in the ghetto.

Korczak visited Palestine several times in the 1930's. When the 200 orphans were shipped to Treblinka he accompanied them to their deaths although he had an opportunity to avoid being on the train.

This program was put together by Ingrid Fischer-Bellman, the cellist in the group. She was born in Romania and studied and performed in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and in the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO). Her husband David Bellman is the principle clarinetist for the ISO. They are the founders of the Ronen Orchestra. The following instruments could be heard: violin, viola, piano, French horn, cello, and clarinet. ★

### TORAH FUND

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rabbis, cantors, educators, social workers, scholars, lay leaders and researchers.

If you would like to contribute to the campaign, please call Diana Shapiro, Torah Fund Chair at 317/432-5742 or e-mail sdshapiro@yahoo.com. ★

### A note to Eva Kor from Miriam Gettinger

"I was so incredibly inspired by the larger than life story of heroism that you depicted for us. You kept me spellbound for hours! Rarely have I had the privilege to meet up with someone who truly reconstructed not only their personal lives but their local community and the larger sphere around them; somehow I felt you connected generations and humanity world over." ~ Miriam Gettinger, Principal, Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis ★

## Don't miss out because of poor hearing

"Hearing loss, a disability currently untreated in about 85 percent of those affected, may be the nation's most damaging and costly sensory handicap. It is a hidden disability, often not obvious to others or even to those who have it.

"Its onset is usually insidious, gradually worsening over years and thus easily ignored.

"Most of those affected can still hear sounds and think the real problem is that people aren't speaking clearly. They often ask others to speak up, repeat what was said or speak more slowly. Or they pretend they can hear, but their conversations may be filled with non sequiturs.

"As hearing worsens, they are likely to become increasingly frustrated and socially isolated. Unable to hear well in social settings, they gradually stop going to the theater, movies, places of worship, senior centers or parties or out to restaurants with friends or family.

Social isolation, in turn, has been linked to depression and an increased risk of death from conditions like heart disease. And now there is another major risk associated with hearing problems: dementia and Alzheimer's disease. This finding alone should prompt more people to get their hearing tested and, if found impaired, get properly fitted with aids that can help to keep them cognitively engaged."

*Excerpt from the New York Times "Lifelines for People with Hearing Loss" by Jane E. Brody Jan. 17, 2012.*

A hearing test is probably the easiest test you will ever take – it is quick, simple and painless and the results are immediate. If you do have a hearing loss, you will be advised by an audiologist or physician on the type of hearing assistance that best suits your needs.

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## On this date in Jewish history

On May 9, 2004

Comedian Alan King passed away.

"It's not how long you lived, but how well you lived."

~ From *The Jewish Book of Days* published by Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, Inc., New York.





Michelle Hershenson (L) and Shani Zucker (R) present a gift to Mrs. Eva Kor (center).

## BOUKAI

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one level, some are two levels, or two levels plus a basement.

One added bonus is that these homes are inside the Jewish Community *Eruv* in case you or someone visiting you is *Shomer Shabbos*. I can be reached at 317-727-6113. ★



Congregation Shaarey Tefilla Sisterhood organized a trip to C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute, Ind.

## OBITUARIES

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Burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation's South Cemetery. Family and friends were invited to Shapiro's south side location immediately following the burial. Memorial contributions may be made to IHC. ★

**Rose Mendelsohn Gilbert, 99**, long time resident of Indianapolis, passed away May 3, 2012.

Rose was a graduate of Manuel High School and she worked for many years as an executive secretary for Bondner Construction Company. Rose and her husband, the late Marcus Samuel Gilbert, were members of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. She was also a member of Hadassah and the Sisterhood.

She is survived by her beloved children, Dennis (Erika) Gilbert and Elaine (Raymond) Bishop; four grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Sunday, May 6 at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. ★

Due to press time constraints, the obituary of Nora Goldstein (May 7, 2012; see photo caption, p. 2) will be in our next issue, June 6. ★

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