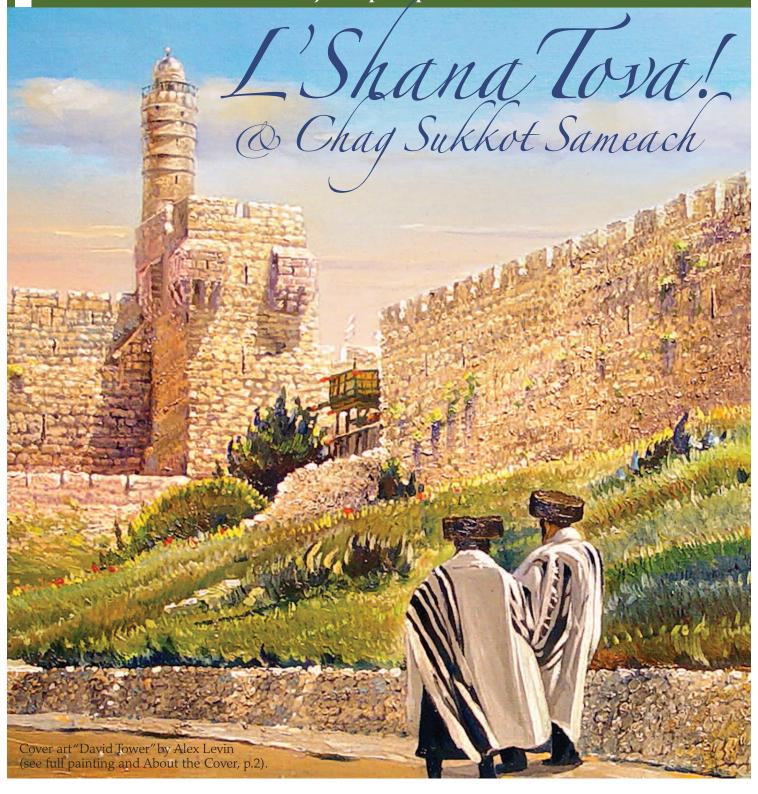
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Simcha Announcements

Mazel Tov to...

Dani Loewenthal, daughter of Bruce Loewenthal and Gayle Garber of Carmel, Ind. married Brandon Lafferman, son of Bruce and April Lafferman of Los Angeles, Calif. on June 23, 2012. The ceremony and reception were held at Indianapolis Museum of Art and Rabbi Aaron Spiegel officiated.



Photo credit: Morgan Matters Photography.

The bride's grandparents are Bill and Bebe Weinstein of Indianapolis and Bob Loewenthal and Nancy Israel of Los Angeles. The groom's grandmothers are May Zarin and Sylvia Lafferman of Maryland.

The bride is a 2011 graduate of Indiana University with bachelor's degrees in psychology and sociology. She is currently in her last year of graduate school at Indiana University where she is pursuing a masters degree in social work.



Ella Perel, daughter of Gary and Inga Weiss Perel, was Bat Mitzvahed on Aug. 25, 2012 at Congregation B'nai Torah in Indianapolis. She is the granddaughter of Raisa Perel, and Tibor and Dora Weiss, great-granddaughter of Roza Zelikovich and sister to Lenny Perel.



The groom is a 2007 graduate of Butler University with a bachelor's degree in education. Currently the president and owner of Indiana Primetime Sports, he teaches physical education and health, and coaches basketball at University High School.

The Maid of Honor was Lili Glazier, a childhood friend; Bridesmaids were friends of the bride: Katharine Luerssen, Ruby Kohler, Alissa DiMarchi, Holly Clark, and Erica Waggoner. The Best Man was Ryan Cole, college friend and business partner; Groomsmen were friends of the groom: Maxx Wolfson, Todd Wolfson, Matt Waggoner, Collin McGann, and Kevin Oliverio.

For their honeymoon the newlyweds traveled to Kauai, Hawaii. Brandon and Dani currently reside in Carmel.

Kachel and Yitzchok Knopf announced the birth of their daughter, Nechama Bayla, born on Sept. 7, 2012. She weighed 5 lbs. and 11 oz. Maternal grandparents are Elliot and Ethel Bartky of Indianapolis and paternal grandparents are Norman and Judy Knopf of Chicago.



L-R: Leslie and Jennifer Gubitz.

Jennifer Anne Gubitz (above), a product Fort Wayne Community Schools (FWCS) Magnet schools and the daughter of Charlene and Jeff Gubitz, was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on May 6. She holds a

About the CoverDavid Tower

(Oil on canvas 20" x 40"; above) by Alex Levin, Art Levin Studio – www.ArtLevin.com.

Alex Levin comes from Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, where he was born in 1975 and later attended Art Academy, from which he graduated with honors.



In 1990 Levin immigrated to Israel, where he continues to live in the city of Herzeliya. With a most productive and hectic schedule, Levin finds additional time to grow (see Cover, page 8)

Simchas Welcome! Had a recent joyous occasion in your family or Jewish organization? The Jewish Post & Opinion – IN Edition welcomes your announcements for placement in our Simcha section. Submit photos and text to: jpostopinion@gmail.com. Next Deadline: Oct. 15, 2012. All decisions on publishing, date of placement, size of photo, and length of announcement are at the sole discretion of the publisher.

bachelor of arts degree in Jewish Studies and English from Indiana University and a Master's of Hebrew Literature from HUC-JIR. Prior to entering seminary, she worked for the Religious Action Center and Hillel in Washington, D.C. Jennifer will assume the post of assistant rabbi at

(see Simchas, page 7)

Editorial

In the Indianapolis Star on Sat., Aug. 29, 2009 a man wrote to Billy Graham that he was hurt by someone in his family, but that person will not admit that he or she has done anything wrong, let alone ask for forgiveness. The questioner wanted to know how to forgive this family member.

On occasion, I read Graham's "My Answer" column to see what advice he will give to spiritual questions like this. I don't agree with him when he writes that there is only one way to salvation, but his answer to this question is very appropriate for Jewish people at this time of year. Graham's response:

It's easier, of course, to forgive someone who knows he or she has hurt us and is asking for forgiveness. But life isn't always that easy, and sometimes the whole burden rests on our shoulders.

But that doesn't mean we don't need to forgive. After all, when someone hurts us, we begin carrying a burden, and we need to get rid of it. Imagine it as a heavy basket filled with emotions that weigh you down: anger, hurt, jealousy, a desire for revenge, guilt, bitterness and so forth.

You have only two choices: carry it or get rid of it. Every object in that basket hurts you. So what is the best thing to do? The Bible is clear: "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice" (Ephesians 4:31).

This only happens as you forgive. And this becomes possible as we realize how much God has forgiven us.

Our Jewish tradition teaches that for sins against a fellow human, we cannot ask God for forgiveness until we have asked it of the person whom we have hurt at least three times. We may then ask God for forgiveness even if the person refuses.

In Hebrew, the word for *sin* is translated as "missing the mark." This suggests that one is aiming to hit the mark – do what is right – but simply missed. This implies that perhaps people do not begin with the intention to purposely hurt another. Realizing this may make it easier to forgive those who have hurt us.

I like Graham's analogy of looking at hurt as a heavy basket, and it is similar to what my Aunt Diane said. (The following paragraph was originally published in my editorial from July 9, 2003 and was reprinted here in the July 29, 2009 issue.)

"If one is constantly bitter, filled with anger, hatred, resentment, and regrets, eventually that will affect other areas in one's life and could lead to health problems. My aunt, Diane Arnold from Tampa, has a unique way of expressing this. She said, 'When someone hates

Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

Tishrei in Lubavitch is a wonderful time. Tishrei is the first month of the year, and most of it is holidays, starting with *Rosh Hashanah*, and ending with *Succos* and *Simchas Torah*.

Baruch Hashem, we got a lot of exercise and happiness. On both days of Rosh Hashanah we walked to our nearby hospital to blow the *shofar*. Each day was a two hour walk. The walk itself was really special, as I was accompanied by a son-in law and three grandchildren. We did a lot of dancing and singing on the way. To hear the shofar on Rosh Hashanah is inspiring, and to blow the shofar and help others hear it is even more inspiring. My 11year-old grandson and my nine-year-old granddaughter also blew the shofar, and really made a lot of people happy. After all of that inspiration, exercise and fun I was feeling ten years younger and much happier.

During Succos I danced about 10 hours. We spent Simchas Torah in Netanya. My son Avraham Sender and his family live a few minutes from the Laniado Hospital. On the night of Simchas Torah we danced for an hour at a local shul, went home to make Kiddush, and then I walked with four grandchildren to the hospital. We went from ward to ward and from room to room, dancing and singing. Dancing with grandchildren is always very special, even more so on Simchas Torah, and even more so in the hospital. There they did a lot of mitzvahs. They brought the happiness of Simchas Torah to the patients and doctors and nurses. A lot of faces lit up with big





HH services live on Web

The 92nd Street Y in New York City will be sharing its High Holiday Services via live webstream at www.92Y.org/HHLive. This is done to provide High Holiday services to those unable to attend, whether in New York or other communities, on military bases around the world, or in hospitals or senior centers.

Tune in live at these times (ET): *Yom Kippur*: Tues., Sept., 25 from 6:30–8:30 p.m., and Wed., Sept., 26, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., and 5–8 p.m. ❖





another, it is as if they carry that person on their back. The one being carried is not sweating. The one who hates has to struggle with the extra weight."

Then in Nov. 22, 2006, Charles Roth of (see Editorial, page 9)

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smiles, and those who could, joined us in the dancing. What is the best way to find true happiness? Go out and make other people happy!

On the fifth day of Succos we had our annual Succos family reunion. Almost all of our children and grandchildren came, plus a few of our in-laws and we had a great time, Baruch Hashem. We hope that you also had a great holiday.

I had a beautiful experience. One of my four-year-old grandaughters walked over to me, held up her little hands, and asked me to pick her up. How could I resist? I took her to give a kiss to the *mezuzah*, and showed her the picture of the *Rebbe*. We enjoyed each other's company for a few minutes, and then I tried to put her down. No deal. She held onto me with all of her strength and said "Don't put me down!" My heart melted and I held her for another few minutes.

The next morning while I was saying my morning prayers I remembered my grand-daughter. I looked up to the heavens and said to our Father "Pick me up! Don't put me down! Hold me forever!" Baruch Hashem, I know that *Hashem* loves us

(see Benzion, page 5)

Community Events

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

Enrollment is always open – we welcome all women of other faith traditions who are raising Jewish children in the context of an interfaith marriage or committed relationship with a Jewish partner. Come learn about Jewish holidays, rituals, ethics and the how-to's of creating a Jewish home, and get to know some amazing women just like you! For information, contact Patti Freeman Dorson, Facilitator, at 441-5259 or themotherscircle@comcast.net.

Meditation Hike

A Pomelit pre-Shabbat Walk at the IMA, 4000 N. Michigan Rd., will be held on **Fri., Sept. 28** from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Set aside the stress and craziness of a busy week. Meet at the Efroymson Family Entrance Pavilion. Casual *Kiddish* following the hike. No charge. For more info, contact Laurel Brown at laursbro@aol.com, Paula Goldberg at pgoldberg@indy.rr.com, or Margo Fox at mfox@jfgi.org or call 317-715-9268.

Pedal for Peace

On **Sat., Sept. 29** from 3–7:00 p.m. at the Major Taylor Velodrome join Beth-El Zedeck's Pedal for Peace team! Ride your bicycle (or a stationary bicycle if your riding skills are rusty) with your team to raise money for the Interfaith Hunger Initiative. Go to: http://www.pedalfor peace.org/ for more information and to register for this event!

A Celebration of Vision and Memory: The Photography of Dr. Mark Pescovitz and Asrar Burney

Reception: **Sun., Sept. 30**. Please join the Pescovitz and Burney families for light refreshments as you enjoy the gallery opening. Dr. Ora Pescovitz and Asrar Burney will speak briefly starting at 1:15 p.m.

Sukkot Movie Night

On **Wed., Oct. 3** at 6:30 p.m., Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation will be a screening of the award-winning Israeli comedy *Ushpizin,* which depicts an Israeli couple's hilarious *Sukkot* celebration. Then join us in the Sukkah afterward to shake the *lulav*! Contact Rabbi Nadia at nadas@ihcindy.org.

Unattached Jewish Adults

On **Sun., Oct. 7**, at 12:30 p.m., join us in the *Sukkah* in front of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 W. 70th St., Indianapolis, to say the blessings over the *Lulav* and *Etrog*. At 1:15 p.m. meet with old friends and make some new ones at Hollyhock Hill for lunch. If it is raining, we will not meet in the Sukkah before lunch. For more information email Scott Levine at chatwithscott@gmail.com or call 405-8084.

Live! from Terre Haute, it's Elliot Gould

The 7th Annual CANDLES Fall Reception is **Sat., Oct. 13, 2012** from 6–10:00 p.m. in Terre Haute, Ind. Special guest this year is Oscar-nominated actor Elliott Gould. Tickets include dinner with Mr. Gould at the O'Shaughnessy Hall at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Please join us for this wonderful event! Tickets are \$75 and available at the museum and online www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org or by calling 812/234-7881.

JCC Business Network

The next meeting will be on **Wed., Oct. 17** at 6:30 p.m. at the Arthur M Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. RSVP to Larry Rothenberg lrothenberg@jccindy.org or call 317-715-9233.

Israel Bonds annual dinner

On **Thur., Oct. 11, 2012**, the Indiana Campaign for Israel Bonds cordially invites you to attend a Dinner of State in honor of Gigi Felsher, with guest speaker

Eli Groner, Israel's Minister for Economic Affairs to the US.

Jewish Lawyers

Jewish lawyers group meets for lunch on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is **Oct. 24** 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.

14th Annual Ann Katz Festival of Books and Arts

Oct. 24–Nov. 17, at the JCC. (See page 6 for details.)

Music @ Shaarey Tefilla

Carmel's Conservative synagogue welcomes all for music up close of the 2012-2013 season. Join us for the first of three performances: Mon., Nov. 12, for "6-strings and Keys" featuring guitarist Adam Levin and the Lincoln Trio, at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, 3085 West 116th Street, Carmel, Ind. The series presents a broad range of musical styles and collaborative musicians uniquely focusing attention on a Jewish theme, composer, or performer. Artistic Director, violist Michael Strauss, crafts each program as you would an excellent meal, with the comfort of familiar composers and their masterworks balanced with the zest of new or little known pieces. Known for its intimate, casual setting and meetand-greets with the performers at afterconcert receptions, this is the place to be three Mondays each season. Call 317-733-2169 for ticket and more information.

A Health and Art Fair

Sun., Jan. 13, 2013 – a health & art fair titled "L'Chaim: Arts and Wellness for (see Events, page 7)



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The State of Israel Bonds organization is pleased to announce that it will be

honoring Gigi Marks Felsher at its Annual Israel Bonds Dinner of State being held in the Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M. Glick JCC at 5:30 p.m., on Thurs., Oct. 11. Eli



Groner, Israel's Minister for Economic Affairs in the United States will be the guest speaker.

Gigi Marks Felsher, the well-deserving honoree, is an active volunteer in the general and Jewish communities. Her volunteer activities began in the 1980's and she has not stopped since. She has served as a member of the executive committee of Community Action of Greater Indianapolis and was a member of the Junior League of Indianapolis. She has served on the boards of Congregation Beth El Zedeck, Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Hasten Hebrew Academy and held leadership roles with Women's American ORT both locally and regionally. With the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis she is a 3-time Campaign co-chair, Endowment co-chair and has served as its president. She has won the L.L. Goodman Young Leadership Award and the Endowment Achievement Awards from the Jewish Federation and the HAI-Life award from the Hasten Hebrew Academy.

For questions or to RSVP: 312/558-9400. To RSVP: Indianapolis@israelbonds.com. *



BENZION

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much, much more then we love our own children (or even our grandchildren). Hashem in infinite, and His love for us, His children, is infinite. He is holding us in

His arms all the time. However, in order to actually feel the presence of Hashem requires a lot of effort. This is the real goal of our morning prayers. We put aside all of our mundane affairs and speak to Hashem. We meditate how Hashem is really everything. We ask Hashem to help us to return to Him and come close to Him and feel His presence.

We want *Moshiach* now! We want to actually feel that Hashem is picking us up and holding us. Not just for a few minutes, but forever. When Moshiach will take us all out of exile we will feel Hashem's presence and His great love for us all of the time.

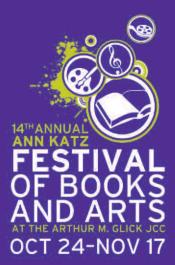
It is up to us to make it happen. We have to follow the teachings and instructions of Moshiach, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, and he will lead us to our complete redemption. He taught us to learn about Moshiach and to make the effort to go out of our own personal exile, and come closer to Hashem. To bring Hashem into our lives more and more by learning more Torah and doing more *mitzvahs*. To plead with Hashem: "Pick us up! Take us out of exile! Send us Moshiach! Long live our master, our teacher, and our king, Moshiach, forever and ever!"

Rabbi Cohen lives in K'far Chabad, Israel. He can be reached by email at bzcohen@orange.net.il. This column was originally published Nov. 9, 2011.



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THE RAPE

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WEEK ONE

Delia Ephron, The Lion Is In Weds, Oct 24 | 7 pm

> Herron School of Art + Design: Herron Makes Books-Student Work from the Book Arts Program: Second Ed. Reception Thurs, Oct 25 | 5:30-7:30 pm

Screening: The Rape of Europa Sat, Oct 27 | 7 pm

> Day of Play & Rick Recht Concert. Family friendly. Special needs friendly. Friendly for everyone! Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation presents the Rick Recht Concert.

Sun, Oct 28 | Noon-4 pm

WEEK TWO



Alicia Oltuski, Precious Objects: A Story of Diamonds, Family, & a Way of Life Mon, Oct 29 | 7 pm

Story-time with Bubbe and Zayde Tues, Oct 30 | Noon



David Javerbaum, The Last Testament: A Memoir by GOD Tues, Oct 30 | 7 pm

cestival feature

Ira Shapiro: The Last Great Senate: Courage and Statesmanship in Times of Crisis Thurs, Nov 1 | 7 pm



Screening: A Matter of Size
Sat, Nov 3 | 7 pm

Diane Rossen Worthington, Seriously Simple Parties: Recipes, Menus & Advice for Effortless Entertaining Sun, Nov 4 | 2 pm

WEEK THREE



The Guy Mendilow Ensemble, Tales from the Forgotten Kingdom: Ladino Songs Renewed Mon, Nov 5 | 7 pm \$12 public / \$8 members

The Guy Mendilow Ensemble's Workshop for Children, Around the World in Song Tue, Nov 6 | 10 am



Eric Weiner, Man Seeks God: My Flirtations with the Divine Wed, Nov 7 | 7 pm



Indy Reads & the Junior League: Family Literacy Workshop Thurs, Nov 8 | 6 pm



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WEEK FOUR



Greg Dawson, Judgment Before Nuremberg: The Holocaust in the Ukraine and the First Nazi War Crimes Trial Mon, Nov 12 | 7 pm



Matthew Tully, Searching for Hope: Life at a Failing School in the Heart of America, An interview with Travis DiNicola followed by Q & A Wed, Nov 14 | 7 pm



The Untold Story of How the 658 Cantor Fitzgerald Families Faced the Tragedy of 9/11 and Beyond Thurs, Nov 15 | 7 pm

Edie Lutnick, An Unbroken Bond:



Heartland Truly Moving Pictures: 2012 Award-Winning Short Films Sat, Nov 17 | 7 pm





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High Holidays

By Rabbi Brian Besser

The Book of Life

Leshanah tovah tikateivu! "May you be inscribed for a good year!"—this is how we heartily greet each other for the New Year. The well-known motif of being inscribed derives from the Talmudic notion of the Book of Life, which is reserved for the righteous. (bRosh Hashanah 16b) What is the Book of Life? Does enrollment in the Book of Life ensure staying alive one more year? Does the converse imply that one is destined to perish, chas ve-shalom, God forbid! Or, is there another way, perhaps less superstitious and more profound, to view this imagery?

I recently came across the following pronouncement, attributed to Franz Kafka, which suggested to me a new way to think about the Book of Life. He said: "we are sinful not so much because we have eaten from the Tree of Knowledge, but because we have not yet eaten from the Tree of Life." (Moments of Transcendence, Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins,

p. 16) Kafka refers, of course, to the two named trees in the Garden of Eden: the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the Tree of Life.

It's important to read the parable in Genesis not as a mere fairy tale, but as a profound meditation on what it means to be human. Adam and Eve represent everyman and every woman. The Tree of Knowledge represents the awareness of right from wrong, and the Tree of Life represents the meaning of life itself. The key to unlocking the lessons of the Biblical story is to view Adam and Eve's so-called punishment as "not really a punishment at all, but the painful consequence of being human." (Harold Kushner, When Bad Things Happen to Good People, p. 76) Having partaken from one tree but not the other, they - we - are caught in the middle, somewhere between the Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life, between instinct and reason, between bestiality and divinity.

What is life, after all? In nature, the essential characteristic of life is growth. The essential characteristic of growth is change. If we knew everything, there would be nothing to learn. If we always acted right the first time, there would be no opportunity to improve. We would, in effect, be (spiritually) dead. As my Rabbinic advisor said to me recently:

"Brian, you are going to make mistakes. The question is not whether you are going to fail, but how you handle your failures."

When confronted with mistakes, short-comings, and conflicts in ourselves and in others, we certainly have the option to avoid them. However, by summoning us to partake from the Tree of Life, Kafka challenges us to move toward the source of our anxiety. The *Book* of Life and the *Tree* of Life are the same. Being inscribed in the Book of Life doesn't guarantee physical survival any more than eating from the Tree of Life would guarantee immortality.

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SIMCHAS

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Temple Shir Tivka in Wayland, Mass.

Leslie Michelle Gubitz, also a product of the FWCS Magnet school program, and younger sister of Jennifer graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Jewish studies and biological studies. Upon graduation, Leslie will join Teach for America as a corps member, teaching in St. Louis. She will spend the summer in St. Louis and Chicago attending TFA training before assuming her role as a science teacher in the St. Louis school system.

Jennifer and Leslie are the grand-daughters of Morris and Carol Schwartz, of blessed memory, of Indianapolis. Among other activities, Carol sang in the choir at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck for many years.





EVENTS

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Better Living" will be held at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Rabbi Arthur Green, Scholar in residence in Bloomington, Ind.

Rabbi Arthur Green, Ph.D., will be scholar in residence for the weekend beginning Jan. 18, 2013. Rabbi Green is recognized as one of the world's preeminent authorities on Jewish thought and spirituality. In addition to his Hebrew College Rabbinical School role as Rector, he serves as Irving Brudnick Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Hebrew College and is Professor Emeritus at Brandeis University. Previously, he taught at the University of Pennsylvania and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, where he served as Dean and President from 1984 to 1993. One of the purposes of his trip to Bloomington is to help install Rabbi Brian Besser, the new rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom. *

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu!

From our Board, President Matt Burton, Rabbi Ben Sendrow, and our membership at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, wishing you and all your loved ones a *Healthy, Sweet*, and *Good* New Year!

High Holiday Service	Date	Time
Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre	Tuesday, September 25	7:30 pm
Yom Kippur / Yizkor	Wednesday, September 26	9:00 am
Youth Service	Wednesday, September 26	10:00 am
Yom Kippur / Mincha	Wednesday, September 26	5:45 pm
Yom Kippur / Neila, Maariv, Havdalah	Wednesday, September 26	7:00 pm
Sukkah Decorating*	Sunday, September 30	9:00 am
Erev Sukkot	Sunday, September 30	6:30 pm
Sukkot Shacharit (1st day)	Monday, October 1	8:00 am
Erev Sukkot (2nd day)	Monday, October 1	7:00 pm
Sukkot Shacharit (2nd day)	Tuesday, October 2	8:00 am
Hoshanah Rabbah	Sunday, October 7	9:00 am
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Sunday, October 7	6:30 pm
Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor	Monday, October 8	8:00 am
Simchat Torah Celebration	Monday, October 8	6:30-8:30 pm
Ice Cream Social	Monday, October 8	following services
Simchat Torah Shacharit	Tuesday, October 9	8:00 am
* All services Sukkot thru Simchat Torah and	Shabbats open to the comr	nunity.

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Simon Wiesenthal Center announces new Midwest **Regional Director**

Alison Pure-Slovin joined the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) professional staff as Midwest Regional Director in Chicago on Aug. 27, 2012. Her email address there will be

The mission of SWC is to work toward combating anti-Semitism and defend Israel. They also have an

aslovin@Wiesenthal.com.



understanding and human dignity. The SWC had an office in Chicago which was closed about 20 years ago. The Center's Midwest constituency has grown considerably in the last two decades and Pure-Slovin will lead the effort to serve them directly.









COVER

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as an artist and studies new techniques with Professor Baruch Elron who was the Chairman of Israel Artist Association.

His main painting styles are Surrealism and Realism – featuring a range of works in oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, and tempera paints – practicing the original manner of 16th century technique, which is the multilayered use of tempera and oil (no brush strokes).

Artworks of Levin are admired worldwide and were purchased for numerous private, corporate, and institutional collections in the United States, Israel, France, Italy, Ukraine, Switzerland, and Belgium. This young artist, who just turned thirty years old, was directly acknowledged by many influential figures including actor and producer Richard Gere, Madonna, Canadian Jazz player Oscar Peterson and former president of Israel Ezer Weizman.

After serving 3 years in the Israeli Army, in 1997 Levin entered the industrial and web design program which was a great benefit to his artwork.

He is currently working on two themes: "Tradition of Jewish Heritage" and "Venice through the mask's eyes".

"Tradition of Jewish Heritage" is a collection of works of Jerusalem's holy

Western Wall and it's surrounding religious neighborhood. Through the strokes of his brush, Levin has captured the residents of Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Mea Shearim, Jewish attributes, and people at the Western Wall, one of Judaism most holy places.

The artist's new vision of a Venice Carnival takes a completely unique approach and presents the viewer with a lavish and most prominent feature of Venetian Carnival – the Mask.

The earlier paintings from the "Mask collection" were introduced in 2002 in Venice and were awarded with a scholarship to the Venice Academy of Art to support the artist's continuing artistic development and enable him to devote substantial time to the creation of new work.

In 2007 Levin received the Medal Award for the Contribution to the Judaic Art from the Knesset.



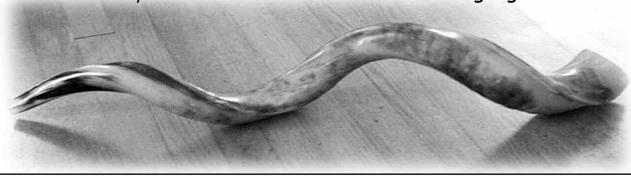
Another successful Etz Chaim Bake Sale was held on Sept. 9.

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Shana Tova Tizku leshanim rabbot

Best wishes, good health and happiness to the entire Community for the coming year

Rabbi Eytan Cowen and the Etz Chaim Congregation



EDITORIAL

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New York who was the executive editor and vice president of this newspaper from 1953–1983 wrote the following on the subject. This is another creative way to help one realize what he or she is doing by not practicing forgiveness.

"Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi teaches that when one holds a grudge, it is as though you are holding the person against whom you have the grudge in jail. But if you are holding the person in jail, you are the jailor and have to sit in jail, keeping your prisoner there. And you will have to remain in that jail so long as you keep the grudge. So drop the grudge and let yourself out of prison."

In Finding a Way to Forgive from a series called Life Lights (brief essays on wholeness and healing), published by Jewish Lights and written by Rabbi David Wolpe, he writes: "We forgive, in part, because we need forgiveness. Every one of us has bruised another, betrayed and ill-treated even those whom we love. Can any marriage or any friendship endure without constant forgiveness? What we hope for in the world we must create. We cannot have what we will not give."

He suggests developing strategies and practices of forgiveness. "Lifting ourselves out of the here-and-now can give us a truer perspective on our predicament. Will this insult matter in 30 years, or even in 30 days? If you could fly and take an eagle's view of the crisis, would it still matter so much? In short, is what happened as grievous as it seems?

"Judaism teaches those who have done wrong to seek forgiveness. It mandates that the offenders must sincerely ask pardon and seek to correct the wrongs they have done. But it also teaches that after a certain point – three sincere apologies, an attempt at restitution, and a clear indication that the person has changed – it becomes the obligation of the wronged party to forgive."

Rabbi Wolpe advises us to take heart, take time, and begin the journey. "Forgiveness takes time. Forgiving is a process we go through to attain the state of forgiveness. There will be anger and backsliding. But like all true journeys, we cannot now exactly imagine where we will end up once we have taken the journey. To forgive another is to open up a new pathway in your spirit."

Seeking and granting forgiveness is a major focus for Jews at this time year. Even though it is better to resolve these situations as soon as possible after they take place – there is a prayer for forgiveness in the daily *Amidah* – sometimes it is a little easier when everyone else is engaged in

Obituaries

Allan David Khitlik, 31, died Aug. 9, 2012. He was born Nov. 25, 1980. He attended North Central High School

and graduated from Boca Ciega High School in Gulfport, Fla. He attended St. Petersburg College.

He is survived by his three children Natasha, Tatiana, and Alec who live



in St. Petersburg, Fla., his father Tsalya Khitlik, owner of Sasha's Watch and Jewelry Repair in Broad Ripple, and older brother Eddie Khitlik. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or the Jewish Community Center.

Hortense Cohen, 96, of Brookline, Mass., died August 20, 2012. She was born in Cleveland on Nov. 6, 1915 to George and Bertha Weiss. She is survived by her daughter, Marcia Wright. Hortense was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Philip Cohen. A graveside service was held Aug. 23 in the Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery South. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.

Brittney Ann Wolinsky, 19, died

Aug. 23, 2012. She was a beautiful girl, loved by all. She will be greatly missed. She was laid to rest in the presence of her family.



For those who wish to honor the life of Brittney, a

memorial fund has been established in her name at "Friends of the Family Endowment," Families First, 615 North Alabama, Ste. 320, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Friends may share a note, prayer or memory with the family by visiting: www.arnmortuary.com. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

Sheldon Siegel, 83,, Dean Emeritus of the IU School of Social Work died Aug. 26 from complications of COPD. He was born in Detroit, Mich., on Sept. 22, 1928 to Anna and Sam Siegel. He is survived by





the same activity.

Therefore lighten up by emptying that heavy basket off your shoulders and releasing yourself from prison by asking for forgiveness from those you have hurt and granting forgiveness to those who have hurt you. Then we can all enter into the New Year with a clean slate.

Jennie Cohen, September 26, 2012. (*Reprinted from 9-9-09.*) ❖

his wife of 56 years, Natalie; his sons, Daniel, Eli (Mary Smith) and Matthew (Deborah Caul) and grandchildren, Adah and Nathan and 8 nieces and nephews. He was



preceded in death by his sisters, Sarah and Shirley and his brother Albert.

We honor his dedication to and his love of family and delight in his grandchildren. He will be remembered as always putting family first and his caring, open and accepting nature. He had a lifelong passion for social justice, and a great love of theatre and world travel.

At IUSSW Dr. Siegel increased the diversity of both faculty and students and established the PhD program at the school. Prior to his appointment as Dean at IUSSW, Sheldon served as Director of the School of Social Work at the University of Cincinnati and Director of Admissions at the University of Michigan's School of Social Work. He had a lifelong interest in gerontology serving on the University of Michigan's Institute of Gerontology, the University of Cincinnati's Committee on Aging and in 1985 chairing a Task Force on the Mental Health needs of older Hoosiers. He served as President of the Council of International Programs from 1991-1995 and was on the board of CICOA from 1997–2004, serving as president of that board from 2000–2002.

Memorial services were held on Aug. 29, 2012 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sheldon and Natalie Siegel Scholarship Fund c/o IU Foundation, PO Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402 or the charity of your choice. Friends may leave a message of condolence for the family by visiting www.arnmortuary.com

Rebecca Levin, 95, died in Columbus, Ohio on Aug. 26, 2012. She was born March 30, 1917. Becky was the wife of the (see Obituaries, page 10)





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OBITUARIES

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late Harry, "Gershie" Levin. She is survived by her beloved sister, Fannie Ozan and her nephews and nieces. She was laid to rest next to Gershie in Shara Tefillah Cemetery. Funeral services were on Aug. 28, 2012 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Rabbi Lewis Weiss officiated.

Suzanne Beth Centman Miller, 45,

life-long resident of Indianapolis, died suddenly on Sept. 17, 2012. She was a 1985 graduate of North Central High School and attended University of Arizona and IU. She spent her career in restaurant management overseeing The Cooker and PF Chang among others.

She was a long time member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and had been active in youth sports at the Jewish Community Center.

Suzanne will be deeply and forever missed by those that loved and knew her. Survivors include her beloved family: husband, Tim Miller; step children; Austin, Brooke and Hannah; her mother and step-father, Jane and Charles Butcher; aunts, Ronnie Frank and Ronna Sherman; cousins, Joel Frank, Laurie Frank, Risa Frank, Barbara Rooney and Jeff Sherman. Her father, Carl, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary on Thurs., Sept. 20. Burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to IHC. Friends may leave a message of condolence for the family at www.arnmortuary.com.

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A JEA blast from the past

The Jewish Post & Opinion recently received this program guide in the mail from N. William Weinstein. It is from an event on May 27, 1962 at the Jewish Educational Association (JEA) Indianapolis (currently called the Bureau of Jewish Education – BJE). It was titled Yom Ha-Moreh (Teacher's Day). The message from Weinstein said: "Memorabilia - 'old stuff' can be fun! So spend a few moments with this 50 years ago program, and I'll bet you will feel a giggle coming on! Enjoy!"

We took Bill's advice one step further and found this photo from the event in the June 8, 1962 issue of this newspaper.

Thank you, Bill! – who was the chairman of this event and who's daughter Rachel gave the closing prayer. ~Editor 🌣



Isaiah Adler

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YOM HA-MOREH

May 27, 1962



Shown at the Teachers' Day celebration are (left to right) students Jennie Cohen, Rosalie Simon, Deborah Passo, Debra Kempler, Susan Prince, Ruth Siegel, and Sharon Davis, with teachers Gerhard Posner, Rachel Max, Arieh Lor, and Gideon Lapushin.

put up on the doorpost of her new house. She stops to tell Annie about a town

where the people disagreed so much on how to put up the mezuzah on their

doors, they shouted and argued loudly about it. Then they consulted the rabbi who had a very interesting reply to them.

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Civility and Democracy



BY RABBIS
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m As}$ the Jewish High Holy Days begin, the election season swings into full gear with the party conventions and the Presidential debates soon to come. Political advertisements pit one candidate against the other, focusing less on relevant issues than on personal attacks. The climate is combative and marked by an atmosphere of confrontational and uncivil discourse. Ideological polarization in our country grows deeper and wider. There is little incentive to reach consensus. The very concept is tantamount to political suicide. The desire for personal advancement and private gain takes precedence over the critical needs of the public welfare and the civil good. Gaining power takes priority over solving problems.

We tend to approach disagreements as "either/or" debates that disintegrate into over-simplification of complex issues. False dichotomies invite hostility and incivility. The results are proving toxic.

Technology worsens the addiction. Faceless communication makes it easier to demonize others. The demand for instantaneous response does not allow for reflection or for tempering of anger. Civil society must operate within the framework of cherished liberties. Still, just because we have the right of free speech, does not mean that everything we think, should be said; nor that everything we say, should be written; nor everything written, published or given a public forum. Yet that is what often happens on the internet.

Words have power. Biblically the divine act of creation is verbal. *Cosmos* (order) is called into being out of *chaos* (disorder). The magical expression – abracadabra comes from the Aramaic. It means *abra* – I will create, *kadabra* – as I speak. Words create worlds. Unfortunately, our words are generating chaos rather than cosmos, tearing us apart rather than bringing us together.

We need fewer split screens of pro/con debates that seek to entertain us and more in- depth and thoughtful analyses that aim educate us. We need to refrain from character assassination and engage in issues illumination. We need our candidates and elected politicians to do less for the sake of partisanship and more for the sake of our commonwealth.

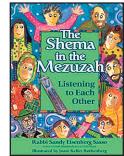
Rabbi Sandy Sasso pens another charming tale

REVIEWED BY SYBIL KAPLAN

The Shema in the Mezuzah: Listening to Each Other. By Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Jewish Lights, \$18.99 hardcover, October 2012. Illustrated by Joani Keller Rothenberg.

Anyone familiar with children's books

can be excited when a new Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso book is published. She has written 16 children's books (if my count is correct) and at least five books for adults.



Based on a 12th

century rabbinic debate, this charming tale begins with Annie's grandmother who delays baking cookies until the *mezuzah* is disagree can learn to compromise. It also teaches young children about God, the mezuzah, and living with each other.

Rabbi Sandy E. Sasso was the first female Reconstructionist rabbi and the second female to be ordained as a rabbi. When she married a rabbi, she and her husband became the first rabbinical couple, and she was the first rabbi to

She and her husband have been rabbis at the Congregation Beth el Zedeck in Indianapolis, Ind. since 1977.

become a mother.

Joani Keller Rothenberg, who also lives in Indianapolis, is a children's art therapist and mural painter. She created the whimsical, colorful illustrations for this book.

Sybil Kaplan is a journalist, food and feature writer, and author of nine kosher cookbooks.

De Tocqueville, the insightful Frenchman who in the 1830's wrote about American society, remarked that democracy would fail if Americans didn't develop certain "Habits of the Heart." In his new book, Healing the Heart of Democracy, Parker Palmer calls these "Habits" the "inward and invisible infrastructure of democracy." They are ways of receiving, interpreting and responding to experiences by engaging our intellect, our emotions, our sense of meaning and purpose. He speaks of a politics of the broken-hearted in which our shared concerns can open us to build bridges of connections.

The Jewish High Holy Days invite us to develop such "Habits of the Heart" – to understand we are all in this together, to respect differences, to disagree in life-affirming ways, to know that our voice can make a difference, and that we have the

capacity to strengthen community. This is a time for turning – to turn to one another in dialogue, to develop appreciation for a "commonwealth" that places dignity and respect above privatism, consumerism, violence and greed.

A core component of the High Holy Days prayers of confession deal with the ways we use language, whether to bless or to curse, to upbuild or to denigrate, to praise or malign, to break or to make whole. May the words of our mouths express our best hopes and open our hearts to one another for a year of wholeness and healing, renewal and peace.

Mazel Tov to the Rabbis Sasso who have been senior rabbis of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis for 35 years, and to Sandy whose newest children's book, The Shema in the Mezuzah: Listening to Each Other has just been published.



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IU-Bloomington Hillel awarded Hadassah grant

Mini-Grants to support well-being of Jewish girls, young women. Organizations serving Jewish youth in 11 states benefit from support.

New York – To celebrate 13 years of grantmaking, the Hadassah Foundation has awarded 13 mini-grants, in honor of its "bat mitzvah year" of service, to organizations in 11 states serving Jewish young people. The 13 Bat Mitzvah Year Mini-Grants support new or expanded programming that promotes the physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being of Jewish girls and young women.

The Hadassah Foundation seeks to augment the work of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, by improving the status, health and wellbeing of women and girls in the United States and Israel.

"We are delighted that this mini-grant program will enable so many youthserving organizations in the Jewish community to create feminist-oriented programming," said Donna Gerson, Chair of the Hadassah Foundation. "This program enables us to reach many new communities that normally wouldn't be touched by the Hadassah Foundation."

The Hadassah Foundation's Bat Mitzvah Year Mini-Grant program impacts all segments of the Jewish community. Recipients of the \$500 mini-grants include organizations from all major Jewish denominations, synagogues, day schools, Hillels, a community-based organization doing outreach to people in their 20's, an after-school high school program, and a local board of Jewish education.

The following organizations were awarded Bat Mitzvah Year Mini-Grants:

Shearim Torah High School for Girls, Scottsdale, Ariz.: To conduct a leadership training program for their students.

Bureau of Jewish Education, San Francisco, Calif.: To enhance their Rosh Hodesh programming with yoga instruction.

Temple Kol Tikvah, Woodland Hills, Calif.: To create a female mentorship program, linking teen girls with adult female members, based on the teens' potential career interests.

Hillel Foundation at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.: To hold a three-part workshop series that promotes self-esteem and healthy living among young Jewish women.

Congregation Agudath Achim, Taunton, Mass.: To create multiple programs on

healthy dating relationships, targeting teens, parents, and college students from across southeastern Massachusetts.

Temple Beth El, Traverse City, Mich.: To conduct a program about young Jewish women and their mentors, featuring a film about photojournalist Ruth Gruber and a panel of leading local women in northern Michigan.

Next Dor STL, St. Louis, Mo.: To create a monthly Rosh Hodesh program for women in their 20's.

Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell, N.J.: To conduct a program about how mainstream media contributes to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence.

Solomon Schechter School of Queens, Flushing, N.Y.: To start a Rosh Hodesh program for teen girls.

Chapel Hill Kehillah Synagogue, Chapel Hill, N.C.: To implement a wellness program that advances girl power, health and leadership.

Hillel at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio: To conduct a personal safety, assault prevention and self-defense workshop for young women in the college community.

B'nai Brith Youth Organization, Ohio Northern Region, Beachwood, Ohio: To enhance its B-Fit program for teenage girls with workshops about bullying, planning for college and personal finance.

The Jewish Community High School of Gratz College, Melrose Park, Penn.: To use a curriculum that explores the issues surrounding dating and its power struggles that can lead to violence with local teens.

The Hadassah Foundation is dedicated to refocusing the priorities of the Jewish community through funding innovative and creative projects that serve women and girls from diverse cultural groups within Israel and the Jewish community in the United States. The foundation is a philanthropic pioneer in the fields of economic security for low-income Israeli women and leadership and self-esteem programs for adolescent Jewish girls and young women in the United States. Since 2000, the Hadassah Foundation has awarded grants totaling almost \$6 million to more than 60 nonprofit organizations.

The Hadassah Foundation, founded in 1999 by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and this year celebrating its bat mitzvah year, is dedicated to refocusing the priorities of the Jewish community through innovative and creative funding for women and girls in the United States and Israel. For more information, visit www.hadassahfoundation.org.

Founded in 1912, Hadassah is celebrating its 100th year. For more information, visit www.hadassah.org.



Yiddish for <u>Everyday</u>

By Henya Chaiet

What my clever mother used to say

Yiddish speaking friends listen "up", and let's speak a little. Not a literary Yiddish, but a common every day one:

- 1) *Geh nisht mit shlechteh chaverim.* (Don't associate with bad friends.)
- 2) Ess ah bisseleh nor zaul daus zein eppes goot. (Eat a small amount, but be sure it is something special.)
- 3) **Zizeye nisht farnotisht.** (Don't be a fanatic!)
- 4) Vaus der mensch lehrent zich aus gait nisht farloren. (Whatever a person learns never gets lost.)
- 5) *Ah mol iz besser ahz nieh shvaikt*. (Sometimes the best answer is none at all.)
- 6) *Ahz meh lehpt der lehpt mehn.* (If you live long enough everything will happen.)
- 7) Der mensch dahf zach tzoo grayten tzoom shtarben, nor meh darf nisht varten. Ahz der malach ahmauvess haut dein kvitel vet err deer gehfinen. (We should prepare ourselves for the inevitable death, but don't sit around waiting for it to happen. When the angel of death has your ticket, he will find you wherever you are.)
- 8) Ah zay vee meh lept ahzay shtarpt mehn. (The way you live your life is the way you die.)
- 9) Ahz meh kaucht shane, macht mehn ah bissel mere effshare veht imehtzer kumen. (When you're already cooking, cook a bit more never can tell when someone might drop in.)

10) Ah mol iz besser ahz meh hert nisht ah zay goot. [On her deafness] (Some things are better not heard.)

Henya Chaiet was born in 1924 ten days before Passover. Her parents had come to America one week before Passover the year prior. They spoke only Yiddish in their home so that is all she spoke until age five when she started Kindergarten. She then learned English, but has always loved Yiddish and speaks it whenever possible.

On this date in Jewish history On September 26, 1898

The composer George Gershwin was born.

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

Hadassah meeting on Public Health

Enid Zwirn was the speaker at the opening meeting of Hadassah on Sept. 9 at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. She is a fascinating

person, a very skilled and interesting public speaker. "Public Health: Who Needs It?" was the topic of her talk. The following are highlights from her speech.



The mission of Public Health is to promote physical and mental health and prevent disease, injury and disability; the vision of public health professionals is the development of healthy people in healthy communities. Public health has three core functions – assessment, policy development and assurance – and ten essential services plus research and management functions.

Some of public health's essential services are monitoring health; diagnosing and investigating disease; informing, educating, and empowering the public; mobilizing community partnerships; developing policies; enforcing laws; providing care; assuring a competent workforce; evaluation and research. Public Health works through education, engineering and enforcement to affect change.

Primary prevention efforts, taking place when individuals are healthy include health promotion and disease prevention. Secondary prevention, when there is pathology, includes early detection through screening and early care. Once the disease has been treated, tertiary prevention efforts include rehabilitation and chronic disease management.

Seventeen percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in this country is currently spent on health care. The GDP is the market value of all officially recognized final goods and services produced within a country in a given period. Fifty years ago only 4% of the GDP was spent on health care and the GDP was a much smaller amount of money.

The beneficial results of the money spent are longer life spans and major technological advances such as dialysis, joint replacement and organ transplantation. However, compared to other industrialized nations we have a high infant and child mortality rate, more obesity and relatively low life expectancy. Also 50 million Americans have no health insurance and medical debt accounts for 46% of all personal bankruptcies.

Locally our health is not as good as it could be. Hoosiers are the 4th highest in the nation in the percent of people who smoke. We rank 11th highest in the percent of adults who report being physically inactive, and 15th highest in the percent of adults who are obese.

The subject of immunizations arose and Zwirn said that when a community has reached a level of 85% immunity to a certain disease, we can comfortably allow certain individuals to remain unimmunized. At that level the causative organism cannot take hold and remain within that population. This means that perhaps infants with allergies or children who are receiving chemotherapy might be exempted from mandatory immunizations. Difficulties arise in populations when the immunization levels dip below 85% and that is why it is so important that surveillance activities actively monitor immunization levels.

Some helpful resources are the: World Health Organization, United States Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control, Indiana State Board of Health and Marion County Board of Health.

In the question and answer period after the talk one person asked if we should be concerned about the West Nile Virus that has claimed the lives a few people in Indiana. Zwirn gave suggestions on how to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes that spread the disease. She encouraged attendees to be cautious around stagnant water, especially during dawn and dusk, and wear clothing that covers most of the skin, such as long-sleeved shirts and long



Why Faith Matters

BY RABBI DAVID WOLPE

Sleeves much longer than their arms were a mark of privilege of the Czars, showing they did not work, so today we talk about "rolling up our sleeves.' These weeks of self-examination are the time of year to roll up the sleeves of our souls, and put them to work. ~ 9-11-12

These are the ten days of repentance, self-examination, reflection and prayer. May we be honest with ourselves, sorrowful for our wrongs, resolved in our betterment and confident in God's love. May we feel forgiven. ~ 9-19-12

From Facebook posts of Rabbi Wolpe. Wolpe is the senior rabbi of Temple Sinai in L.A., and author of Why Faith Matters. *





Besser

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Rather, "therefore, choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19), the ringing rejoinder of the High Holidays, means: choose willingness to learn over closed-mindedness, choose change over complacency, and choose growth over stagnation.

Leshanah tovah tikateivu. May you be written - may we write ourselves - in the Book of Life.

Rabbi Brian Besser is the new rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Ind. 🌣





pants. The use of insect repellants was also discussed.

A large turnout for this opening meeting was stimulating especially since everyone took an interest in Zwirn's informative talk. Afterward she answered several questions on a variety of health topics including the one mentioned above.





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Transformative interfaith exhibit returns to Cincinnati

In October 2004, representatives from Xavier University, Hillel of Cincinnati and The Shtetl Foundation met with Pope John Paul II to ask his blessing for an exhibition documenting his life-long affirming relationship with the Jewish people, the first exhibition on the subject ever assembled.

That blessing was given and the exhibit, "A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People" opened at Xavier University on May 18, 2005, which would have been Pope John Paul II's 85th birthday. From there it has traveled to 17 venues around the United States, where it has been seen by more than 800,000 and had positive impact on Christian-Jewish relations in each of those communities.

The exhibit will make one last visit to Cincinnati before beginning a European tour in 2013. It will be the opening exhibit at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, which is now completing construction. From there, the plans are for it to travel through Poland, Germany, Austria, Italy and France. Discussions are underway for the exhibit to also go to Israel in 2013.

In Cincinnati, the exhibit will open September 10 at the Skirball Museum on the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

The 2,200 square-foot exhibit takes its name from the pope's 1993 letter commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising: "As Christians and Jews, following the example of the faith of Abraham, we are called to be a blessing to the world. This is the common task awaiting us. It is therefore necessary for us, Christians and Jews, to be first a blessing to one another."

Dr. James Buchanan, Rabbi Abie Ingber and Dr. William Madges were the three principals in the creation of the exhibit.

Visitors will experience a multi-media walk through the 20th century through the eyes and experiences of Pope John Paul II from his childhood in Wadowice, Poland, his experience of the World War II and the Holocaust, and his years as a young priest in Krakow and his Papacy. At the end of the exhibit there is a replica of a part of the Western Wall where visitors are invited to insert their own prayer on the back of a replica of the prayer that Pope John Paul II inserted in the Wall during his historic trip to Israel in 2000. These prayers are taken, unread, to Jerusalem and placed in the real Western Wall. To date, more than 80,000 prayers have been hand

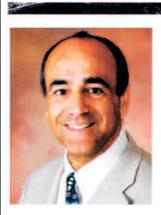


delivered to the Western Wall.

The return of "A Blessing to One Another" to Cincinnati is a collaborative effort of Xavier University, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Skirball Museum.

"A Blessing to One Other: Pope John Paul II & The Jewish People" will be at the Skirball Museum on the campus of

Hebrew Union Campus-Jewish Institute of Religion, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, from Sept.10 through Dec. 31, 2012. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. The museum will be open to the public Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. (The museum will be closed on Saturdays.) Tours for schools, synagogues, churches and other groups will be available Monday through Friday, 9 to noon. For more details, please call 513/487-3053 or visit hucinci.org. **



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Jewish Theatre of Bloomington opens '12-'13 season with *Out* of *Our Fathers' House*

Bloomington, IN — The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington announces four upcoming performances of Out of Our Fathers' House. to raise the curtain of its 2012-13 season. This play is based on Eve Merriam's book Growing Up Female in America and includes music drawn from the diaries, journals, and letters of six American women who sought independence during the 19th century. The women depicted in the play include Dr. Anna Howard Maria Mitchell, Elizabeth Southgate Bowne, Elizabeth Gertrude Stern, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and "Mother" Mary Jones.

Out of Our Fathers' House is a compelling story of the human struggle against repression and self-determination. It speaks to all those who experience repression in any form while highlighting the distress, the hurt, the determination, and triumphs of six women born during a time when women were expected to do little more than marry and raise a family. These women are shining examples of women who for the most part, did not shed or disparage their traditional roles as wives and mothers, but who were also looking for more to life, for freedom from society's limited expectations for women, and who had the dreams, the ambition, and stamina to emerge "out of their fathers' house."

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington's production stars three prominent local actresses, Diane Kondrat, Martha Jacobs, and Gail Bray and marks one of Kondrat's final appearances on the Bloomington stage before she moves to the Pacific Northwest. The play's director is Darrell Ann Stone. Music accompanying the play will be performed by Anne Hurley and Lara Weaver.

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Evening performances are scheduled for Wed., Oct. 24; Thurs., Oct. 25; and Sat., Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. A matinée performance is scheduled for Sun., Oct. 28, at 2:00 p.m. All performances are at the Bloomington Playwrights Project, 107 West 9th Street. Tickets will be available at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre Box Office, or online at www.bctboxoffice.com beginning Oct. 1.

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington is deeply committed to both Judaism and the theatre. It is our intent to produce works that arise from or reflect the Jewish experience,

but that also focus on universal issues of the human condition and that are accessible to a diverse audience. The genre of Jewish theatre is a vibrant performing arts experience with a rich and long standing international history! While Jewish theatres exist in numerous cities across the United States and worldwide, the Jewish Theatre of Bloomington proudly takes its place as the only one of its kind located in Indiana.

For more information about the theatre and *Out of Our Fathers' House*, please visit www.jewishtheatrebloomington.org.

