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Shavuot customs bind family and community

By JULIETTE NEHRING

Time and its passing carry deep meaning in Jewish life. Daily activities, the passing of the week, a new month, the cycle of the seasons, events over a lifetime – all these can be marked with blessings and reflection. Counting the omer on the way to Shavuot, like other counting traditions, intentionally builds our anticipation of the culminating holiday. Al-

though the focus of this holiday, also called Pentecost, has changed over the centuries, it remains one of the most important times of reflection in the Jewish year.

The word "Shavuot" means weeks referring to the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot. It is sometimes referred to as Pentecost, because there is a period of 50 days be-

tween Passover and Shavuot. Its English name comes from the Greek term for the holiday, *pentekoste hemera*, or "fiftieth day" (from *pentekonta* or "fifty").

Another name for Shavuot is *Yom Habikkurim*, or "The Day of the First Fruits." The holiday was originally a wheat harvest festival celebrated on the 50th day after

Passover. Israelites brought offerings of the first fruits of their fields to the Temple in Jerusalem. Harvest offerings were also brought to the Temple for Passover and for Sukkot, the other two of the three harvest festivals, sometimes called *shalosh regalim*, or three pilgrimage festivals.

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

Many Shavuot customs have developed since its earliest celebrations. One legend says that the Israelites overslept on the morning on which they were to receive the Torah. From this came the tradition of staying up all night to study

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in the synagogue, insuring that one will not oversleep on Shavuot morning. This observance is called *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, or "Restoration of Shavuot Eve."

In services on Shavuot, the congregation stands during the reading of the Ten Commandments. The Biblical Book
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Conclusions

By ARI J. KAUFMAN

Considering Yom Hashoah and the State of Israel's 62nd birthday have just passed, we are in one of the most serious times of the Jewish calendar. Amidst these days of commemoration, relations between Israel and America are strained as ever due to the actions of the current U.S. president. The recent hostility and indignation from this Administration toward Israel has been particularly nasty, including ridiculous demands from our secretary of state and the humiliation of the Jewish State's prime minister, who was treated worse than a third-world dictator upon his April visit to Washington.

Yet, "The Anointed One" is clever. After beating up on Israel – turning a minor gaffe into an international incident – President Obama eased his supporters over by mouthing

a few lines from the Haggadah at the White House seder.

The Audacity of Chutzpah!

When people ask me why, following eight years of America's most fervent Zionist leader, our current president has been so rude toward Israel, I simply explain that Mr. Obama is historically ignorant. This stems from his upbringing to his educational mentors and current Cabinet, replete with some of the Jewish State's greatest foes. This has been clear to any clear-thinking Jew since at least 2007, when Obama burst on the scene and people rightly began examining his background. And should I ever be permitted a moment alone with the 44th president, I'd explain to him two points that Jewish staffers Rahm Emanuel and David Axelrod have not:

1. Americans stand with

Israel because they recognize a liberal democracy much like their own: a nation in which elections are fair and democratic; where freedom of speech and the press are core values; and where the political rights of minorities are respected

2. Americans know that Israel is a stable ally in the world's most volatile region. Its counterterrorism intelligence service and military is the best in the Middle East. We understand that the enemies of Israel hate the USA as well. The Islamic suicide bombers who revel in the death of innocent Jews or the fanatical forces that launch rockets from Lebanon with the aim of killing Jews, follow the same murderous ideology as those who slaughtered Americans on 9/11.

But this is immaterial to our first "postmodern" president, and world Jewry will suffer. History, and especially the past 16 months, shows empty rhetoric can prevail over com-

mon sense. A term like "diplomacy" may be catchy but rarely works, and often has deadly consequences. Military history is no longer permitted in schools, therefore these vital lessons were never taught to Obama's brain trust.

For too long, the self-righteous U.N. "Human Rights Council" and "peace" groups have destroyed standards of freedom to aid their own political agendas. In this, they've caused irreparable harm to those living under dictators. While ordinary civilians suffer at the hands of repressive regimes, the aforementioned regularly oppose military intervention that would lead to freedom.

For instance, did you know that President Clinton's famed 1993 "Oslo Peace Process," which saw Israel evacuate portions of the West Bank and

Gaza, and withdraw from southern Lebanon, is a prime example of how diplomatic incentives with terrorists backfires? Suicide bombings rose in frequency after those "Accords." Mr. Obama, it was only after Israel responded with military force that Arafat reigned in terrorists.

Fast forward to 2010, where Vice President Joe Biden, a man with the dubious distinction of getting the Cold War and Gulf War wrong, says that it's "hard for the Palestinians to stop incitement, just as it is hard for Israel to stop building in Jerusalem." This is dangerous moral equivalence and an offensive analogy, considering Israel has every right to build in Jerusalem; the Palestinians do not have the right to incite violence. The latter are no closer to delivering on their promises, yet

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CRITICS CORNER



One singular sensation

By Charlie Epstein

Broadway Across America brought to Clowes Memorial Hall a glowing presentation of *A Chorus Line*. Wow! What a show! Of course I am a sucker for musicals with precision dancing, and this show was full of it. It was not "One Singular Sensation" but many. What a feast for dance enthusiasts! Also I had forgotten how funny *A Chorus Line* can be.

The book by James Kirkwood and Nicolas Dante with lyrics by Edward Kleban fit nicely with the glorious and spirited music of Marvin Hamlisch.

This traveling cast was superb in dancing and acting. With the original choreography by director Bob Avlan this presentation was thrilling. The energy expelled by this exuberant cast could be felt throughout the audience.

Most impressive was Derek Hanson playing the part

of Zack the director and auditioning expert. In fact in my estimation, he was the best male dancer on stage. The intricate choreography was awe inspiring. The opening number completely overshadowed the glitzy final production presentation.

Many of the huge cast of 30 also impressed: Kristen Martin as Val, Kristen Paulicelli as Tricia, Rebecca Riker as Cassie, and Nicky Venditti as Paul to name a few.

Michael Bennett who conceived *A Chorus Line* has a thoughtful quote concerning his creation. "This show is dedicated to anyone who has ever danced in a chorus or marched in step ... anywhere." I can add, or ever auditioned.

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PHOTOS AND STORY BY CINDIE HARP

Nancy Landman used to dream about being a rabbi when she was a child.

The rabbinate's loss has been the Indianapolis Culinary world's gain, in these last 13 years. Nancy's Great Cooks & Co. has been a fixture in Indianapolis since 1997.

Nearly a year ago, Nancy filled the need of a store-front, kosher bakery. Great Cooks the Bakery has been bustling every since, providing challah and baked goods for home use as well as lunch items that can be consumed on the premises in the cheery, sunny eating area. As spring and summer allow, there will be tables outside, too.

Located at the corner of 86th St. and Ditch Rd., the great crossroads of the Northside and heart of Indy's Jewish community, Great Cooks was established with the plan that the parve bakery would be expanded to also offer dairy items. This necessitated, of course, a full separate kitchen and eating area. The addition was less "if you build it, they will come," and more "please build it, we're dying over here!"

Running a kosher food establishment in our small but mighty Indianapolis Jewish community has its complications, of course. In this case, Nancy freely confirms that her long-flourishing catering business is what lets her run the bakery, "the fun part, the labor of love."

Speaking of fun, pizza is coming soon, answering the prayers of many kosher parents with children – and themselves – to feed. Less popular to some will be Nancy's statement that "we will probably never get a fryer. It's a whole different thing, and you need a whole different system because [fryers] catch fire easily...I am not a health food person, but I do believe in eating natural foods. So, there are no preservatives in our foods. There aren't unhealthy things.

I won't say that they're low fat. There are ingredients that should not be eaten in large quantity. But, I also believe that almost all of us are going to eat some of it (sweets and goodies, that is), but I would rather it be real food than 'better living through chemistry.'" That said, "that's how I get away from the fried kinds of things. Kids like it. I like it. Who wouldn't eat french fries? But, it's not good for you. So that's not what I'm going to do."

Nancy's most popular items at Great Cooks the Bakery are her eponymous Nancy bread, filled with both good taste and good-for-you ingredients and, of course, challah.

A restaurant with a wait staff is "not one of the visions. But by request, people asked for tables to sit and eat and enjoy, or come in the summertime and eat outside, so we put in the tables and facilities (i.e., public bathroom). That's how it started...we've had people hold meetings here and meet for lunches. But no table service. Everything is purchased at the counter."

Is a meat-section in the "vision"? Nancy laughs at this. "Probably not. You never know, but probably not."

The menu is expanding, however, especially for take-out. They are starting with pizza, in a personal size, for one. "We'll grow from there and see what people like and what they want."

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Teresa Lubbers: A champion for education

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CINDIE HARP



Dr. Mary Pifer, with (from left) Harriet Rodenberg, Linda Falender, Robyn Pauker-Honig, Barbara Bailie, Nonie Vonnegut-Gabovitch and Lori Moss.

On May 4th, Teresa Lubbers gave a special report to the Jewish Community Relations Council board. She is currently the Indiana commissioner for higher education. Ms. Lubbers served in the Indiana Senate from 1992–2009, representing the 30th district. While she was serving in the Senate, she was the chair of the senate education committee.

Ms. Lubbers has not only been a champion for education, a cause close to Jewish hearts, but also a friend to the Indiana Jewish community.

"Under her leadership, Holocaust education became mandatory in the state of Indiana, said JCRC President Michael Wallack. "While she was senator, she also joined JCRC on our first mission to Washington, D.C.; where I remember sitting with her and having a terrific discussion about education. So it is a fantastic opportunity to have her with us to continue what has been a yearlong discussion on education policy."

"It's been a strange day for me," Ms. Lubbers admitted. "It's an election day, and if I do not hit 50 polling places on Election Day...well, it's a good day!" May 4th was the first election that she had not been on a ballot in many years. "It was a great ride to be there (the Indiana Senate) for 17 sessions.

I really wasn't looking to

change jobs. I had been reelected the year before (she took the job with the Commission for Higher Education). When my predecessor, Stan Jones, decided to leave (the Commission for Higher Education) to



Dr. Mary Pifer

start a new organization, he was the first person to talk to me about taking the job with Higher Education.

My initial response was that it was the only other job in state government I was really interested in...I lived with the idea for a while and had the opportunity to meet with several members of the commission at that time. Eventually I concluded that what I

Lubbers

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loved most about the Senate is what finally convinced me to leave. I loved the fact that on any given day, you could deal with 10 different, exciting, interesting topics. But, for me, having spent most of my time when I was in the Senate working with the education issue, the opportunity to deal only with education was just too good to turn down."

Most people know more about the superintendent of public instruction, kindergarten through 12th grade. The Commission for Higher Education has a lower profile with the public at large. Ms. Lubbers serves at the pleasure of a 14-member commission. There is one member for each Congressional District, three at-large members, one faculty and one student member.

The commission was created by statute in the 1970s in Indiana. This is a coordinating agency, as opposed to a governing board. The commission has limited authority, including all new degrees and programs. "Any time anyone wants to offer a new degree or program, they have to go before the commission for approval." The commission also reviews state support for public institutions and on tuition.

In 1998, before Ms. Lubbers joined the commission, a new plan was devised for Indiana, called "Reaching Higher." It was the reason Ms. Lubbers thought working in the commission would be a great place for her.

It is touted in the nation as being one of the best strategic plans for higher education. Ms. Lubbers explains, "Unlike K-12, where most people have had experience, the Higher Ed. community has been more of a mystery to Hoosiers... It has only been really in recent years that there has been much more public engagement in higher education. Hopefully, people recognize the importance of it. We have actually doubled the number of people going into postsecondary education in some way. That is great news. We are really fo-



Barbara Bailie, NCJW

cusing on access. So far, have not done nearly as good a job on increasing the number of students who finish."

Among the areas the commission is most intent upon is the continuing support and growth of our community college system, Ivy Tech, as well as the need for Hoosiers to diversify our economy. Diversification will help to stop the "brain drain" in Indiana, allowing more educated young people to stay in state. "Indiana is ranked 40th in the nation in per capita income. This is not terribly surprising, given the strong manufacturing base that we have always had. We will always be a state that makes things." Diversification, including advanced manufacturing, will create other avenues for Indiana to offer employment and increase productivity.

Still, Teresa Lubbers is optimistic for the future, and for the future of Indiana. "Some good news in Indiana: Our high school graduation rate is up to 82%, which is higher than it has been."

"There really is a new paradigm for education in this country. It starts with the expectation that everyone needs a postsecondary credential. When you think about it, that is a relatively new expectation." It was not the expectation when Ms. Lubbers grew

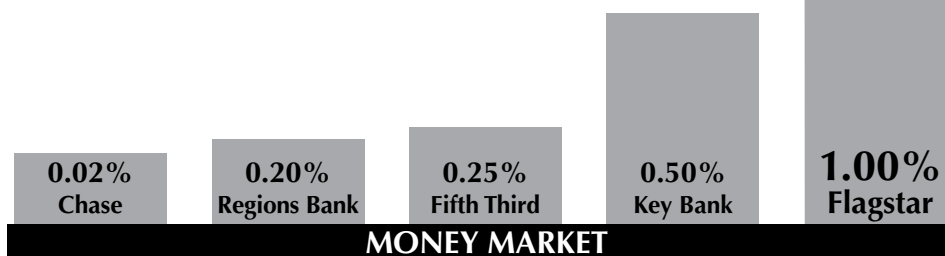
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Children and today's culture

Time with grandparents would help

BY CINDIE HARP

"We're always rushed and we are always guilty." With that, Dr. Mary Pipher summarized the stress of being a modern parent on Sunday night, May 2, at the Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center.

Dr. Pipher's program was the inaugural event for Council Connects, a new project of the Indianapolis Section of National Council of Jewish Women, in partnership with the Albert and Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center.

Council Connects is a "concentrated effort to address the needs of children, adults and families within our community who are struggling with the

pressures of an increasingly challenging and complex society. Council Connects commitment is three-fold: helping families in crisis; maintaining the volunteers corps to assist the Reuben Center's clients; and facilitating an ongoing communitywide dialogue, such as on this night, that will focus on developmental and ongoing needs of families," explained Robyn Pauker-Honig, president of NCJW, Indianapolis section.

Commencing with Dr. Pipher was both a natural fit and a coup for Council Connects. Dr. Pipher is probably best known for her book *Re-viving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls*. Her book, *The Shelter of Each Other*, has

been recently reissued with a new update and forward, and was the basis for her Sunday night program, "Building Strong Families."

Barbara Bailie, chairwoman of Council Connects said, "Raising children in today's culture is no picnic. Our society entrusts families to raise children who are secure, responsible, respectful and productive, and yet it [society] puts so many obstacles in our way. Where do we begin as we try to rebuild family life, so it is a buffer to all those negative forces out there? That's where Dr. Mary Pipher comes in."

That is also where Council Connects come in. "This is a local NCJW project, designed to fill a gap in the community

that no other agency was currently addressing," says Ms. Pauker-Honig. The national organization educates and advocates on broad issues affecting women, children, and families, and has a few key national campaigns, but relies upon the sections to identify local community needs and programs...I feel that Indianapolis Section is particularly nimble and in position to help solve these dynamic issues due to our long-standing relationships in the community. Our section has a rich history of initiating programs later adopted by governmental entities and agencies, such as Meals on Wheels (now known as Child Advocates) and Guardian Ad Litem. Some of our ongoing efforts are raising money for the Julian Center for victims of domestic violence, funding college scholarships for deserving individuals, and holding an annual suitcase drive filled with new toiletries

and donated linens/household items to give to women leaving the shelters environment."

Meanwhile, Dr. Pipher's prognosis is cautiously optimistic. "We are miseducating a whole generation...children are being raised by appliances." In this case, as we are all aware, the ever-present electronics of parents and children do the interfacing with us that we used to do with each other. "We are developing a new kind of human being," Dr. Pipher warned rather ominously, although she emphasized that she meant that without pejorative.

But it is pejorative, as all of us who have seen the blank stare of our children after some "quality time" with their computers, cell phone, video games and MP3 players can attest. "Our country is involved in an enormous social experiment with our children as the subjects." Furthermore,

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On the occasion of Israel's 62th birthday, it is thriving as a global leader in science, technology, medicine, culture, and much more. In honor of 62 years, here are 62 of the many contributions that Israel and Israelis have made to the world.

The 100th smallest country, with less than 1/1000th of the world's population, can lay claim to the following:

The cell phone was first developed at the Motorola plant in Israel.

Most of the Windows NT and XP operating systems were developed by Microsoft-Israel.

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

Both the Pentium-4 microprocessor for desktop computers and the Centrino processor for laptops were entirely designed, developed and produced in Israel.

Voice mail technology was developed in Israel. The Israeli company Amdocs is the largest company in the world in this field.

Both Microsoft and Cisco built their only foreign-based research and development facilities in Israel.

The program ICQ, which is the technological basis for AOL Instant Messenger, was developed in 1996 by four young Israelis.

Disk on Key - a portable, virtual hard disk - was developed by the Israeli company M-Systems.

Israel has the highest number of personal computers per capita in the world.

Israel has the highest number of university degrees per capita in the world.

Israel produces more scientific papers per capita than any other nation by a large margin - 109 per 10,000 people - as well as one of the highest per capita rates of patents filed.

In proportion to its population, Israel has the largest number of startup compa-

nies in the world. In absolute terms, Israel has the largest number of startup companies than any other country in the world, except the US.

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

Israel is ranked #2 in the world for venture capital funds right behind the United States.

Outside the United States and Canada, Israel has the largest number of companies listed on NASDAQ.

Israel has the highest average living standard in the Middle East. The per capita income in 2000 was over \$17,500, exceeding that of the United Kingdom.

On a per capita basis, Israel has the largest number of biotech startups.

Twenty four percent of Israel's workforce holds university degrees - ranking third in the industrialized world, after the United States and Holland - and 12 percent hold advanced degrees.

Israel has the third highest rate of entrepreneurship - and the highest rate among women and among people over 55 in the world.

Relative to its population, Israel is the largest immigrant-absorbing nation on earth.

Israel has the world's second highest supply of new books per capita.

Israel has more museums per capita than any other country.

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

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

Israel's Given Imaging developed the PillCam - the first ingestible video camera,

which is so small it fits inside a pill. Used to view the small intestine from the inside, the camera helps doctors diagnose cancer and digestive disorders.

Researchers in Israel developed a new device that directly helps the heart pump blood. The new device is synchronized with the heart's mechanical operations through a sophisticated system of sensors.

Israel leads the world in the number of scientists and technicians in the workforce, with 145 per 10,000, as opposed to 85 in the U.S., over 70 in Japan, and less than 60 in Germany.

A new acne treatment developed in Israel causes acne bacteria to self-destruct - all without damaging surroundings skin or tissue.

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

The first computer anti-virus software package was developed in Israel back in the 1970's.

Major law enforcement agencies use Israeli technologies to monitor voices and messages on conventional phones, mobile phones and e-mails.

An Israeli company, Teva, is the world's largest generic pharmaceutical company.

A new brain implant has been developed in Israel that can lower the risk of stroke by diverting blood clots away from sensitive areas of the brain.

IBM scientists in Israel are playing a vital role in a massive project of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) to discover the origins of life on earth.

Israeli software company Check Point is the global leader in Virtual Private Network (VPN) and firewall technologies.

Israeli company Elta is responsible for the world's first civilian aircraft equipped with

technology designed to protect airliners from a missile attack.

Mashav, the Israeli Foreign Ministry's Center for International Cooperation has trained over 200,000 international aid workers that have traveled to dozens of countries to help with medicine, agriculture, disaster relief, and many other issues.

Israel has, for many years, held the world record in milk production.

Rummikub, the third highest selling board game in the world, is manufactured in a family-run plant in the small southern Israeli town of Arad.

Drip irrigation - the system that is based on using plastic pipes that release small amounts of water next to crops or plants - was developed by the Israeli engineer Simcha Blas in the 1970's. The invention caused a revolution in agriculture.

A design submitted by Israeli-born Michael Arad was chosen for the World Trade Center Memorial, from amongst 5,000 entries from around the world.

Israeli company Retalix created the grocery scanners used at such stores as Costco, Albertson's, and 7-11, as well as 25,000 additional stores and quick-service restaurants throughout the United States.

Primate research at Hebrew University is leading to the development of a robotic arm that can respond to the brain commands of a paralyzed person.

Two Israeli researchers are generating cancer-killing molecules that will recognize cancerous cells and target them aggressively, while not affecting normal cells.

Israeli researchers developed a novel stem cell therapy to treat Parkinson's Disease - using a patient's own bone marrow stem cells to produce the missing chemical that enables restoration of motor movement.

Israeli company Silent Communications has devel-

oped a type of silent conversation system for cell phones, so users can carry on conversations without saying a word.

The Israeli company Wondernet is currently dominating the world market in document signature authentication, with its unique scientific method of verifying handwritten signatures.

Israeli Professor Yehuda Finkelstein has discovered the cause of and cure for halitosis (bad breath).

Cherry tomatoes were originally supposed to be a snack when they were designed by a group of scientists led by professor Nahum Keidar from the agriculture faculty at the Weizmann Institute of Science, with the cooperation of the Israeli company Zera.

The Quicktionary, a pen size scanner that scans a word or a sentence and translates it to a different language, was developed by the Wizcom Company, based in Jerusalem.

Professor Ehud Keinan from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology developed a pen that identifies an improvised explosive.

The Israeli company Insightec developed an ultrasound system for removing tumors without surgery.

Researchers at the Technion have developed an antibiotic that destroys anthrax bacteria as well as the toxins it secretes into the bloodstream of the infected body.

Epilady, an electric hair removal system, was developed by Yair Dar and Shimon Yahav from the Goshrim Kibbutz.

The sun-heated water tank, a device that converts solar energy into thermal energy and that saves about 4% of the national energy supply, was developed by an engineer from Jerusalem.

Dr. Gal Yadid, Dr. Rachel Mayan, and Professor Abraham Weizman from Bar Ilan University developed a form of drug rehabilitation using a natural steroid that is inserted into the brain and develops a

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Bereavement Support Group

A new bereavement support group, facilitated by Rabbi Bruce Pfeffer, Board certified chaplain, will begin in April. The group, formed in conjunction with Community Health Network and Community Social Work at the Albert & Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center, is structured as an ongoing, drop-in group that will meet twice a month, on the first Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m., and on the 3rd Monday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. The group, which will meet at the Reuben Center at 6905 Hoover Rd., is open to all who have experienced bereavement. For questions or more information, please call Julie Sondhelm at 259-6822 Ext. 6.

Jewish lawyers

A new group for Jewish lawyers is forming. It isn't definite yet, but they may be meeting for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is May 19 at Shapiro's downtown at 12:30 p.m. Presently the group's leaders are Irwin Levin, Zeff Weiss and Elliot Levin.

Mystery Train Adventure

What's the mystery? The destination! The "Orient Express" will leave from "Paris" (Fishers) on Sun., May 23 at 5:15 p.m. for an undisclosed destination. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, or beer on the train from "Paris," dinner and entertainment at the destination, and coffees and desserts on the return trip.

This is Beth-El Zedeck Sisterhood's major fundraiser of the year. You can support all the good works of your Sisterhood and have a wonderful evening (adults only please) by coming on board this special "Orient Express" trip. Tickets are \$100/person - Diamond spike; \$75/person - Gold spike; \$50/person - Silver spike. RSVP right away. Space is limited.

HAI-LIFE Award Dinner

Save the Date: Sun., May 23, 5:00 p.m. JCC Laikin Auditorium, 6701 Hoover Rd. This year's honorees are Drs. Mark and Ora Pescovitz. The Pescovitz' have a long history of support for the HHAI including three children who are alumni. Dr. Mark Pescovitz is a member of our Board of Directors and is the treasurer and Campaign Chair for the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Dr. Ora Pescovitz is the executive vice president for medical affairs and CEO of the University of Michigan Health System. She has previously been honored by the Hasten Hebrew Academy as its Woman of Valor.

HHAI's distinguished teacher honoree is Karol Cook, a first grade general studies teacher. Please keep an eye on your mail for information about opportunities to "honor the honorees" by purchasing ads for our ad journal or attending the dinner.

HHAI Women of Valor

HHAI's will celebrate Thelma Kelwin as this year's Woman of Value. "The Power of Words" events features the play "Feathers in the Wind." Thurs., May 27, 7:00 p.m. Women and girls are invited to attend. An entertaining evening of drama, dance, and song for women, by women. Includes a mother/daughter dessert buffet

JCC's Eskenazi Waterpark Opens May 28!

Don't miss it when the heat hits.

Mickey's Corner with Angela Brown



Mickey Maurer will host guest Angela Brown at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis, Mon., June 7, 7-10 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 general public / \$5 JCC members. To order: visit www.JCCindy.org, call 317-251-9467 or stop in

JCC Business Network

Next meeting Wed., June 16. For more information, contact Larry Rothenberg at lrothenberg@jccindy.org or at 715-9233.

Kids Triathlon at Arthur M. Glick JCC

Sun., June 27, 9 a.m. until the last racer finishes. The Indianapolis Kids Triathlon is a blast for all ages! New this year is an untimed Small Fry Division for kids ages 6 and under or requiring parental assistance. The Junior Division (ages 7-10) and the Senior Division (ages 11-14) will wear timing chips. After the race, the whole family is invited to stay and play at the Eskenazi Water Park! For more information, call 317-251-9467, or visit www.JCCindy.org.

Shavuot

Continued from page IN 2 of Ruth is another special reading for Shavuot. The Book of Ruth is set in Biblical times during the wheat harvest, the period we now celebrate as Shavuot. Her story of choosing the Torah and the Jewish people as her own is seen as being congruent to the Jewish people's acceptance of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

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

ery and flowers.

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

Kaufman

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Israel is condemned for taking defensive action following 6,500 rockets and mortars launched on its cities.

But peace in Israel is far less important to Obama than a "Palestinian State," evidenced by new demands on Israel to placate its enemies at every stage. This administration has made the quixotic issue far more important than preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and perhaps initiating a second Holocaust.

Will American Jews, 75% of whom voted for a man that seems more detrimental to Israel than Jimmy Carter did, be willing to trust this polarizing Democrat again in 2012?

No doubt there will be many who, as John Tobin recently penned in the *Jewish World Review*, "are still so insecure in their place in American society that they will feel flattered that even a president who has proved himself the most hostile chief executive to Israel in a generation will pay lip service to Judaism in this way."

Meanwhile in Israel, where the president's approval is literally single digits - they await his next demand.

Ari Kaufman is a military historian with the Indiana War Memorials Commission in Indianapolis. Also an Associate Fellow at the Sagamore Institute, Kaufman is the author of new book, Marble City. The book can be found through Amazon or Iuniverse.com.

Grandparents

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"time is a more serious problem than any of our country's current financial trouble. Time

is speeding up."

However, we can combat the electronic age that offers us and our kids instant gratification and virtual relationships. Dr. Pipher quotes a fellow family therapist who told her, "Most of the kids I see don't have any problems that time with grandparents can't cure." The accrued life experience, unconditional love (most grandparents get to go home at the end of the day, without the kids) and long perspective, not to mention retirement-enabled free time, can offer kids more confidence and guidance in knowing who they are, where they come from, and how to confront the challenges of growing up in the modern world. These benefits needn't come only from biological relatives. Per Dr. Pipher, it can and must come from the community in which we live and we must share and interact with each other within.

Council Connects is a place to start. For more information on Council Connects, please contact Barb Bailie at barbbailie@prodigy.net.

Cindie Harp lives in Indianapolis. She can be reached at cindieharp@gmail.com.

Israel

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Alon Moses from Hadasah Medical Center in Jerusalem and Imanuel Hensky and Carlos Hidalgo-Grass from Hebrew University decoded the mechanism for Streptococcus A.

Israel boasts 8 Nobel Laureates.

Israel is the biggest exporter of polished diamonds.

Israel is 1 out of 8 other countries in the world able to send a satellite to space.

Four Israelis are among the 500 richest people in the world.

Israel has more lawyers than it needs (surprise?).

Note: 2006 per capita GDP = \$22,200; 2006 GDP growth = 5.1%; Israel holds a record \$440 billion in financial assets on 12/31/06 (growth of 11.7% over 12/31/05)

Three St. Louisans Realize Their Dream with Camp Manitowa

After devoting nearly three decades to leading and nurturing young campers, three St. Louisans have achieved their dream by purchasing an overnight camp of their own. Andy Brown, Dan Grabel and Mitch Morgan conducted a nationwide search for properties, and have now found the ideal site just 90 minutes from St. Louis in southern Illinois. The camp they've selected is on the banks of Lake Hamilton, a beautiful, 40-acre private body of water adjacent to 19,000-acre Rend Lake. The property borders Wayne Fitzgerald State Park.

Well-respected and beloved leaders in the camping profession, Brown, Grabel and Morgan have worked as leaders and directors at Camp Sabra, Camp Livingston, and Camp Baer. They recently purchased the former 50-year-old Lake Benton Baptist Camp and renamed the property Camp Manitowa (the Great Spirit), because they plan to bring the great spirit of nature, sportsmanship, team-building, cooperation, character-building and positive self-esteem to their campers.

Although the camp is due to open in the summer of 2011, the facility is scheduled to be open for retreat and team building events this fall. More than \$1 million will be invested on renovations and remodeling of the cabins, dining hall, athletic fields, activities areas and more. Team building and personalized challenge courses will also be added. Renovations will begin shortly.

In addition to their decades of camp experience, all three men have extensive professional backgrounds in education and clinical training. They understand how to orchestrate the magic that occurs when children succeed in new challenges, build self-confidence and create lasting friendships. And although this magic occurs during the summer sessions, the relationship between Camp Manitowa and its campers will continue throughout the year. This will



include fall and spring family camps, open invitations to use Camp Manitowa's facilities, its family resource team, counselor follow-ups after camp, and camper reunions.

Camp Manitowa will be more than a camp known for its world-class facilities, teaching-based programming and year-round connections. The camp also will offer a wide range of activities, some of which include: swimming, sailing, fishing, water-skiing, baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer, golf, Frisbee golf, Ga-Ga, handball, racquetball, squash, archery, horseback riding, orienteering, challenge course endeavors, geocaching, hiking, photography, filmmaking, mountain biking, beach volleyball, outdoor/wilderness education, canoeing, kayaking, outdoor cooking, and arts and crafts.

For more information on Camp Manitowa, call 314-375-6766 or go to the website: www.campmanitowa.com.

Background Information

Andy Brown is a lifelong St. Louisan. He earned his masters of social work (MSW) from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. He has worked as assistant director at Camp Sabra, The St. Louis Jewish Community Center's coed residence camp on the Lake of the Ozarks, and director of Camp Sydney R. Baer, the JCC's largest day camp. Brown also was the executive director of Camp Livingston for more than 10 years, an independent not-for-profit Jewish summer camp serving youngsters throughout the Midwest. Under his leadership, Camp Livingston experienced unprecedented growth. Enrollment doubled and he was involved in raising nearly \$5 million and spearheading a four-year capital improvement project that resulted in a complete overhaul of the camp's facility. Brown is married to Stephanie Zetcher Brown. The couple has four children, ages

7 to 14.

Dan Grabel also is a lifelong St. Louisan. He earned his masters of social work (MSW) from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. He also earned a masters in education (MEd) from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Grabel has more than 20 years of experience working with children and young adults. For 10 years, Grabel worked with Brown at Camp Livingston as assistant director. Additionally, he was the assistant director at the JCC's Camp Sabra, as well as a social worker at Camp Interlaken in Wisconsin. Grabel also served as the administrator at Camp Charles Pearlstein in Prescott, Arizona, and as an adventure trip leader at the YMCA's Camp Greenville in Greenville, North Carolina. He also has worked in Illinois and Missouri public schools as a social worker and school counselor. During this time, he has provided individual and group

counseling, and served on schoolwide and district level leadership teams. Grabel, who grew up as a camper at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) in Zionsville, Indiana, and his wife Lisa, have a 2-year-old daughter.

Mitch Morgan is a 16-year veteran of Camp Sabra and has served as the camp's assistant director for the past two years. Morgan began going to Sabra as a camper and moved up the ranks quickly serving as counselor, unit leader and then assistant director. Morgan also served as the assistant director of Camp Baer. He is the recipient of the Yito Fellowship from the Foundation for Jewish Camping, where he serves as an ongoing consultant. Morgan twice served as a trip leader for the Birthright trips to Israel. Serving as a senior leadership and management specialist in the business world, as well as a consultant to multiple camps on leadership, marketing and manage-

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OBITUARIES

Arthur L. Belford, 72

Arthur L. Belford, of Carmel, died May 11, 2010. Art was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a graduate of University of Miami. He served as chief executive officer of Circle Express, Inc. He was a member of Capitol Improvements Board, Antelope Club, Broadmoor Country Club, and served on the Board of Directors of Noble Romans, Nora Little League.

He is survived by his beloved family; wife, Judith Ratner Belford, sons, David and Frank Belford; grandchildren, Jack, Carolyn, Kathryn and Grace; and nieces, Mary Michael, Laura Pierce. His daughter Becky Belford Reece preceded him in death. A memorial service was held on Fri., May 14, 2010 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 North Michigan Rd. Memorial contributions may be made to Park Tudor School or to American Heart Association. To place an online condolence for family, please visit: www.arnmortuary.com.

Edward Woloshin, 79

Edward Woloshin, of Indianapolis, died April 2, 2010. He was born Feb. 7, 1931, in Chicago to the late Joseph and Razelle Woloshin. After graduating from the Butler University School of Pharmacy, he worked for several pharmacies including Westlane, Hooks, Revco and CVS. He retired in 2004. Edward was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, the American Legion and Sigma Alpha Mu.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Anne Katz Woloshin; loving sons, Jeffrey E. (Tommi) and Stephen Michael (Teresa); brother, Louis (Sydell); and grandchildren, Eric, Nicholas and Nathan. A funeral service took place Sun., April 4 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. Burial followed at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the donor's favorite charity. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Sylvia Shapiro Gorfain, 98

Sylvia Shapiro Gorfain died April 11 in Stamford, Conn. As Louis and Rebecca Shapiro's seventh child and the first born in America, she was delivered in their apartment above Shapiro's Restaurant. Sylvia is survived by sister, Belle Ashby; son, Louis; daughter, Phyllis; grandson, Adam; and great-grandchildren, Britton, Lilah, and Asher. Sylvia worked at Saks Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. A private service for family was held at the IHC cemetery. Local arrangements: Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Phyllis Efroymsen, 92

Phyllis Efroymsen, of Indianapolis, died April 19, 2010. She was born Nov. 24, 1917, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late George and Bertha Weiss. Phyllis served on the

Board of Directors for both Hooverwood and the Hooverwood Guild. She was the staffing manager for volunteers at Hooverwood Gift Shop and was the buyer for the gift shop for over 30 years.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 71 years, Jack Efroymsen; loving son, Stephen Efroymsen; and sisters, Joan Fisher and Horthy Cohen. She was preceded in death by her son, Jack L. Efroymsen. A graveside service took place Thurs., April 22, at Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery South. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood, 7001 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis 46260. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Robert "Ruby" Mendelsohn

Robert "Ruby" Mendelsohn, of Indianapolis, died April 19, 2010. Robert was a graduate of Manuel High School and worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. He was a member of Congregation Sharrey Tefilla and the Manuel High School Alumni Association.

Survivors include his sister, Rose Gilbert; niece, Elaine Bishop; nephew, Dennis Gilbert; and extended family. A graveside service took place Wed., April 21, at Shara Tefillah Cemetery. Arrangements: Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Helen Glick Swiss, 86



Helen Glick Swiss, of Carmel, died April 21, 2010. Helen was born Nov. 28, 1923, in Indianapolis to the late Isadore and Clara Glick. After gradu-

ating from Shortridge High School in 1941, she went on to attend Indiana Business College. She first worked for the family business, H. Glick and Company, Wholesale Produce Co. and then at Baldwin Insurance until her marriage.

She met her husband, the late Nathan Swiss, at a dance at The Kirschbaum Center (JCCA) shortly after he was discharged from WWII. They were happily married for 60 years until his death in 2006.

Helen was a longtime member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

Survivors include her loving children, Irene (Alan) Zeidman of Northbrook, Ill.; Frank Swiss of Carmel; Andrew Swiss of Carmel; six grandchildren, Dr. Lawrence Zeidman, Daniel, Sarah, Jacob, Katy and Joshua Swiss; daughters-in-law, Janet W. Swiss, Mary Ann Swiss; sister-in-law, Bootsie Glick; and brother-in-law, Sid Berger. She was preceded in death by sister, Harriet Berger; and brother, Norman Glick.

A funeral service took place Sun., April 25 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. Burial followed at Indianapolis Hebrew North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the health care professionals of Clarian North, St. Vincent Hospital and Marquette Manor for all of the loving care that was provided. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Carolyn Gorsey Brenner, 81



Carolyn Gorsey Brenner, born Nov. 3, 1928 in Cambridge, Mass., died April 22, 2010 in Indianapolis. She graduated from the Choate School in Boston, and from Rockford College, Rockford, Ill. After graduating college, she worked for a theatrical advertising agency and as a proofreader for a publisher in New York.

She met her husband, Sig Brenner, when she came to Indianapolis to visit her brother, Richard Gorsey, who at the time was working in Indianapolis. She met Sig through a mutual friend, and they became engaged shortly after and married on May 20, 1956 in Boston as her parents, Dr. Robert and Lena Gorsey lived in the Boston area.

Carolyn became involved with the Indianapolis community and was very active in civic affairs. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and had been a member of its board. She was President of the Women's Conference of the Jewish Welfare Federation from 1981-1982. She co-chaired the Women's Division of the JWF in 1976 and 1977 was president of the Jewish Family and Children's Services from 1977-1979, past president of the Hooverwood Guild, member of Hadassah, and past president of the Indianapolis Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. Carolyn also served as both a Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout den mother. She was an officer in Brenner Luggage and served on the handbag committee for the National Luggage Dealers Association in the 1980s.

She played tennis at the Indianapolis Racquet Club and was an avid golfer and won many trophies while playing at Broadmoor Country Club, and always enjoyed playing bridge.

She is survived by her husband, Sigmund Brenner; daughter, Susan Brenner; son, Robert Brenner; daughter-in-law, Joan Van Lone Brenner; grandsons, Ryan and Ross Brenner; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Ellen Gors-

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ey; sisters-in law, Eunice Patterson and Mildred Perry; and many devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family wishes to express their gratitude for all of the wonderful care givers at St. Vincent Hospital and at Marquette Health Center. Memorial Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600 W. 70th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral services were held on Sun., April 25, 12:30 p.m. at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Road. Burial will follow at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Dennis Morton Escol, OD



Dennis Morton Escol died on April 23, 2010. Dr. Escol was born in Indianapolis on May 20, 1935, to Rose Cooper Escol and Harry Escol. He attended Shortridge High School (1953), Indiana University (1958), and graduated from the School of Optometry in 1959. While in college, he traveled with the Belles of Indiana entertaining troops in the Far East, Europe, and the Caribbean. He served in the Army after graduation.

Dr. Escol practiced Optometry in Indianapolis from 1959 to 2007. He was active in the Indiana Optometric Association, the American Optometric Association and the American Academy of Optometry. He served as president of the Central Optometric Society and the Indiana Chapter of

the American Academy of Optometry. Dr. Escol was the annual meeting chairman for the American Academy of Optometry and was a visiting clinical instructor at the IU Optometry Clinic. He served on the board of Prevent Blindness Indiana and was a recipient of the Indiana Optometric Association Meritorious Service Award. Dr. Escol retired in 2007 and moved to Broomfield, Colo.

He was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and was active in community organizations such as the Lions Club and Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; his children, Kelly Escol Hatke and Kevin Thomas Escol; two granddaughters, Savannah and Lily; and his sister Barbara Berkowitz.

A memorial service was held on Sun., May 2 the Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 North Michigan Rd. Gifts in his memory may be made to either The American Cancer Society or The American Diabetes Association. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Estelle B. Ekhaus, 88

Estelle B. Ekhaus, of Indianapolis, died April 26, 2010. Estelle was born Dec. 11, 1921, in Brooklyn, NY, to the late Samuel and Gertrude Backer. After graduating high school, she worked in New York as a secretary and as a sales associate at a department store. Later in California, she worked as a teacher's aide. She was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women and her synagogue's sisterhood.

Survivors include her loving sons, Ivan (Marcy) and Joel (Margaret); four grandchildren, Sam, Benjamin (Inna), Miriam and Daniel; and one great-grandson, Simon. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Abraham Ekhaus in 2008.

A funeral service took place Wed., April 28 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. Burial followed at B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hasten Hebrew Academy or Congregation B'nai Torah. Online

condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

Jill Himmelstein Dumes, 48



Jill Himmelstein Dumes, of Carmel, died unexpectedly on Sat., May 8, 2010. She was born on Jan. 3, 1962, in Indianapolis. She graduated from North Central High School in 1980, from the University of Arizona, BA in English, 1984, and from California Western Law School, San Diego, 1987.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Jeff Dumes; sons Jacob Hall and Joey Dumes; parents, Dr. Harvey and Judy Himmelstein; sister, Debbie (Steve) Pearson; brother, Dr. Scott (Michelle) Himmelstein; sisters-in-law, Linda Mulitsch and Becky Dumes; nieces and nephews, Brian Pearson, Todd Pearson, Stacy Pearson, Max Himmelstein, and Jenna Himmelstein.

After completing law school in San Diego, she worked as a public defender and returned to Indianapolis in 1992 to continue her law career in bankruptcy and family law. For the past 14 years, she specialized in managed care contracting, with her most recent employer being Universal American Insurance Company as the manager of network development for the states of Indiana and Ohio.

She enjoyed being with her family and friends, attending sporting events and concerts, boating, and had a special place in her heart for horses.

A celebration of Jill's life took place on Wed., May 12, 2010, at Indianapolis Hebrew

Congregation, 6501 N. Meridian St. Burial followed at Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either the Humane Society of Indianapolis or to breast cancer research. For breast cancer

research, please make gifts payable to IUF/100 Voices of Hope, P.O. Box 660245, Indianapolis 46266-0245. Please indicate "In Memory of Jill Dumes." Arrangements: Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com.

From Addis Ababa to Barnesville, Ohio

Father, Son Exemplify Service Ethos of Quaker Boarding High School

"I want to become something that is not just for myself but will benefit the world. I want to go back to Ethiopia and perhaps follow in my dad's footsteps," says Addisu Hodes.

Addisu is the adopted son of Dr. Rick Hodes, an Orthodox Jewish doctor from the United States who makes his home in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"Dr. Rick" is the medical director in Ethiopia for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. One of his specialties is to arrange medical care for destitute children with diseases of the heart, spine, or eyes, or those who have cancer. Several children have become part of his family through fostering or adoption.

How did Addisu meet "Dr. Rick"?

Now a senior at Olney Friends School in Barnesville, Ohio, Addisu began life in

Gojjam, one of the most rural parts of Ethiopia. In the fall of 2001, when he was 11 years old, he "learned that half a mattress was available in the living room of the foster home where [his] brother lived." Progressing from first grade to eighth grade in just four years, he was soon ready for boarding school in the United States.

At Olney, Addisu has "studied hard, made friends, played soccer," and become an accomplished runner. He has been accepted to several U.S. colleges.

Olney Friends School enrolls 60-70 students from around the state, around the country, and around the world. The school's college preparatory program is grounded in a sense of place: Students aid in the workings of an organic farm and garden. They regularly assist local and state authorities with environmental monitoring to ensure the conservation of water, air, and soil. Olney

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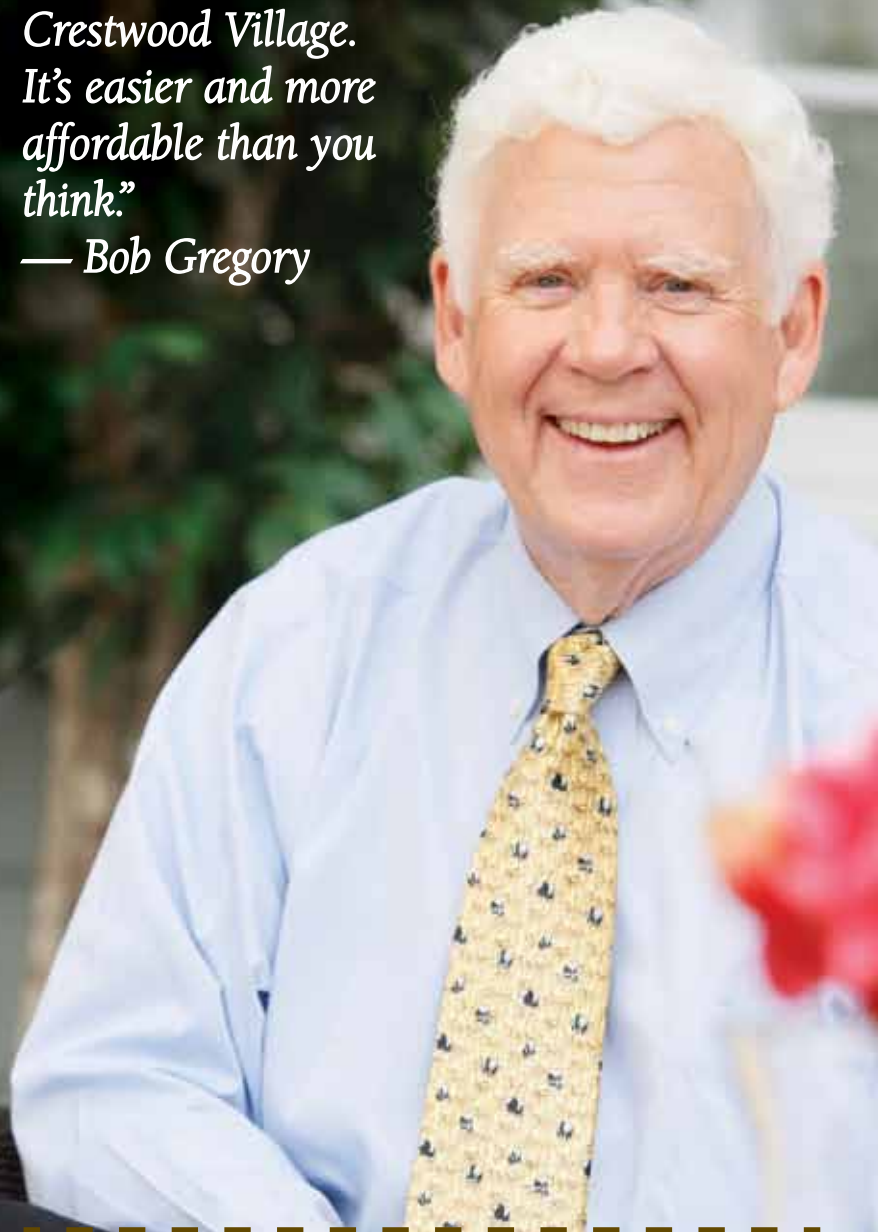


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STORY BY SARAH PELLEGRINO

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Last year, I won a Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program scholarship to major in Jewish studies. I wrote the Borns's a thank you note, prompted by my advisor, Carolyn Lipson-Walker. At the end of the school year, I declined an invitation to attend the Jewish studies student-faculty awards dinner. However, having attended the awards dinner one year later, I realize how foolish, and probably rude of me it was to skip out on the first one.

The annual dinner highlights the accomplishments of Jewish studies students; various awards, scholarships, and general involvement at IU are spoken about. The new college graduates are shown off and receive coffee mugs. Sounds pretty straightforward, right? Wrong.

What made the JSP dinner different was that I felt the magnitude of these students' accomplishments. Never before at high school graduation or other banquets had I realized the true gravity of graduating college and having done several other impressive things along the way. I can only hope that younger students see me that way when I graduate. I thought I would give you an idea of what these Hoosiers have been through

and where they are going.

One extremely remarkable student, Aren Wilson-Wright, was deemed the "most outstanding graduating student," by the Jewish Studies Program and was awarded the 2010 Leonore and Louis Prize of \$750. What is more impressive than numbers is what Aren plans to do with his future. Next year, he will begin a Ph.D. program in Hebrew Studies at the University of Texas. His long-term goal is "to be a professor at a university like IU and teach the next generation of students."

I consider myself a very busy person. I love to be involved and thrive on the energy. But when the list of organizations that Sarah Wilensky is a part of was announced, I felt like a couch potato. Not only was she Jewish Studies Student Association (JSSA) secretary, but held positions in STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition, Divestment for Darfur, and Keshet, a group of GBLT Jews and Al-



Bob Borns with recipients of 2010-2011 Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarships and Internships in Jewish Studies: Front row (left to right): Kimberly Marshall (Morton Grove, Ill.), Lily Tash (Sherman Oaks, Calif.), Carly Valfer (Skokie, Ill.), Abby Ross (Deerfield, Ill.). Back row (left to right): Julia Spiegel (Skokie, Ill.), Bob Borns, Allie Shipper (West Bloomfield Hills, Mich.), Marisa Briefman (Sarasota, Fla.).

lies. On top of that and various other organizations, she wrote an essay that won her the 2010 Henry A. Bern Memorial Essay Competition, and \$750.

Besides the past accomplishments of these students, one of the most gratifying parts of attending the dinner was listening to their futures,

their dreams. Still in the process of defining what I want to do, to hear goals and motivation is most encouraging especially from peers. Lauren Vandersluis, an incoming se-

nior from Dayton, Ohio, wishes to eventually work in administration for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum in Israel.

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Hello! Shortridge Class of 1960

Don't forget about our 50 year reunion the week-end of June 25-27, 2010. And we want to find some of our missing classmates before the reunion. Roselyn Albert, Rosalie Cohen, Phyllis (Fogle) Hersch, Madaline S. Glanzman and Aileen Myers. If you readers have any information that might help us find any of our missing classmates, we'd appreciate it. Do they have relatives still in Indianapolis? Where did they go to college? Married names? What state do they live in? Any information would be helpful. Please email any information you have about these members of Shortridge High School class of 1960 to Miriam Glickman at miriamgli@comcast.net.

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emphasizes care for resources: human, natural, and material.

A new documentary about Dr. Rick Hodes's life, "Making the Crooked Straight," premiered in April on HBO. A new biography, *This Is a Soul*, is available from booksellers beginning in April.

Lubbers

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up on the eastside of Indianapolis.

The challenges excite, rather than discourage, the native Hoosier. "I always felt like I had maybe one more chapter in public service left in me. This would be a good place for me to ride that out."

Cindie Harp lives in Indianapolis. She can be reached at cindieharp@gmail.com.

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ment, Morgan has a wealth of experience and connections, along with a lifelong dedication to summer camping.

The Stratford at WestClay Proves Service and Location Breed Success

Active seniors continue to choose award-winning continuing care senior living community

Despite U.S. consumer confidence recently dropping to its lowest level in several months, The Stratford at WestClay continues to prove that good hospitality and a great location can triumph over a struggling economy.

The Stratford at WestClay, a premier continuing care retirement community (CCRC) located within Carmel's award-winning Village of WestClay neighborhood, is pleased to announce that it has sold out its penthouses.

That milestone can be attributed, in part, to The Stratford at WestClay and its construction partner, St. Louis-based Paric Corporation, recently being recognized as the North American winner in the Best Large CCRC category in this year's "Best of 50+ Housing Awards." The award, presented by the National Association of Home Builders' 50+ Housing Council, recognizes The Stratford at WestClay's architectural excellence. Paric served as construction manager on the project for the Stratford Companies, with The Lawrence Group of St. Louis providing architectural and interior design services.

So far in 2010, The Stratford at WestClay, which has created 96 jobs and counting since opening in spring 2008, has more than tripled its sales compared to the same time period in 2009. Additionally, unit occupancy has climbed 33 percent and the number of residents at The Stratford at WestClay has seen a healthy gain of 25 percent.

"By focusing heavily on hospitality, The Stratford at WestClay is able to offer its residents a number of different amenities and services, including something we call 'The Good Life' – a personalized, customized program that brings physical and mental wellness to life for

our residents," said Wendy Horn, chief marketing officer for The Stratford Companies. "We're also removing the uncertainty that comes with selling a house, moving to a new home and downsizing possessions through our relationship with The Moving Station" – a provider of relocation services that specializes in seniors. Other services currently offered at The Stratford at WestClay include premier concierge services; a fitness and aquatic center and personalized meal plans.

In addition, space is almost completely full at The Stratford at WestClay's assisted living residence as well as Trude's House, a small, specialized program for residents living with Alzheimer's and dementia. Trude's House encourages resident independence through an activity-based model of care that focuses on art and music programs, horticulture and pet therapy.

Trude's House honors Gertrude Zalar, whose husband, Dr. Richard Zalar, established a foundation in her name to assist families struggling to find Alzheimer's care. With the high demand for Alzheimer's and dementia care, The Stratford at WestClay will make more apartments available in the coming weeks and months.



Some of the 39 undergraduates graduating from Indiana University's Borns Jewish Studies Program. At the April 14, 2010 Jewish Studies Student-Faculty Dinner. Front row (left to right): Brad Ashba, Francie Schrank (Northbrook, Ill.), Lauren Jacobson (Englewood, Ohio), Tovah Lieberman (Jamesville, NY), Emily Berman (Louisville, Ky.), Rachel [Shelly] Farahan (Carmel), Jessica Wainer (Oak Park, Ill.). Second row (left to right): Aaron Ofengender (Indianapolis), Riley Holzman (Santa Barbara, Calif.), Mark Swick (Silver Spring, Md.), Eric Goode (Deerfield, Ill.), Jessica Gross (Northbrook, Ill.), Sara Geboff (Longwood, Fla.), Sarah-Beth Kirshner (Marietta, Georgia), Aren Wilson-Wright (Greencastle).

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Jessica Wainer, a new IU graduate from Chicago, is a Jewish studies major, graduating with honors. Her minors are psychology and Hebrew. Next year she will be attending rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Institute of Religion.

"My favorite aspect of the Jewish studies program would probably be the wide breadth of classes offered. Also the close-knit community and how much the professors are willing to help you out and go the mile for you," said Jessica.

One retiring faculty member, Professor Bronislava

Volkova, and a visiting professor from Israel, Yossi Turner, were both honored.

While I wish I could sit here and list all the accomplishments that were achieved, the goals that were reached, and the futures still to come, they wouldn't fit in this column. The JSP dinner was encouraging, motivating, and hilarious

once you factor in Professor Veidlinger's side jokes.

The Jewish Studies Program at IU truly has character and I can only hope that when (knock on wood) I walk up there to get my coffee mug, I feel just as accomplished and certain of my goals.

Congratulations JSP graduates, you did it!

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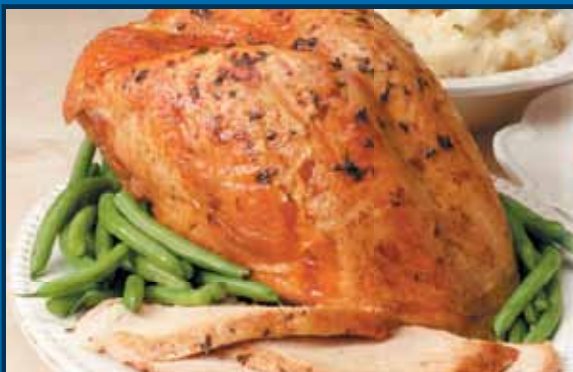
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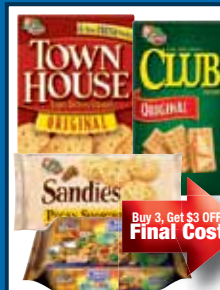
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