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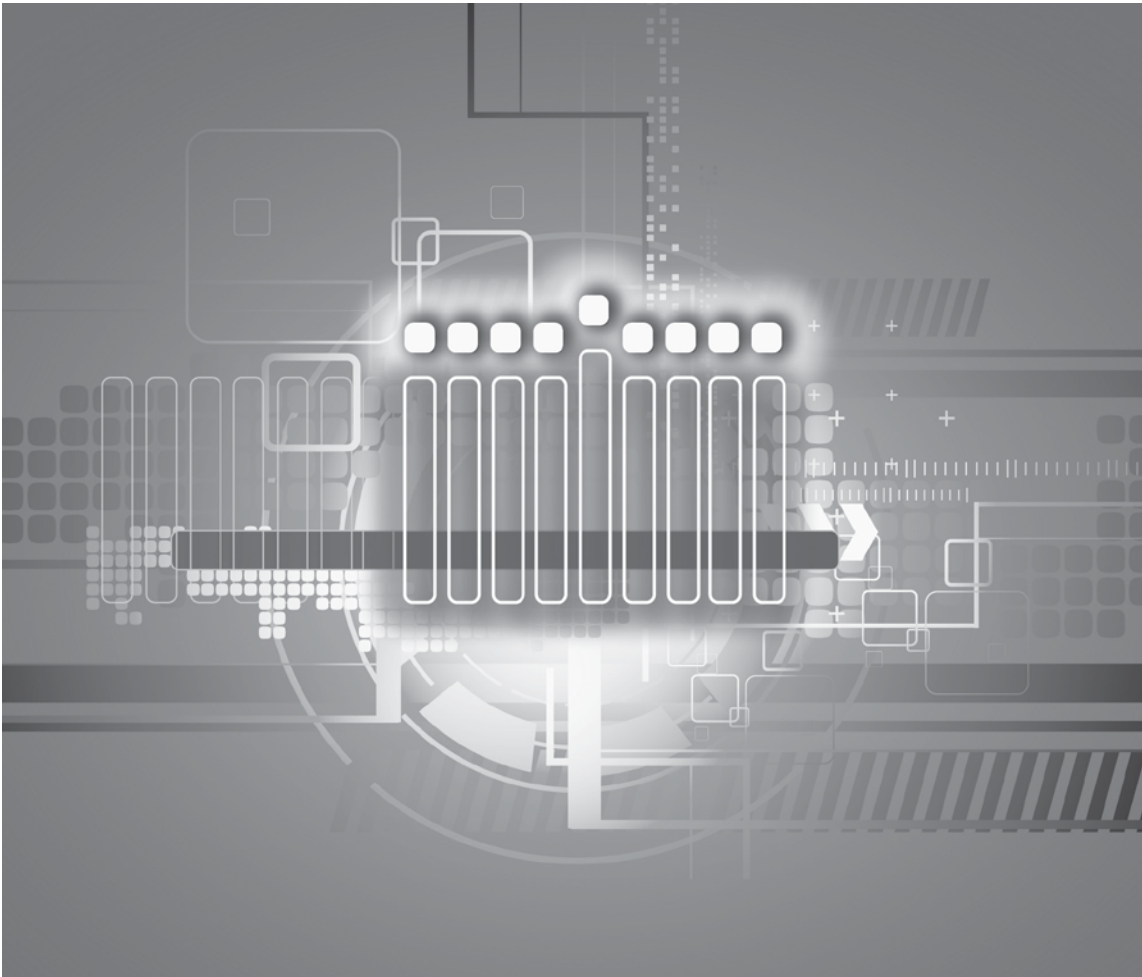
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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. Questions should be directed to Julie Sondhelm at 317-259-6822 x6. Meeting dates and times are: Third Monday of each month from 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. and the First Thursday of each month from 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

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**Raising Jewish children...  
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The Mothers Circle provides FREE education and support for women of other religious backgrounds who are raising Jewish children in the context of an interfaith marriage or committed relationship with a Jewish partner. A new class begins in November. If you or someone you know would benefit from this warm, welcoming program, please contact Patti Freeman Dorson at 317-441-5259.

**Jewish student centers on  
Indiana University campus vandalized**

Both of the Jewish student centers in Bloomington, Ind., were vandalized last week. On Sat., Nov. 27, a limestone rock was thrown threw the kitchen window in the back of the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center at 730 E. Third St., while on Tues., Nov. 23, members of the Chabad House

Jewish Student Center at 518 E. Seventh St. found a limestone rock thrown through a back window of the center. At press time the incidents were under investigation by University and Bloomington police, and no suspects or arrests have been made for either incident.

The celebration of Hanukkah this year begins with the lighting of the first candle on Wed., Dec. 1 and continues for eight days.

Please join others at Celebration Plaza (in front of the Bureau of Jewish Education) each day to light the community menorah.

Candlelighting	
Date	Time
Wednesday, December 1	5:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 2	5:00 p.m.
Friday, December 3	4:45 p.m.
Saturday, December 4	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 5	4:30 p.m.
Monday, December 6	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 7	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 8	5:00 p.m.



# Hanukkah — the revival of wonder

By Naomi Farahan



Today my younger cousin talked to me about what she'd learned in class. It happened to be about the story of Hanukkah. I watched her fling her hands while explaining the miracle. Her eyes were lit in a way that I hadn't seen in a while. I listened to her mix up a few facts here and there and add in some details about princesses that I knew had nothing to do with the story. I checked my watch, because with each explanation she was keeping me from studying for my final exam.

Despite the creative liberties she took with the story, she fully understood. She was awed by the miracles. Every aspect of the holiday was important to her. It was the

way she slurred her words when she shyly asked me if I'd teach her how to play with a dreidel, and the way she whispered that she knew what she was getting on the first night. I watched her fall back, pretending to be a warrior hit with a spear. I saw her purse her lips when she asked me why they couldn't have just used candles instead of oil.

I wish that taking the time to bask in the light of Hanukkah's miracles came before deadlines. The truth is: Hanukkah has always been my

favorite holiday. I love that I can see the past in the flicker of the candles of the Hanukkah and taste the meaning of every lesson in the way my jelly doughnut dances on my tongue. I've always felt pride in being a part of a people that experiences so many miracles. When I was younger, I made the analogy of Blues Clues winning a fist fight with Clifford the Big Red Dog. Plus tearing apart my presents' wrapping paper each night was a life-changing event. Every night.

Despite the stack of index cards on my desk and the test scheduled that is underlined, highlighted, bolded, and italicized in my mind, I still find some time to reflect on Hanukkah. There is a flame of curiosity licking at my every thought. For instance, I imagine how the battle depicted in the story of Hanukkah was as if my small class of 15 had won a fight against Carmel Middle School's eighth grade. Somewhere, burrowed among the sighs of annoyance toward my parents, I still hope they buy

me that CD I've been begging for. But now that I'm older, Hanukkah also means another final to stay up late studying for. It means pretending to appreciate another ugly, uncomfortable sweater that my uncle assumed I would love. It's about the countless calories that come with each bite of a latke, rather than the tantalizing maze of potato within the food. But I'm coming to realize that these details don't have to ruin my appreciation of the holiday.

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## JAACI presents House Speaker Brian Bosma

By Matthew J. Silver

Oct. 24, at the Hasten Hebrew Academy, in the first program sponsored by the Jewish America Affairs Committee of Indiana (JAACI), Brian Bosma, newly re-elected majority leader of the Indiana House of Representatives, related how his father helped liberate one of the labor camps, came home to Beech Grove where his family owned a dairy, served in the state legislature, and championed the rights of people with disabilities.

The state had established the Board of Industrial Aid for the Blind in 1915 to create jobs for blind men, and the Women's Aid Department to assist women in their homes. In 1988, due to his work, the Industrial Workshop was renamed the Charles E. Bosma Industries for the Blind,



which now instructs the blind and visually impaired in the activities of daily living, trains them for employment, and operates a business employing them out of its 100,000 square foot building on Zionsville Road. A smaller nearby building houses its business functions.

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## Irving Berlin's *White Christmas, the Musical*

By Charlie Epstein

The Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* was a delightful adaptation of the 1954 movie starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. Directed by Michael Curtiz the film featured Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen with Dean Jagger as the General. This film also won an Oscar for best original song, "Count Your Blessings." It is often confused with the 1942 film, *Holiday Inn*, which also starred Bing Crosby with Fred Astaire and won an Oscar for the song "White Christmas."

The Beef & Boards presentation features some of the greatest songs Irving Berlin ever wrote as "Count Your Blessings," "Happy

Holiday," "Sisters," "Blue Skies," and the memorable favorite "White Christmas." With excellent direction from Eddie Curry and the spectacular choreography by Ron Morgan, this show whizzes along like an Irving Berlin revue. Brian Horton's costumes add to the elegance.

The talented cast features triple threat (acting, dancing, singing) performer Curt Dale Clark who casts spells over the audience with Ron Morgan's dance maneuvers and Eddie Curry's directions. Aiding him as his partner in show business is the adorable Tim Ford. The marvelous duo of Christine Mild and Erin West as the Haynes sisters adds their superb talents to the production. Douglas E. Stark adds his

## First cousins born one month apart

Hadley Renn Goldsmith was born on June 22, 2010 to the proud parents Sam and Talia Goldsmith. Haldey weighed in at 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Hadley's big brother Brody, age 2, is holding him in this picture. Hadley is the grandson of Nikki & Phill Goldsmith of Indianapolis, Neal and Melody Ehrlich of Danville, Ill., and Eileen Ehrlich of Wheeling, Ill.

Meyer Hubbard Goldsmith was born just one month earlier on May 26. He is Hadley and Brody's cousin and the

amazing characterization as the General. In fact, the whole cast gives esteemed tribute to Irving Berlin (nee Israel Isidore Baline in Russia). By the way, it should be mentioned Berlin also wrote the patriotic "God Bless America."

I am looking forward to seeing *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at Beef and Boards starting December 29. For more information, visit [www.beefandboards.com](http://www.beefandboards.com) or call 317-872-9664.

son of Eric Goldsmith and Jen Boehm-Goldsmith. Meyer has a big sister, Reed, who is five. Meyer is the grandson of Nikki & Phill Goldsmith and Natalie Boehm and Ted Boehm all of Indianapolis.



## Bakery has new owner

Great Cooks The Bakery has been sold by Nancy Landman to Ann Liebert. Both Nancy and Ann have met with Rabbi Gettinger to ensure a seamless transfer of the kosher certification. The Indianapolis Orthodox Board of Kashrus (IOBK) is pleased to announce the bakery has been certified and is maintaining the same stan-

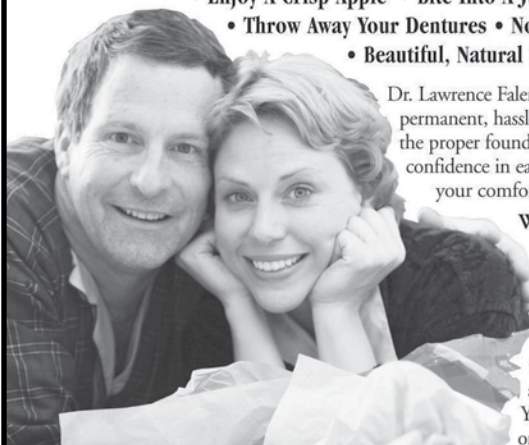
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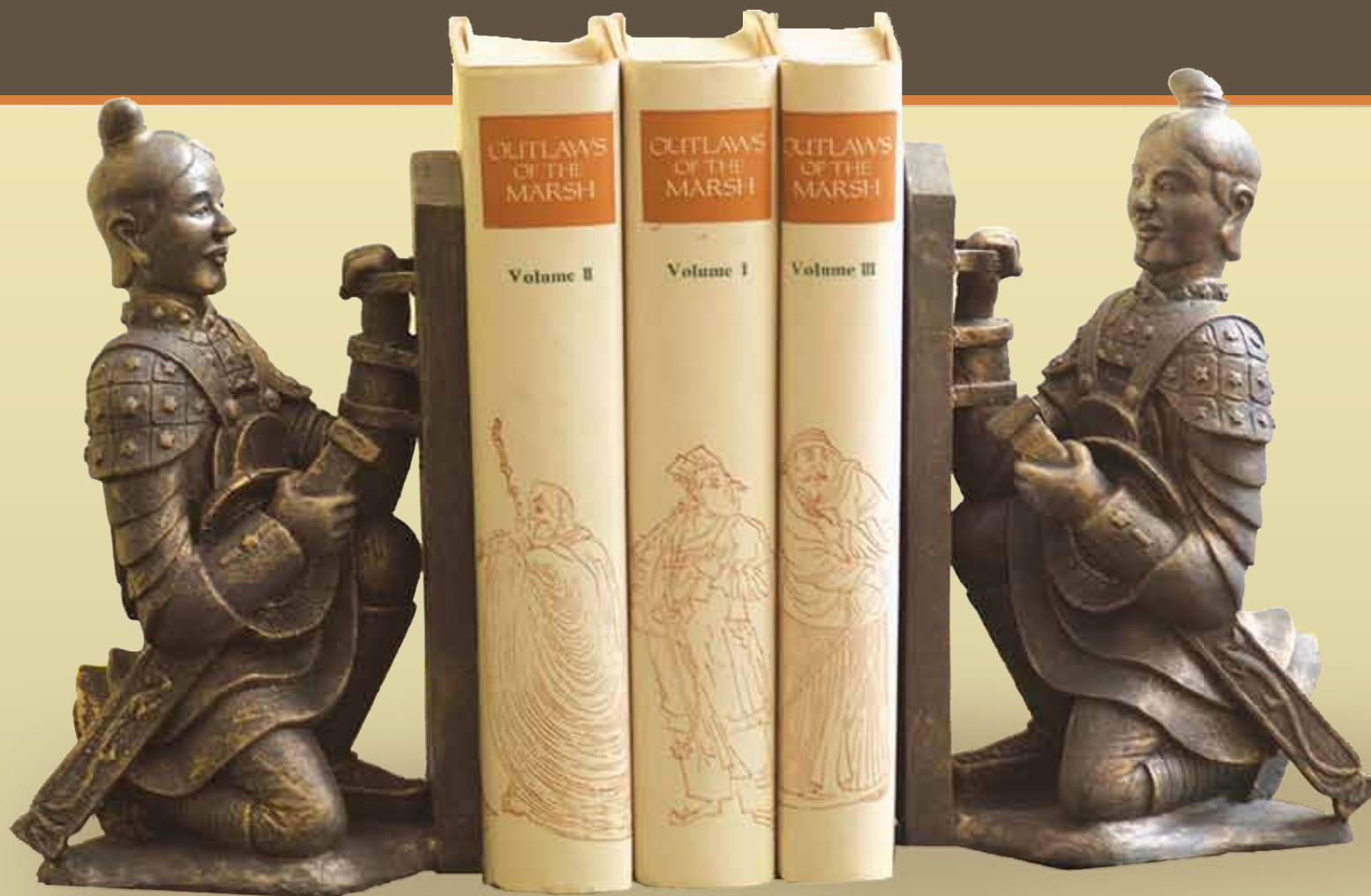


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# OBITUARIES

## Mary Theresa Rappaport Goldman, 101

Mary Theresa Rappaport Goldman died Oct. 20, 2010 at the Hooverwood Nursing Home in Indianapolis. Mary was born in Cincinnati in 1908. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Sam, who died in 1982, her sister, Edith Ettinger, and brother, Si Rappaport. She is survived by her daughter, Ellie Trockman, and granddaughter, Jerri Ann Trockman. The family would like to thank the staff at the Hooverwood Nursing Home for the professional and loving care shown to Mary during the years she was a resident. Graveside services were held at the Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North on Mon., Oct. 25. Arrangements by Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.

## Joseph Jacob Reiswerg, 62

Joseph Jacob Reiswerg of Carmel, Ind., died at his home, Nov. 8, 2010. He was born in Indianapolis on June 15, 1948. He was a graduate of Shortridge High School, Indiana University 1970 and IU School of Law 1973.

Joe had worked as a trial attorney in both state and federal courts. He was a strong advocate for those who needed a voice. He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and the Indiana State Bar Association.

Also, he served on the Board of the Jewish Community Center, and committees for Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the Anti-Defamation League.

A victim of Hodgkin's Disease, Joe was one of the 100 longest survivors of childhood cancer in the world. He worked with cancer patients to help them take control of their illnesses and their lives. Through his work and personal convictions, he championed the cause for those in need.

He was deeply dedicated to his family, Judaism and to Life.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Susan Caras Re-

iswerg; loving children, Barry (Erin) Reiswerg and Matthew Reiswerg; mother, Sadie Reiswerg; brother, Max (Susan) Reiswerg; and nieces, Lauren (Ben) Mages and Jessica Reiswerg.

A funeral service took place Wed., Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m., at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. Burial followed at Beth-El South Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or the Anti-Defamation League. Online condolences: [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com)

## Sadye Dock Cohen, 94

Sadye Dock Cohen was a life resident of Indianapolis. She died Nov. 14, 2010 surrounded by her loving family. She was born Jan. 14, 1916 to Morris and Esther Dock. She was the wife of the late Meyer B. Cohen, who was a pharmacist and owner of the Ace Drug Company.

Sadye worked with her husband for many years in his drugstores. She also worked with her sister and her brothers at their loan company, Dock Brothers. Sadye also had worked as a receptionist at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

She was a 1934 graduate of Manuel High School and taught piano as a young adult. She is a member of Congregation Beth El Zedeck, life member of Hadassah, past board member of Bureau of Jewish Education and past chair of the Purim Ball.

Sadye was a devoted wife mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend; her family was the cornerstone of her life. She is survived by four children, Miles Conway, Barbara Solomon (Dr. Charles Solomon), Stanley Cohen (Carol Anne McClees); and Sandra Newman (Barry Newman, deceased); 13 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Sam Dock, Harry Dock, her twin, Isadore Dock and Ben Dock

and her sister, Fannie Lavine.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 North Michigan Road. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck South Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or the Bureau of Jewish Education. Online condolences may be made for the family at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com).

## Jill Stewart Hollett, 44

Jill Stewart Hollett was a life resident of Indianapolis and Carmel. She died on Nov. 14, 2010. She was born May 8, 1966 to James and Pasty Stewart. She was a 1984 graduate of North Central High School and attended Ball State University and Indiana University.

Jill was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Children's Museum Guild and Sigma Delta Tau Sorority. She was an avid golfer. Her greatest joy was her family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband of 17 years, Thomas F. Hollett; her beloved children, Marlee G. and

Jimmy T. Hollett; sister, Debi (James) Lyon; father, James Stewart; nieces and nephews, Matt, Ted, Spencer Lyon; Allison, Joe and John Hennessey; Sydney and Madison Hollett; sister-in-law, Julie (Bob) Hennessey. Jill was preceded in death by her best friend and mother, Patsy Stewart, her mother-in-law, Sherry Hollett and brother-in-law, Jeff Hollett.

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Memorial services were held on Thurs., Nov. 18, 2010 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 North Michigan Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation or to a favorite charity. To place an online condolence for the family, visit [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com).

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The specific purposes of the meeting are:

1. To elect two new members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation;
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3. To dissolve the corporation in accordance with I.C. 23-1-45-2, et al.
4. To consider such other business as may come before the meeting.

Date December 1, 2010

/s/ Rich Rella

Rich Rella, President  
Broadmoor County Club

To obtain more details call Heather Britton  
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# OBITUARIES

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## Robert Samuel Schwartz, 83

Robert Samuel Schwartz died peacefully on Fri., Nov. 19 surrounded by his family. Through his journey with Alzheimer's Disease he taught us all how to be loving and patient caregivers.

Bob was born in Indianapolis on June 8, 1927 to Alex and Marie Schwartz. He was a graduate of Manuel High School and then of Indiana University, where he met Phyllis Jean, the love of his life. They married in 1949, walking through life's ups and downs, hand-in-hand. He served his country as a sailor in the US Navy and was a member of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation, Beth-El Zedeck Men's Club, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Community Center and the Manuel High School Alumni Association.

Bob had a long career with Metropolitan Life Insurance from 1950 until retiring in 1990 attained certification as a CLU. After retirement he developed his artistic talent producing many beautiful oil paintings and amazing his grandchildren with fanciful pumpkin carvings each year. Bob is survived by his wife, Phyllis, His children, Mark, DeeDee (Alvin Katzman) and Wendy; 4 grandchildren, Erin Mundy (Brent), Jordyn McAfee (Dan), Rachel Schmidt (Timothy) and Leah Graf (Matthew) and 7 great grandchildren, Evan, Madison, Kennedy, Ezra, Bryce, Emma and Audrey.

Bob was a kind and gentle husband, father and "Poppy". If you listen closely you can still hear him whistling on aisle 4.

Funeral services were held on Mon., Nov. 22, 2010 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 North Michigan Road. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedeck North cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association Indiana Chapter.

## Sol Baker, 91



Sol Baker, passed away Nov. 27, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was

born Dec. 24, 1918 in Cleveland to Albert and Gussie Bukaresky who had immigrated to the United States from Russia. As a child he enjoyed ice skating and played baseball on his high school team. During the depression, Sol's family changed their name to Baker. Sol was the third of four children and the only one of his siblings that distinguished himself by working his way through college, despite the economic hardships of the Depression. While working one summer waiting tables at a resort in the Catskill Mountains he met Rose Bostwick. They were married in 1944 and started their new life together in Cleveland. They moved to Indianapolis with their three children in 1959.

Sol worked as a mechanical engineer for various companies throughout his career including NACA, the predecessor of NASA, Allen Aircraft, Union Carbide Linde Air Division and Hoffman

Specialties. He loved to talk about the valves that he had designed during his career. After retirement, he served as the executive administrator to the Plumbing and Drainage Institute. In his 40's he became health conscious, quit smoking, lost weight and started exercising. He was an early and passionate devotee of the new trend of jogging and competed in the Indy 500 mini-marathon several times up to the age of 70. After he gave up jogging he continued exercising by walking his neighborhood every day, stopping to chat with the neighbors along the way. He was a popular character in Delaware Trails where he served on the Board of the Neighborhood Association.

Sol was a kind, patient and gentle man, rarely raising his voice and always quick with a joke. He loved to fix things and did most of his own household repairs. It pained him in his later years to hire  
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## Bosma

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Jews, having suffered discrimination for more than 5,700 years, often brutally, especially during tumultuous times in other lands, know handicaps well. Rabbi Yisrael Gettinger of B'nai Torah, noting the importance of our stable, democratic government, opened the event, saying, "According to the Ethics of the Fathers, it is appropriate, and we are directed to include in our prayers the welfare of the government under which we dwell, as well as for government officials to have the appropriate wisdom to benefit those they represent."

Elliot Bartky, president of JAACI, read the mission statement of the organization: "JAACI aims to provide a strong Jewish voice in the public square. We are committed to keeping our members, fellow citizens, and political leaders informed about policies and issues of concern to the Jewish community. Our purpose is to focus on policies and issues that are directly related to the security and well-being of the Jewish people and the United States of America. We recognize that reasonable people may have differences on a variety of important policies and issues and as such we do not take positions on issues not directly related to our purpose. The positions we do take derive from an adherence to the eternal values of the Jewish tradition and the principles of the American Constitution."

Bartky met Bosma at a gathering of evangelical Christians, and noted the legislator's strong support of Israel. "We asked Brian Bosma to be our first speaker since his work on behalf of the state, and especially his work on behalf of disabled people, represents the Jewish idea of Tikkun Olam," said Bartky.

At Bosma Enterprises, for the newly blind there is a replicated kitchen, and numerous workrooms to teach marketable skills. With 85 of its employees legally blind, Bosma is the largest employer of visually impaired in the state. Nationwide the percent of blind individuals who remain unemployed number 70%. Each year it provides rehab and employment services to over 250 working-age Indiana residents.

It is part 501(C)(3) foundation that does the rehab and training, and part business, that packs and ships vast quantities of latex gloves, packages dry food, provides business services, and contracts for other production needs, competing on the open market. Success stories abound of people's lives being turned around after vision loss. Walking through the building, you are not surprised to see a guide dog, or

be accidentally tapped on the leg by someone coming from behind with a mobility aid stick.

His father wouldn't really ever talk about World War II except to say he "did his duty." Brian recalls him being hospitalized several times for what was then called shell shock, now known as post traumatic stress disorder. Recently, Brian's mother gave him a stack of papers his father

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repairmen for things he used to be able to do.

Sol's parents, sisters Sylvia and Julie Baker, brother, Marvin Baker and beloved wife, Rose, predeceased him. He is survived by three children, Lesley Levin (Mark) of St. Louis, Larry Baker of Portland, and Sandi Zeckel

(Rick) of Carmel, Ind. He has 7 grandchildren, Sara and Josh Levin, Aaron and Madeline Baker, Adam (Lindsay) and Jacob Zeckel and Audrey (Brian) Kelly.

Funeral services were held Tues., Nov. 30, at Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary, 11411 North Michigan Road, Zionsville. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Association.

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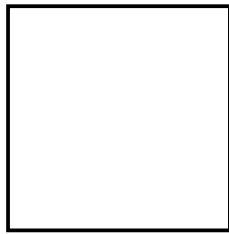
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## Israel Bonds dinner honors two Roses

By Ari Kaufman

Some 200 people packed into the Hasten Hebrew Academy on Sunday evening November 14 for the state of Indiana's annual Israel Bonds Dinner. The theme of the night, as per Larry Berman, executive director of Israel Bonds, was "building for the future." A banner noting "Israel Bonds Provide Economic Strength for Peace" hung above the meeting area.

Indianapolis natives, father and son Irwin R. and Douglas C. Rose, were the honorees, while the event's guest speaker was retired Brigadier General Yehuda Halevy, president and CEO of Israel Bonds.

Gen. Halevy, a 27-year veteran of the IDF, wowed the crowd with a passionate defense of Israel prior to the main event. The first half of his speech focused on Israel's challenges, and the latter was a lengthy list of the Jewish State's remarkable achievements.

In the early portion of his speech, Halevy lauded Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's commitment to Jerusalem remaining "the capital and not a settlement." In the face of recent criticism from the Obama Administration, the general reaffirmed the Israeli's right to "build as much as we want," which led to a thunderous standing ovation. He also spoke of America's commitment to outfit Israel with more F-35 fighter jets, the most advanced fighter aircraft in the world. "This will give us a major strategic advantage," Gen. Halevy believes. He also stated that recent meetings

with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton produced a promise



by Israel's allies to block any further anti-Israel resolutions from the United Nations.

The retired general mentioned that the next three months are crucial for Israel's future. He cited the current Turkish regime's movement toward Islamic Fundamentalism as a major concern for Israel and the west. He also acknowledged the "major issue" in global foreign policy, which is a nuclear Iran. "All options are on the table, including military action," the General advised. He bemoaned that, "The military must 'fight' the media in war equally now."

Halevy described today's battles as the Muslim world versus the Free World. "Appeasement is an act of cowardice," he said. "Silence is an act of surrender." He then warned that "the non-existence of Israel created the Holocaust, not the opposite." Gen. Halevy closed that portion of his talk with the ominous news that we've all heard recently: One-fourth of children born in Europe today are Islamic.

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# Brimming With Music, Jeremy Struts His Stuff

By Matthew J. Silver



Jeremy Brimm in Civic Theater's production of *Rent*. Photo courtesy Zach Rosing.

"The first play I was in was *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* when I was in grade school," said Jeremy Brimm. "There were so many kids in the production, I had to share the role of Snoopy."

A community center just down the street from his family's home in Highland park, Ill., had numerous activities, and he got involved in the theater early on. "It was something I really enjoyed – dressing up, improvising and acting out roles, and I received a lot of encouragement to take acting classes," he added. But after joining the Shining Lights, a pre-bar-mitzvah Jewish vocal group in Chicago, Brimm realized, "what I most enjoy about performing is singing."

"In the 7th grade, my first big musical with all the choreography, make-up and costumes was *Annie*. It was so enjoyable for me to come back to it at the Civic," he added, noting his role as Henry Morganthau, a U.S. diplomat and member of FDR's cabinet, and in the ensemble, in Civic's recent production of *Annie*. The play is based on the comic strip, *Little Orphan Annie*. We saw the final performance Sept. 25: It was absolutely adorable and extremely professional, and the classic tune, "Tomorrow" can swirl in your head for days.

Encouraged to follow a musical education career by his high school choir director, Brimm graduated IU, and, determined to teach music, landed a job as theater teacher at Broad Ripple High

School's magnet program. "I loved the experience, and all the people, but it was not the fit I wanted. I decided to pursue a different path that better fit my strengths and interests, and switched to banking. It also pretty much freed up my nights and weekends to allow me to continue my passion," he said.

Articulate as good actors are, Brimm has lived in Indianapolis only eight years. But he has racked up numerous local performances, including at the Phoenix, IRT, and Footlite; but his "home theater" is the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre, which is having its own run of 95 years as the oldest continuously operat-

ing community theater in the country, and one of the largest in the country. It is located at the Marian University campus on Cold Spring Road. Now in his 8th production, one for each of the years he has lived in Indianapolis, Brimm says, "the Civic is different from other local theaters. The staff at the Civic is paid, but all the

actors are volunteers. At some other community theaters, actors sometimes help build the sets and acquire their own costumes," he said. Civic's entire staff and crew are full-time employees, all the actors are volunteers. "It's not just a place to do shows; they do educational outreach for their

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# Bosma

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had saved from the war, and the last one detailed the Normandy Landing, and his father's division's subsequent 1,030 mile march across France, Germany, and Austria, dated the day after VE Day: "Fifteen cities captured, 5 rivers crossed, often under fire,

80,000 prisoners taken, destroying Hitler's SS Nord (north) division, and liberating one of the labor camps."

His grandfather and eleven siblings had migrated to Indiana from Holland and have done well here. His father said, "We have gained so much from this country, we have an obligation to give back." Noting his father served in the state legislature from the time

he was five years old, "I grew up in a family that placed a high priority on public service," said Brian. He has served in the state house 22 years, and recently was elected to another two-year term.

In noting that state revenues have fallen to the level of what they were six years ago, but programs continue to grow, Bosma said "...there will have to be some very serious decisions by elected

officials in this coming year..." about how to balance the budget. Not even during the Great Depression did revenues fall as they did recently. In addition, the state borrowed billions of dollars from the federal government to meet unemployment benefit claims. "We have to learn to live with the amount of money that comes in," he added.

Bosma said there is a line of

13 educators in his and his wife's family, including his great aunt, who was the dean of students at Ben Davis High School, and his sister, who teaches those with multiple handicaps. Twenty-five years ago, he worked with the first reform-minded state school superintendent, Dean Evans, and has spent much of the last 20 years in the Indiana House trying to enhance state schools. "I am fully convinced the only way to truly improve public school education is to inject competition into the system. I have dedicated much of my legislative work toward that effort, and I was the author of the first charter school bill," he said. At the same time he notes, "We will be lucky if we can adopt a budget that does not cut school programs."

He has successfully guided legislation to allow tax breaks for people who provide scholarships to low-income students, allowing them to attend the school of their choice. He strongly favors accountability for teachers and principals, year-end evaluations, and merit pay for good performance. "We are trying to attract the best teachers, especially in math and science, and would consider paying them a bonus to attract them, but most collective bargaining agreements prohibit that type of an uneven pay scale," he added. In addition, superintendents and administrators need to have the ability to reward the quality performers and terminate the interlopers.

He is equally well-spoken and determined about school vouchers: "If you talk about scholarships and grants for students who are stuck in schools that don't perform, and want to attend a better school, people feel warm and fuzzy about that. As soon as you talk about giving a voucher to every student in the state to go to any school of their choice, people shy away," he said, suggesting people are not ready for that yet.

"There's not a lot of foreign policy I am in charge of as Speaker of the Assembly," he said, smiling, but "It is critical that we have a secure, democratic, protected, and sovereign State of Israel. It is in the best interests of the United States and the Middle East. A strong Israel is a priority for our nation."

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# Bosma

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Rep. Bosma serves on the board of Bosma Enterprises, and is chair of the Bosma Visionary Opportunities Foundation, which supports several programs designed to empower the blind and visually impaired to achieve self-determination goals.

A questioner asked what the state can do to reduce the 10% employment rate. Bosma replied quickly, "Mostly, get out of the way." Elaborating, he said, "There are generally two schools of thought on that issue. The first one, and without naming any political party, ...there is a heavy emphasis on the govern-

ment in Washington, D.C., right now to create jobs. We think the state needs to do everything it can to aid private business in adding jobs. All states do the same thing, so it's very competitive out there."

In commenting on the new health care bill, the Affordable Care Act, Bosma compared the chart the government issued to instruct policymakers on the phase-in of this program to a Rube Goldberg contraption that goes through many steps, corners, lines, boxes, bells and whistles to get a single job done. In addition, he said, "We estimate that it will cost the state \$3.9 billion in the next 10 years to implement these new health care programs, and

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A small reception will follow. Seth will have copies of his *Exodus Haggadah* available for purchase. Please RSVP to 405-8084 or [jpostopinion@gmail.com](mailto:jpostopinion@gmail.com).

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## Jeremy

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classes and workshops, and provide performance opportunities for 4-to-21-year-olds.

Born and raised in suburban Chicago, Brimm and his sister were taken by his parents to many performances, musical and theater. "My great-grandfather on my mother's side was a cantor, and my grandmother was a mezzo-soprano who performed in and around the Chicago area," said Brimm.

His one foray into professional acting was at the Phoenix Theatre. "It was a role I had long wanted to do. It was exhilarating, difficult, amazing. I loved the

people I worked with, but it made it very clear that I was not destined to a professional actor. I have a great deal of respect for those who go for it," said Brimm. Having performed strictly in musicals since leaving high school, although he has not had a major role in each performance, he at least has been in the ensemble.

"We love what we are doing, people come to see us because they love us, we have to give a quality performance," he noted.

Since 2003, Brimm has been singing with the 150-voice Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, and enjoys it equally. "When I'm

just doing musical theater, there's a little piece of me that misses the symphonic choir. The opposite is also true. Having the privilege to do both is completely fulfilling," he said. "The director of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Erick Starke, is one of the most brilliant musicians I've ever worked with," he added.

Meanwhile, Brimm will continue "to bring a wonderful experience to the audience," as he says. He will appear as Naphtalia and the Butler in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice's adaptation of the well-known Biblical tale, depicting the *tzuris* and the *nachas* of Jacob's favorite son. It begins Dec. 10 at Civic. For information call 317-923 4597 or go to [www.civictheatreindianapolis.org](http://www.civictheatreindianapolis.org).

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## Events

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### Chanukah on Ice

Sun., Dec. 5, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Arctic Zone in Carmel, 16616 Southpark Dr., Westfield. Skate with friends, Chanukah crafts, kosher snacks and hot chocolate, prizes and more. \$4 per person, \$15 per family, \$180 sponsorship includes skate rental and snacks and such. Sponsored by Lubavitch of Indiana. For more info or to RSVP call 251-5573 or email: [info@lubavitchindiana.com](mailto:info@lubavitchindiana.com).

### Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

Mon., Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Music@Shaarey Tefilla begins their third season! Artistic Director Michael Isaac Strauss, also principal violist of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, will be joined by several guest artists performing the Brahms Quintet in B minor for Clarinet and Strings and Bernhard Crusell's Quartet for Clarinet and Strings. A unique

aspect of these concerts is to focus attention on the work of a Jewish composer or performer.

Renowned performing artists performing include Eli Eban, currently a distinguished professor of clarinet at Indiana University and principal clarinet of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. He served 13 seasons as principal clarinet of the Israel Philharmonic under the direction of Zubin Mehta and is a graduate of the famed Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Mr. Eban is the son of the brilliant orator Abba Eban, Israeli diplomat and politician.

General admission \$12; seniors and CST members \$10; students \$5. For more information, call 317-985-3420.

### Indianapolis Hadassah

#### Lunch and Learn

The Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah will again sponsor its Lunch and Learn study program of famous American Jewish women. Join others at Shapiro's in Carmel on Dec. 8 to discuss the life of Eleanor K. Baum, first female dean of a college of engineering. All sessions begin at 11 a.m. For further information call 317-844-4309.

### JCRC Poverty Simulation

On Dec. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m., the JCRC will conduct its first Poverty Simulation. The goal of this simulation is to provide volunteers and advocates with a better understanding of what it is to live in day to day poverty. The event will take place over a period of 2 to 3 hours. The JCRC's mission in conducting this program is to kick off a long-term campaign, fighting institutional poverty from a policy level. JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. Laikin Auditorium. RSVP to David Skylar at [d\\_skylar@indyjcrc.org](mailto:d_skylar@indyjcrc.org) or 317-926-2935.

### JCC Business Network

Dec. 15, the third Wednesday of the month. At the JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. RSVP to Larry Rothenberg [lrothenberg@jcc](mailto:lrothenberg@jcc)

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## Israel Bonds

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second half of the general's remarks, he focused on Israel as "a true ally" of the United States. "Not one American soldier has ever been killed via Israel," he boasted. On the fundraising front, Halevy explored further investment in Israel Bonds. "If sales increase,

this is a vote for confidence in Israel; if sales are down, it shows a riff."

Indiana State Treasurer Richard Mourdock, a well-known Christian Zionist, followed the general, and spoke eloquently about his love of Israel.

"The course of history gives us many lessons," he explained. "And there is nothing

more important than a democracy in the Middle East." Within the context of purchasing Israel Bonds, Mourdock's speech had an economic theme. "Nations with strong economies do not collapse," he claimed. "But nations do fall when their economies collapse." The man who has helped raise over 20 million dollars for Israel during his four years in office – and who often speaks at the Hoosier State's Yom Hashoah services – closed with the familiar refrain about the dangers of ignoring evil vis a vis Iran's nuclear ambitions. (Indiana is one of only 17 states investing in Israel. Mourdock achieved rousing applause when he stated that, via Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, he'll try his best to convince other states to

join these efforts.)

The Roses were honored after dinner. Following a friendly introduction by past Chair Irwin Levin, Irwin Rose took the stage for a brief speech. Involved in commercial real estate in Indianapolis for half a century, Rose was described as "a pillar of philanthropy."

The man described as "passionate, committed and devoted" top Israel Bonds, was grateful for the honors bestowed upon him. "Understatements are hard to come by," the elder Rose explained. "But to say I'm humbled is an understatement."

Douglas C. Rose, president of Irwin R. Rose and Company since 1999, said he "grew up recognizing the importance of serving the community and Israel." His

father's lifelong support of Israel was the impetus for the younger Rose to get involved with Israel Bonds. "My parents taught us to Stand with Israel," he remarked. "Without their guidance, I would've thought Israel Bonds was the brother of (legendary baseball player) Barry Bonds." This elicited laughs from the audience.

"Israel Bonds has given me a meaningful way to express my passion for Israel," Rose concluded.

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# Open Mic Night

Photos and story by Jennie Cohen

Fri., Nov. 12, I attended Open Mic Night for the first time. This event is presented by Blair Adam Karsch. I had heard it was an event for students to express themselves. It was all that and more. It was an entertaining and meaningful evening. Students could hear from their peers and schmooze with their friends. It was an opportunity and experience for them to perform for an audience. Besides all of the students and their friends, adults other than parents of these students enjoyed the performances. The following is an example of the creativity of the students and a quote from a parent in attendance.

"Mr. Blair is cool, Mr. Blair is hip, come on down to Starbucks and take a sip....Yes a sip from the cup of life...get your groove on there. Come as you are...no drinking or drugging, just pure thought, pure love, pure poetry... Be yourself!

Blair puts people together.... He sees no color, no race, or religion...and like John Lennon says... "Just Imagine?"

Thank you to Mr. Blair, for loving people like you do, for it's people like you, who make this world a better place...Nonviolence, no hate, that's what Open Mic Night is all about...Power to the people! Much Love, Kevin"

*Kevin Melrose is a freshman at North Central High School*

"It's a good thing that Blair is putting kids together from all over the city, and creating a loving, drug-free environment for them to express themselves through poetry and song. He has my support as a parent, and as a lifelong friend. Keep it going Blair!" said Kevin's father, Jeff Melrose.

The next Open Mic event ([www.blairkarsch.com/index.shtml](http://www.blairkarsch.com/index.shtml)) will take place Sat., Jan. 15, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Peace Learning Center at the Christian Theological Seminary. The Martin Luther King Day Festival & Community Event will offer arts & crafts and a poetry workshop. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at [BlairKarsch.com](http://BlairKarsch.com) or on Blair Karsch's Open Mic on Facebook.



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## Bosma

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that's a scary amount for those of us who think about balancing the budget." Noting that no one wants to witness suffering due to lack of medical care, "...there are some parts the state can opt out of."

In closing, Bosma, noting the stance taken by JAACI, and the responsibility of Jews for Tikkun Olam, pledged to help JAACI become successful, and thanked the assemblage for giving him the opportunity to speak about what he sees as his responsibility.

Nationwide, 10 million people have some vision disability, including nearly 47,000 Hoosiers, and that number is expected to increase by 60% in the next 30 years; 80 million people currently suffer from a potentially blinding eye disease; and half of all people with diabetes will develop a visual impairment. In days to come, the services offered by Bosma Enterprises will become even more critical.

For more information go to [www.bosma.org](http://www.bosma.org).

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## Farahan

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Now that I'm older, I realize how stressful Hanukkah is for adults. For every sizzle of oil, and flame lit, there is a little kid that's just begging to get closer. For every night, there's another present to give and more money to spend. There's the pure fat in the ounce of each food that will surely lead to another hour at the gym. I wonder if this Hanukkah, I'll notice the way in which my mother hides a yawn as she lights the candles. But I know that despite everything, she'll still find time to cry when she opens the picture my sister got her, and to smile when I say I know everything about how to light the Hanukkiah, because I aced my test on just that.

Hanukkah should be the chance for people to appreciate the beauty that they usu-

ally don't have the time for. I know that behind every minute detail in Hanukkah preparations, adults, too, experience a measure of excitement that came easily when they were younger. Not everyone has the immediate excitement that my cousin has, whether it's due to the lack of time, or energy, or even money. But within the routine of the Jewish calendar, it should be our goal to marvel at something we didn't notice before. Perhaps the hidden aspect of Hanukkah is the way in which there is a revival of wonder within each of us. I guess the secret is that you just have to silence your cell phone to hear it, turn away from your schedule to see it, forget Weight Watchers to taste it, and extend your hand to the people that matter the most to feel it.

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