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## Indy artist's work brightens Israeli hospitals

By CINDIE HARP

Joani Rothenberg, Indianapolis artist, recently finished two projects for hospitals in Israel. She was the artist-in-residence for the Western Galilee Hospital in Nahariya. The Western Galilee is the Indianapolis "sister" region in Israel (through Partnership 2000). The painting she made and unveiled for them this month carries the theme of partnership. Rothenberg also created this painting at the JCC in Indianapolis. In addition, she created a painting for the Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem. I sat down with her to discuss this new chapter in her life as an artist, which includes illustrating, painting and teaching.

**Q: How does your art inform your Judaism?**

**A:** I think we all express our religion in different ways and I have been lucky that my avocation and vocation have merged so nicely to express myself Judically. I have been very fortunate to live in a community that has provided me so much guidance and support. Soon after moving to Indianapolis 15 years ago, I met Rabbi Sandy Sasso and we began a wonderful friendship. She has been a great collaborator and a mentor for me. Her ability to make the ancient texts relevant to our lives has



Joani Rothenberg at the ceremony at Nahariya to unveil her painting.

inspired me to do the same with my art. As I listened to her words and stories, I envisioned images that were creating the groundwork for future projects together.

I always wanted to create large murals, and the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (HHAI) gave me the opportunity to embark on this stage of my artistic endeavors. My first three major murals are in the HHAI Cultural Arts Center and are richly embroidered with Judaic imagery. During this stage in my work, I was blessed to spend time with Mary Ellen Fellegly, the creative and talented art teacher at the HHAI. Being surrounded by her students allowed me to engage them and their ideas into this body of work. The kids at HHAI became my motivation and inspiration for making pieces that really speak to one and tell a narrative – a unique way that I have been able to express my Judaism.

Mrs. Miriam Gettinger, the dynamic and innovative principle at HHAI, has a vast knowledge of Judaic studies. Her ability to guide me in both the creative process and educational aspect of the work has really helped me mature as an artist. Working in public spaces is how I have executed all of my public work – public art, painted in a public space, engaging the community in the process of the work.

**Q: How did your Nahariya project come about?**

**A:** When I was the artist-in-residence at the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center in Indianapolis, I had a chance to portray a different view of Judaism – that is, how our community interacts and engages with the community at large. The JCC executive director, Ira Jaffee, offered me a space to paint and supported the idea immediately of a "community painting." His entire staff all offered support, guidance and excitement toward the project. It was during this piece, titled "Center of Life" that I befriended Michael Papo, who has really become a strong advocate of my work that is trying to use art to engage a community in programs highlighting Jewish life. I told him about my desire to create a public piece for the Western Galilee Hospital in Nahariya – our federation's partner hospital in a historic part of Israel. He immediately said, "Let's make it happen," and it did!

Judy Sosin, associate executive director of the JCC and Ira Jaffee have been more than accommodating when I told them that I would like to create another painting, this time for a hospital in Israel, and use the JCC as my studio.

My inspiration for this project began after I learned of the Partnership program through my husband. As a physician he had previously participated in the Emergency Response Group, a program designed to

bring medical professionals together to train in emergency scenarios. He encouraged me to consider how I could become involved with this exciting Partnership program. After learning about the artist and residency program, I knew I had found my perfect niche. This is a program designed to bring artists together from the various communities – all kinds of artists, including dancers, other performance artists and fine artists.

Last year I came to Israel with my family to search for a specific site for the project. Dr. Hazani, a visionary leader who served as my Israeli guide, met me and quickly embraced the work. This painting represents a bridge between the hospital and the world outside. It also serves as a

paint the frame and install the painting on a curved wall. The hospital as well as the Partnership staff was amazing. I was given a studio in an unused patient room, an abundance of coffee and cakes, and a staff that showed concern not only in how to hang the painting correctly but who worried about how it was to be covered and what color the wall should be painted. This excitement in the project reinforced the power of building bridges.



Rothenberg painting now hanging in the Western Galilee Hospital in Nahariya.

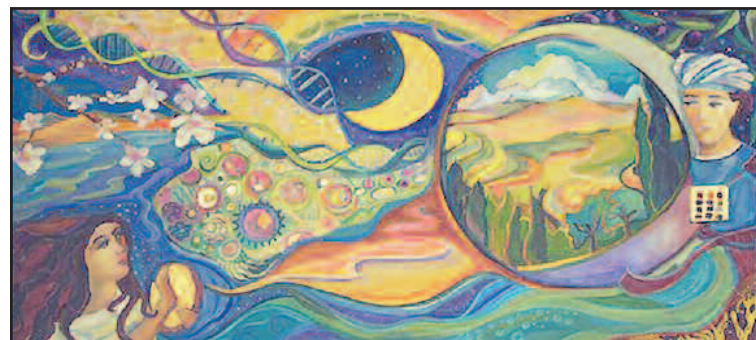
powerful metaphor for many things including the natural beauty found in the Galilee, the interaction of different communities, as well as a patient's personal journey.

The rich colors were chosen to remind us of the beauty that surrounds us all and the hope that is so needed in the healing process. The image was painted in the Indianapolis JCC and was generously funded by the Glick family. This work that was created in a public space brought awareness to the many programs that exist within Partnership program. I arrived in Israel a week before the unveiling to work with a carpenter and my cousin to build a frame,

Fortuitously, I was able to create a painting for the lobby at the Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem. Mrs. Gettinger not only allowed me to paint it at the HHAI but also offered me a direction that would be meaningful to the many people that would view it every day. Mrs. Gettinger writes:

"Miriam and Aaron, together the shepherds of Israel, depict the attributes of hope and peace/unity respectively. Miriam led the Jewish women in spontaneous song and dance at the splitting of the Red Sea and symbolizes the eternal message of hope inherent in the response of Jewish women to

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Painting by Joani Rothenberg for Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem.



# Residents respond to outbreak of anti-Semitic acts

BLOOMINGTON, IND. — Some years ago, a friend gave Zaineb Istrabadi a Turkish Star of David made by an Alevis Muslim silversmith. On Mon., Dec. 6, Istrabadi, a member of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Indiana University, wore the necklace outside her clothes for all to see when she took off her coat.

She wore it again on Tuesday the 7th because "I hadn't

seen any of my students on Monday because of meetings and wanted to give them a message." Istrabadi, who teaches Arabic, wanted to make public her solidarity with the Jewish community at the university and in the broader city of Bloomington after a series of anti-Semitic incidents.

Beginning Nov. 23 and continuing for just over a week through the beginning of Chanukah, these incidents

shocked and angered many in the Bloomington, Ind. community.

Rocks were thrown through windows at Chabad House on two separate occasions, as well as through windows at the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center and a local Presbyterian church where a Jewish group meets. Swastikas were scrawled on a dry-erase board in a campus dormitory, and perhaps most chillingly, Hebrew texts in Indiana University's main library were dumped into eight different toilets and urinated on.

People throughout Bloomington — a city known for its emphasis on diversity — began to take action, large and small, public and private, in response to the news.

Very quickly, increased patrols by uniformed and plainclothes police officers were ordered in the area surrounding the university. Local law enforcement officials began working alongside members of the FBI and U.S. Department of Justice on the case.

*The Indiana Daily Student* and *The Herald Times* provided daily coverage, with more than one editorial deploring the acts, and letters of concern from students and town residents alike. Indiana University Provost Karen Hanson explicitly condemned "these targeted and malicious acts." Her statement made clear that "there is no place for anti-Semitism at Indiana University or anywhere else."

Outside Chabad House on Dec. 5, and despite the frigid weather, Mayor Mark Krizan lit the *shamash* of a 9-foot menorah in front of a crowd of over 200. The base of the menorah was made from a rock thrown through the center's window just a few days earlier. Students and community volunteers stood watch overnight throughout the Festival of Lights to make sure the menorah — and the building — did not come to any harm.

Hillel Executive Director Rabbi Sue Laikin Silberberg was made honorary captain and presented with the game ball at the Dec. 4 IU vs. Savannah State basketball game.

Bloomington United, a grass-roots campus and community partnership dedicated to promoting diversity, labeled the vandalism as "cowardly and misguided." In a widely circulated statement, the organization noted that such acts provide "the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to fighting all forms of hatred."

Working with Silberberg at Hillel, the group made available for download two PDFs that could be placed in windows of businesses, homes, and public spaces all over the county. One states "Bloomington United in Diversity," and the other is a large menorah. Additionally, on Dec. 6, the day that Zaineb Istrabadi wore her Star of David, individuals were asked to wear blue to show solidarity with the Jewish community.

Paper menorahs were put up in churches across town. At the Unitarian Universalist Church, congregants lit a menorah at their Sunday worship service and sang *Oseh Shalom*. Copies

of the Bloomington United posters were available for church members to take home.

Members of St. Thomas Lutheran Church organized a display of the posters in their home windows, and encouraged parishioners to wear blue. As part of their Sunday worship, members of First Christian and First United Methodist churches lit menorahs and offered statements of solidarity.

Shariq Siddiqui, executive director of the Muslim Association of Indiana, released a statement calling on MAI members to "cultivate relationships of trust and respect with our neighbors of other faiths" for when such acts happen "to any faith, it happens to all faiths."

Although Congregation Beth Shalom, home to Bloomington's Jewish community since the 1960s was not a target, friends and neighbors reached out. Five members of Beth Shalom's community relations committee met with a delegation of six from the Bloomington Islamic Center. According to co-chairs Madi Hirschland and Larry Moss, the gathering was "somber, warm, and remarkable. Our guests were heartfelt and eloquent in their expressions of distress over recent events and asked repeatedly what they could do to support our community."

On Dec. 3, members of the Bloomington Intercultural Dialogue Group stopped by Beth Shalom with white roses and were thanked by congregants gathered for Kabbalat Shabbat services. (see Bloomington, page IN 8)

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## My bar mitzvah speech

BY NADAV HARPER

Chanukah is special to me for lots of reasons. I was born on the first day of Chanukah, the 25th of Kislev. There is a photo of me on my first night home in front of a sign that reads "Happy Chanukah." My mom says I'm the best present she ever got.

I love celebrating Chanukah with my family. We light lots of Chanukah menorahs. It makes the room brighter when there are no lights on. I made some of the menorahs when I was little. I glued bolts, tiles, and other things onto a block of wood. Another one I made out of clay, and we can't use it because it sets itself on fire. My grandparents got a stone one for me last year that is really pretty. I also like snow, hot chocolate, gelt, playing with dreidles, and sledding on Chanukah. The one thing I hate is latkes.

In my Haftarah portion, I read one of the most famous verses, "Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit." This has to do with the story of Chanukah.

Jewish history includes a number of groups not wanting



Nadav Harper with his proud parents, David and Shoshana Harper.

Jews to be Jewish. It's ironic that people like the Babylonians, the Syrians and the Greeks, have tried to change the Jews, but in the end have become pretty weak while the Jews continue to be strong and exist and it doesn't look like we are going to be going away anytime soon.

During the second Temple period, Greeks made it illegal for the Jews to worship. They wanted Jews to not keep Shabbat, eat nonkosher animals, and not celebrate Jewish holidays. They wanted to turn Jews into Greeks.

It's like peer pressure. The Jews, however, knew that what

they were doing wasn't hurting anyone and if anything they were helping make the world a better place.

But the Greeks didn't think so and thought they could destroy the spirit of the Jews by destroying the Holy Temple. A relatively small group of Hasmoneans, called the Maccabees, kicked out the Greeks and went to rebuild the Temple. The Maccabees did not have might or power but they believed that as Jews they were making the world a better place and so they were victorious.

This kind of victory demonstrates, even today, to

other small groups of people, that if justice is on your side, stand up for your beliefs. You never know. You might just win.

Nadav was called to the Torah on Sat., Dec. 4 at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla. ★

## HARP

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crisis and challenge – the peacemaker, Aaron, was the beloved leader who sought to alleviate strife and unnecessary pain within the Jewish nation. Aharon, the Cohen, literally and figuratively wore the diversity of his people upon his chest in the breastplate highlighted with the 12 gemstones symbolize the tribes of Israel."

My husband who is my best and most loyal supporter helped me conceive of ideas that would intrigue the physicians that would pass daily by the painting. "Incorporated within the painting are several aspects of science and medicine, which Hadassah is so well known for – a central image is DNA, essential to life as we know it. There are cells depicting a fertilized egg, which is seen dividing as it develops – again, a powerful image for life. In the lower right-hand corner is an

image of the fungus from which penicillin is isolated from, emphasizing the importance of antibiotics is preserving life. There are also several viruses scattered throughout the painting representing vaccines, again an important development in the advancement of medicine to rid us of infectious diseases."

The blossoming almond trees, olive branches, and the Judean hills remind us of the beauty situated immediately outside the windows of the hospital. This natural beauty offers patients as well as caregivers an opportunity to recharge as they often find themselves having to deal with complex situations involving life and death.

My deepest gratitude goes out to Marilyn Glick. Her unwavering support and friendship during all of these projects has been amazing. Throughout the entire recent course of my work what has been the most wonderful is the creative freedom that I have been given. The trust and artistic license that I have had has allowed me to expand my work in new and exciting directions.

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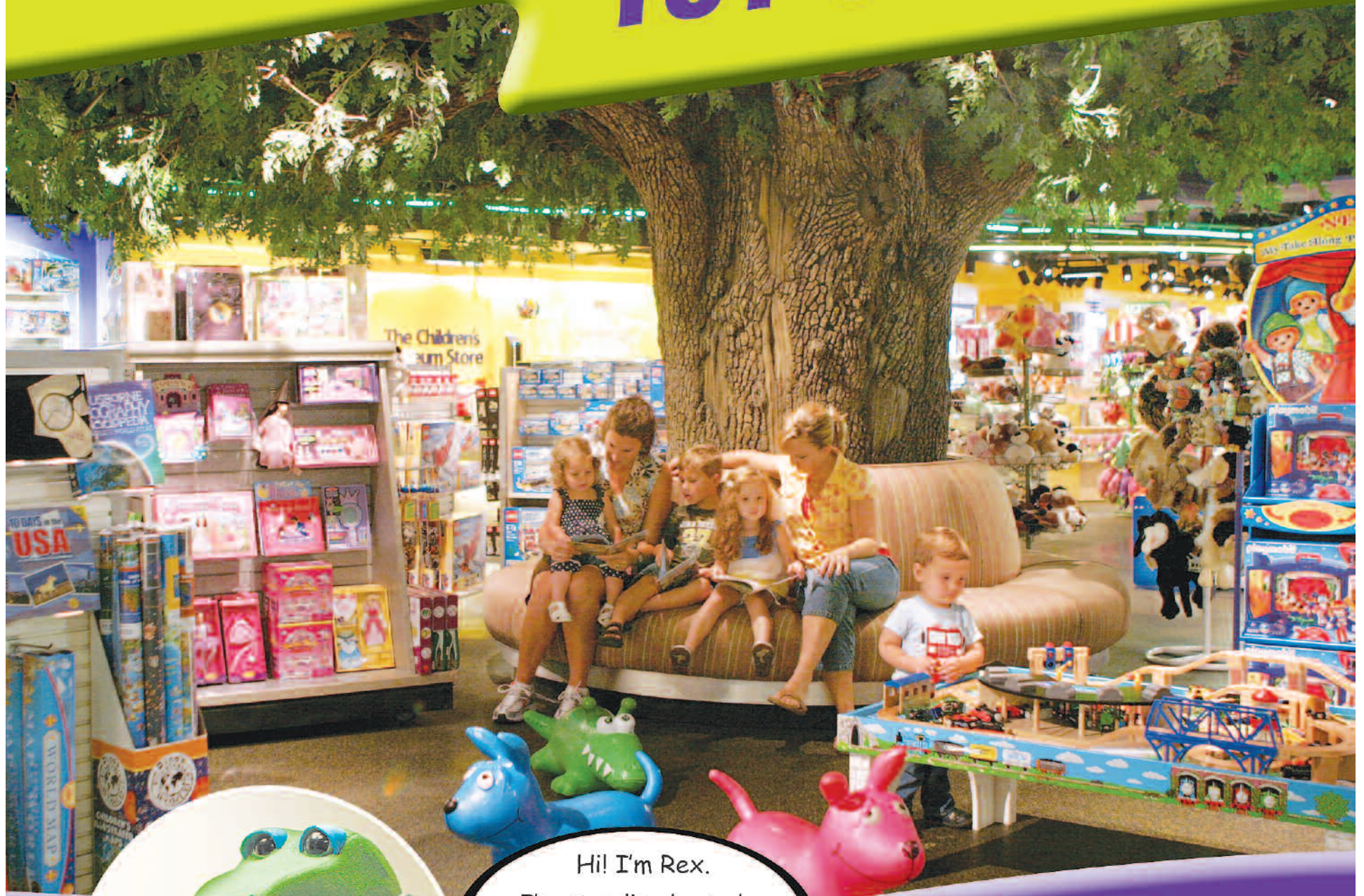
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## Teen Outlook

BY CLARA FRIDMAN

### 8 nights of Hanukkah, 8 candles in the Hanukkah, 8 questions

**The first candle.** A different light. And I can't help but wonder: *What do blind people see?*

A month ago, my mother visited the Blackout restaurant in Yafo, Israel. At the restaurant, she had the opportunity to "see" the world through the eyes of the blind. All the waiters in this restaurant were blind, and they served food in a pitch dark room. You had to pour water from a pitcher into your own glass, and then pass the pitcher on to the next person. This experience heightens your sense of taste and smell, and you understand communication on a totally different level. While talking to her waitress – a tri-linguist speaking English, Hebrew, and Russian, who also works as a part-time massage therapist and has a college degree, my mom discovered that the people who live in such an unbearable darkness have a remarkable light within them. When my mother left the restaurant, her perception of light and darkness was changed forever. This experience was so profound that my mother repeatedly tells me to appreciate all the different layers of light, both physical and spiritual.

**The second candle.** Our school doesn't get a Hanukkah break. *Why are we allowed to do all kinds of work on Hanukkah, when we are limited on other holy days?* One opinion is that because of this "freedom," we can bring the light of spirituality to our everyday activities: our jobs, our schools, our cars, and our modern technology.

**The third candle.** Last year, we went on Skype and Facebook to wish a Happy Hanukkah to all of our family and friends in California, Moscow, and Tel Aviv. *Will modern technology bring us closer to faith?* The famous Polish rabbi, Chafetz Chaim, wrote that technology (though

to him it was in a primitive form that existed in the 19th century, gramophone as predecessor to the tape recorder) can bring a Jew closer to Emunah (faith), by teaching him that word could be recorded and transmitted to G-d. What would Chafetz Chaim say about the internet? Smart phone? Kindle?

**The fourth candle.** What is the true power of prayer? The Kotzker Rebbe said that a prayer is like an arrow. The closer you pull the bowstring to your heart, the farther the arrow will go. In many ways, this is true. Mr. Hakimi, one of my Judaic teachers from last year, said that if we were socializing instead of praying, it would be like putting G-d on hold. He said it was as if G-d was knocking on the door and you said, "Wait a moment, G-d. I need to tell my friend something real quick." He said that since G-d wasn't important enough to stop our conversations, then WE wouldn't be important enough when we REALLY needed something from G-d. However, if we stopped to put enough heart, meaning, and truth into our prayer, then it would be answered.

*Karov Adonai lechol kor'av, ve'et kol ha rashaim yashmid.* – Close is the Lord to all who call Him, to all who call upon him in truth.

**The fifth candle.** Hanukkah candles are lit to publicize the miracle. *Do miracles really occur nowadays?*

This question has always been a controversial one for people on different spiritual levels. Many rabbis consider every leaf to be a miracle, every breath to be a miracle. Of course, the more mundane believers need a much greater event for something to be called a miracle. In all honesty, how many of us here have three suitcases packed at home in case the Moshiah comes tonight? Sometimes, when you are running late for an appointment, but end up coming right on time, you may call it a miracle. Other times, when an ill relative lives longer than expected, it is a miracle. What about the Maccabees winning the war so long ago? Was that just LUCK? Anything can be a miracle, if you can see the situation from more than one perspective.

**The sixth candle.** *Who is truly courageous?*

Indeed, who has the right to answer? Certainly not me, who's never been in a life-or-death

situation. Perhaps my great-grandmother, who single-handedly raised three children during World War II, all while taking in more relatives who sought shelter, was courageous. Or else my mother, who stole an openly anti-Semitic poster displayed at her Russian university's political science department, and brought it to her local rabbi. Maybe courage is a trait that applies to my grandfather, who returned to Chernobyl nuclear plant shortly after the explosion, at the risk of severe health consequences or even death. It was definitely a crucial part of my grandmother's existence; she lived with a terminal disease without ever losing the smile on her face. Was it courage when my grandparents refused to join the Communist party in the Soviet Union? Or is it every citizen in the State of Israel, who constantly lives in a war zone?

**The seventh candle.** Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, first Ashkenazic chief rabbi of Israel, once asked: *Who is on a greater spiritual level, a person on the 10th rung, or the 30th rung of the spiritual ladder?* The obvious answer would be that the person on the 30th rung is on a higher spiritual level, but Rabbi Kook answered: It depends on which direction the person is moving. If the person on the 10th rung is climbing and growing

## New congregation to locate in Carmel

Congregation Beth Shalom is a progressive congregation with the goal of offering an alternative spiritual and religious experience to Jews throughout the greater Indianapolis area. Approximately two dozen Jewish residents came together to create more innovative services like what is mentioned in the book *Gonzo Judaism* by Rabbi Niles Goldstein. They also wanted to have a location further north because many Jewish people now live in Hamilton County.

The first service of Congregation Beth Shalom will be held on Fri., Jan. 14, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the east wing of the Monon Center in Carmel, Ind. The entrance is off of Rangeline Rd. and the room is on the first floor. The first service will be led by Rabbi Heidi Waldman. Ongoing services will take place on the first and third Fridays of the month. The congregation has a Torah and some gray *Gates of Prayer* prayerbooks, but they will also be using their own handouts for services.

All ages are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bob Epstein at 317-639-1326, ext. 111 or at rdepstein@aol.com. ★

day by day, he is spiritually alive. If the person on the 30th rung is moving downward, he has lost spiritual focus and will continue to sink unless he can redirect upward.

**The eighth candle.** My family is planning to bake an apple pie for this our Hanukkah celebration. Most people in the world cut apples a certain way. In fact, most of them are completely unaware that if you change the angle, just

a bit, you can find stars. Our teachers at HHAI do just that: They find a unique approach to each and every student, thus discovering the stars within us.

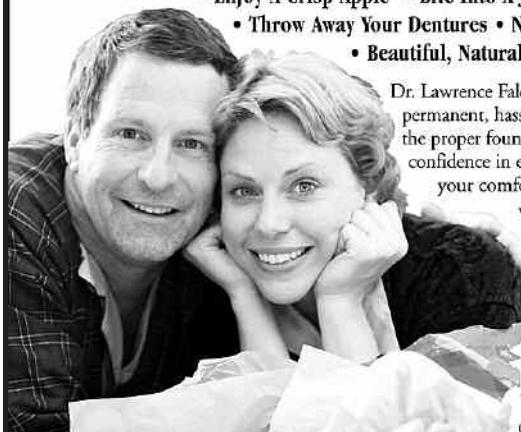
Eight nights of Hanukkah. Eight candles on the Hanukkah. Eight answers. I hope you had a wonderful festival of lights.

Clara Fridman is an eighth grade student at The Hasten Hebrew Academy. ★



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# Obituaries

## Myron "Bud" Wolf, 92

Myron "Bud" Wolf, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, died peacefully on Nov. 28, 2010, surrounded by his beloved family at Hooverwood. He was born to Isaac Wolf and Anna Miller Wolf in Indianapolis and was a member of the first graduating class at IPS School 84. A graduate of Shortridge High School, he attended Butler University. He served as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the 394 Bomb group. He served as lead bombardier and navigator of B-26s, and participated in 45 missions.

During the 1930s, he began working with his father selling Auburns and Cords, and later in their Pontiac dealership. Bud worked in the automobile industry his entire life. Following WW II, he and his father began I Wolf, Inc., selling used cars. In 1972, he opened Bud Wolf Chevrolet in Broad Ripple, and moved it to its Keystone location in 1988.

Bud was a beloved and respected man in the community and will be missed by all who knew him. He was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Broadmoor Country Club, Monument Masonic Lodge, and was past president of Indianapolis Auto Trade Association. Bud was active with the United Way

Campaign in Indianapolis. He is survived by his loving wife, Harriet Hart Wolf; beloved son, Andy (MaDonna) Wolf; daughter, Katy Wolf; and beloved grandchildren, J Hart, Zachary and Megan Wolf, and David Sachs. Funeral services were held on Wed., Dec. 1, 2010, at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. Burial followed at IHC North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis. ★

## Tsipoyra Portnaya 81

Tsipoyra Portnaya, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 1, 2010. She was born Sept. 20, 1929, in Kishnev, Moldova, to the late Bntsin and Inda Zilberdrud. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Perets Portnoy. Survivors include her loving children, Boris and Inda; grandchildren, Leonid, Anna, Yan; and great-granddaughter, Samantha. Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 2010, at Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North. Arrangements: Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. ★

## Howard L. Kahn, MD, 95

Dr. Howard L. Kahn died peacefully Dec. 2, 2010 in Hollywood, Fla. Howard was born in Indianapolis on July 28, 1915. He graduated from Manuel High School, received a Rector Scholarship to DePauw

University and graduated from Indiana University Medical School. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Chicago. He and his brother Dr. Alexander Kahn practiced medicine together for many years in Indianapolis. Howard served in World War II in the Asian Pacific Theater, retiring as a major. Howard was an avid rosarian winning many trophies and competitions, an accomplished bridge player and a Life Master. He was a photographer specializing in Minox photography, loved to travel and was a supporter of the arts. Howard was a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgery. He was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedek and a Hadassah Associate.

Immediate survivors include his loving wife Leah Dee (Deedle) of almost 60 years, his daughters, Katie (David DeBlander) and Dr. Janis Kahn (Jeffrey Greve); and son Raymond (Motoko) Kahn; beloved grandchildren, Kahlia (Joshua) Brigham, Benjamin and Alexander Greve, and Remi Kahn; and great grandchildren, Braeden and Madelyn Brigham. Survivors also include his dear sister, Ann Glasser, and dear sister-in-law, Margaret Hansen Kahn.

He was predeceased by his brother, Dr. Alexander Kahn. Funeral services were held Dec. 7 at Aaron-Rubin-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah, 1040 E. 86th St. Indianapolis, 46240. Friends may place online condolences at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com). ★

## Jamshid J. Rastegar, 30

Jamshid "Jimmy" Joseph Rastegar, Ben Asher 30, died on Dec. 2, 2010. He was a beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend to all. Our dear Jamshid was born in Ashdod, Israel, on April 19, 1980. He was a longtime resident of Indiana and a graduate of Carmel High School Class of 1998 and Purdue University School of

Engineering and Technology. He was eternally optimistic, loved his community, and was passionate about helping his friends and family.

He is survived by his parents, Majid and Hanrih Rastegar; brother Omid Rastegar and wife Jennifer; brother Javid Rastegar; nephew and niece Asher and Estelle. Burial services were held on Dec. 5, 2010, at Etz Chaim Cemetery. There was a memorial service immediately following. A memorial fund for donations is being established in Jamshid's honor. Friends may place an online condolence at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com). Services entrusted to Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. ★

## Daniel Lee Farahan, 28

Daniel Lee Farahan died on Dec. 2, 2010. Funeral services were held at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson mortuary on Sun., Dec. 5, 2010, and burial followed at Etz Chaim Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Appalachian Trail Conservancy or American Friends of Israeli Defense Forces. ★

## David Allen Rudd, 64

David Allen Rudd of Carmel died Dec. 5, 2010 surrounded by his loving family. David leaves behind his beloved wife, Judi Goldfarb Rudd; his devoted children, Jason Rudd and Tracy (Andrew) Smith; sisters, Arlene (Marty) Levine and Davida (Richard) Gould; mother-in-law, Phyllis Goldfarb; brothers-in-law, David (Brenda) and George (Jackie) and many nieces and nephews that loved him dearly.

Funeral services were held on Wed., Dec. 8, 2010 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedek North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity. ★

## Milton Singer, 96

Milton Singer, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, died Dec. 7, 2010. He attended Butler University and was a graduate of Indiana University. Milton was a partner with Kirk Furniture Company for 40 years, until his retirement. Milt was a lifelong member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, a member of

Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity and Broadmoor Country Club. He volunteered for many organizations, and spent 15 years at the Eiteljorg Museum. He also spent many years mentoring youth in Palm Springs, Calif., and here in Indianapolis at Fox Hill Elementary School. He and his wife loved to travel.

Milton is survived by his loving family: his devoted wife of 38 years, Inda Larman Singer; his children, Marilyn (Charles) Caplan, Michael (Carol) Singer; step-son, Dr. Michael (Jody) Freid; grandchildren (who lovingly called him "Peep"), Jeff Caplan, Andrea Livingston, Daniel Caplan, Gabe Singer, Sara Singer, Chad Freid, Jeremy Freid and Amy Ratnow and 10 great-grandchildren. His first wife, Phyllis Greenberg Singer, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held in the chapel at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 North Meridian St., Dec. 10, 2010. Burial followed in IHC North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260. ★

## Gerald "Jerry" H. Glanzman, 68

Gerald "Jerry" H. Glanzman died in Plano, Texas on Dec. 8, 2010. Jerry was born in Indianapolis on Sept. 14, 1942 to Alex and Sally Glanzman. He was a graduate with honors from Purdue University and George Washington School of Law. Jerry was a patent attorney. He had been a partner at Hofer, Gilson and Lione in Indianapolis and later worked for Yee and Associates in Plano, Texas. He was a member of the Alumnae Associations of Purdue and George Washington Law School, and a member of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Hirschberg Glanzman; his sons, Jason (Amanda) Glanzman, Alex Glanzman and daughter, Stacy Glanzman and two grandsons, Kaden and Oliver.

Funeral services were held at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 North Michigan Rd, Dec. 12, 2010. Burial followed in Beth-El Zedek North Cemetery. Rabbi Lewis Weiss officiated. Memorial contributions (see Obituaries, page IN 8)

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may be made to National Kidney Foundation [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org) or American Heart Association — [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org). ★

### Johanna Lovinger Cohen, 91

Johanna Lovinger Cohen of Indianapolis, died Dec. 9, 2010. Survivors include her loving

daughter, Francie Cohen; beloved family, Howard Lovinger, Carol Lovinger and their daughters, Toni (Blake) Davis, Juli (Matt) Simmermon, Wendi Lovinger; cousins, Penni and Ronald Brodey and family; and dear friends, the Berger and Zukerman families. Graveside services were held Mon., Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. at Ohev Zedeck Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society. Arrangements: Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary.

(see Obituaries, page IN 12)

### BLOOMINGTON

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Individual cards and expressions of support continue to arrive at Congregation Beth Shalom. One, signed by "Your brother in Abraham's legacy," was from a

Muslim graduate student. He wrote: May God give us the patience and mercy to treat one another with dignity regardless of race, religion and gender, and the strength to persevere in times of difficulty.

"Knowing that we are not

alone," wrote Paul Eisenberg and Judith Rose, Beth Shalom's president and vice president, in a recent letter to *The Herald Times*, "weaves our identity with that of others. At this time of Chanukah, it is the light on all our candles." ★

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# Shabbat Shalom

BY RABBI JON ADLAND

**Dec. 10, 2010, Vayigash  
(Genesis 44:18-47:27)  
3 Tevet 5771**

Over the past few weeks, the Torah portion has been centered on the fascinating story of Joseph. In this week's *parashah*, the conclusion to Joseph's separation from his family concludes. As we know, Joseph didn't reveal himself to his brothers when they first appeared in his court asking for food relief. He recognized them and decided that for the short term he wouldn't admit who he was. Why? I think Joseph was trying to figure out how to respond to the people who had tried to kill him and then sold him into slavery. Little did they know that his journey would take him to prison and from there to the second most important person in Egypt. Joseph could have imprisoned them all or just sent them away, but instead he delayed making a decision in how to respond.

Finally, in *Vayigash*, Joseph cried out revealing his identity, inquiring about his father and leaving his brothers both dumbfounded and scared. He promised to take care of everyone. "With that he embraced his brother Benjamin around the neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. He kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; only then were his brothers able to talk to him." We can learn a lot from this moment. Joseph was treated cruelly by his brothers. He sees now that what happened to him as the will of God so that he would be in the right place at the right time to interpret Pharaoh's dreams and save Egypt from disaster. Still, with all that said, how does one respond to those who have committed a terrible wrong? Can we act like Joseph?

Lashing out in anger would be one response. Kill, jail, drive away the people who committed the wrong is certainly a possibility. Waiting for an apology is another, but that wait can be a long time in coming and in Joseph's case it never happened. Rising above the situation by living one's life regardless of others,

recognizing that you can't control the actions of others no matter how wrong the other people may be is certainly the noblest, but least walked path. Joseph realized that this is the best way. He decided not to punish or even wait for an apology, but instead determined that his family treated him the way they did for whatever reason. He couldn't control that situation, but he can control the person he is now by continuing to be the best person he can be, treat others well, and let the rest just unfold. What you hope for is that the other people will consider their actions and not continue to make the same mistakes. You can only trust that good human nature will prevail and that those who acted in such a way will learn, grow, and become better people. Unfortunately, we all know that some people never change and what they did before will only get repeated again and again. Regardless, I still hope, believe, and have faith in people. My prayer is that the *Yetzer Tov* will win out over the *Yetzer HaRa*.

In the end, the kind of people we are is up to us. How we respond to the world around us is on our shoulders. I don't want to walk through my journey in this world with anger weighing down on my shoulders. Life is much too short and too precious for this to happen. I want to be happy, to laugh, to live, and to love. Shabbat always helps me reaffirm this when it comes time to say the blessings over the candles, wine and challah or when I offer Sandy her blessing. They calm my soul and remind me that goodness is found in special places. I admire Joseph for taking the high road and hopefully we can all walk that road as well.

When you light your Shabbat candles this Friday evening, light one to remind us of our own strength of character. Light the other as a sign to help point our way to a better tomorrow. May these tomorrows be filled with blessing, love, and God's goodness in our heart.

*Rabbi Adland has been leading Reform congregations for more than 25 years in Lexington, Ky., and Indianapolis, Ind. ★*



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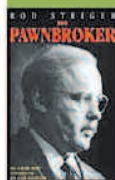
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# The Indiana Jewish Historical Society holds 38th annual meeting

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society held its 38th annual meeting on Sun., Oct. 24, 2010 at the Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis.

The following members were elected by mail ballot to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors, expiring in October 2013: Irit Boukai, Sheila Greenwald, Garry Mervis, David Piser, Joan Wolf, and Carol Kempler. Earlier that morning the Board of Directors elected the executive officers: President, Alan Gilbert, Fort Wayne; First V.P., Trent D. Pendley, Chesterton; Second V.P, Garry Mervis, Kokomo; and Treasurer, David Piser from

South Bend. Lindsey Mintz who resigned in May 2010, was thanked for her years of service on the IJHS Board.

Executive Director Eileen Baitcher reported that membership in the IJHS increased in 2010. Membership drives will take place in all geographic areas of the state to continue the upward swing in membership. She also reported that this year's publication of *Indiana Jewish history titled The History of Indiana's Jewish Scrap Dealers* has many people excited and has created new interest in the organization.

Guest speaker, Dr. Susan Brin Hyatt, associate professor

of anthropology and director of the MA program in applied anthropology at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, gave a presentation based on her research of the history of the near Southside neighborhood of Indianapolis. Hyatt and her students, have begun carrying out oral history interviews with both African Americans and Sephardic Jews, who once lived side-by-side in the neighborhood. She explained that a majority of the Sephardic Jews who arrived in Indianapolis beginning in 1909 had immigrated from Monastir or from Solonika. Dr. Hyatt showed wonderful pictures of many of these early Sephardic families and explained how Sephardic Jews involved themselves in the Indianapolis community, many as garment workers employed by the large German-Jewish owned venture, Kahn Tailoring, and others as fruit and vegetable peddlers and small business owners.

Gladys Nisenbaum and Lee Mallah, both of whom grew up in the Southside community, added their own comments and personal remembrances, which enhanced Dr. Hyatt's presentation. Gladys explained that all the children in the neighborhood, black and white, played together. Everyone was welcomed in each other's homes. Although few of the Sephardic families kept in active contact with their former African American neighbors following their move north, over the past year, the two communities have begun coming together on a regular basis to work on the oral history project about their neighborhood.

The old Southside neighborhood was unique because it was the gateway to Indianapolis for many of European immigrants coming to the United States during the early part of the 20th century, and was once home to non-Jewish Greeks, Italians, Irish and others along with African Americans and Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews.

Both the African American and Jewish elders, who recall life in the old neighborhood, often say that there was no



## Menorah spreads its light and warmth on cold winter's night

Ellen Shevitz and Martha Karatz enjoyed the menorah lighting at Celebration Plaza in front of the BJE on the last night of Hanukkah on Wed., Dec. 8, 2010.



(L-R) Gladys Nisenbaum, Dr. Susan Hyatt, Lee Mallah, and IJHS Board member Irit Boukai attended 38th annual meeting.



Others in attendance included (people clockwise from top left) Judy and Bob Koor, Jeannie Regan-Dinius and Executive Director Eileen Baitcher, Lynne Shiffriss and Carolyn Lickerman, and Bill Lurvey and Jerry Abrams.

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place like it and that the sense of community and the warm contacts shared among the different communities has continued to be a source of strength for them throughout

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## OBITUARIES

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### Dr. Mark Pescovitz, 55

Dr. Mark Pescovitz, a surgeon at the Indiana University School of Medicine, died Sun., Dec. 12, 2010 in a car accident outside Ann Arbor, Mich.

Pescovitz was on his way home to Indianapolis after visiting his wife, Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, who is CEO of the University of Michigan Health System. Ora Pescovitz was the CEO of Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis and the head of research at the IU medical school, before taking the job at the University of Michigan in May 2009. The couple has three grown children Aliza, Naomi, and Ari.

Mark Pescovitz joined the IU medical school in 1988, running its transplant immunology laboratory and serving as vice chair of research in the department of surgery. Mark was a transplant surgeon, medical researcher, fine artist, and philanthropist. He was a professor of microbiology/immunology and director of the transplant immunology laboratory at Indiana University School of Medicine.

As a medical researcher, Mark authored several hundred scientific publications on immunology and transplantation.



Most recently, he and his colleagues published a paper in the New England Journal of Medicine about a new way to slow and possibly even stop the progression of Type 1 diabetes, also known as juvenile-onset diabetes.

In recent years, he traveled to Eldorat, Kenya to teach physicians there how to do their first kidney transplants. He brought his wife and children with him, and they helped care for children whose parents were suffering from AIDS.

In 2008, Indiana University held an exhibition of Mark's travel photography, titled "The Unconventional Tourist." His photography was also featured in a group show in Boston's GASP experimental art gallery.

Mark loved music, from classical to bluegrass and, at various points in his life took up violin and mandolin. He served on the boards of several charity organizations and was particularly excited about helping with the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis.

Mark and Ora have been incredibly generous with their time and money, donating to many Jewish, medical, educational, and art causes and making themselves available to those organizations.

Mark often spoke of the Jewish concept of *tikkun olam*, meaning that one should live with purpose, to help heal the world. Mark did that, with joy, wit, and passion. And the world is a little better for it.

*Partially written by Mark's younger brother David Pescovitz.*

#### On the sudden passing of my husband, Mark Pescovitz, M.D. By Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz

"This unexpected tragedy reminds us all of the fragility of life, and I am grateful for the support and well-wishes that my family and I are receiving from the U-M and Ann Arbor communities, as well as from our wonderful friends and family in Indianapolis. My children and I will treasure Mark's memory, and take solace from knowing how many lives he saved and touched throughout his career and life. He was a wonderful father, husband and friend, as well as an astute and creative artist, researcher and surgeon. He will be greatly missed."

*A funeral for Mark will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis. ★*

## Community Events

### JCC Business Network

December 15, and every third Wednesdays of the month, at the JCC, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., 6701 Hoover Rd. RSVP to Larry Rothenberg at lrothenberg@jccindy.org, or call 317-715-9233.

### Jewish lawyers

Jewish lawyers group meets for lunch on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Dec. 22 at Shapiro's downtown at 12:15 p.m. Presently the group's leaders are Irwin Levin, Zeff Weiss and Elliot Levin. For more information contact Elliot at edl@rubin-levin.net.

### Raising Jewish children... but you're not Jewish?

The Mother's Circle provides FREE education and support for women of other religious backgrounds who are raising

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### Jewish Bereavement Group

The Albert & Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center has begun 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 at ext. 6. Meeting dates and times are the 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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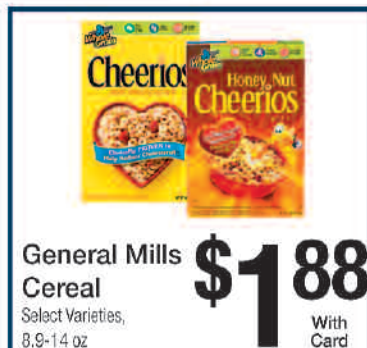
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## Fall hayride!

Phil Lande oversaw the Congregation Shaarey Tefilla Men's Club's second annual hayride at Eagle Creek Park. On a crisp early November night the men's club hosted 35 men, woman and children to a Havdalah service officiated by David Harper. Henry Leopold used his camping skills and provided a hot grill to make s'mores, hot apple cider and hot chocolate. Since they couldn't have an open fire, Larry Smilg used his computer ingenuity and provided a virtual warming fireplace. The evening concluded with hayride around Eagle Creek Park and was enjoyed by all! ★

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David Harper (L) leads the Havdalah service at the CST hayride.



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Henry Leopold mans the grill for some hot refreshments.



Everyone enjoyed this good, ol' fashion hayride, even if it was a little nippy out.

## Fun events at MorningSide of College Park

In our Oct. 13, 2010 issue, we published a story about Shapiro's catering dinner at Park Regency. Shapiro's has expanded their restaurant services to include catering. They now bring dinners on a monthly basis to MorningSide and other senior living communities. These photos are from the first dinner they catered at MorningSide in November, and also a Hanukkah party they catered there on Dec. 2. Also pictured is *National Jewish Post & Opinion* columnist Seth Ben-Mordechai of Palo Alto, Calif., with his sister Shoshana Harper of Indianapolis talking to their cousin Edith Garfield a resident at MorningSide. Seth gave a fascinating talk there on Dec. 6 about the meaning of Hanukkah from a historical context, and its uplifting message for all of humanity. Seth was in town for the bar mitzvah of his nephew Nadav Harper. ★



Seth Ben-Mordechai with his sister Shoshana Harper greet their cousin Edith Garfield at MorningSide.



MorningSide residents enjoyed the Shapiro's dinner.



MorningSide residents gathered for Hannukah party.



# Gift of Life registration with the Butler Hillel and JFGI

On Wed., Nov. 10 and Sun., Nov. 14. Guy Shahr, the Indianapolis Israeli Shaliach of the JFGI, partnered with students at the Hillel of Butler University on a Gift of Life bone marrow donor registry. It was great success; more than 150 people registered. A simple cheek swab is used to enter donor information into a national registry where one can possibly be matched with a recipient, and save a life. The entire process took no more than 7 minutes and was painless. The Wednesday collection was at the Atherton Union Building on Butler's campus and the Sunday collection was at the Arthur M. Glick JCC. ✨



Butler Hillel students Rachel, Ros, and Janessa (L-R) ready to register donors at the Butler campus drive.



Dan Fox, with daughter Avery, registers during the drive at the JCC.



Butler Hillel students Elyse and Janessa (L-R) show off the Gift of Life donor registrations.

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