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The word on Rabbi Ben Sendrow

By Cindie Harp

Does Rabbi Ben Sendrow, the new leader of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, think an Islamic community center should be built in the proposed site near Ground Zero? No.

"It's their private property, they have a right to do what they want, but come on...this is where Islamic extremists killed thousands of Americans, innocent people who were targeted for death...I don't dispute their right to build there. (But) I think it's a bad idea. They should do it somewhere else. That's my opinion."

One of the first people whose personal opinion Rabbi Sendrow sought when he wanted to become a rabbi expressed himself concisely, as well. He said, "Don't do it." That was a personal opinion to which Ben Sendrow did not heed.

"As a little kid, probably around 4 and 5, I would say



Rabbi Ben Sendrow

I wanted to be a rabbi." This was followed by a two-decade span in which he dreamed of a career as a symphonic conductor. He earned a scholarship in euphonium performance and attended Northern Illinois as a music major. "I decided to take off a semester from school. That became five years of retail management. After that, I decided this (being a rabbi) was what I wanted to do. One of the first people I talked to

told me it wouldn't be possible, because I didn't have a day school background, so I wouldn't pass the entrance examinations. But I ended up taking 2 1/2 years, including summers straight through, to get a B.A. in Jewish studies (at Gratz College, in Philadelphia) and that did make it possible to pass the entrance exams."

Rabbi Sendrow grew up in what he terms "a megashul - 1,200 families," in the highly Jewishly populated Southern New Jersey town of Cherry Hill. As a Boy Scout, he worked on the Ner Tamid Award with his family rabbi, Howard Kahn, of blessed memory.

"I went to talk to him about becoming a rabbi; the first thing he said was "Don't do it." One can imagine the emotional, psychological and familial price to be paid for being a pulpit rabbi is high. Still, Sendrow was not dissuaded - from the rabbinate nor from

family life.

When he went to seminary, he says, "My wife and I were just getting married. We got married on Sunday, and orientation was on Thursday. We had to defer our honeymoon until we went to Israel together a few years later." He and his wife Arlene have three children: Evan, who is about to start his senior year of high school, Sammy who will be a sophomore, and Rachel, who is entering eighth grade.

After receiving smicha, rabbinic ordination, Rabbi Sendrow and his family settled in Fort Meyers, Fla., at Temple Judea. He has been a member of the Rabbinical Assembly for over 15 years.

Weather aside (we should check again in February), the biggest differences Rabbi Sendrow finds between Congregation Shaarey Tefilla and his previous congregation is "a huge difference is a sense of ownership. Here there is a

sense of ownership, that, 'This is my congregation.'"

Another difference is that "the level of lay participation here is much higher. That, to me, is great. In Florida, we only had two families in which we had three generations (that belonged to the synagogue). It is a very transient population. Maybe there is more transience (in Indiana) than ever, but it is nothing like Florida, where there was almost no sense of ownership. There, people would say (during annual campaign drives for the synagogue and the Federation), 'Oh, I make my donation back home.'"

Still, overall Rabbi Sendrow remains philosophical. "I've learned over the years, if you want to be a pulpit rabbi, you are either so committed to this, you can't imagine yourself doing anything else, or you don't do it. I'm sure it is the same in a Christian ministry. This is absolutely the life you want.

"If you go into it, and can listen to some heart wrenching story from someone, and can compartmentalize it and leave it behind at the end of the day...that person will not be chewed up by pulpit life, but will not be particularly good at it."

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The Kabbalah of You

By Cindie Harp

Anyone who has found Jewish philosophy dry and inaccessible has never met Lori Palatnik.

"I'm married to a rabbi. You think I wake up in the morning and say, 'Oh, I'm a soul!' and go floating through my day? No. I wake up and I'm tired. I wake up tired. Can I tell you, that I really feel that Club Med for Jewish Mothers is a room with a bed, and you go in and sleep and you wake up just because you're not tired anymore."

Those of us who are lucky enough to have heard her speak were gathered at the Cultural Arts Center at the Hasten Hebrew Academy on

Sun, Aug., 22. The event was sponsored by the B'nai Torah Sisterhood and the Sarah and Sol Sacks Elul Learning Program, as well as individuals in the community. The speaker was suggested by B'nai Torah sisterhood member Judith Friedman, who heard Mrs. Palatnik speak at her parents' shul in Washington, D.C., where crowds flock to her weekly classes. Once you have heard her, you will not have to wonder why.

After a bountiful spread of sushi and salads, Lori took the microphone but not the dais. Her personality is too big, her mind and body too active to
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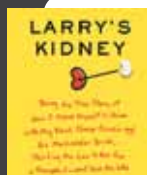
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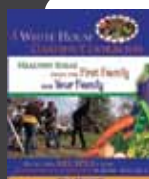
Author of *Three Wishes: The True Story of Good Friends, Crushing Heartbreak, and Astonishing Luck on Our Way to Love and Motherhood* shares her heartwarming and true story about three women and a sperm...



Tue, Nov. 9, Noon | FREE

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Wed, Nov. 10, 7 pm

Clara Silverstein

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Mon, Nov. 15, 7 pm

Kai Bird

Author of *Crossing Mandelbaum Gate: Coming of Age Between the Arabs and Israelis, 1956-1978* offers insights into the lives and perceptions of Jews and Arabs separated literally and figuratively by a gate.

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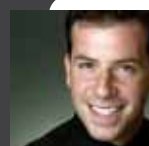


Tue, Nov. 16, 6 pm

Judith Martin

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Goel Ahdoot's city of origin, similar in altitude and precipitation to Denver, lying at the foot of the Zagros Mountains in the middle of the country, was once one of the largest cities in the world. The capital of Persia in the 16th century under the Safavid dynasty, it flourished from 1050 to 1722. Many of the beautiful mosques, covered bridges, boulevards, minarets, and magnificent buildings date to the reign of Shah Abbas I. Originally called Judea before Islam began, the current name actually means armies, because the troops were kept in the middle of the country.

With the Caspian Sea to the north, the Arabian Sea on its southern border and the Persian Gulf on the west, Iran played a major role as

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the southern land route for the long caravans stretching out across the desert, full of goods traveling between Asia and Europe. Ahdoot's great-great-grandfather led a caravan to India, spending months to mine and explore

for gemstones, and upon returning to Iran, he produced beautiful jewelry that was then sold to the royals, as well as to ministers and government officials.

Beginning in 1963, Shah Reza Pahlavi of the Peacock dynasty, attempting to make Iran a global economic and industrial player, began instituting land reform to win the support of the peasantry and the working class, and decrease the power of the landlords, while still maintaining traditional power patterns. He bought the land at market price and sold it at 30% below its value to 1.5 million peasant families who had worked the land for years as little more than slaves, delivering a sense of freedom to 40% of the country's population. Socially he granted women more rights, and increased overall literacy. Jews could not serve in the military or hold positions in the government, but they were basically not harassed.

Ahdoot left Iran in 1971 to study in Chicago. All was not well back in Iran. In late 1978 an anti-Shah rally brought out an estimated 10% of the country's population, the largest demonstration in world history. After a series of strikes and demonstrations paralyzed Iran, and the monarchy's forces were overwhelmed in street fighting

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Wendy Siegel the Food Fairy

Wendy Siegel brings her delicious food goodies to the Broad Ripple Farmer's Market every Saturday during the summer. She also cooks year-round for her business, "Wendy, The Food Fairy, LLC."

For Rosh Hashanah she will be preparing lots of items for customers for the holidays in addition to preparing her family's annual Rosh Hashanah luncheon for 50. Her specialties are traditional and culturally Jewish foods. This includes challah, chopped liver, matzoh ball soup, brisket, kugel and, of course Hamantaschen. She takes special requests, and recently prepared knishes. She says she's always game for a new challenge.

Both of Wendy's grandmothers were incredible cooks. Her paternal grandmother, Horte Kaufman, died when she was only 6, so she only has her recipes. But she credits her

maternal grandmother, Dorothy Dorman, with teaching her how to work with yeast, how to make blintzes, and latkes. Wendy's mother, Judy Kaufman, taught her all of the basics of cooking and baking, and gave her several lessons in making the perfect chopped liver. She says, "I started to cook when I was able to leave the kitchen as clean as I found it."

Wendy says her best-selling Jewish recipe is Challah. The recipe came from her cousin, Gale Tate. "I first tasted it when I was only 6 and her son, Peter Zaft, was Abba at Sunday school at Beth-El Zedeck."

Failures? She says she has had many, but the most recent one she classifies as truly pathetic. "I was rendering schmaltz and turned up the heat to crisp up the gribbonas. The whole thing burned to a crisp, I set off the smoke

alarm, enticed a whole family of raccoons to my yard, and gave my dog a severe case of intestinal distress." She goes on to say "I left something in the oven too long today. The pixiecakes are a little too brown this week. And one time I left the grill on for a week and the knobs melted off. My husband was not pleased." Things happen.

Wendy says she doesn't have any favorite foods to make because they are like her babies. She loves them all equally. While talking about favorite foods, Wendy laughs: She says she has one repeat gentile customer who is her first customer every week. The woman squeezes every loaf

and picks the "squishiest."

Wendy the Food Fairy bakes every day. And she shares her recipes, but says people buy from her because they don't want to cook. The only recipes she does not share are her Grammie's pecan rolls and honeycake because she did not want them disseminated, and Wendy wants to respect her wishes.

Her favorite holiday? Not

Passover, because even a day without carbs is sheer torture! She loves Rosh Hashanah because her "entire crazy family is all together making mayhem."

Wendy has four children, but only one has the "bug." Her name is Sylvie, aged 12, and they call her the "food pixie." Wendy can be reached at Wendy, The Food Fairy, via her cell phone at 317-281-6666.



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But the painful parts, the nights in hospital rooms, leading families through grieving and hardship "is also when you do your best rabbinic work." Once, Ben Sendrow dreamed of being the rabbi over a large congregation, like the one in which he grew up. Rabbi Sendrow is no longer interested in that. He wants to be his congregants' rabbi, each congregant's, and feels he can best do that in a smaller congregation.

"I can't leave stuff behind at the end of the day. I know that I personally pay some price for that. But you find ways to renew and refresh yourself."

Whether the congregation is small or large, "I can't leave stuff behind at the end of the day. I know that I personally pay some price for that. But you find ways to renew and refresh yourself."

Rabbi Sendrow tries to do that in a few different ways. "Although I am casual about it, I do play guitar. I am still very serious about my horn playing." Once he is settled in, he hopes to find a venue in which to play his horn with a musical group. In the meantime, he still practices both instruments. He loves photography and does a lot of reading about photography now that he is "getting a little more into digital. I read whatever my kids are assigned to read for school, so I can help them with their assignments if they have questions.

"I also love to read biographies. I love to read about Jack Kennedy and Robert Kennedy. ..I've read a lot about the JFK assassination...I am really fascinated by it and the con-

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Kabbalah

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stay in one place, especially one with confining boundaries.

But for all her humor, her message is a serious one aimed at Jewish women. "So what if I did a survey, and I was going through an airport, and people were coming off the plane, and I ask them, "Are you a body? Or are you a body and soul? I think everybody would say, "I'm not just a body. Of course, I have a soul." But how many people are real with that, and how many live their lives of body and soul? That's a whole different ballgame."

While she did not lay claim to a fool-proof formula for a life in perfect balance of body and soul, she did offer up her own strategies for living a meaningful life and how they can be applied to the soul and body types she has learned about over her adult life.

Adult life is when she became most interested in deep-

ening her knowledge of Judaism.

"When I grew up, Judaism and Torah were nothing more than Bible stories, men in robes walking through sand. And it was really a revelation to me in my 20s when I started to take a second look at it and realized there is real wisdom here: How to have a great marriage, how to raise great kids, how to be successful in business."

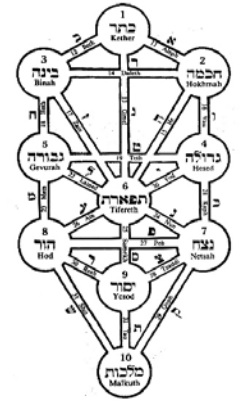
Still, she readily admits that we are all a work-in-progress, including her. In the end, it is the work that matters, no matter how necessarily intermittent our spiritual journeys may be within the framework of our lives.

Lori is an author and Jewish educator. Her weekly video blog, "Lori Almost Live,"

can be seen on www.aish.com. She is currently the director of The Jewish Women's Renaissance Project.

The buffet was catered by the sushi chefs from Tegri Bistro and was kosher. All the food was prepared in the HHA kitchen under the supervision of IOBK.

Cindie Harp lives in Indianapolis.



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Mazel Tov HHAI's test scores

Spring ISTEP test results are back and they were *outstanding* for the Hasten Hebrew Academy students. The Hasten Hebrew Academy scored extremely well on the spring ISTEP exams rankings which can be found in the *Indianapolis Star* at www.indystar.com/data/education/ISTEP/shtml. Test results show that HHAI students ranked first in science for 4th grade, in English/Language

Arts/Math for 5th grade and for 7th grade, and in social studies for 5th grade and 7th grade. *That's five Number One rankings!!* The rest of the HHAI rankings were almost as impressive, being in the top percentages in all categories (ranging from the top 3% to the top 14%)! The students and teachers should be proud of all the hard work that led to such terrific results. Mazel Tov!

Larry Lett M.D. enjoys helping his patients

Dr. Lett practices general neurology in Carmel and Kokomo with emphasis on EMG/NCV testing of nerve disorders, such as carpal tunnel syndrome and spinal disc problems. He is an expert diagnostician of nervous system problems, including pinched nerves, numbness, weakness, and tremors. The Center for EMG & Neurology, LLC where he practices opened January, 2010.

Dr. Lett spent 15 years with Neurology Associates in Indianapolis and was president of the group. He then was recruited by The Indiana Hand Center and spent 13 years as the EMG/NCV expert and neurological disorder consultant with emphasis on common and rare upper extremity nerve disorders.

He received his bachelor and medical degrees from Indiana University. His neurology residency was done at IU Medical School in Indianapolis. In 1982, he was board certified with the highest score in the nation.

Dr. Lett recognizes also that he has been fortunate and blessed so many times in his life and career. In setting on a path to medical school and becoming a physician, his big break occurred at Meridian Street Methodist Church where he was invited to go on a summer-long mission trip to the Congo. He was 17 years old and between junior and senior years at Broad Ripple High

School. His group worked in the remote and primitive hospital and also helped build new churches. Lett says, "The mission trip changed me more than I changed the others that I was serving, and I credit Dr. Hunter Soper and our other church leaders in Africa with changing me and my world views. In serving others I found my calling and that was when the seed was planted to become a physician."

His neurological big break came ironically during his IU neurology residency in 1980. Dr. Soper's son-in-law, Dr. John Kincaid, had just returned from the Mayo Clinic Department of Neurology to teach EMG/NCV testing at the IU Medical Center. Lett remembers that he had always loved studying the function of the hand and peripheral nerves and this EMG/NCV diagnostic tool gave him the opportunity to extend his education and expertise in this area.

After 15 years of neurology practice in Indianapolis and Kokomo from 1981 to 1996, Lett was recruited by the Indiana Hand Center to become their nerve diagnostician, which led him into his neurology "sweet spot." Although he enjoys all aspects of neurology, Lett says his most enjoyable time comes from helping patients and their referring doctors decipher and treat their arm, hand and leg peripheral nerve conditions.

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.

JCC art gallery opening: Phil O'Malley

Opening reception, Wed., Sept. 15, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Art is Phil O'Malley's response to his human experiences. While some paintings have vibrant shapes and colors that jockey for the front position, others are more reserved and quietly reflect, instead of dancing on the walls. This exhibition is not to be missed! Meet the artist and join us for refreshments and string music by the IAM Trio at the opening reception in the JCC Art Gallery, 6701 Hoover Rd.

JCC Business Network

Sept. 15, the third Wednesday of the month. At the JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd. RSVP to Larry Rothenberg lrothenberg@jccindy.org or call 317-715-9233.

100 Voices: A Journey Home

An unprecedented, poignant event celebrating the intertwined Jewish and Polish history and culture is coming to local movie theaters in your area for *one night only* on Tues., Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

NCM Fathom presents *100 Voices: A Journey Home*, featuring a documentary following the largest group of cantors to ever return to Poland since World War II as they come together to walk in the footsteps of their fathers on a mission of healing. The event also fea-

tures the personal reflections and musical performances of some of the world's finest Jewish cantors. A celebration of song, faith and tradition, *100 Voices* will inspire viewers of all cultures and generations as they experience this touching story exploring the Jewish and Polish cultures.

Tickets for *100 Voices: A Journey Home* are available now at participating box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com. For a complete list of theater locations and prices, please visit the website (theaters and participants may be subject to change).

Jewish lawyers

A group for Jewish lawyers meets for lunch on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Sept. 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.

Pedal for Peace

Join Beth-El Zedeck's team! Sat., Oct. 2 from 4 to 10 p.m. at the Major Taylor Velodrome. This 6-hour team bike relay is for bikers of all experience levels (stationary bikes will be provided for those with rusty bike skills)! Proceeds will benefit Mortenson's Central Asia Institute and AWAKEN (Afghan Women's and Kids' Education and Necessities, Inc.), an Indiana-based nonprofit that has built a school and health care facility in Afghanistan. For more information contact Jerry Halperin at bikerpenguin@comcast.net or Keith Goldstein at keithyg2@sbcglobal.net or visit www.pedalforpeace.org.

Etz Chaim Celebration

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation and its Deborah Sisterhood announce plans to celebrate their fifth year anniversary in their new synagogue. The event will take place the weekend of Oct. 9–10, 2010. Beginning with Shabbat on Sat.,

Oct. 9, services will be open to the community, followed by a special oneg with many of the Sephardic delicacies to be enjoyed by all. On Sun., Oct. 10, the building will be open to the public starting with a speaker on Sephardic culture to begin at 3:00 p.m. After the speaker until 5:30 p.m., attendees will have an opportunity to tour the building, enjoy a wonderful slide show about the Indianapolis Sephardic heritage, and partake of many Sephardic sweets.

Movie night with the new shaliach

Join the new Federation shalich, Guy Shahar for the next movie night on Oct. 11 to view *The Troupe*. At the JCC.

Ann Katz Festival of Books

The 12th annual Ann Katz Festival of Books, will take place Nov. 2–17, at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd., in Indianapolis. Stay tuned for details on specific events for people of all ages and interests.

Mickey's Corner with Michael Feinstein



Join Mickey Maurer for an evening of conversation and beautiful music as he welcomes Michael Feinstein, world-renowned singer, songwriter and pianist. In addition to performing, Michael is the artistic director of The Center for The Performing Arts in Carmel. Feinstein has played to sold-out venues around the world; now hear him live in an intimate venue and meet the performer at the JCC. Nov. 11, at the Arthur M. Glick JCC at 6:30 p.m. doors open / 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 / \$15 Members. Please preregister. We expect this program to be a sell-out! Maximum 4 tickets per person.

Sendrow

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spiracy theories that people buy in to. All of which, I reject."

He does understand why people are inclined to believe the conspiracy theories. The alternative is "this nothing of a guy shot and killed the president of the United States." People tell themselves "there has to be more to it."

A related interest is people's fascination believing conspiracy theories of world events, like the events of 9/11.

Speaking of which, back to the Islamic community center and mosque controversy. "They have a perfect legal right to build a mosque there and they should not do it. They should be more sensitive...there are issues that transcend the legal issues."

The final word on Rabbi Ben Sendrow, by Rabbi Sendrow? "I feel that I am called to serve God and the Jewish people in this way and this is the only thing I can imagine myself doing."

Cindie Harp lives in Indianapolis.

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New book celebrates Indiana's Miriam Haskell

By Trent D. Pendley

Among the more legendary fashion designers to come out of the Hoosier state are Bill Blass of Fort Wayne, Halston, who graduated high school in Evansville, and present-day Martin Katz, a native son of South Bend, thought of as the *Jeweler to the Stars* in Beverly Hills. Katz is also an honorary board member of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society. On Oscar night many of Katz's expensive baubles sparkling down the red carpet.

Movie stars of past times were often noted for modeling and collecting the jewels of another Jewish Hoosier, Miriam Haskell (1899-1981) of New Albany. Miriam Haskell is the namesake of a style and also a corporation in New York City that has inspired and manu-

factured costume jewelry that was founded by this Indiana gal back in 1926. She has been largely overlooked and forgotten. However in June 2010, she was inducted to New Albany High School hall of fame. Miriam graduated from high school in 1917.

Rereleased in recent months is *Miriam Haskell Jewelry* by Cathy Gordon and Sheila Pamfiloff. This revised second edition by Schiffer Publishing has 260 well-written pages and over 600 illustrations of Miriam Haskell's jewelry inspired by the company's designers Frank Hess, Robert Clark, Larry Vrba and since 1980 Camille Petronzio.

Haskell's revolutionary look for the most part did not emulate important jewelry.

She despised such pieces, as they often symbolize the nouveau riche and those who had profited from WWI. Her fashion jewels, at the time referred to as "junk jewelry" and not branded until about 1950, were influenced by nature and the beading of ornaments.

Miriam Haskell jewelry was sold only at the most prestigious stores around the country and today can be found at Barney's, Sak's and Nordstroms. The

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Open to the Community

Indy gets a new shaliach

By Ari Kaufman

Guy Shahrar, a 23-year-old Israeli, is the new emissary – or community shaliach – for the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Recently, I had a chance to sit down with this military veteran, in order to find out more about his background and goals for the local Jewish community as he attempts to promulgate Judaism and “bring Israel to everyone in this community.”

Kaufman: I can glean a bit from your bio on the Federation website, but if you could relay more to me about your background, that would be great.

Shahrar: I was born in Israel and lived there all my life except for two years when we moved to Italy. For me, Italy was the first experience of living as a Jew and an Israeli outside of the Jewish state, and it gave me a first opportunity to understand the complex and yet fascinating life of a Jewish community abroad. I think that experience together with the Birthright trips I was taking part in through my military service and with my hometown Partnership with New Jersey brought me to the understanding I wanted to be more involved with Jewish communities abroad.

Kaufman: Tell me more about your Israeli military service, the length of it, and your role there.

Shahrar: I served five years in a top-unit of the Intelligence branch. I did my three years of mandatory service starting August 2005 plus almost two more years, which ended in April 2010. I served for four years as an intelligence officer, and was discharged as a lieutenant. My service was in the Tel Aviv area and the southern Israel area, not far from Sderot.

The experience was life changing. As a team leader I made decisions that affected people directly. I was managing and handling issues that still are the highest priority of the government and the me-

dia. I also had the privilege to work with friends and soldiers of the highest quality; some of them will be my friends for life.

I think the opportunity I had in my military service to have so much responsibility, contribution and satisfaction is something I am highly grateful for. I hope use some of the skills and professionalism through my work here in the community

Kaufman: In terms of current news and events in Israel, what are your views on the U.S.-Israel relationship under the current administration as compared to past presidential administrations? What about the development of nuclear weapons by Iran? Are you pleased with the hard stances Netanyahu has taken so far?

Shahrar: As far as my work, I am trying to stay focused on Israel and its culture, people, views and developments. Putting politics aside is essential for me in order to be able to reach all groups of people, to also keep my mind clear while teaching about Israel, though I constantly keep myself updated with the Israeli news. The near future is offering some complex challenges for Israel, in all aspects (security, socially, economically and much more). I'm confident that together with the help from our brothers and sisters abroad, we will be able to stand proud in front of any



Guy Shahrar

obstacle. I welcome anyone on the community to ask me for an Israeli update; it would be my pleasure to put a fresh perspective regarding the latest Israeli news.

Kaufman: What was it like to reside in Rome, considering the miniscule Jewish (much less Israeli) population there? Did you feel or see any of the renewed anti-Semitism sweeping Europe?

Shahrar: Rome was definitely another turning point in my life, especially culturally. The ancient architecture of the buildings together with the wonderful people gave me as a teenager a real taste of Europe. As mentioned before, I also first understood how it is to be a Jewish minority in a surrounding that is mostly Christian and Muslim. Together with the supportive community in Rome, I had the chance to attend the

synagogue and preserve most of my Jewish traditions. It was essential to me, because it gave me a sense of home, regardless of the physical distance from Israel. I barely recall any anti-Semitism incidents in Italy, though there are always wall paintings to remind you differently. As a 16-year-old, it was strange to feel a representative of Israel and the Jews in my international school, even though I didn't receive any training for this job. I recall one time when a good friend came to me and expressed his dilemma: “Guy, you're one of my best friends and such a good person, but it doesn't make sense to me since you're an Israeli.”

Kaufman: How about other current Jewish matters, such as the “Who is a Jew?” issue that has come about lately, especially in Britain with the Jewish Free School?

Shahrar: The matter of who is a Jew is one of the main issues that the people of Israel are dealing with. As a Jewish state, it seems that there is always a need to redefine the definitions especially because some of them are linked directly to citizenship eligibility. My personal belief is that Judaism has crossed a long time ago the borders of religion and it is much more a peoplehood. It is the bond between people with a mutual past and faith and hopefully with a mutual future. I believe that it is essential to respect any person with his traditions and customs. I think sometimes we forget the strength we have when we are in unison.

Kaufman: Expand upon your goals to accomplish while in Indianapolis. In terms of some of the events begun by Etay, will you continue movie night and others?

Shahrar: At this point I am in the process of gathering information about the community. I'm trying to define the needs and essentials, so I can bring to people old and new programs that would meet their expectations and bring them closer to the community and Israel. I think my main goal is to bring people together through my passion and enthusiasm for Israel. Movie night is definitely one of the programs that will stay around; we already have one coming up on Oct. 11 (*The Troupe*). Check the federation website (www.jfgi.org) and the Shaliach facebook page for all the dates and details.

Kaufman: How long do you plan to stay in central Indiana?


Shahrar: I will stay in central Indiana for one year with a second optional year.

Kaufman: What kind of music do you like to listen to? Israeli or American, or both, or neither? Do you enjoy watching or playing any of the traditional American sports, such as basketball, baseball or football?

Shahrar: I listen to all kinds of music, definitely Israeli. I find this music unique and fascinating, and would be happy to spread the word in Indianapolis. I also like American and British artists. I'm trying to stay open-minded

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The Riverwalk in Broad Ripple Under New Management

The Riverwalk in Broad Ripple at 6729 Westfield Blvd. announces new, exciting additions to its business with a Grand Reopening. The Riverwalk is a staple in the Broad Ripple community but has changed management and now offers the community more engaging opportunities.

New owner and operator, Gus Rojas, believes in offering a holistic approach to planning your next event, "Imagine selecting the perfect menu for your special event and then coming in the next month to learn how to prepare it yourself." The Riverwalk aims to go beyond simply hosting corporate, social, and wedding events at their venue. New additions to The Riverwalk include:

A new catering company, Five Star Catering, has been hired to create new exciting menus for both in-house and off-site catering. New menu items include a focus on international cuisine and high quality products. Owners, Gus and Maryann Rojas, suggest trying their international-themed action stations for adding some spice to your next event.

A new wine and drink menu available highlighting a wide range of vendors to fit any budget and a custom-

izable option to make your event as personalized as possible.

A mobile kitchen is being utilized to offer off-site catering opportunities at the venue of your choice. This is perfect for small or big events, picnics and festivals.

Gus Rojas, a distinguished catering and banquet executive, has spent the last 30-plus years honing his catering and culinary expertise at some of the best hotels, convention centers and stadiums in the U.S. and Mexico. Facilities include The Indiana Convention Center, McAllen Convention Center, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, RCA Dome, Belmont Park Race-track, Hyatt Regency, Holiday Inn, Marriott, Hilton and The University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, AZ. Rojas is thrilled about the new and improved venue and the exciting new services being offered, "In the world of event planning and catering, it is rare to be in a community like Broad Ripple that embraces and encourages creativity and innovation. We have many wonderful things in the works, and we are looking forward to making a stronger and lasting relationship in the community."

Shaliach

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and listen to different kinds of music, as I find it also a great way to reach others.

I play all kinds of sports, especially soccer and basketball. Regarding American football, I am still in the process of understanding how to throw the ball (it's much more complicated than I thought), but thanks to my friends in the Jewish Federation, I'm making progress and should soon be ready to join the Colts.

Mr. Shahar also wanted to relay this:

In general it is important for me to express my gratitude

and appreciation to the people of this community for their warm welcome and kindness. I hope to reach as many people as possible and give them a new taste of Israel and Judaism through my vision and life experience. I welcome everyone to be in touch and bring in thoughts and new ideas. Please add my email address Shaliach@jfgi.org and facebook shaliach page so people can stay updated and write.



Ahdoot

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ing, the Shah was deposed in early 1979, and replaced by a theocracy. Islamic revolutionaries took hostages from the American Embassy, many government officials were executed, and later that year, Saddam Hussein, sensing the revolutionary chaos, invaded Iran, beginning the devastating eight-year Iraq-Iran war.

Ahdoot's parents had also left Iran. His father had been in real estate and construction, and his father's partner and one of the wealthiest people in Iran, a man with whom he had been friends since childhood, had been executed by the new Islamist regime. Ahdoot's grandfather was still there and had become ill and eventually died. His father had returned to take care of him, and once the war started, the borders were closed.

"My father was basically stuck. I had contacts in the Jewish Federation in Chicago, and with their help, I was able to arrange to smuggle him out across the Turkish border," he said. "I still only had a green card so I couldn't leave to help. At that time, many Jewish families were sending their children to other countries for safety." Ahdoot established an Iranian Jew-

ish organization in Chicago to help Iranian refugees find housing and support. During the war, the army was sending human waves to the front, even children, to trip the land mines the Iraqi military had placed in the desert.

"Our last presence in Iran was a jewelry and Oriental rug business in the Royal Hilton in Tehran. All the dignitaries would shop there... Saddam Hussein was one of the frequent customers," said Ahdoot. "The sheiks would come with all their money in what we called the 'Caravan of Cadillacs,' 20 or 30 limousines in a row, each with a different wife and her children. They would run in and grab whatever they wanted, and leave their money," he noted.

He said the vacuum created in the business world since Iran has become an Islamic republic helped drive the rise of Dubai as a financial center and shopping mecca in the Middle East.

Ahdoot earned a degree in management and finance while in Chicago. He has 46 cousins, some of whom are still involved in the jewelry business, and he continued it at the wholesale level while in the Windy City. He met his wife, Mitra, whose family owns the Oriental Rug Gallery here in Indianapolis, and they opened Barrington Jewels in the Fashion Mall in

1988, later constructing their current free-standing building at Clearwater Crossing. The name Barrington comes from the suburb they lived in near Chicago. "This business is very competitive. For me it is all in the presentation and knowledge of your merchandise," he said of his custom design studio. They offer large rubies, emeralds, and sapphires, and diamonds up to 20 carats, with a specialty in canary and pink diamonds.

With a Jewish presence dating back nearly 3,000 years, an estimated 25,000 Jews remain in Iran (down from 100,000 since 1948), the largest Jewish population in the Middle East outside Israel, including 1,200 in Ahdoot's home town. Despite hostility toward Israel from the current Iranian leadership, there is one Jewish rep-

resentative in Parliament. With freight traveling primarily by sea these days, Isfahan provides beautiful rugs and textiles, as well as steel and hand-crafts, and is the second largest metropolitan area in Iran with over three million inhabitants.

Meanwhile, Goel Ahdoot continues the business tradition started by his ancestors 300 years ago in the shifting sands of the Iranian desert.

He is president of Barrington, and his wife, Mitra, is vice-president. They have

four children, two in college, two in middle school.

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Matthew Silver is a freelance writer, researcher, writer, and musician living in Indianapolis.



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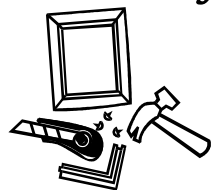
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Dear Editor,

We are a congregation made up of Jewish offenders located here at an Indiana correctional facility. The purpose of this letter is to seek your assistance in volunteer work, and/or a donation of materials that can be sent to the facility. We do not have the financial means to order materials such as prayer books, yahrzeit candles, grape juice and matzah for Kiddush.

We seek volunteers who are willing to come to our very small but unique congregation, and to share your experiences of the enrichments of the spiritual Jewish soul. Due

to the very limited resources available to us, we are somewhat dry and very thirsty for the fellowship with others in the faith.

We hope you are interested, or know of other Jewish people who may also be willing to spend time with us. At the current time, our congregation meets twice weekly. These meetings are held on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and again on Shabbat from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please be advised that the Indiana prison system has a protocol that is followed, which requires approval prior

to entry into their prisons and this protocol includes a training session for all new volunteers. Therefore, please contact us at the address below first, and wait for an answer before attempting to visit with us.

Thank you for your time and consideration given to this matter. We anxiously await and look forward to your response.

May Hashem bless you always, Shalom, Charles Nethaneel Johns, from Congregation Bet Tikvah Ugeulah Phase One, Miami Correctional Facility, 3038 West, 850 South, Bunker Hill, IN 46914

Haskell

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vintage pieces, Gordon and Pamfiloff explain, are very difficult to identify as there had never been a catalog of Haskell, and "Haskell-style" pieces have been evolving all along. Nonetheless vintage Haskell pieces are a treasure find and as striking today as they were when created.

Gordon's intensive research is shared with readers to become better detectives when collecting Haskell. Old advertisements, store posters and pieces with provenances fill this coffee table tome with conversation topics that will surely inspire you to run out to local resale shops and reexamine your late rich Auntie Bert's jewelry chest to claim your own Miriam Haskell jewel. What commenced as fun artis-

tic jewelry are museum pieces today and may have more value than your mother's diamond engagement ring.

One of Haskell's brooches is among the collection of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's pins that will be on exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art this November and also illustrated in her new book *Read My Pins*.

Trent Pendley is life past president, Indiana Jewish Historical Society.

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Jewish Softball League – Another successful season

By Jeremy Rosenstein

We had a wonderful softball season this year. I actually moved home to Indy in May 2009 with just a week before the softball season starting. There were too many players on the Beth-El team, so I was asked to form my own team. I called as many guys from IHC and Etz Chaim as I could and formed the Matzo Ball Bashers Softball Squad. We led the league in 2009 with a 7-2 record and won the league this year as well with a 9-1 record, winning the first Kiddush Cup given to the champion of the Intercongregational Men's Softball Tournament. We were the #1 seed going into the tournament having lost only once during the eight-week regular season.

It was so enjoyable to go out to Kaufman Stadium on Sunday mornings and have the camaraderie and competition of a Jewish Softball

League. Our team was made up of myself as captain and outfielder, my big brother Jay Rosenstein as the shutdown pitcher, Brian Bunn at first base, Jason Mintz at short-stop, Mark Bernstein as 2nd basemen, Trevor Wade at 3rd base, Darren Cromer in left field, Beau Kessler in left centerfield, Ryan Dorman in right field and Mark Sigman and Shlomo Shemesh as catchers. We had two sets of father-son combos, which brought the team together with a family feel, featuring Steve and Matt Wise and Steve and Todd Pearson, who were wonderful hitters and always reliable in the field.

We won the semi-final game of the tournament 33-5 with a hitting barrage and good base running over Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, even though they gave us
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OBITUARIES

Rabbi Eric Bram, 52



Rabbi Eric Bram, spiritual leader of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami from 2002 to 2010, died Aug. 17, from a brain tumor.

Prior to his position at Suburban Temple, Rabbi Bram was the senior rabbi of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Before that, he spent 10 years at Congregation Temple Israel in St. Louis, Mo. He also served as chaplain at the U.S. penitentiary in Marion, Ill., as a rabbinic student mentor. He was on the faculty of St. Louis University, where he taught courses in Jewish life and thought for the philosophy department and a course on working with dying patients and their families at the medical school.

The founding president of the Indiana chapter of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and a member of the Indianapolis Urban League, Rabbi Bram served on the Central Conference of American Rabbis task force on spiritual leadership and on the Union of American Hebrew Congregations/Central Conference of American Rabbis Joint Commission on Synagogue Affiliation. He was also chair of the Indianapolis Board of Rabbis and president of the Missouri Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

A Chicago native, Rabbi Bram earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his master's degree in Hebrew letters with a concentration in Jewish religious education from He-

brew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he also received his rabbinic ordination.

Rabbi Bram is survived by his wife of 30 years, Deborah (née Yochim); daughter Jessica; son Daniel; and brother Brian. The funeral was held Thurs., Aug. 19, at Suburban Temple in Cleveland.

"Rabbi Eric Bram loved the Jewish people; creating a caring community was an important part of his rabbinate. While in Indianapolis, Eric was instrumental in creating partnerships with our non-Jewish neighbors to foster better understanding of each other. He had a great sense of humor and loved life. It is sad that he could not have lived longer to enjoy the love and respect he found in Ohio," said Cantor Janice Roger of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Jerry Einsteadig, 73



Jerry Einsteadig, of Terre Haute, died Tues., Aug. 17, 2010 in Union Hospital. He was born Feb. 2, 1937 in Indianapolis, Ind., to Max Einsteadig and Bess Peltz Einsteadig.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Lois M. "Jo" Harmon Einsteadig; a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Amber Einsteadig of Terre Haute; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elaine and Howard Zukerman of Indianapolis and Barbara and Jack Stenacker of Fishers; a sister-in-law, Jerri Blackburn and her husband, Leon, of Monticello, Ill.; a grandson, Jason Matthew Einsteadig; two step-grandchil-

dren, Brandy Norris and Katie Norris; one great-grandson, Bryce Lee Helton; and several nieces and nephews.

Jerry was president and owner of JEBB'S, Inc. He was a graduate of Wiley High School and attended Purdue University. Dedicating much of his life to the Terre Haute community, Jerry served on the boards of directors of Indiana State Bank, Old National Bank, Wabash Valley Community Foundation, Goodwill Industries, Board of Cemetery Regents, Arboretum Society, Hospice of the Wabash Valley and Vigo County Historical Society. Additionally, he was a member and past president of United Hebrew Congregation, Union Hospital Foundation, Indiana State University Foundation, Indiana State Propane Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Downtown Terre Haute Rotary Club where he was also a Paul Harris Fellow and Country Club of Terre Haute. He was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Evan Bayh and through his involvement at I.S.U. had received the Distinguished Service Award and the Book and Torch Society Award. He was also a member of the Indiana Society of Chicago.

Funeral services were conducted Thurs., Aug. 19, 2010 in United Hebrew Congregation in Terre Haute, with Rabbi Stephen Stein officiating. Burial followed in Highland Lawn Cemetery. The family kindly requests that memorial contributions may be made to United Hebrew Congregation, 540 South 6th St., Terre Haute, IN 47807; Union Hospital Foundation, 1606 North 6th St., Terre Haute, IN 47804; Indiana State University Foundation, 217 North 6th St., Gillum Hall, #320, Terre Haute, IN 47809; or to the charity of your choice.

Gary L. Fox, 61

Gary L. Fox, of Washoe Valley, Nev., died in Plainfield, Ind. He was born in Indianapolis on Oct. 13, 1948, the son of Milton and Marian Fox.

Gary earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1971. While living in Fort Lauderdale Fla., he founded

the Data Team Co., a computer programming company, which he owned and operated until his death. Gary enjoyed traveling, riding his Harley-Davidson and flying. He later moved to Nevada where he enjoyed the scenery, especially the mountains. He was a devoted father, a loyal friend and greatly admired and respected for his integrity in business.

He is survived by his beloved daughters, Barbara Garrett and Mindi Mendenhall both of Plainfield; one sister: Terry Gallagher of Jensen Beach, Fla.; two grandchildren, Rebecca and Aaron Garrett; two nephews, Michael and Mark; and a niece, Paige.

Funeral Services were held Mon., Aug. 9, 2010 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd, Zionsville. A graveside services was held Tues., Aug. 10 in Muskegon, Mich. Memorial Contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105. To send a family condolence, visit: www.arnmortuary.com.

Edith Dorfman, 82

Edith Dorfman of Indianapolis passed away Sept. 3, 2010. She was born Jan. 5, 1928,

in Detroit to the late Louis and Esther Lefkowitz. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, City of Hope, and Hadassah. She

was an avid Mah Jong player, loved to travel and had been a golfer.

She is survived by her loving children, Miriam (Jeff) Ader and Larry (Karen) Dorfman; and grandchildren, Brad Ader, Jessica Ader and Alex Dorfman. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Martin Dorfman.

A funeral service was held on Sun., Sept. 5 at 11:00 a.m. at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. Burial followed at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth-El Zedeck or City of Hope. Online condolences: www.arnmortuary.com

Dorothy Abraham, 87

Dorothy Abraham of Indianapolis died Sept. 5, 2010. Dorothy worked at Barney's Jewelry Store as a salesperson and Libby's City Market Deli for many years. She was a member of the Deborah Sisterhood, B'nai Torah Sisterhood, J.C.C. (Senior Adult group), B'nai Torah Congregation, Etz Chaim Congregation and numerous birthday clubs.

She is survived by loving family; son: Jay (Christy) Abraham, seven grandchildren; Bryan (Claudine), Michelle, Troy, Jordan, Zayne, Ridge and Sage, two great-grandchildren Claire and (See Obituaries page IN 26)

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Softball

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some really close games and tight finishes during the season. The IHC/Etz Chaim softball squad brought home the title with a 20-9 win over a real tough B'nai Torah team in

the championship game. The team buckled down with solid defensive play and powerful extra-base hitting to seal the win against B'nai Torah. B'nai Torah's record was 6-4 on the season. Beth-El finished 3-6 and Shaarey Tefilla had a 1-9 record.

Matzo Ball Basher captain and outfielder Jeremy Rosenstein's quoted: "The softball league made you feel like a kid every Sunday morning at Kaufman Stadium with great hustle, home runs, and healthy competition between Jewish athletes in Indianapo-

lis." "We really enjoyed getting together every week during the summer to play a sport we love and get some great exercise in the field." Later he said, "The great group of guys on our team made me look forward to every Sunday. We brought out the best in each other and played together like family with communication, teamwork, and great devotion to a winning cause."

We saw everything from inside the park home runs and diving defensive plays to aggressive base running and exciting plays at the plate. The JCC did a great job of maintaining the field by laying new dirt and cutting down branches that had hovered over the right outfield. Brian Bunn remarked, "I loved the diverse aspects of playing in a Jewish softball league with

my friends and getting a great work out, while going for the victory." Benjy Ekhaus did a terrific job as commissioner by putting the league together, making sure the field was playable, and setting down the rules for a mighty and level field of competition.

The Matzo Ball Bashers went out in style by capturing their first Kiddush Cup and second Intercongregational Softball Championship in back-to-back seasons. The Matzo Ball Bashers clad in white uniforms with green sleeves and lettering has accumulated a 16-3 record over two seasons.

As captain of the team, I was proud of how they bounced back from mistakes and tried to improve their play in the field with better communication. Their hitting was outstanding on many occasions and the guys really stepped up with timely hitting in clutch situations to win a few games in the late innings.

It was never really about the wins and losses, but more of getting to know quality individuals in the community and embracing the softball battles each week. We set out to have fun and strive for softball success each week by playing the game the right way with fundamentals, sweat and pure glove of the game.

I had a great time assembling a hard-working team
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that liked playing together and could feel the athletic chemistry during wins or losses. We had a lot of comeback wins and close finishes with a few unfortunate blowouts as well, but the fellas brought their best efforts and were just happy to joke around and be there for each other.

The league showed some fine Jewish values by throwing to each other before games, sharing the shaded benches, and shaking hands and say-

ing "Good game" following each contest. We shared a sporting bond that went way past the standings and scores. Sometimes the games would get intense and competitive, but deep down we knew how important this league was and it gave us something to look forward to. It's always fun to win, but I realized how great it was for the league to be rejuvenated and brought back to life after not having it for so many summers.

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Jeremy Rosenstein lives in Indianapolis.



Rabbi Chincholker (far left) with participants of the 2010 Maynot Summer Birthright trip of students from Indiana University to Israel.



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Photos (from top to bottom): Too bad there wasn't Manischewitz in the Kiddush Cup Trophy to drink from. It was just Green Gatorade one of the kids poured in there after the game; The Rosenstein Brothers and Brian Bunn taking a moment to reflect on all the hard work and season practices in the sun it took to win the softball league; The team between games at the tournament, gearing up for the title game and playing to the camera after a tremendous game against Shaarey Tefilla.

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Catherine, one step-brother: Joe Mermelstein and niece and nephews; Carolyn, Jason and Shana Spector and many more nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Funeral services were held on Tues., Sept. 7, 2010 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary. Burial followed in Etz Chaim Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Etz Chaim. Online condolences may be sent to www.arnmortuary.com

Shofar

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and therefore urges each Jew to evince loyalty to his God as Abraham of old did at the time of the *akedah* (attempted sacrifice of Isaac).

Perhaps the most famous interpretation of the use of the shofar was that offered by Maimonides in the 12th century in his *Mishnah Torah*, code of law: "Although the sounding of the shofar on the New Year is a decree of Holy Writ, still it has a deep meaning, as

if saying, 'Awake, awake, O sleepers from your sleep; O slumberers, arouse yourselves from your slumbers; examine your deeds, return in repentance, and remember your Creator.

Those of you who forget the truth in the follies of the times and go astray the whole year in vanity and emptiness which neither profit nor save, look to your souls; improve your ways and works. Abandon, everyone, his evil course and the thought that is not good."



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