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**Clockwise from top left:** Beautiful *succah* walls created by Kathy Kravitz at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Runners gather for the 3rd Annual HHAI 5K Run/Walk fundraiser for the 8th grade Israel trip (see article and photos on page IN 15). HHAI volleyball teammates hoist their runner-up trophy at this season's IISL tournament (see article and photo on page IN 2). Rabbi Gettinger of B'nai Torah Congregation examines a willow branch as he instructs students on the species and construction of a *lulav*. ✨

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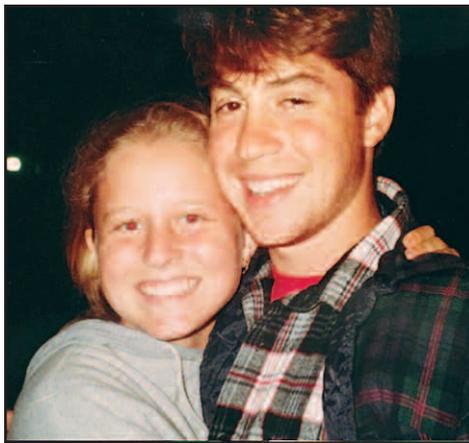
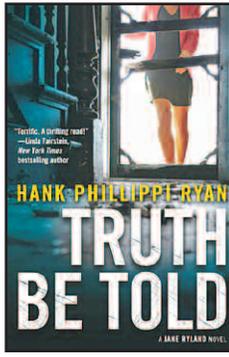
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# Simcha Announcements

## Mazel Tov to...

**Jeremy Klotz** (photos right) new Camp Director of Goldman Union Camp Institute. (See article on page IN 7.)

**Hank Phillippi Ryan** whose new book *Truth Be Told* was chosen as a Library Journal Best Book of 2014. She is a best-selling crime fiction writer originally from Indianapolis and was the opening speaker at this year's Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts on Oct. 28. She is the daughter of the late Miriam Landman and Irving Sablosky. She has been a reporter at WHDH TV in Boston since 1983 and has won 28 Emmy Awards and 12 Edward R. Murrow Awards for her investigative and consumer reporting. Her other best selling mystery books are *Prime Time*, *Face Time*, *Air Time*, *Drive Time*, *The Other Woman* and *The Wrong Girl*.



Jeremy Klotz and his wife Melissa met at camp as kids nearly 25 years ago (above). And below, them today.



The Hasten Hebrew Academy's elementary girl's volleyball team finished the 2014 season as the runner-up of the Indianapolis Independent School League Tournament. Though smaller, younger, and less experienced as a group than most of their competition – and losing a key player to injury (for five matches) after going 7-0 – they finished the regular season with an 8-3 record, earning the second seed in the tournament. They scored two victories in the tournament before coming up short to The Orchard School in the league finals on Oct. 14. The Academy's squad is comprised of third through sixth graders competing against teams of mainly sixth graders. This is the school's second runner-up trophy for volleyball this age group has earned in the past five seasons under Coach (and Technology teacher) Michael Voskoboynik. Mazel tov HHA! Stars on an amazing season!

**Hart and Simona Hasten** on the engagement of their grandson Ely Halevy to Jessica from Netanya. Ely is the son of their daughter and son-in-law Renee and Eyal Halevy of Jerusalem.



## Kidney still needed for Drew

Drew, age 11, a Jewish child in Indianapolis, has been suffering from a very rare disease Alport's Syndrome, which causes hearing loss and kidney failure, along with eye problems, since age six. She attended the Hasten Hebrew Academy until she was too weak to complete full school days. Her condition worsened earlier this summer requiring her to start daily dialysis.



A transplant team is actively searching for a live kidney donor. If you have type "O" blood and would like to be considered, please ask for Kelly at (317) 944-4370. See [www.facebook.com/kidneydrew](http://www.facebook.com/kidneydrew) and [ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-1081282](http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-1081282). ✪

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# Editorial

I receive an abundance of press releases and tons of other emails every day and I do not have time to open all of them, but some are valuable. On Oct. 22, I received the following information in italics from Baylor University\*:

*Forgiving – and being forgiven – are good for your emotional health, research has shown, and National Forgiveness Day on Sat., Oct. 25, may be a good time to let bygones be bygones and also to make amends.*

*Research by Baylor University psychologists shows that making amends over a wrong gives you emotional permission to forgive yourself, according to two studies published in The Journal of Positive Psychology. That's important, researchers said, because previous studies show that the inability to self-forgive can be a factor in depression, anxiety and a weakened immune system.*

*"One barrier people face in forgiving themselves is that they feel they deserve to feel bad. Our study found that making amends gives us permission to let go," said Thomas Carpenter, a researcher in Baylor's College of Arts & Sciences....*

*In one study of "Self-Forgiveness"... it was found that the more [the offender] had tried to make things right, the more it was permissible to let go.... the guiltier a person felt and the more serious the wrong, the less likely he or she was to self-forgive. Making amends appeared to help by reducing those feelings, the researchers found....*

*People are more likely to show forgiving behavior if they receive restitution, but they are more prone to report they have forgiven if they get an apology, according to another Baylor study on "Forgiving Behavior" published in The Journal of Positive Psychology. The study underscores the importance of both restitution and apology, researchers said.*

This may not be surprising news but what is impressive is that the researchers are doing something tangible with the results of their studies. Since they found how important forgiveness is to one's health and wellbeing, they decided to establish a National Forgiveness Day, making forgiveness (for oneself and others) a little easier.

When a day is set aside for a specific purpose and everyone is forgiving, it takes some of the stigma away. It makes others more amenable to listening to us and accepting our apology and us more likely to forgive when we are asked.

We Jews already have a fall season leading up to and including *Yom Kippur* to ask for forgiveness from our fellow humans and God. We also have prayers in

(see Editorial, page IN 5)

# Chassidic Rabbi

BY RABBI BENZION COHEN

## Seeing Through Suffering

Recently I wrote about the amazing miracles that we witnessed here in Israel, and the opportunity this offered to help us come to believe in Hashem.

One of my readers responded: "Nope; this doesn't work for me. If I credit Hashem with these "miracles" then I also have to credit Hashem when the life isn't saved, when the bad things happen and people are hurt or die, or even credit Him with the war in the first place."

This is a good question. If Hashem runs the world, as most of mankind believes, then why do people suffer and die? This is a complicated issue. For example, the *Torah* teaches us that sometimes people die because they have accomplished their mission. Hashem sent their soul down to this world for a specific purpose. As soon as this purpose has been achieved, their soul returns to heaven.

Maybe this suffering is a punishment from Hashem? Most people agree that some forms of punishment can have positive results. How many people advocate closing down all prisons? Children and adults who misbehave sometimes need some form of punishment to teach them how to behave themselves.

Once a *chassid* came to the first Rebbe of Chabad. He told the Rebbe that he was having a very hard time and a lot of suffering from his marriage. His wife criticized, argued and fought with him all the time. The Rebbe closed his eyes, rested his head on his hands and sat quietly for a few minutes, very deep in thought.

The Rebbe opened his eyes and told him that in a past lifetime he had lived in the time of the first Temple (around 2,600 years ago). He had worshiped idols all of his life, every day. When he passed away, his soul went up to the heavenly court. The court did not know how to deal with him. He had worshiped idols thousands of times. Each time he worshipped idols he incurred the punishment of being stoned. They could arrange for his soul to be reincarnated. He could walk down the street and have a stone wall fall on him. That would be counted as being stoned. But what about the other thousands of times that he needed to be stoned?

Finally the court came up with a plan. He would be reincarnated, and marry a woman who would criticize him and fight with him. Her words would hurt him like stones. Every time that they argued it would be considered that he was being stoned another time.

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The Chassid packed his bags and went home. He opened the front door and greeted his wife. Sure enough she poured out her wrath on him, but this time he just stood silently, smiling. She was astounded. She said: "What happened to you? Did you go crazy? What are you smiling about?" He answered: "Another stoning was just crossed off!"

Amazing! Here was a man who was suffering. His marriage was on the rocks (no pun intended). As soon as he realized that everything that Hashem does is really for good, and that his suffering was really bringing him tremendous benefit, he actually became happy with his lot. He started to appreciate his wife, who was saving his soul, and his marriage was saved!

(see Benzion, page IN 5)

## Community Events

### New Jewish Learning Institute class

This class titled "How Happiness Thinks" started Nov. 4 and is being held on Tuesdays until Dec. 9 from 11–12:30 p.m. at the Schusterman Chabad House, 1112 Oakwood Trail or evenings from 7–8:30 p.m. at the Arthur M. Glick JCC, Room A15. For more information call (317) 698-6423 or email [jlindiana@gmail.com](mailto:jlindiana@gmail.com).

"How Happiness Thinks" is much more than a tool to boost your happiness. It is an exciting journey into your own mind and psyche. Drawing on classical Jewish and mystical teachings, this course will present you with a deeper understanding of yourself, and help you flourish by suggesting practical advice which, when implemented, will radically enhance the happiness quotient of your life. You'll also learn how the science of positive psychology is now corroborating what Judaism has always known about what makes us happy. (Accreditation available.)

### Mothers Circle Shabbat Gathering

On Nov. 7 at 10 a.m., Mothers Circle alumna Mary Simons is hosting and presenting a Mothers Circle Shabbat Gathering at her home. This program is designed for anyone who wants to celebrate Shabbat with their family, but didn't grow up with the traditions (a member of The Mothers Circle or not).

Come learn about the basics of celebrating Shabbat with your family in a casual setting with Shabbat foods and meet new people from our community! Your children are welcome to join you! RSVP by Nov. 5 to Mary [mrnsimons@gmail.com](mailto:mrnsimons@gmail.com) or Patti Freeman Dorson [pdorson@jfgi.org](mailto:pdorson@jfgi.org).

### Light, Living, Laughter and Hope: Traveling Companions on the Trail of the Good Question

On Sat., Nov. 8 at 7 p.m., at Christian Theological Seminary (1000 W. 42nd St.), join Rabbi Sandy Sasso and Quaker songwriter Carrie Newcomer for a very special interfaith evening of stories and songs that express the common quest for the soul. Fee: \$20; students and retirees, \$15.

Presented by The Alan and Linda Cohen Center for Jewish Learning and Living at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Christian Theological Seminary in partnership with Center for Faith and Vocation at Butler University, Indiana Writers Center, and Storytelling Arts of Indiana. Part of the Spirit & Place Festival.

### Life Dances – A Spirit & Place event

Sun., Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. Life stories put to dance by Dance Kaleidoscope, an extraordinary dance company. This visual

and musical delight is the culmination of a project involving community elders putting their personal stories onto paper and 12 of these stories being turned into interpretive dance performances. Meet the writers and dancers at a reception following the performance in the Laikin Auditorium of the Arthur M. Glick JCC.

### IHC Second Sunday Concert: NCHS Counterpoints choir

Join us Sun., Nov. 9 at 2 p.m., for the Counterpoints, the top, highly selective choir at North Central High school under the direction of Michael Raunick. They have won numerous state championships and are currently preparing for a 2015 Concert Tour in France. Free and open to the public.

### Multifaith Celebration of Oneness: It's Everyone's Village

Sun., Nov. 9 St. Luke's United Methodist Church (100 W. 86th St.) presents the fourth annual interfaith celebration – featuring different faith communities each half hour from 2–7 p.m. followed by an ethnic foods buffet and dancing. Dr. Tracy Mishkin will lead Beth-El Zedeck's half hour beginning at 2 p.m.

### Hadassah Lunch and Learn

Join us at the MCL in Carmel, 1390 Keystone Way located in Merchants Square at 11:30 a.m., on Wed., Nov. 12, for Janet Yellin, Chairman of the board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board presented by Phyllis Russell. For more info call 317-475-4278 or email [Indianapolis@hadassah.org](mailto:Indianapolis@hadassah.org).

### Lunch and learn at the JCC

On Wed., Nov. 12 at 12:00 in the JCC Room A-17. Join Israeli Shaliach Roy Swisa for a discussion about the "Milky" protest. We will address the cost of living in Israel today. It's a free event open to all. Bring your lunch!

### LGBT Happy Hour

Thus., Nov. 13 from 5–7 p.m. at Bu Da Lounge 148 E. Market St., join JFGI's NEXTGen program for Jewish LGBT community members, friends, and allies. Questions? Email Keren Ayalon, Director of NEXTGen: [kayalon@jfgi.org](mailto:kayalon@jfgi.org).

### From Enemy to Friend: Jewish Wisdom and the Pursuit of Peace

Thurs., Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the JCC, Rabbi Amy Eilberg, the first woman ordained as a Conservative rabbi, blends ancient Jewish sacred texts and contemporary conflict theory to create a portrait of peacemaking. She will be joined in conversation by Dr. David M. Craig, Assoc. Prof. of Religious Studies at IUPUI. Part

of the Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts with support from Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Center for Faith and Vocation at Butler University and Butler Hillel.

### Heartland Film Festival 2014 Award Winning Shorts

Sat., Nov 15 at 7 p.m., be on the cutting edge of movies, enjoy an evening of the latest Heartland award winning short films and video chat with principals of the films. A beloved Festival tradition. Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank.

### Collector's Closet Sale

The Temple Sisterhood of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) is hosting a sale of Designer Handbags, Jewelry, Furs and other boutique items to raise money for their social justice and educational projects. A VIP Preview Sale is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. A \$35 donation allows for first access to shop the sale, participate in a silent auction, sip, snack and socialize. Pre-registration is necessary, as space is limited. Reservations can be made at [www.ihcindy.org](http://www.ihcindy.org). Open sale on Sun., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m., (no admission charge). You can get sale updates and see samples of some of the items for sale on their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/collectorsclosetsale](http://www.facebook.com/collectorsclosetsale).

If you would like more information, please contact Sonja Kantor at 317-253-3815 or email [sonja.kantor@gmail.com](mailto:sonja.kantor@gmail.com).

### Hadassah Book Club

This month's Book Club will be held on Sun., Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. The book is *The Columbus Affair* by Steve Berry. Hostess: Marsha Rauscher. For more info call 475-4278 or email [Indianapolis@hadassah.org](mailto:Indianapolis@hadassah.org).

### Sara and Sol Sacks Memorial Shabbaton

Sat., Nov. 22 at B'nai Torah, Guest Speaker: Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt. Topics: "Ethical lessons gleaned from the Book of Bereishis" at a family luncheon (see Events, page IN 10)

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the daily *Amidah* that asks for forgiveness for all sins, and praises God as being a God of forgiveness.

I have seen the following bedtime prayer in one of our prayer books: "I forgive all those who may have hurt or aggravated me either physically, monetarily, or emotionally, whether unknowingly or willfully, whether accidentally or intentionally, whether in speech or in action, whether in this incarnation or another, and may no person be punished on account of me..."

What is different about this nationally designated day is it is not limited to one religion. All can participate regardless of their religious practices or lack thereof. In these times of rampant terror and violence, we need all of the help we can to tip the scales in a positive direction. I applaud the researchers at Baylor and suggest that they broaden it to an International Forgiveness Day.

*\*Baylor is a private Christian university located in Waco, Texas with 16,000 students from all 50 states and more than 80 countries.*

*Jennie Cohen, November 5, 2014 ✪*

**BENZION***(continued from page IN 3)*

People often tell me that they envy me and those who believe in Hashem. We don't have to carry the burdens and hardships of life all by ourselves. We have a Strong Helping Hand and a loving Father at our side always. Our lives are full of happiness and joy. Even if some suffering comes our way, (G-d forbid) that can also bring us happiness.

Indeed we are now living in special times. People are living longer and healthier lives. Just 100 years ago only half of the people born lived to become adults.

But are we happier? I found happiness living a life of Torah and *Mitzvos*, and you can too. Look for Hashem, and you will find Him. If you are having difficulties, go to your local Chassidic Rabbi or Chassidic web site. They will be more than happy to help you.

What brings me even more happiness? The thought that every *Mitzvah* that I do, and every *Mitzvah* that I help someone do is bringing the world closer to our complete and final redemption. Then we will all be happy all of the time, and there will be no more suffering. I hope that all of you will join us in our efforts. Do *Mitzvahs* to make your life better, and to bring *Moshiach* now!

*Rabbi Cohen lives in K'far Chabad, Israel. Email him at bzcohen@orange.net.il. ✪*

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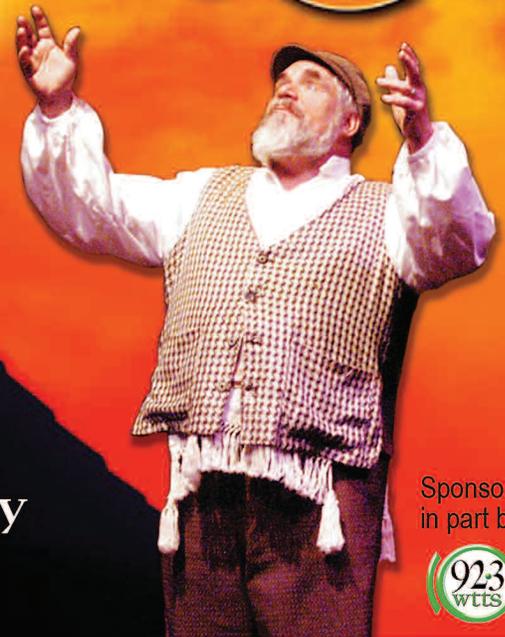
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*Tradition* (above): Tevye (Douglas E. Stark), center, tells about the importance of tradition in the lives of his family and friends in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's current production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. A nine-time Tony Award winning musical, *Fiddler on the Roof* is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, and is on stage through Nov. 23.



*Sabbath Prayer* (above): Tevye (Douglas E.

Stark), left, and his family celebrate the Sabbath in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's current production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

**Editor's note:** Pampered was how I felt from the minute I walked into the building at Beef & Boards on Oct. 11 to see *Fiddler on the Roof*. All of the staff was friendly and helpful. During the musical, the timing of the actors and musicians was impeccable. Whatever lacked in comparison to a Broadway performance with a full orchestra was made up by the fact that the stage was so close everyone in the audience could see the expressions on the actor's faces and hear even the whispers from the cast. It was truly an enjoyable evening and I highly recommend it. For those who keep strictly *kosher*, reduced price tickets can be purchased for the play only. J.C. ★

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## New director at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI)

Goldman Union Camp Institute introduced their new Camp Director, Jeremy Klotz. Jeremy spent the summers of his youth growing up at GUCI; his father, Rabbi Ron Klotz, was the beloved GUCI camp director from 1975–2011.

“I am thrilled with my appointment as the Director of Goldman Union Camp Institute,” said Mr. Jeremy Klotz. “It is an honor to return to lead the staff of the camp where I grew up, where I learned to love Judaism, where my dad worked for 36 years, and where I met my amazing wife.”

For the past 13 years, Jeremy has served GUCI as a lay leader on the Camp Committee. A graduate of Indiana University and DePaul University College of Law, Jeremy also attended Hebrew Day School at the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, studied abroad in Tel Aviv University, and serves as a member of the Wexner Heritage Program.

Prior to his Camp Director position, Jeremy enjoyed a 13-year legal career where he advised clients on a myriad of risk management and employment issues, and chartered efforts for non-profit boards and fundraising.

Jeremy’s enthusiastic dedication to Jewish education, camp, and community-based values will serve him in creating a dynamic environment, where campers and staff can evolve as people, and as Jews. Like any great camp director, Jeremy understands the importance of building strong partnerships and relationships between the camp and regional Jewish professionals.

Klotz and his wife Melissa, met and fell in love at camp as kids nearly 25 years ago (see photos page IN 2). They are the proud parents of two daughters, Zoe and Maya, both campers at GUCI.

Jeremy officially began his position at GUCI on Oct. 27; current Director Rabbi Mark Covitz will conclude his position on Nov. 30, which will ensure a seamless and thoughtful transition. We want to extend a warm thanks to Rabbi Covitz for his dedicated leadership to GUCI and his deep commitment to guiding our youth throughout their Jewish journeys. We wish him and his family well as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

“We are very excited to have Jeremy lead the GUCI family into the future,” said URJ Director of Camp and Israel Programs Paul Reichenbach. “Jeremy has grown up at GUCI, and always maintained a high level of commitment and connection to (see GUCI, page IN 10)



## Yiddish far alleh taug

(Yiddish for Everyday)  
BY HENYA CHAIET

### Dee Bubbeh Chaikheh, z"l

(Grandmother Ida Weinstein, z"l)

*Ahmol clair ich tzu zich ahlane ven ich vil shane nit zein auf der velt, velen meineh aynicklach mir gehdayken un dermaunen zich vegen mir?* (Sometimes I think to myself, when I am no longer here in this world, will my grandchildren remember me and speak about me?)

*In mein lebben haub ich gehven zayer glicklach tzu hauben mein Bubbeh Chaikheh biz ich haub gehven fearuntz-vantzich yor alt.* (In my lifetime I was very fortunate to have my grandmother until I was 24 years old.)

*Mein mutters familia hauben alleh gehwaynt zayer naunt tzuzamen. Dee Bubbeh un der zaydeh hauben ayechet geven naunt tzu alleh zayehreh kinder.* (My mother’s family all lived close together including grandpa and grandma who always had their children close by.)

*Douch der vauch fleckt dee mameh meineh zaugen mir, “Shtel zach aup nauch der shooley un zeh effsher dahf dee bubbeh eppes hauben tzu taun far deer.” Ah maul fleg ich vashen ear kich, ah maul fleckt zee dahfen eppes in mark. Zee haut mir alleh maul gehgehen eareh maun kichel tzu aumbisen mit ah glauz milch.* (During the week my mother would always say, “Stop at grandma’s and see if she needs help with anything.” Sometimes I would scrub her kitchen or she might need something at the market. She always gave me some of her delicious poppyseed cookies and a glass of milk)

*Ahz zee fleckt kauchen auder bahken fleg ich zitzen un vatchen ear. Ich*

*haub zach ah sahch ausgelehrent fuhn vahtchen ear.* (When she would cook or bake I always watched and learned.)

*Mein mutter is gehven ah schneiderkeh un zayer farnumen mit ear arbet. Zee fleckt mir zaugen vaus tzu kaunchen nor ich fleg daus getidafst aus lernen ahlayn.* (My mother was always busy as she was a dressmaker. She would tell me what to cook but I had to learn to do it on my own.)

*Ich fleg iber reddem mit Dee Bubbeh Chaikheh ah tzoreh vaus haut mir gehdieget.* (Many times I would talk over with my grandmother something that was worrying me.)

*Ven der zayde is gehshtorben haut Dee Bubbeh Chaikheh gehcoomen vaynen mit unz in unzer haym. Zee haut gehven zayer frum auber nit farnatisht. Ich haub shane domaulst geh lerent zach zein ah nurse. Ven ich haub-gehkent fleg ich coomen ah haym zein mit ear uhn zach aus reddem vaus gayt auhn mit mir.* (When my grandfather died my grandmother chose to come live with us as she was closer to my mother than her other four daughters. At the time, I was already in nursing school, but I came home as often as I could to be with her. We would always talk about what had been going on with me.)

*Mein Bubbeh’s Chanukah sudeh haub ich allehmaul zayer gehglichen, vil ich eych gehben tzu farzuchen.* (I always loved her Chanukah feast so I will give you a taste of it.)

#### Menin

- 1) Forshpiez – gehockteh herring auder gehocktehleber – zoureh gehrkes
- 2) Suppe – shvoymen mit beblach
- 3) Gehbrauteneh ganz mit latkes fuhn kartaufel. Zee haut geh pregelt dee latkes mit genzeneh schmaltz
- 4) Compote fuhn floymen, eppel, un rausingkes
- 5) Mandelbrot, tayglach un maun kichel un hayseh Sweetouchnee chai

#### Menu

- 1) Appetizers – chopped herring or (see Chaiet, page IN 11)

Greetings

# Sam Wolf

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# Obituaries

**Phyllis Lee Maierson Summerfield Druck, 91**, of The Landings, Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Logansport, Ind., died Sept. 1 at home, following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. She was born Oct. 12, 1922, the youngest of four children of Ben and Fannie Koor Maierson of Indianapolis.

A 1940 graduate of Shortridge High School, she was a classmate of Kurt Vonnegut, who went on to literary acclaim, a fact Phyllis loved to recount. She attended Indiana University and married her high school sweetheart, Irving Summerfield, who was killed in action in WWII.

On Sept. 10, 1946, she married Justin M. Druck and joined him in Logansport where they lived until he retired from the newspaper business in 1990.

In Logansport, Phyllis was very active in civic events. She served as a Girl Scout leader, member of 2nd Mothers Study Club and as an active member of Tri Kappa Sorority for more than 20 years. She also organized countless bus trips to cultural events in Indianapolis.

She was a wonderful cook who loved to entertain family and friends. Her brownies and chopped liver were highly prized holiday gifts. An avid bridge player, with Master Points, she continued to play at The Landings clubhouse, even for a time after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Phyllis was a longtime member of Temple Israel, Lafayette, Ind., and of Temple Sinai of Sarasota; also a life member of Hadassah, a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women, a life member of The Indiana University Alumni Association, the Hooverwood Guild of Indianapolis and Stockettes investment club of Sarasota.

She was predeceased by her parents, brothers Alvin Maierson and Meyer Maierson, Aunts Ida Koor and Rose Koor Bookwalter, Uncles Harry Koor and Joseph Koor and devoted husband of 59 years, Justin M. Druck.

Survivors include her sister, Sylvia Schuchman Rothbard of Indianapolis; daughters Diane M. Druck of Bloomington, Ind., and Barbara Druck Lief (Jonathan) of Wheeling, WV; grandson Rabbi Joshua Lief (Rebecca) of Jacksonville, Fla; granddaughter Lauren Lief (Tony Niesz) of Austin, Texas; great-granddaughters Leah Lief and Ellie Lief, both of Jacksonville, and great-grandson Henry Niesz of Austin; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to thank Phyllis' devoted longtime caregivers from Senior Bridge and, more recently, those of Tidewell Hospice.

Services were Sept. 4 at Temple Sinai, conducted by Rabbi Geoffrey Hunting, with arrangements by Toale Brothers. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633; Tidewell Hospice, 1751 Mound St., #101, Sarasota, FL 34236 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

**Samuel (Sam) Wolkoff, 94**, of Carmel, passed away Sept.

25. He was born Oct. 14, 1919, in Brooklyn NY, to the late Max and Anna Willikofsky. Sam was preceded in death by his loving wife, Norma. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle who treasured spending time with his family and friends, telling jokes and making people smile.

He selflessly served his country during World War II, as a member of the 3rd Battalion 160th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. Sam bravely fought for his country in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre from June 19, 1941 to September 15, 1945; 51 months without furlough.

After the war, he started his own scrap metal corporation, SW Industries, in Indianapolis and continued to operate the business until his death. Sam was a wonderful businessman, mentor, and a friend to everyone. He also loved to read and golf.

Sam is survived by his devoted children, Barbara Harrison, Brad Wolkoff (Roberta), Debbie Hibler (Doug), and Sherrie Wolkoff-Beall (Keith); his nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; his sister, Bertha Benmour; and many nieces and nephews. Sam had two brothers, Louis and Norman Wolkoff, who also preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 6 at the Washington Park North Great Hall Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to The City of Hope. Online condolences may

be sent to the family at: [www.washingtonparkcemetery.org/flannerbuchanan](http://www.washingtonparkcemetery.org/flannerbuchanan).

**Lillian Chernin Cooper, 90**, long time resident of Indianapolis, passed away on Oct. 1 at Hooverwood Nursing Home. She was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on May 15, 1924 to Louis and Sadie Chernin.

Lillian received her Bachelor of Arts degree and her Master's in Education from Butler University. She taught in Indianapolis Public Schools for 22 years as a 2nd grade teacher at School #43. Later, she was a dedicated employee for Kipp Bros for 10 years.

She was an active member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and its Sisterhood.

Survivors include her beloved children: Andrea Levin, Elaine (Scott) Ladany and Dr. William (Dr. Penny) Cooper; grandchildren, Jessica and Jeffrey Levin; William and Stephen Ladany and Alexandra Cooper and great grandchild, Jesse Cooper.

Her husband, the late Bernard Cooper, passed away in 1991.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6, at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Entombment followed in Washington Park North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Nursing Home or to a charity of your choice.

**Ida Karas Meshulam, 90**, passed away peacefully on Oct. 1. She was born June 27, 1924 in Boston to Barnet and Bertha Karas. Ida worked as an accounting clerk for American United Life for over 20 years, retiring at age 65.

She and her husband, the late Morris "Mickey" Meshulam were long time devoted members of Etz Chaim Congregation.

Ida is survived by her beloved daughters, Beth (Harvey) Hancock and Shelley (Steven) Smith; her grandchildren, Fay (Dusty) Boger and Rick (Katie) Hancock; step grandchildren, Heather Smith and Jesse Smith; great grandchildren, Mickenna and Asher Boger and Aubrey and Hadley Hancock; sister-in-law Norma Shorr and brothers-in-law, Joe and Charlie Meshulam.

Graveside services were held in Etz Chaim Sephardic Cemetery on Oct. 6. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**William (Bill) Lawrence Lurvey, 90**, died peacefully on Oct. 2 at MorningSide Senior Living Community in Indianapolis where he had resided the past two years. He was born May 18, 1924, one of five





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children to David and Fanny Lurvey. He was preceded in death by sisters, Rosalie Rothbard and Frances Hackett; and brothers, Jerome and Leonard Lurvey.

Known as Billy to his many friends and as "Uncle Bill" to his 11 beloved nieces and nephews and extended family, Lurvey was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis. Many gathered for a 90th birthday party for him in May at Hollyhock Hill, where he arrived in a convertible to a throng of adoring family and friends, and where at a dinner speech he talked emotionally of a life that had many trials and tribulations.

Billy was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving with valor in combat zones in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he was employed with his father's company, Hatfield Electric, and later became one of the first owners of an executive recruitment business. He went on to found and run several commercial real estate businesses and to own numerous properties in Indianapolis and was also a licensed auctioneer.

A graduate of Shortridge High School who went on to study engineering at the University of Illinois, Billy had a great thirst for knowledge. His understanding of history, politics, geography, Judaism, Hoosier lore and other subjects awed family and friends. "I'm a mile wide and an inch deep," he liked to say, and those close to him knew he was being only half true.

His pursuits were eclectic and included collecting classic cars, listening to news broadcasts from around the world on shortwave radio, and membership in the Council of Foreign Relations and Kiwanis clubs. He was a longtime member of Broadmoor Country Club. A lifelong bachelor who rarely cooked, Billy was a fixture at MCL Cafeteria, the Donut Shop and other "joints," as he liked to call them. He never passed up a social invitation, where he was often the life of the party and one of the last to leave.

He was also known for acquiring an array of vehicles, from a salvaged U.S. Mail truck to a classic 1940s Cadillac, all of which he loved to tool around town. His greatest love was for his family, and as the eldest surviving sibling he worked to connect succeeding generations to their past. Whatever the hour or situation, family members in need knew they could always count on Uncle Billy.

In his later years, his hearing diminished and he suffered the usual agonies of aging, but his mind remained remarkably sharp. In his last days, he talked of taking courses, learning to use a computer and opening a real estate business.

He expressed deep gratitude to nieces, Karen and Diane Lurvey, who lovingly cared for him in his later years. His family also expressed thanks to the staff of

Morningside for their support. Fond of Yiddish expressions, Billy was too modest to call himself a "mensch." But to the many lives he touched, he was that and much more.

Services were Oct. 10 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation South Cemetery. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be given to the Shelley Shane Social Justice Fund at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Arrangement entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com).

**Fusako Penner, 82**, of Indianapolis passed away Oct. 6. She was born in Tokyo on Feb. 19, 1932 to Yoshio and Ayako Tsukamoto. Her husband, Herman Penner, preceded her in death. Graveside services were held at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery Oct. 8. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Arthur Mirkin, 94**, formerly of Indianapolis and of late Atlanta, passed away on Oct. 7. He was an avid pilot, beginning as a Navy flight instructor during WWII and continued from military to commercial and private. He loved life, key lime pie, bossa nova music and had a wonderful sense of humor. He was involved in the Jewish communities of Rochester, NY, Indianapolis and Atlanta. He was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life of more than 70 years, Lila Kolko Mirkin, who passed in 2007. Art leaves behind son, Stu Mirkin (Tali) of Meitar, Israel; daughter, Marianne Mirkin Lacoste (Steve) of Culver City, Calif.; son, Barry Mirkin (Tracy) of Atlanta, Ga.; and seven grandchildren, Yael, Yuval, Hagai, Simone, Camille, Deidre and Everett. A funeral service was held on Oct. 12 at the B'nai



Torah Cemetery. Arrangements by **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Rochelle Schuchman Lederman, 86**, of Carmel passed away Oct. 7. She was born in Newark, N.J. Oct. 10, 1927 to Alex and Anna Schuchman. Rochelle attended Butler University and was a devoted homemaker. She was a former, long-time member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

Rochelle is survived by her daughters, Sue Rekuc of Milton, Ga., and Freddie Blyveis of Las Vegas; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers, Daniel and Alvie Schuchman; and several extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 1/2 years, Benie Lederman.

Graveside services were held Oct. 10 in the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**.

**Herman Calderon, 79**, of Fishers, passed away Oct. 9. He was born in Indianapolis on Sept. 6, 1935 to Joseph and Pauline Calderon. Herman was a member of Etz Chaim Congregation. He is survived by his wife, Pat Bartholomew Calderon; daughter, Pam (Dan) Cox; (see Obituaries, page IN 14)



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**EVENTS**

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after services, and "Israel and the Existential Threat of Radical Islam: A Torah Perspective" at *Melavah Malka* at 8 p.m. at the Rotstein home.

Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt, *musmach* of Yeshivas Ner Yisroel of Baltimore, has served as spiritual leader of Agudas Israel of St. Louis since 1986.

RSVP to the Shul Office 253-5253 or office@btorah.org for the luncheon and *Melavah Malka* by Nov. 18.

**Israel booth at the International Festival**

For the first time there will be an Israel booth at the International Festival at the State Fairgrounds, **Nov. 20–23**. The booth is being organized by the Israel Ministry of Tourism together with JCRC and our community Shaliach Roy Swisa. Come and visit us! For more info contact Roy at shaliah@jfgi.org or 800-9350.

**Jegas**

**Nov. 22** from 8–11:30 p.m., at the JCC. Join the Young Leadership Division for our biggest night of the year! Casino style games, delicious passed hors d'oeuvres, Vegas entertainment, and amazing prizes! Open to the full Jewish community, benefitting the 2015 JFGI Annual Campaign. Cost \$20.

**Mr. Blair's Open Mic Group**

Mr. Blair Karsch and the On Your Level Youth Project will once again host Indianapolis's premiere youth open mic events, which have produced standing-room-only crowds at previous events. This is the largest all-city event with a focus on youth expression through spoken word. There's even room for adult performers as the evening allows. Come one, come all. This event will be an open stage for all ages to perform and practice any form of spoken word entertainment. Poetry, prose, comedy, hip-hop, rap, acoustic music and more are some of the most popular forms.

Get there early to have a snack, drink, get a good seat and meet the artists.

Next event will be on **Tues., Nov. 25** from 3:15–5:15 p.m., Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. Indianapolis. This is not a library-sponsored event.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

You are invited to attend a special Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, **Tues., Nov. 25** at 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth-El Zedek, sponsored by the Interfaith Hunger Initiative (IHI). Join with people of many faiths in giving thanks for the harvest and helping to feed those who will not have the luxury of a bountiful Thanksgiving. The guest speaker will be Roman Catholic Bishop Christopher J. Coyne. Please bring a Thanksgiving donation – a non-perishable food item for Gleaners Food Bank or make a financial contribution to IHI.

**Congregation Shaarey Tefilla's Tzadik Award Dinner & Dance**

Join us for Congregation Shaarey Tefilla's 2nd annual *Tzadik Award Dinner & Dance* honoring Jill & Joe Ofengender – for their tireless dedication and service to the *shul* since its inception – Saturday evening, **Dec. 6, 2014** at CST, 3085 West 116th Street, Carmel, Indiana 46260. Dinner and ceremony at 7:30 p.m. with dancing at 9:00. MC will be Matt Burton R.S.V.P. by Nov. 21. For more information and reservation call (317) 733-2169 or office@shaareytefilla.org. ✨

**JFGI 10th annual Adopt-a-Family – Community Day and Blood Drive**

On **Sun., Dec. 7** at 9:30 a.m., join us at Matt & Jill Burnett's home for breakfast. Then we will split up into teams and go shopping for local Jewish families in need. Meet back at Etz Chaim at noon for lunch, gift wrapping, kids activities, and the blood drive. If you can't join us but would still like to help, please contact Inna at yld@jfgi.org or 715-9264.

**HHAI Chanukah Campaign Event**

You are warmly invited to the Hasten Hebrew Academy Annual Chanukah Event on **Sun., Dec. 7** – featuring the Indiana-debut screening of the new documentary film *Body and Soul – The State of the Jewish Nation* by award-winning filmmaker Gloria Z. Greenfield. Delicious Buffet Reception at 5:30 before, and Dessert & Coffee afterwards. Contact HHAI office at 251-1261 for information and reservations (by Nov. 26). For more information on the film, visit [www.bodyandsoulthemovie.com](http://www.bodyandsoulthemovie.com).

**Israeli Movie night**

On **Tues., Dec. 9** at 7 p.m., the movie *Yes, Miss Commander* will be shown at the JCC. Contact Roy Swisa for more info at shaliah@jfgi.org or 800-9350.

**Hadassah Lunch and Learn**

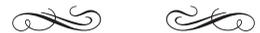
Join us at the JCC at 11:30 a.m. on **Dec. 10**, for Judith Resnick, Engineer and NASA astronaut, presented by Carol Vanave starting with a pitch-in luncheon. For more info call 317-475-4278 or email [Indianapolis@hadassah.org](mailto:Indianapolis@hadassah.org).

**Klezmer Shabbat**

On **Fri., Dec. 12**, The 65th Street Klezmerim will perform at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. For more about the band, check their facebook page at [www.facebook.com/65thKlez](http://www.facebook.com/65thKlez).

**BBYO (KIO) Region Celebration**

Sheila Greenwald will be honored on **Sun., Dec. 21** at the Indianapolis Marriot East. To RSVP for the event and view the sponsorship opportunities, please visit [bbyokiocelebration.org](http://bbyokiocelebration.org). ✨



**GUCI**

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the GUCI community. His camp and career skills will make him an outstanding camp director."

"Jeremy understands what it takes to build relationships between camp and Jewish professionals, which will ensure GUCI's long term success in the region," said Interim GUCI Camp Committee Chair Steve Derringer.

For more than 50 years, GUCI has served the Midwestern region as an important hub for Jewish learning and identity-building. As one of the URJ's smaller and more intimate camps, GUCI prides itself on its ability to help guide Jewish youth in seeking inspired Jewish journeys.

As GUCI moves onward and upward, they look forward to Jeremy's leadership, and the support of the GUCI community. Registration is open now for summer 2015! ✨

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## Hooverwood Guild annual luncheon

The annual luncheon and raffle fundraiser was held on Oct 8 at Broadmoor Country Club. The Mind Tripping Show by husband and wife team Christian & Katalina provided thrilling entertainment including comedy, mind-reading and interactive theater.

Guild Co-Presidents Jennifer Williams and Michelle Himmelstein chaired and MC'd the event. Other event organizers and helpers included Donna Nelson, Susan Mitchell, Judy Laikin, Phyllis Ackerman, Babs Cohn, Sarann Warner, Gayle Bernstein, Shirley Kurlander, Sari Ohrn, Debbie Sapper, Judy Himmelstein, Barbara Bailie, and Marcy Carson.

The total amount raised was more than \$25,000. All of the money goes toward Hooverwood projects or items that make life more enjoyable for the residents or more helpful for the staff as they care for the varied needs of the residents.

A special recognition was given to the past presidents. At each table setting were beautiful potted flowers provided by Altum for each attendee to take home.

Raffle winners were: \$1,000 Anonymous Cash Award – Mimi Linderman; \$500 Simon Mall Gift Card courtesy of Bren Simon (2) – Howey Subrin and Patti Freeman-Dorson; Necklace by Estelle Nelson Designs – Monica Rosenfeld; \$500 Gift Certificate courtesy Raleigh Ltd. – Dee Calderon; \$500 Gift Certificate courtesy of Aronstam Fine Jewelers – Barrie Fisch; Oriental Rug courtesy of Royal Gallery of Rugs – Elliott Nelson; Complete Dinner & Drinks for 8 courtesy of Bonefish Grill – Jackie Barrett; Color Television courtesy of Wendy and Philip Larman – Dorothy Meyers; \$100 Gift Certificate courtesy of M.G. Tates – Anonymous; Floral Arrangement courtesy of Palm Court Flowers – Sheila Tamler; Bracelet courtesy of Stephanie Bartick – Charlene Tuchman; 4 Tickets to *Mind Tripping Show* courtesy of Christian & Katalina – Jane Goldberg; and Original Art Work courtesy of Marianne Glick – Helaine Simon.

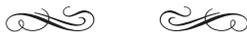
The Guild Annual Meeting and Chanukah Luncheon will be held at Hooverwood on Wed., Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. It is free to all paid up members, but a reservation must be made with Lynn Davis, Guild Secretary, at 317-251-2261. At this delicious, beautiful luncheon, Hooverwood thanks the Guild for all the good work and contributions they make throughout the year. The installation of new officers and directors occurs and entertainment is also provided. ✨



(L-R) Wendy Inglis, Jennifer Sinder with Guild Co-President Jennifer Williams.



Guild Co-President Michelle Himmelstein (center) with event entertainers husband and wife team Christian & Katalina.



### CHAIET

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chopped liver – sour pickles

2) Soup – mushrooms and lima beans

3) Roasted goose with potato latkes that were fried in the goose fat she rendered

4) Fruit compote of prunes, apples and raisins

5) Mandelbrot, tayglach, poppyseed cookies and of course Sweetouchnee hot tea

**Zaul eych vale bacoomen, ess gezunter hayt. Daus bin ich, Henya Chaiet eyer Yiddisheh mahmeh.** (May you digest your food well and in good health. Tis I, Henya Chaiet your Yiddisheh mother.)

*Henya Chaiet is the Yiddish name for Mrs. A. Helen Feinn. Born in 1924 ten days before Passover, her parents had come to America one year prior. They spoke only Yiddish at home so that is all she spoke until age five when she started kindergarten. She then learned English, but has always loved Yiddish and speaks it whenever possible. Chaiet lived in La Porte and Michigan City, Ind., from 1952 to 1978 and currently resides in Walnut Creek, Calif. Email: afeinn87@gmail.com. ✨*



(L-R) Doreen Gray, Marilyn Shankerman, Miriam (Sunny) Hoffman, Shirley Kurlander with Mimi Linderman is seated.



(L-R) Michelle Korin, Patty Goodman with Marla Oancea.

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# CANDLES Holocaust Museum Annual Gala – Be the Change!

Join Holocaust survivors Eva and Mickey Kor for the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center annual gala on Sat., Nov. 22, on the campus of St-Mary-of-the-Woods College. The gala is a benefit for CANDLES.

The event will celebrate those who are a shining example of the museum's year-long theme, "Be the Change." Honored on this evening will be Rosalita Csengeri, the Romanian Jewish woman who took responsibility for Eva and her twin sister after liberation from Auschwitz and Terre Haute native Lt. Col. Andrew Nehf who changed the life of teenaged Latvian Jewish survivor, Mickey Kor.



Rosalita Csengeri

The featured speaker of the evening will be Alex Sheen, founder of the social movement, *because I said I would*, which focuses on the impact of the power of a promise kept. The event begins at 5:30 p.m., and will include live music, a silent auction, dinner, and cash bar. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org) or by calling the museum at 812-234-7881. ✪



Alex Sheen



Lt. Col. Andrew Nehf with his men.

# Tour Auschwitz with Holocaust survivor Eva Kor in June 2015

*"In so many ways, what I experienced on the trip to Poland can't be summarized in words. I arrived having the questions, and having been given the experience to explore them is so meaningful, and will continue to inspire me as I figure out what I want to do, and how I want to leave my impression on the world."*

These profound words were written by a teenage traveler from Billings, Montana, upon returning from the June 2014 tour of Auschwitz with survivor Eva Kor. Visiting Auschwitz with a survivor is an unforgettable journey that very few people will ever have the chance to experience. In fact, of the more than 1,000,000 visitors to Auschwitz every year, we estimate less than 1% of those visitors have the opportunity to tour with a survivor. Eva Kor, founder of CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute, Ind., takes more visitors to Auschwitz-Birkenau than perhaps any other living Holocaust survivor as a way to educate others about this horrible time in world history.



Eva Kor

Eva returns to Auschwitz each year to lead a diverse group of individuals as they immerse themselves in the reality of Auschwitz. Travelers walk in Eva's footsteps as she recounts her harrowing and inspiring story of survival, triumph, and healing in the very place where it all happened. The 2015 trip, slated for June 20-28, is now open to the public.

Travelers will learn about the lives of the victims, the Nazi system of destruction, and the courage of survivors from the expert tour guides of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. They will also tour Poland's historic Jewish quarter,

Oscar Schindler's factory, and filming sites for Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List*. Tour participants will also soak in the splendor and beauty of Krakow, Poland's charming, medieval royal city, and visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

By providing community members with an immersion experience in the historical setting of Auschwitz, CANDLES hopes to foster powerful breakthroughs in awareness of our respective roles in creating a world based on hope, healing, respect, and responsibility. The museum wants to help community members become witnesses to history so they can make the world a brighter place. Everyone is welcome on this trip regardless of religion, occupation, ethnicity, or any other factor.

CANDLES has conducted group tours of Auschwitz in 2005, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, and January 2015 with up to 100 people. Our surveys conducted during and after each trip indicated that 100% of all trip participants are "highly satisfied" or better with their experience.

If you have ever had the inclination to visit Auschwitz and learn from this tragic and historic site, if you have ever felt a passion for studying the Holocaust, if you are fascinated by the story of Eva Kor and the twins of Auschwitz, if you are seeking a trip that is meaningful and different from all other trips, if you are seeking to make lifelong connections with interesting people from all walks of life, if you want to be part of history, then this trip is for you. Do not let this opportunity pass you by!

CANDLES is now reserving spots on the June 2015 trip. Visit [www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org) and click on the link *Auschwitz Trip* for more information on how to join.

*About CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center: is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 1995 by Auschwitz survivor and Mengele twin, Eva Mozes Kor. Our mission is to shine a light on the story of the Holocaust and Eva Kor to illuminate the world with hope, healing, respect, and responsibility. ✪*



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## Book Review

REVIEW BY CHANA TOVA SOKOL

### One man's pilgrimage to serve God

*Teach Them Diligently: The Personal Story of a Community Rabbi.* By Rabbi Berel Wein. Maggid Books. 2014. Koren Publishers. Jerusalem. 161 pp. \$24.95.

In a hopeful way this book covers most of the last 100 years of Jewish world history interfaced with an eye on one man's pilgrimage to serve God.

A powerful theme throughout *Teach Them Diligently* is that Rabbi Wein is able to teach Judaism with a sharp focus on always adhering to the 613 *mitzvos*, while remaining normal in the secular working world. Rabbi Wein was able to do it all in the secular and *frum* world, but he wrote clearly that it only looked like that, it wasn't the case. For example, he did attend law school, but could not go to the one of his choice. Although he received a full scholarship, what stopped him was he wanted to learn *Torah* during the day full time. Thus, he sacrificed attending that law school and instead went to one with night classes only.

The impetus for writing the autobiography was for his grown grandchildren who wanted to know his family and personal history in writing. The book offers this in detail, without spending time on personalities. The few words on each person are short and to the point, thus a short book.

At a young age Rabbi Wein was a serious student who could speak in front of audiences with talent. Many of his abilities were inborn. He applied himself to his studies, spending little time playing. He especially enjoyed learning *Torah*. He appreciated the holiness of his parents, family and teachers. He was not mischievous. Growing up in Chicago, Judaism was authentic because of his parents and his grandfather, Rabbi Chaim Tzvi Halevi Rubenstein. In 1911 Rabbi Rubenstein was sent to America from Israel to raise funds "for Jerusalem charities". (p. 11)

The pungent humor of Rabbi Wein describes the situation: "In Chicago Rabbi Rubenstein he encountered immigration

difficulties and was threatened with jail and/or deportation. Lacking a rabbi, the Jewish community of South Chicago offered to help him if he stayed on. This story is reminiscent of the famous "Four Captives" of Babylonia who were ransomed by Jewish communities in Italy, Morocco, and Spain provided that they remain as rabbis in those communities. Never underestimate the powers and tactics of Jews in hiring or firing – a rabbi." (p. 11)

Throughout the book we have another biography, that of Rabbi Wein's father, Rabbi Zev Wein. He was a *shul* rabbi in Chicago and described as pious. Among his many attributes were his photographic memory and gentle demeanor. He was a loving and supportive father for his son. Rabbi Berel Wein loved him so.

Rabbi Berel Wein writes of his romance and love for Jackie, his first wife. She gave him the support only an amazing woman like Jackie could pull off. His dedication to and respect for her are written in the book openly and for an Orthodox rabbi it is refreshing to read this. A brief book review cannot do justice to the sensitive manner in which Rabbi Wein describes her sudden passing, but in the book it is expressed with all the pain it entailed as well as with strength and openness.

Besides the wit and the covering of serious growth and destruction of the Jewish nation around the world, the book has short phrases of great snippets of wisdom. One such quote: "Success generally depends upon the right perspective. Living in Israel certainly provides that." (p. 142) Rabbi Wein dedicates much of his book to the birth and development of the Jewish nation in the land of Israel.

The descriptions about Rabbi Wein's cousins in Europe who perished in World War II are brief but poignant. One story takes place after World War II. Rabbi Wein escorted his father and many Chicago rabbis to greet the chief rabbi of Palestine Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog. Background: Rabbi Herzog had met Pope Pius XII and demanded the release of the thousands of Jewish children that parents brought to the Catholic Church for safe-keeping during the war. The pope refused!

Rabbi Herzog spoke to the group and pleaded: "You have to rebuild the Jewish People." He later had each man and boy shake his hand. He told them the same directive. Rabbi Wein, then a young boy, remembered this well: "Did you understand what I said to you? Don't forget it." (p. 2)

Rabbi Wein said, "All my life, Rabbi Herzog's words have echoed in my ears and soul. Numerous times in my rabbinic career, I've been discouraged and downhearted. But (his words) inspired and challenged me, shaping many of my decisions and actions." (p. 2). The message: Rebuild the Jewish People.

This Rabbi Wein did in all his tasks in life and continues to do so. Admirable accomplishments of Rabbi Wein included marrying Jackie, holding onto learning *Torah* even while attending law school, getting rabbinical ordination, switching from lawyer and toolmaker to rabbi. He moved at great sacrifice from Miami to Monsey to find the best education for his daughters. In Monsey he headed OU and discussed the challenges and disappointments he encountered simply traveling through grueling New York traffic and dealing with people eager to grab their own 'turf' in the business of *kosher* products.

A deeply important point in the book is how Rabbi Berel Wein was a serious Jew during a time when millions of Jews were dumping *Torah* observance. His dedication as a teenager was startling and stellar. At 19 he was a *Talmud Chochom* and ready to marry!

The wilderness of no *Torah* was vast and Rabbi Wein single-handedly developed networks of rabbis via many of his projects. He built an Orthodox Jewish community in Miami. He also worked for decades as dean of Yeshiva Shaarei *Torah* in Monsey, N.Y. The tasks included building the school from only an idea, hiring and overseeing staff, recruiting students, building a campus, raising \$3 million and teaching almost daily.

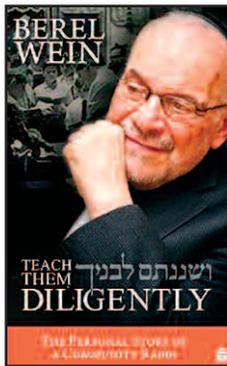
Other books by Rabbi Wein include: *The Legacy: Teachings for Life from the Great Lithuanian Rabbis* (with Rabbi Warren Goldstein), *Patterns in Jewish History, Vision and Valor: An Illustrated History of the Talmud, The Oral Law of Sinai: An Illustrated History of the Mishnah, Bamesila Na'aleh: Sermons on the Weekly Parasha, Echoes of Glory, Faith and Fate, Herald of Destiny, Living Jewish, The Pesach Haggadah, Pirkei Avos, Sand and Stars* (with Yaffa Ganz), *Second Thoughts, Tending the Vineyard, Triumph of Survival, Chikrei Halacha, Eeyunim B'mesechtot Hatalmud, and Chukei Chaim.*

Rabbi Wein now lives in Jerusalem, rabbi at Beit Knesset HaNasi. He is married to a widow, Mira Cohen, who was a United States *rebbetzin* as well as a linguist and mother and grandmother and more. Rabbi Wein describes Mira: (She) "has proven to be everything I could have hoped for..." (p. 154)

At the end of the book Rabbi Wein recommends: "Now consider writing your own story. Your descendants will appreciate it." (p. 161)

Chana Tova Sokol, of Jerusalem, was an English and history teacher in New York and Israel. Email: [chanatova2000@gmail.com](mailto:chanatova2000@gmail.com). The book may be purchased at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or [www.jewishdestiny.com](http://www.jewishdestiny.com).

**Editor's Note:** Rabbi Berel Wein is the father of Mrs. Miriam Gettinger, the principal of the Hasten Hebrew Academy. ✨



**OBITUARIES**

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step-daughter, Laura (Brian) Elmore; step-sons, David and Bill Bartholomew; eleven grandchildren; one great grandchild; and brother, Leon (Delores) Calderon.

Funeral services were held at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary** on Oct. 13. Burial followed in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation North Cemetery.

**David John Anderson, 57**, of Carmel, passed away Oct. 18. He was born on July 11, 1957 in Gary, Ind., to John and Bertha Anderson. He was a graduate of Penn High School and Butler University; where he received his BS of Pharmacy and was a member of TKE Fraternity. He remained active with Butler and served as a member of the Butler Alumnae Board.

Dave was a pharmacist for 33 years, working in Hobart and Crown Point, Ind., for Walgreens. He was an active member and board member of Temple Israel of Gary.

David was an avid cyclist and caver. He had participated in the Hilly Hundred for over 20 years and was a member of KARST. The family moved Carmel two years ago and joined Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

David will be deeply missed by his devoted family that survives him; his wife, Ruth; son, Jacob Dale Anderson and his wife Victoria; daughter, Madeline Rose Anderson; parents, John and Bertha; sister, Kathy Mehlhop and her husband Andy; brother, Eric Anderson and his wife Tonda; grandson, Tovi David Anderson and nephews, Jordan and Ian Anderson.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20 at **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Burial followed in Indianapolis Hebrew North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences 4600 Sunset Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46208

and/or National Speleological Society caves.org/donate, (Save the Caves Fund).

**Sylvia Alboher** passed away Oct. 18. She is survived by her son, Michael Alboher; daughters, Rita Alboher and Pam Alboher Ray; grandchildren, Alanna Alboher-Ray, and Parker and Paige Alboher. Services were held Oct. 19 at Etz Chaim Congregation followed by burial in the Etz Chaim Cemetery.

**Colman A. Sasso**. A funeral service was held on Oct. 22 in Panama. Survivors include: son Rabbi Dennis C. Sasso, daughter-in-law Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, grandchildren David Sasso and Debora and Brad Herold, three great-grandsons. May his memory be for a blessing.

**Lea Frankovitz, 78**, passed away Oct. 21. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, she was born to Sam and Fannie Goldstein on Nov. 19, 1935. Lea graduated from Manuel High School and was dedicated to her family. She was a member of B'nai Torah Congregation, ORT, and volunteered at the Hooverwood Gift Shop.

Lea is survived by her husband of 59 years Bernie Frankovitz; daughters, Mona (Raphael) Blomberg of Israel, Sandra (Sam) Benson of New York, Shelley (Jeff) Wasserman of Maryland, and Francine Frankovitz of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Sema Sapper.

Funeral services were held at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**, Oct. 23 and burial followed in B'nai Torah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Joan Josephine Goodman Fisher, 93**, passed away Oct. 28, 2014. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, she was born to George and Bertha Weiss on Dec. 9, 1920. Joan was interested in medicine and volunteered at the hospitals around

Indianapolis for several years. Later, she and her sisters helped manage the Hooverwood gift shop for 30 years. She was a long time member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Hooverwood Guild, and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Joan is survived by her children, Jerry (Diana) Goodman, Jai Alpert, and the late Richard Strapman; four grandchildren, Rachel Goodman, Shawn (Danny) Broida-McColl, Amy (Max) Newman, and Grant (Jill) Goodman; and nine great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Oct. 31 at the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood. Arrangements entrusted to **A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services**.

**Shirley Shane Careskey, 92**, passed away on Oct. 29. She was born in Indianapolis to Martin and Doris (Ginzler) Shane on June 28, 1922. Her parents had a restaurant in the downtown YMCA building called Shane's Oasis. She was a graduate of Shortridge High School, and married Robert Careskey on May 3, 1944. She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC) and held several different leadership positions in Hadassah.

She was preceded in death by her brother Richard (Dick) Shane and her brother-in-law Joe Careskey. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Robert (Bob); children, Judy Careskey of Mission Viejo, Calif., Dr. Joshua (Nancy) Careskey of Brewer, Maine, and Steve Careskey of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Katie, Matthew and Holly; great-grandchildren, Kayla, Tegan and Chase, and sister-in-law Helga Careskey in Florida.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to IHC, Hadassah or to a charity of your choice.

**Sally "Sarah" Passo Morris, 95**, of Bethesda passed away Oct. 30. She was born in Indianapolis on Jan. 12, 1919 to Albert and Sophie Passo. Sarah was a graduate of Manuel High School, and was a member of Hadassah and Etz Chaim Congregation.

She was preceded in death in 2003 by her husband of 60 years, Albert Morris. Sarah is survived by her daughter, Barbara Morris; grandchildren, Aaron Bloom, Miriam Bloom, Adam (Crystal) Hazes, Rachel Hazes, and Rebecca Hazes; and great grandchildren, Levi and Jade Hazes.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3 at the **Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary**. Private burial took place in the Etz Chaim Cemetery. ☆

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# HHAI Israel trip 5K fundraiser

The Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis held its 3rd Annual 5K Walk/Run to Israel on Sun., Oct. 26. Close to 100 runners came out on a beautiful fall day to participate.

The race is the biggest fundraiser for the 8th grade trip to Israel in April. It provides a capstone to the students' Judaic and Hebrew studies at the Academy, and helps cement their commitment to the Jewish community and to Israel. Thanks to the generosity of many local sponsors, the class raised over \$10,000. The race is organized by the parents of the 8th graders. This year's graduating class is made up of eight boys (below). ★



## Storytime with Bubbe & Zayde

On Nov. 4 at the Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts in the Laikin Auditorium at the JCC Rabbi Sandy Sasso (left) read from her award-winning book *The Shema in the Mezuzah* and Rabbi Brett Krichiver (below) played the guitar and taught songs to a roomful of mostly children and elders. The children also enjoyed a special art project and a sweet treat. ★



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