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The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is to promote the vision of a vibrant, engaged, inclusive, and sustainable Jewish community by serving as its central philanthropic, planning, community engagement, and unifying partner.



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We continue to offer the community truly meaningful experiences through our expanded programming and events.

Jeannie Opdyke-Smith's empowering story of her mother's journey as a Righteous Gentile at two recent Women's Philanthropy events is an example of what one person's compassion can do to save many lives. See page 7 for photos from the events.

Our annual campaign kickoff brought "The Soap Myth," starring Ed Asner, a concert reading that reminded us to never forget that there is still so much we can learn from the Holocaust and our pledge of never again. See page 8 for more information from our kickoff.

A panel of speakers on the history of The Power of Protest movement to Free Soviet Jews shared firsthand experiences this spring. See page 12 for a recap of the series.

The opportunity to learn something, see something and taste something Israeli was offered to the entire community during a free celebration of Israel called Israel in the Park. See photos from our event on page 6.

Our partner organizations and agencies are also able to share in our increased engagement goals by providing educational experiences through our collaboration grants. Learn more about this year's recipients on page 16.

These programs and events help strengthen Jewish identity, and there are other ways we contribute to this outside of the Indianapolis community. We are fortunate to have funded many Jewish overnight camp experiences and Israel trips for

our youth and young adults. According to our Indianapolis Jewish Community Study, 17 percent of Jewish children age 6-17 attended/worked at a Jewish overnight camp in 2017. We also know that 52 percent of Jewish households contain a person who visited Israel, including 32 percent who visited with a Jewish group. Lastly, we know people are more likely to be Jewishly involved if someone in their immediate family has been to Israel. This year we have given out \$44,412 for camp and Israel trips, which is an increase in grants and needs than in 2018.

Along with the Israel and camp scholarships, we also provide additional endowment scholarships. You can see this year's recipients on page 5.

Our next big community event is the Indianapolis Jewish and Israeli Film Festival in August. I love films because they allow us the opportunity to explore and be transported into different Jewish experiences. I encourage you to join others for one or more of these spectacular films. For more information on the film festival check out pages 14 and 15.

I look forward to sharing in these experiences with you.



Debra Barton Grant

DEBRA BARTON GRANT
Executive Vice President and CEO



JFGI welcomes Shayna Goodman, accounting associate

Hometown:

Santa Barbara, CA

Education: B.S. in Public Financial Management, B.A. in Jewish Studies and minor in Nonprofit Management from Indiana University

Background: I was a Kroot intern at JFGI in 2017. Following graduation from IU in 2018, I traveled to Jerusalem to further explore Judaism at She'arim College of Jewish Studies for Women for 10 months. I have a passion for Israel Advocacy and the Jewish Community.

Favorite thing about Indianapolis: My family
Something you might not know about me:

Three of my favorite things start with a C (coffee, cats, and chocolate).

Hobbies: Singing and lyrical composition, cooking and baking.

Worked here since:
May 2019

NEW TO INDY?

Are you new to the greater Indianapolis area? Check out our resource page with information about the Jewish organizations in town, ways to get involved, and upcoming events! We'd love to get to know you; give us a call at **317-726-5450** or visit our website at <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/new-to-indy>.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Our bi-monthly magazine features event recaps, stories, upcoming event promotions, how we spend our dollars and more! We want to know what you like, what you don't like, and what YOU want to read about!

Email Communications Manager
Andrea Hirsch at ahirsch@jfgi.org or call **317-726-5450** and give us your feedback.



** Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Central Area Consortium visit with Western Galilee Partnership women Dec. 8-10!

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JOIN

women from all over the world for a revitalizing year of self-exploration, unforgettable experiences in Israel, and inspiring Jewish learning.

ENJOY

empowering Jewish classes led by world-class speakers and Israeli thought-leaders.

EXPLORE

spiritual Tsfat, dynamic Tel Aviv, Masada's desert magic, Shabbat in Jerusalem, and many more unique experiences.

DISCOVER

how to connect deeper with yourself, your family, and your community.

**** Pre-trip December 8-10: Travel with women from our Partnership communities to experience the Western Galilee. For more information, please contact:**
Lizzie Ketzenberger | 317-726-5450, lketzenberger@jfgi.org



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JOIN US FOR AN ADDITIONAL MEETING ABOUT THE TRIP!

Monday, July 8 at 7 p.m. Email Lizzie Ketzenberger at lketzenberger@jfgi.org to RSVP. (Address provided upon RSVP.)

A Letter from Our New President



Beth Klapper

I am very honored and humbled to serve as the incoming President of the Board of Directors for our Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI).

One of the reasons I began volunteering at the Bureau of Jewish Education almost 20 years ago was due to the passion I have for Jewish education and the friendships that I had made with other preschool parents. Many

of these same friends remain active volunteers performing vital roles with JFGI.

It is extremely rewarding to be engaged with other leaders in the Jewish community who are all striving to support the many important initiatives of JFGI and the important work of all of our agencies. I am increasingly amazed by the breadth and depth of our impact, which is a testament to the hard working JFGI staff and the dedicated lay leaders who devote considerable time and financial resources in support of our Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

I want to specifically thank Mike Rubin who has provided outstanding leadership as President of our Board of Directors.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the other Board Officers from this past year: Karen Rothbaum, Brad Gershman, Jim Schwarz, Leslie Rubin, Helen Kurlander Goldstein, Diane Lutz, and Stacy Segal.

I would be remiss if I did not express my heart-felt gratitude to Offer Korin, past President of JFGI. I have always been inspired by Offer's insightful leadership and his vision many years ago to establish the ATID leadership program. Thank you to Michelle Korin for all the work she has successfully done with women's philanthropy and our Israel Partnership.

Most importantly, I would like to thank my husband Steve for being my partner in everything and our children for their love and support of time away from home.

As President, one of my main objectives will be to re-imagine the JFed campus with the launch of a capital campaign in the coming years. This project will help us meet the evolving needs of our young families and vibrant community. Along with my Capital Campaign co-chairs Brad Bell and David Kleiman, we are excited for the upcoming launch of this transformational project.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our community and I look forward to the next two years!

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP / The JFGI staff and lay leadership are incredibly grateful to Mike Rubin for his dedication during his term, and we are thrilled to welcome Beth Klapper as the new Federation president. The 2019-2020 slates of JFGI officers is as follows below. This list is also available online at www.jewishindianapolis.org/slate.

President Beth Klapper | **Vice Presidents** Brad Gershman, Jim Schwarz, Karen Rothbaum, Leo Grabvosky | **Treasurer** Diane Lutz | **Secretary** Stacy Segal | **Assistant Officer** Barry Kroot | **Immediate Past President** Mike Rubin | **Campaign Co Chairs** Larry Turow 2020-2021, Leslie Rubin 2019, Helen Goldstein 2019, Jennifer Schwartz 2020-2021

JFGI Awards

JCRC's Domont Award
Stand Up! Speak Out!

Melvin Simon
Tikkum Olan Award
JFS's Parent's Night Out
L.L. Goodman Award
Eric Ratner, Carly Turow

Kehilla Award
Keith Pitzele

The Lev Award
Lori Schankerman
Ilana Mordoh

Liebert I. Mossler
Community Service
Award
Ernest Lorch

Frank H. Newman Award
Julie Sondhelm

Michael Kerschner,
Jenna Kerschner, Gaye Kerschner

Jake Katz, Cassie Rall, Rachel Katz,
Hanah Smith, Stephanie Platt



David Sklar, Steve Klapper,
Mirriam Dant, Lindsey Mintz



Ellen Gray, Patty Goochman,
Lori Schankerman, Gary Goodman



See more photos on
our Facebook page!



Pictured are our professional advisors group with JFGI staff during a reception before the annual meeting on June 5. Visit <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/advisors> for a full list of advisors.



Susan Moss

WHAT HAS TO EXIST?

At a 2016 LIFE & LEGACY event, the featured speaker, Amy Hirschberg Lederman, asked the audience, "What has to exist in a Jewish community for Jewish life to continue?" She then explained that "your answer will lead you to the place where you should put your heart and your support."

Susan Moss walked away from Lederman's speech empowered by this question. Susan's answer was to make a LIFE & LEGACY commitment to both the Jewish Federation and Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation where she and her husband, Jack, have been active for many years.

In addition, Susan recently joined the Jewish Federation's Endowment Scholarship Committee, which funds educational grants annually to support Jewish young adults in our community. The scholarship process included interviews with potential recipients who had remarkable resumes and are doing some extraordinary volunteer activities in our community. The experience made Susan consider what was important to ensure the continuity of Jewish life in Indianapolis.

"What has to exist in a Jewish community aren't the agencies — it's the people who make up the agencies. It's the children with the interest in giving back to the community. It's what it was that created such a passion in these children that made them feel so Jewish, [that] make[s] them want to be a part of the Jewish community and make sure the future of that Jewish community continue[s]."

Susan believes that our community needs to work harder so that our children truly experience their Judaism, which is one reason why they made a legacy commitment to the Jewish Federation and their synagogue. We need to surround them with as many Jewish experiences as we can provide. Children are our future because their decisions, along with generations to come, will determine Jewish life, she said.

Endowed gifts allow JFGI to provide needed financial support to young Jewish minds in the greater Indianapolis community. Congratulations to 2019's scholarship and internship recipients!

SAMUEL KROOT INTERNSHIP

Rogan Goldblatt
Hooverwood

Emily Vetne
Jewish Education

Bri Becker,
Hannah Smith - JFGI
Michael Uretzky - JCRC

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Eugene and Betty
Friedmann Memorial
Scholarship

Evan Kenyon
Ethan Moran
Sigal Tavel

Len Perel Memorial Scholarship

Alexandra "Sasha" Matsuki

Jules Dorfman Scholarship
for Graduate Studies in
Jewish Communal Service

Stephanie Dlatt
Matthew
Kramer-Morning

The Mark Pescovitz Scholarship

Jenna Kerschner
Rachel Morrison

BJE Jewish Studies Scholarship

Jenna Kerschner

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE
SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE
KROOT INTERNSHIP, VISIT
[jewishindianapolis.org/
scholarships-internships](https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/scholarships-internships).

Consider establishing or augmenting educational endowments in order to ensure future generations of learners. Call Katy Cantor at **317-726-5450** for more information.

LIFE & LEGACY is an endowment program designed to help you create permanent legacy gifts, demonstrating your belief in the continuity of Jewish life for generations to come. Contact Paula Goldberg at **317-715-6980** or pgoldberg@jfgi.org to learn more.





TOP: Visiting Israeli Band Rockdim perform Israeli songs. MIDDLE: Brent Epstein spins cotton candy. BOTTOM: (L-R) Israeli Artist Or-Nah Ran, Danit Bornstein (Israeli representative of our Partnership in the Western Galilee), and Michelle Korin.

Israel IN THE Park

More than 650 people attended Israel in the Park on May 19, an event celebrating Israel Independence Day. While the event was moved inside to the Education & Engagement Center at the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, families enjoyed crafts, games, food, live music and more!

Thank you to our participating local Jewish organizations, sponsors, and a multitude of volunteers. Your hard work helped us reach an increase in this year's participation by 40 percent! Check out our Facebook account at JFGIndy for a full album of photos from the event.



Yom Hazikaron ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY

This year's community Israeli Memorial Day program on May 7 carried a theme of "siblings in mourning and grief," meaning those who have lost a sibling who served in the Israeli Armed Forces. One week prior to this momentous event, 700 missiles fell in southern Israel and four fathers were killed during Terrorist missile attacks, giving this evening a deeper level of pain and loss.

I felt honored to have been given the privilege of representing Israel in Indianapolis. Most of all I had the opportunity to pay respects to my uncle, my mother's brother, who perished as a young soldier of the Israel Defense Forces, many years ago.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of our volunteers who assisted in bringing this inspiring evening to fruition. Whether through song, dance, prayer, or reciting the meaningful texts — I thank you for being a part of it. A huge thank you to all those who helped with organization and logistics, ensuring the success of this beautiful evening.

May the memory of all the souls perished be a blessing and a source of comfort to all of Israel.

- Message from Lian Bar Zohar
Shlichah (Israeli Emissary)

Empowering Women by Coming Together

On April 15 and 16, Women's Philanthropy hosted two events with acclaimed presenter Jeannie Opdyke Smith.

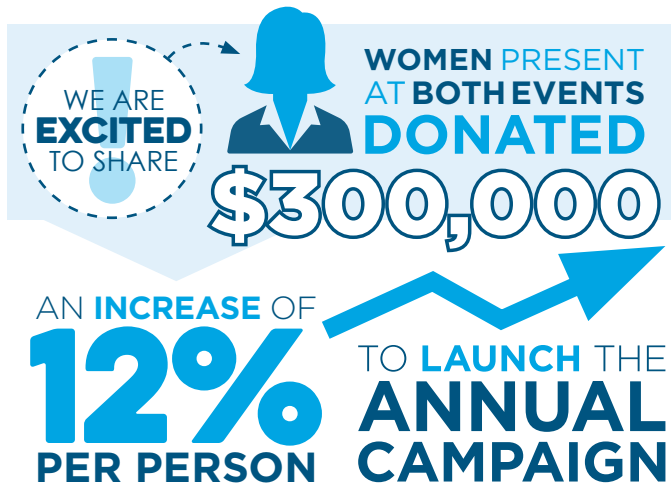
She told her mother, Irene Gut Opdyke's story of bravery and sacrifice saving Jewish lives in the Holocaust.

At the Common Threads event on April 15, Smith was joined after her talk by Lindsey Mintz, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, and Amber Maze, JFGI's Holocaust Education and Program Coordinator. Megan Maurer moderated a conversation about the need for Holocaust continuing education coupled with the continued increase of antisemitism and bias incidents.

The next day, April 16, Smith spoke at the Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Recognition luncheon.

Co-chairs Angela Grabovsky and Marina Grabovsky also shared their stories of how JFGI helped them settle in Indianapolis as new immigrants from the Former Soviet Union, and how much it means to them that they can now give back as leaders and donors.

The group honored Gigi Mark Felsher, who was a Kipnis-Wilson Freidland honoree at the 2019 International Lion of Judah Conference in January in Miami.



HEART TO HEART 10TH ANNIVERSARY LEADERSHIP MISSION FEBRUARY 2-6, 2020

Join like-minded, smart, motivated, women leaders from across North America and celebrate the 10th anniversary of this impactful experience. Explore the country's rich culture, grow your leadership skills and see how Federation helps those most at risk. You'll come home energized and raring to put it all into action in your community.

For more information or to register, contact Margo Fox or Michele Boukai at **317-726-5450** or mfox@jfgi.org.



Marina and Angela Grabovsky



Jeannie Opdyke Smith and Beth Klapper



Diane Lutz, Abby Boris, Megan Maurer, Nancy Bate, Roberta Dakich, and Judi Silverman Lewis



Jennifer Schwartz, Amber Maze, Megan Maurer, Jeannie Opdyke Smith, and Lindsey Mintz

2019 Annual Campaign Kickoff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis kicked off the community's 2019 Annual Campaign on April 30. The evening featured a National Tour performance of "The Soap Myth," a play by Jeff Cohen, starring seven-time Emmy Award winner and five-time Golden Globe winner Ed Asner.

Dinner speaker David Bernstein, the President and CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, spoke on the alarming rise of antisemitism and discrimination. JFGI CEO Debby Barton Grant and JCRC Executive Director Lindsey Mintz shared how our community is responding locally to these threats.

Mayor Jim Brainard welcomed the more than 140 guests who attended the 2019 Major Gifts Dinner prior to the performance, with the room filled to capacity. More than 600 guests attended the special performance of "The Soap Myth" that followed. Ed Asner's portrayal of a Holocaust survivor in the performance, said to be the crowning achievement of his illustrious career, was a fitting tribute to Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The dinner, performance, and dessert reception with the cast were hosted at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, sponsored by **The National Bank of Indianapolis** and in partnership with the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council, CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Ted Green Films, and WFYI.



Michael Skolnick, Debby Barton Grant, Ed Asner, Lindsey Mintz, David Bernstein. Photo credit: Amy Pauszek at the Current in Carmel.



Dan Cantor, Katy Cantor, Pauline Moffat, Ellen Shevitz, Rabbi Sandy Sasso, and Rabbi Dennis Sasso



Dr. David Hollander, Louisa Hollander



Michael Skolnick, Freddie Kelvin



Guest Speaker David Bernstein, the President and CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs



Visit our Facebook page at **JFGIndy** for more photos from the event!



Following the
**2019 Major Gifts
Dinner and Annual
Campaign Kickoff
Event**, the 2019
Annual Campaign is
at **\$1.8 million**
THANK YOU!



Antisemitism

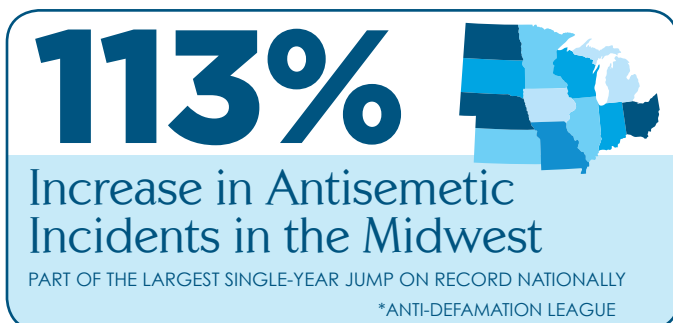
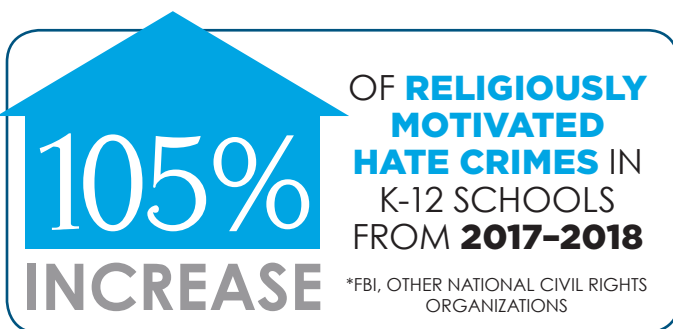
THE WORLD'S LONGEST HATRED AND HOW WE'RE ADDRESSING IT IN GREATER INDIANAPOLIS

In 2018, the Anti-Defamation League recorded 1,879 antisemitic incidents in the U.S., including the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history with the massacre of 11 Jewish worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

While the Jewish community has always known antisemitism, we find ourselves today confronting it in ways we've not witnessed in nearly two generations.

Our community is addressing the growth in incidents and the increase in needs through the work of the JCRC, which is supported by the JFGI Annual Campaign and contributions to our Combatting Antisemitism Fund.

In 2018, JCRC successfully launched several new programs under our Stand Up! Speak Out! Initiative, which proactively prepare young Jews, as well as their families and teachers, for the realities of 21st-century antisemitism.



Panel of current college students who are active with Israel causes on campus, presenting to our fellows, Fall 2018

Stand Up! Speak Out!

JCRC's proactive programs to help Jewish youth effectively confront antisemitism and thoughtfully engage on Israel, as well as resources and training to help educators teach accurately about Jews, Judaism, Israel, and antisemitism.

STUDENT TO STUDENT

Jewish teens speak to their high school peers about Jewish practices and what it's like to be Jewish today.

Student to Student trains Jewish 10th, 11th, and 12th grade teens to give joint presentations about what it's like to be Jewish, in high school classrooms without a Jewish presence. Student to Student offers an indispensable opportunity to have non-Jewish students learn about other teens who might be different from themselves by listening and asking questions to peers their own age. Applications are now open! Contact Marla Topiol at mtopiol@indyjcrc.org with questions or apply at <https://indyjcrc.org/ief>.

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

An intensive 8-week seminar for Jewish teens to learn about Israel so they can confidently engage on these issues in college.

During this 8-session fellowship, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students explore content-rich materials on Israel's history, achievements, and challenges. Fellows also learn how to identify and

**Stand Up!
Speak Out!**



**JCRC Programming to
Combat Antisemitism**

effectively confront antisemitism and anti-Zionism, learn how to have constructive conversations about Israel, and hear directly from speakers who represent a range of national Jewish organizations. Upon earning their Certificate of Completion, students receive a \$250 stipend. Applications are due Sept. 4! Contact Marla Topiol at mtopiol@indyjcrc.org for more information.

WORDS TO ACTION

This ADL workshop empowers Jewish youth with effective responses to combat antisemitism and anti-Israel bias.

ACCURATE CURRICULUM

Free curricular resources and training so educators can teach accurately about Jews, Judaism, Jewish history, Israel, and the Arab-Israeli conflict.



INDY PRIDE FESTIVAL AND PARADE

This year Indy Pride partnered with the Greater Indianapolis Jewish community to have their first official Shabbat at Pride! This was an exciting way to bring the Jewish community and Indy Pride together. We are thrilled to also be partnering on our opening night with Indy Pride for the Israel & Jewish Film

Festival during the screening of Signs of Love. More information on the film festival can be found on pages 14 and 15. If you are interested in how the Jewish community is engaging with the LGBTQ+ community and building inclusive spaces, please contact Aaron Welcher at awelcher@indyjcrc.org.



Rabbi Brett Krichiver, Senator J.D. Ford, Mayor Joe Hogsett, Lindsey Mintz



Lindsey, Rima, and Kathy Souchet-Downey

ROHINGYA ENGAGEMENT

In early 2019, the JCRC joined the national Jewish Rohingya Justice Network (JRJN) to help address the Rohingya genocide & refugee crisis that is currently happening. Also, in early 2019, Senator Todd Young authored the Burma Human Rights Act of 2019, which addresses the ongoing crisis and place sanctions on Burma's government and military.

The JCRC was proud to partner with OBAT Helpers, Muslim Alliance of Indiana, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, and Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation for an interfaith iftar (breaking of the fast for Ramadan) that helped raise money to directly support the Rohingya people. The event saw more than 100 people of all faith backgrounds come together.

Keynote speakers were Rabbi Jeff Glickman and his wife Mindy, who have been active in fighting the injustices happening to the Rohingya people. An example of their efforts was building a community kitchen named, Edie's Kitchen, in the camps.



On May 29 the JCRC hosted its annual meeting with over 100 people in attendance including Jewish community members, elected officials, allies to celebrate the hard work the JCRC does in fighting antisemitism and working for a just society for all. Their keynote speaker was Governor Holcomb. ABOVE: Gov. Holcomb and the JCRC board

What's Coming Up

INSTITUTE FOR CURRICULUM SERVICES' TWO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 3-6:15 PM
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 9AM-12:15 PM

Jewish Community Center

Educators have the option to choose one of two sessions that will talk about the history of antisemitism, religion in the classroom, and religion and politics in the Middle East. Contact Marla Topiol at mtopiol@indyjcrc.org with questions.

7TH ANNUAL INDY FESTIVAL OF FAITHS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22, 1-5 PM

Veterans Memorial Plaza
Downtown Indianapolis

The festival is a celebration of religious diversity, with all of the different faiths that make up Indy. Each group will share their religion/culture with the at-large community. Contact Marla Topiol at mtopiol@indyjcrc.org if you want to be on the planning committee. For more information visit <http://www.festivaloffaiths.com>.



Alexis Grant and David Heilbron

Moishe Pod

We are excited to be the founding residents of Indianapolis' first Moishe Pod (MoPo), and we want to thank the Indianapolis community for the warm welcome we have received since opening our doors in April.

Moishe Pod is an initiative of Moishe House, which seeks to create a space for Jewish young adults in their 20s. We gather for events centered around Jewish learning, spiritual practice and exploration, Tikkun Olam, and creating a welcoming community for Jewish young adults.

Moishe Pod is resident driven, yet we are eager to work with our greater Indianapolis Jewish community to grow and foster a welcoming space for Jews in their 20s seeking to connect.

So far, we have hosted a number of events at our home in Broad Ripple, including a Passover Seder, a Lag B'Omer event, Shabbat dinners, and social gatherings. We hope that you will consider joining us at one of our future gatherings.

Please reach out to us at mopointdy@gmail.com or check out our calendar of events at bit.ly/mopointdy.

We look forward to meeting you soon if we haven't already.



GIVING BACK

A NEXTGen group shopped and stocked Popsie's Pantry in April. Top: Ari Hodes, Jeffrey Weinberg, Marty Weiss, and Matt Kramer-Morning. Bottom: Roz Knapp, Erica Abrams, and Sam Keenan.



PJ LIBRARY sends free, award-winning books that celebrate Jewish values and culture to families with children 6 months through 8 years old. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2VAJ3Nn>.

PJ OUR WAY is the next chapter of PJ Library, for kids ages 8½ - 11. With PJ Our Way, rather than receiving a specific book in the mail, kids can choose a free book that they want to receive every month. Visit <https://pjourway.org> to sign up.

IN 2018
THERE WERE
788
KIDS
ENROLLED
IN PJ LIBRARY
AND
7,477
BOOKS
SENT!
(INCLUDING
PJ OUR WAY)



Body Mind & Core Yoga leads KAVOD participants through a low-impact yoga class.

Passionate Yoga Instructors, Enthusiasts Start Monthly KAVOD Yoga Program

Local Holocaust survivors are aligning their minds and bodies through a new monthly yoga series, thanks to a generous donation to KAVOD.

Svetlana Berman learned of the KAVOD program through her friend, Katya Klauz, the KAVOD program coordinator. She was going through a teacher-in-training course at Body Mind & Core yoga studio in Carmel, Ind., and thought bringing the yoga practice to this group was a match made in heaven.

"I admired the people in this group, their stories and their perseverance," Svetlana said. "I thought that it was a great cause for the community to create a program, helping Holocaust survivors in their everyday life."

Svetlana and her husband Solomon also have a personal connection to

KAVOD. Solomon's mother, Lubov Berman, was a Holocaust survivor from the Former Soviet Union. She passed away last year and in her honor, the Berman's donated \$800 to help support the Yoga program. The funds help support group-transportation, instructor-fees (if/when applicable), and the purchase of additional supplies should the class grow. They also donated an additional \$240, which went to purchasing 20 "kits" containing Yoga balls and stretch bands for the participants.

"It is very important for me and my wife that our kids and grandkids and all the generations to come will never forget the tragic events of the Holocaust," Solomon said. "We want to share my Mom's story, telling about her strong character that helped her not only survive, but to prevail in a very difficult

What is Kavod?

In Hebrew, the word *kavod* means to honor or respect. It is the philosophy of Jewish Family Services (JFS) that there is no one more worthy of our honor or respect than the Holocaust Survivors who live among us.

Since launching the KAVOD initiative in 2016, JFS staff have identified and assisted over 100 Holocaust Survivors in our community!

Through focus groups, individual conversations, and surveys, JFS staff spent significant time simply learning about the population, identifying their needs and their hopes, and building trusting relationships. Much of the success going forward can be credited back to this process that allowed survivors to take part in the program-design, a process that promoted self-dignity and self-expression.

circumstances. Every year there are less and less Holocaust survivors left, and we hope that this example will touch the hearts of other people in the community and they can contribute to this Yoga program in the future."

Svetlana worked with the studio owner and fellow classmates in facilitating the first yoga session on a volunteer-basis. Participants loved it so much, they decided to continue the series. While the first class happened at Body Mind & Core, the class now takes place monthly at the JFGI Education and Engagement Center, where KAVOD has their own meeting space. Instructors take turns teaching the classes.

Why Yoga? Through Svetlana's training course, she learned that modern yoga consists of several limbs, it is not only the sequences of poses. The word "yoga" means union in Sanskrit. It teaches to unite our emotions, thoughts, physical power into one balanced healthy human being, and be in union with the community.



"I thought they would enjoy the exercises, like learning something new and being together. Benefits of movement, breathing and mindfulness are just a few to mention," she said.

Studio instructor Laura Thompson, helped Svetlana get the Yoga KAVOD program on its feet.

"Dedicating my time to serving others is something that I haven't done enough of throughout my life," Thompson said. "I want to use my passion for yoga to make a positive impact on the human condition."

While Thompson doesn't have a personal connection to the Holocaust, she is aware of the tragic events that transpired during that time, and understands how Yoga can increase the livelihood of survivors.

"Most of them live alone and only socialize with others when they are out with this group. We end every yoga class by giving each member in attendance a face, neck, and shoulder massage. Physical touch promotes human connection and healing. Through this simple act, we are showing them that they are seen, loved, and appreciated. You can see the change on their faces. The impact that this seemingly simple gesture has on their psyche. It's truly

heartwarming and I'm honored to be a part of it," she said.

During each Yoga series, the instructor demonstrates the poses, while Katya translates to those who don't speak English. Modifications for specific health issues and a chair yoga flow are also used to cater to each participant.

Christy Rogers, who was part of the yoga-instructor trainees group at Body Mind & Core, was happy to combine her love for Yoga with her passion for helping Indianapolis' elderly population.

"When I taught the yoga class to the KAVOD group, it gave me such pleasure to see smiles on their faces and in their eyes as they moved their bodies, chatted with one another and simply just enjoyed their time," she said. "People are living longer which is so fortunate but we need to help them live with quality, comfort & enjoyment & I very much believe a large part of that is being active & social."

All of the instructors have one message. "We hope that other members of the community will continue this initiative and donate to

keep this class going, perhaps naming their reasons as a dedication."



Big thank you to the yoga class organizers and inspiring us to do it! It is both a pleasure and a feeling of how useful it is for us. We appreciate your gentle and caring attention and will keep attending the classes. Wishing you success in everything, health to you and your family!

Your grateful students,
**Era Solyar, Sofa Muchnik,
Ida and Izya Filler,
Roza Kovalenko**

...

From the whole group we thank the organizers for inspiring us to follow a healthier lifestyle, for the caring atmosphere during the classes — it helps us to look at the world around us with optimism.

**Zhanna Kuznetsova,
Raisa Lavrenov, Ludmila Ten
and more**

...

I am very appreciative to the sponsors and organizers of the opportunity to attend yoga classes. These exercises help me lead a healthier lifestyle, after each session I feel more energetic and invigorated. Big thank you for the caring about us, elderly people.

With huge appreciation,
Margarita Stadnik



Boris Gorlin



Panelists Caron Goldstein, Judy Sosin, Andre Kleyner, and David Kleiman

POWER OF PROTEST

Hoosiers were deeply involved in the protests to free Soviet Jews & hundreds immigrated to Indianapolis from the Soviet Union. Attendees learned about some of these experiences from a panel of community members who were personally involved.

Help us learn more about our community's involvement during this significant time in our history! Tell us your story by visiting <http://bit.ly/sovietjewryindiana>.

Backpack ATTACK



This summer, you can help local children go back to school with confidence and the tools to succeed by donating new school supplies to families in need! Drop supplies off at Jewish Family Services during the month of July.

Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/backpack for more information.



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Indianapolis Jewish and Israeli Film Festival

SUNDAY - THURSDAY, AUG. 25-29

The Indianapolis Jewish and Israeli Film Festival showcases the diversity that exists within Jewish and Israeli films, entertains, educates, and shines a spotlight on Israel's thriving film industry. Audiences are sure to enjoy this varied selection of culturally significant films that are inspirational, educational, exciting, and engaging.

Visit jewishindianapolis.org/film-fest for more information, to watch trailers, or to purchase tickets.



\$10
PER FILM

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TWO-FILM
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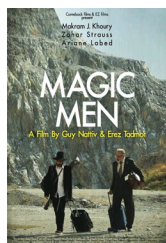
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FESTIVAL PASS
GOOD FOR ALL 8
FILMS + 2 SHORTS

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

THE ATHENAEUM

401 E. MICHIGAN ST., INDIANAPOLIS

Come downtown and enjoy two great films on the festival's opening night! The Athenaeum is just off Mass Avenue — there's no better place in Indy to spend a beautiful summer Sunday night.



MAGIC MEN - 5:30 P.M.

Sponsored by Abrams EyeCare Associates / John and Diane Abrams

Israel, 2014; dramedy; Hebrew (with English subtitles); 100 minutes

From Oscar-winning filmmaker Guy Nattiv, this is the story of a 78-year-old Greek man and his Hasidic rapper son, who have been estranged for many years. They embark together on a road trip from Israel to Greece, searching for an old magician who saved the father's life during World War II.



Enjoy Greek flavored hors d'oeuvres between films!



THE SIGN FOR LOVE - 8 P.M.

Presented in partnership with Indy Pride

Israel, 2017; documentary; Hebrew (with English subtitles); 75 minutes

Ever since El-Ad's mother told him "Raising you is like raising three kids," he felt guilty for being deaf. Growing up gay only exacerbated his feelings of loneliness. But eventually, El-Ad started a family of his own through a shared parenting arrangement with his friend Yaeli, who's also deaf. This film is his first-person account of the life he created for himself, and his attempt to show viewers his version of family and parenthood.

MONDAY, AUG. 26

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

HASTEN HEBREW ACADEMY
6602 HOOVER RD., INDIANAPOLIS



Pre-purchased boxed dinners are available from 5-6 p.m. to be eaten in the Cultural Arts Center atrium.

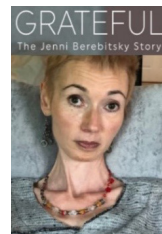


Short film included in price.

GRATEFUL: THE JENNI BEREBITSKY STORY - 6 P.M.

USA, 2018; documentary; English; 17 minutes

At age 33, Indianapolis Jewish community member Jenni Berebitsky had been married for 2 ½ years, had a 15-month-old son, and was just finishing her residency as a naturopathic physician when she was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.



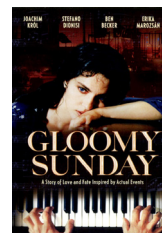
Don't miss this chance to hear Jenni, her mother Joyce, film producer Amy Pauszek, and film director Paul Nethercott speak!

GLOOMY SUNDAY

Presented in partnership with Heartland Film

Germany/Hungary, 1999; drama; 112 minutes

A 20th anniversary screening of this classic film. Set in Hungary during World War II, the film follows a woman, Ilona, and the three men who fall in love with her: Laszlo, a Jewish restaurant owner; Andras, a pianist who was inspired to write the song "Gloomy Sunday"; and Hans, a German businessman.



TUESDAY, AUG. 27

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
HASTEN HEBREW ACADEMY
6602 HOOVER RD., INDIANAPOLIS



SHOELACES - 5:30 P.M.

Israel, 2018; drama; Hebrew
(with English subtitles); 90 minutes

This charming film tells the story of a complicated relationship between an aging father, Reuben, and his son with special needs, Gadi, whom he abandoned while he was still a young boy.



Pre-purchased boxed dinners are available between films to be eaten in the Cultural Arts Center atrium.



RESCUE BUS 300 - 7:45 P.M.

Israel, 2018; docu-drama, Hebrew and Arabic
(with English subtitles); 75 minutes

This intense film is based on the 1984 hijacking of bus line 300, while on its way from Tel Aviv to Ashkelon. When terrorists boarded this nighttime bus, 41 innocent passengers and a bus driver were thrust into a nightmarish ride.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
HASTEN HEBREW ACADEMY
6602 HOOVER RD., INDIANAPOLIS



THE UNORTHODOX - 5:30 P.M.

Israel, 2018; drama; Hebrew
(with English subtitles); 99 minutes

When Yakov Cohen's daughter is expelled from school for ethnic reasons, he decides to fight back. Little did he know he would end up creating a movement for Israel's disenfranchised Sephardic community, founding the Shas political party, and reshaping Israeli society.



Pre-purchased boxed dinners are available between films to be eaten in the Cultural Arts Center atrium.



MUHI: GENERALLY TEMPORARY - 8 P.M.

Israel/Germany, 2017; documentary;
Hebrew/Arabic (with English subtitles);
86 minutes

Muhi, a spirited boy from Gaza, has been living in an Israeli hospital for seven years. Caught between two homes and two peoples, he is unable to return to Gaza. But his time at the hospital is running out, and Muhi now faces the most critical choices of his life.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
HASTEN HEBREW ACADEMY
6602 HOOVER RD., INDIANAPOLIS



Pre-purchased boxed dinners are available from 5-6 p.m. to be eaten in the Cultural Arts Center atrium.



Before or after the film screenings, take a free guided tour of the Hasten Hebrew Academy's newly renovated Holocaust Museum! Maximum 25 people per tour.

Pre-register for a 5 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. tour at jewishindianapolis.org/film-fest.



Short film included in price.

DEAR GOD - 6 P.M.

Israel, 2014; drama; Hebrew
(with English subtitles); 13 minutes

One day, a beautiful, mysterious woman puts a note between the holy stones of the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Aaron, a guard, decides to fulfill her deepest wish. From Oscar-winning filmmaker Guy Nattiv.



THE INVISIBLES

Germany, 2017; drama; German
(with English subtitles); 110 minutes

In June 1943, Germany declared Berlin "judenfrei"—free of Jews. But at that moment there were still 7,000 Jews living in the Nazi capital: hiding in attics, basements, and warehouses, protected by courageous Berliners while desperately trying to avoid deportation. Only 1,700 lived to liberation. The Invisibles tells the stories of four survivors, interweaving their testimony with dramatizations of their years spent underground.



Enjoy a dessert reception after the film to close out the festival



Boxed dinners must be pre-purchased.

For more information visit jewishindianapolis.org/film-fest.



Want to be a sponsor? Contact Michele Boukai at mboukai@jfgi.org



Dietary laws observed.



JFGI Grinspoon Award for Excellence in Jewish Education

The Indianapolis Jewish community is fortunate to be home to many excellent Jewish educators, both those whose entire career centers around Jewish education and others who volunteer their time to educate youth in our community on a part-time basis. JFGI is pleased to be able to partner with the Grinspoon Foundation to annually recognize an outstanding local Jewish educator and celebrate the enormous impact educators have on our community.

For the second year in a row, the BJE Endowment Committee, has generously allocated funds to support the JFGI Grinspoon Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. This year the nominees were so strong that the selection committee asked its three finalists, Bob Fields from Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Rabbi Tzuriel Gluck from HHAJ, and Jennifer Warriner from Congregation Beth Shalom, to submit a demonstration of their teaching in order to make a final decision. At JFGI's Annual Meeting, it was announced that Rabbi Tzuriel Gluck, a second and fifth grade Judaics teacher who has been working at HHAJ for the past 11 years is this year's winner. One of the features that made his teaching so exemplary is that he incorporates technology into his teaching of Torah, thereby promoting student engagement and creativity.

JFGI EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAMS BLOOM

JFGI is excited to announce the awardees of this year's JFGI Education Grants and see what will blossom from the creative program ideas being planted in our community through these grants, both figuratively and literally. For a second year, JFGI is building the capacity of our communal partners to implement new Jewish educational programs through JFGI Education Grants.

Thanks go to the Jewish Learning Committee for directing the grant development and selection process with a special thanks to Deb Atlas, Jane Morrison, and Nonie Vonnegut-Gabovitch for heading up this initiative.

JFGI Education Collaboration Grants focus on promoting synergistic programming that builds community and a sense of belonging among learners of all ages in the Greater Indianapolis Jewish Community. This year, six JFGI Collaboration Grants of up to \$1,800 each were awarded. The focus of this year's JFGI Innovation Grants was geographic innovation and encouraging organizations to develop new programming that will expand beyond the walls of the buildings in which our Jewish community organizations traditionally meet. Five JFGI Innovation Grants of up to \$4,000 each were awarded for ongoing projects focused on innovative programming designed to enrich our community and reach people who are currently unaffiliated by meeting learners where they are.

It is worth noting that two of the grant recipient projects involve planting, with one focused on Jewish learning through pollinator gardens and another connecting gardening with the work of Popsie's Pantry. Congratulations to the communal educational partners who are 2019 JFGI Education Grant recipients: Congregation Beth Shalom, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, BBYO, IFTY, Indiana Jewish Discovery Center, PJ Library, HHAJ, Moishe Pod Indy, JCC, NEXTGen, JCRC, and JFS. May all of your wonderful projects blossom and bear fruitful learning paired with meaningful engagement in the coming year!

Visit our Library Today!

The Maurer Jewish Community Library is open and eager to serve the community. Please visit us from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Mondays & Thursdays and from 1 – 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

As part of the Indianapolis Public Library Shared System, patrons may return materials in a drop box inside Door 1 (the Federation Jewish Engagement and Learning Center) or at Door 5 (JCC athletic entrance). They may also request materials to be sent to our library for pick up. To do so, indicate your pick-up location choice as the "Jewish Community Library."

If there is a book of Jewish interest that you would like us to purchase, please contact Marcia Goldstein, Library Coordinator, library@jfgi.org.

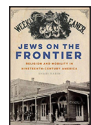
New Items in the Library



STEVEN SPIELBERG: A LIFE IN FILMS

By Molly Haskell

A film-centric portrait of the extraordinarily gifted movie director whose decades-long influence on American popular culture is unprecedented. Haskell shows how Spielberg's uniquely evocative filmmaking and story-telling reveal the many ways in which his life, work, and times are entwined. Organizing chapters around specific films, the distinguished critic discusses how Spielberg's childhood in non-Jewish suburbs, his parents' traumatic divorce, his return to Judaism upon his son's birth, and other events echo in his work.



JEWES ON THE FRONTIER: RELIGION AND MOBILITY IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY AMERICA

By Shari Rabin

Jews on the Frontier offers a religious history that begins in an unexpected place: on the road. Shari Rabin recounts the journey of Jewish people as they left Eastern cities and ventured into the American West and South during the nineteenth century. It brings to life the successes and obstacles of these travels, from the unprecedented economic opportunities to the anonymity and loneliness that complicated the many legal obligations of traditional Jewish life. Without government-supported communities or reliable authorities, where could one procure kosher meat? Alone in the American wilderness, how could one find nine co-religionists for a *minyan* (prayer quorum)? Without identity documents, how could one really know that someone was Jewish? *Winner, 2017 National Jewish Book Award in American Jewish Studies from the Jewish Book Council*

I Witness USC Shoah Foundation
One Voice at a Time

Helping students and educators counter hatred and intolerance through testimony.

The Weaponization of Hatred

JFGI'S SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On July 10-11, educators from all across the state will join JFGI, CANDLES Holocaust Museum, and USC Shoah Foundation for a professional development workshop at the JCC.

DAY ONE OF THE WORKSHOP will be geared toward educators new to teaching the Holocaust, with USC Shoah Foundation providing the plenary session on how to integrate a wide range of resources into the classroom in a developmentally appropriate manner. One of the major resources we will preview is USC Shoah Foundation's I Witness database, which contains thousands of witness testimonies from the Holocaust and other contemporary genocides.

DAY TWO OF THE WORKSHOP will delve a little deeper into the roots of the Holocaust, with a focus on the causal relationship between propaganda, hate speech, and genocide. Special guest Kris Haugh from the Center for Genocide Research and Education will discuss how propaganda is often used to dehumanize a population, making societal complicity in genocide more probable. Educators also have the option to choose from three different breakout sessions on each day of the workshop. These sessions rang from Pre-war Jewish Life and Culture to Propaganda and Hate Speech during the Rwandan Genocide.

By the end of the workshop, teachers will be able to identify and teach about key events that weaponized hatred into discrimination and genocide during the Holocaust; effectively use first-person testimony as a tool for teaching about the Holocaust; and teach students how to identify propaganda in current media and link their study of the history of propaganda to the imperative to speak out against it today.

Professional development workshops are not the only Holocaust educational resources offered by JFGI. JFGI has been able to impact more than 3,000 people since January 2019 through the Holocaust Speakers Bureau. Look for more programming next school year!

For more information, email Amber Maze at amaze@jfgi.org.



YOPHI TEEN BOARD GRANTS ALMOST \$5,000

Congratulations to the 13 Teen Board Members of the 2018-2019 YoPhl Teen Board on their inaugural grant allocations! The Teen Board Members gathered with family, friends and community members for a celebration of their philanthropy as the teens shared reflections from their year. The Teen Board elected to support the Jewish Community Relations Council's "Student to Student" and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis's "Power Hour" programs to further their mission of empowering

youth through education that promotes appreciation of diversity, a strong sense of community, and empathy.

As the YoPhl Teen Board has completed its inaugural year, the 2019-2020 cohort kickoff is right around the corner. Be sure to catch the newest teen board members at upcoming community events including Super Sunday (Sept 15) and be on the lookout for their mission statement and request for proposals later in the fall.

Interested in improving your Jewish literacy and continuing your Jewish learning in a meaningful way?

Join community members for monthly, informal Jewish learning circles. Engage in Jewish learning, social action opportunities, and find new or renewed meaning in Jewish rituals. Open to anyone able to commit to nine sessions over the course of the year.

Adults—choose from a variety of curricula and topics including Mussar (Jewish Ethics), Family Education, Business Ethics and an ALL-NEW 10 Commandments curriculum.

Teens—Explore the Jewish practice of Mussar, a method for developing character and living a more meaning and ethical life, through a hip-hop based curriculum. In this interactive course you'll learn from Rappin' Rebbe's in the Beat Midrash in a fun and interactive environment.

Adult Interest Form

<https://bit.ly/indycm>

Teen Registration Form

<https://bit.ly/indycmteens>

Chai Mitzvah—As part of the communal Tikkun Leil Shavuot in June, the community was able to recognize seven Chai Mitzvah learning circles for the 2018-2019 cycle. Thank you Chai Mitzvah learners for a great first year of our Ignite Indianapolis initiative! The Tikkun Leil Shavuot was a real communal effort as many of the learning sessions were taught by Chai Mitzvah participants who shared their learnings and brought their voice to Torah.



L-R: Gabriel Hastings, Cole Bush, Eitan Price, Aleeza Price and Solomon Rudavsky

YoPhl Service Learning

Thank you to all the third through eighth graders who came out on June 2 to help create the communal Genizah (a burial site for sacred books and ritual objects). The participants worked hard to give a dignified retirement to the books that have helped enrich our community over the years. Participants got a little dirty digging out the burial site and decorating rocks to mark this addition to our Jewish Community Campus. Be sure to check out their hard work the next time you are on the campus.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Applications for **Israel Engagement Fellowship** are due by Sept. 4. Apply online at <https://indyjrc.org/ief>

Student to Student is accepting applications. This high school peer education program reduces prejudice, bigotry, and antisemitism by putting a human face to Judaism. The program brings together Jewish high school students from different backgrounds and trains them to give joint presentations about their lives as Jewish teens. Visit <https://indyjrc.org/student-to-student> to apply.

Contact Marla Topiol at mtopiol@indyjrc.org with questions.



Heartland Indy Shorts International Film Festival Comes to the J

The J has been selected as a venue for Heartland Film's Indy Shorts International Film Festival on **Sunday, July 28!** Come spend the afternoon!

1 P.M. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.)

JOYCE FORUM WINNING SHORTS

Enjoy award-winning films from the Joyce Forum Jewish Short Film Festival in San Diego. These films promote awareness, appreciation and pride in the diversity of the Jewish people. Films to be screened include *Ten Bell Tolls*, *Leftovers*, *The Driver is Red*, *The Red House*, *The Departure* and *Egg Cream*.

3:30 P.M. (doors open at 3:00 p.m.) – **SHORTS PROGRAM TBD**

\$12 per program. Purchase tickets at indyshorts.org.



Meet a JCC Member

Meet Paula Fogle! Paula attended summer camp at the J and today tries to work out in the fitness center twice a week, where she walks around the track, uses the weight machines, and enjoys the occasional Group Exercise class. She's been a teacher at the Hasten Hebrew Academy since the early 1990s and loves that she still gets to see many of those kids and their families at the J.

Paula enjoys comedy films and suspense thriller novels, as well as historical novels and biographies. She loves roasting veggies, making good salads, making chicken in her air fryer, and soups and stews made in the crock pot.

Rent the Eskenazi Water Park!

If you're looking to create a one-of-a-kind party for a special birthday or company event, consider a pool party at the J's Eskenazi Water Park! The water park is available to rent in the evenings after the water park closes to members. Enjoy the luxury of having the water park all to yourself and your guests, for a minimum of two hours. Swim, use the waterslides, float down the lazy river, and join your kids in the zero-depth pool. Dates fill up fast so be sure to book early.

The J also offers reserved space for birthday parties while the water park is open. A section will be reserved for you and your party guests for two hours of fun and sun.

Available Sat.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for \$275

Price includes up to 12 attendees. \$8 per additional guest.

For more information and to make a reservation, visit JCCindy.org/facility-rentals or contact Events & Rentals Coordinator Rita Jordan at rjordan@JCCindy.org or **317-532-5966**.



SAVE THE DATE

Women's Health Fair

Wed, Sept. 25

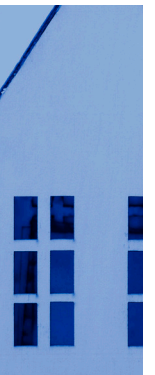
JCCindy.org/womens-health



SAVE THE DATE

Tiny Houses at Night

Fri-Sun, Oct. 25-27



Upcoming Events

Hooverwood & Kraft Commons Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening Community Celebration – 1 p.m., Sunday Aug. 18

“And you shall inscribe them on the doorposts of the house and on your gates”... Mark your calendars for a special community event:

Mezuzah Celebration at Hooverwood – 2 p.m., Sunday Sept. 22. Community families and professionals are invited to fulfill the mitzvah of affixing 200+ mezuzot to resident rooms and public areas. Our joyful celebration will include learning activities for children and an ice cream social.



Katherine Dodson enjoys a mock-tail “mom-osa” at our Mother’s Day brunch.



A group of our Hooverwood H.E.R.O.’s celebrating perfect attendance for Quarter 1.



Phyllis Becker and daughter enjoy a mock-tail “mom-osa” at our Mother’s Day brunch.



Members of the Hooverwood Guild with floral arrangements made at their first annual Mother’s Day Flower Sale.



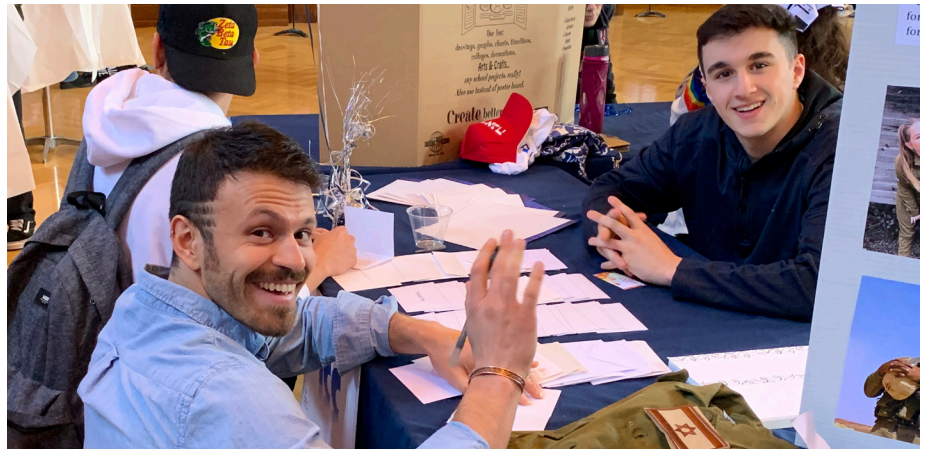
Administrator Becky Nash and Unit Manager Dee Johnson celebrate Nurse’s Week with some throwback nurse’s caps.



IU Hillel stands with Israel

One of the most impactful programs that Indiana University Hillel sponsors annually is Israelpalooza, a block party festival celebrating Israeli life and culture. This year's program was presented on April 1 and was held in Alumni Hall at the Indiana Memorial Union. It was especially successful. Here are the impressions of 2 students about the event.

"Israelpalooza in my eyes is one of the most important events that occurs at Indiana University each year. It is the largest event that we have for all of the Jewish and Pro-Israel organizations to come together and work towards a common goal of facilitating an environment for education and engagement with Israeli history, culture, and spirit. I believe that it is extremely important to continue having this event at IU each year, especially as we see rising antisemitism and anti-Israel activity around our country and around the globe. It is a chance for all Jewish students, as well as non-Jewish students to come together to learn and experience a bit



of Israel for themselves, and see what makes it such a unique and important place for Jews " said Ben Axelrod, class of 2019, 2018-19 Student Board of Directors, Israel VP.

Students look forward to Israelpalooza and spend the entire semester planning this important program. Israelpalooza provides an excellent opportunity for IU Hillel to partner with strong Israel organizations from across the country. All of Hillel's Israel clubs and campus partners offered tables and activities celebrating Israel.

"Israelpalooza demonstrates that the Indiana University student body stands with Israel culturally, politically, and spiritually. With dozens of booths representing major Israel-related organizations, everyone was invited to discover their personal connection to Israel. As a member of the Hillel community, the home for all Jewish students at Indiana University, I look forward to helping with this great event in the coming years!" said Rachel Aranyi, IIPAC student president.

BALL STATE HILLEL

During the Fall semester, Ball State Hillel hosted several Shabbat dinners, and while their own holiday activities were otherwise a bit slower than usual during this semester, they had Hillel students participating in Jewish Holiday events at Temple Beth El in Muncie, including High Holiday services, Rosh Hashanah luncheon, Yom Kippur break the fast, Sukkot celebration, and Chanukah party with latke-making contest.

The Spring semester brought renewed vitality and enthusiasm, with a new student president and recruitment of new members. The semester began with a Shabbat dinner, which promoted new members, and had a strong turnout and a nice experience. Built off of the success, they hosted another Shabbat dinner, this time prior to attending a Friday night Shabbat service at Temple Beth El.

To celebrate Purim, they hosted a hamantaschen baking event, and made chocolate covered matzah for an early start for Pesach. Hillel members enjoyed participating in a community Seder at Temple Beth El, and the semester ended with a tabling event to raise awareness about Hillel at Ball State and hopefully gain more members for next year.

For the next school year in the fall, students can look out for activities during welcome week, and a Shabbat dinner, shortly thereafter.

Overall, it has been an exciting year at Ball State Hillel. They gained new members and are prepared to continue to grow Jewish life at Ball State!

For more information, email Larry Fromm at lfromm@bsu.edu.



To depict the dignity and energy of the *Remembering the Holocaust* event on May 5 in one word is quite challenging! Collaborative, professional, impressive, sophisticated, מדהים, engaging, organized and timely were but a few adjectives overheard from the appreciative gathering of 200 people sharing in the reopening of the Holocaust Museum. Tours were led by students who created the interactive exhibits. Mark Hasten told his riveting story of survival. Music and food prepared by Dina Hasten were enjoyed by all.



On May 15, the Early Childhood families experienced Dr. Seuss's story, "Oh the Places You'll Go," through play, laughter and family fun. Each classroom featured Dr. Seuss inspired activities including: Up, Up and Away transportation, Highways and Byways construction zone, Swirls, Whirls and Twirls Sweet Treats, Sugar, Spice and Everything RICE and the Sands of Time sand art. Parents and their children were able to visit each early childhood classroom engaging in meaningful connections with both their child and staff as we look towards the transition of classrooms for the coming school year.

News from the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University

Among the more than \$250,000 in Jewish Studies scholarships and fellowships awarded for the 2019-2020 year, the following were made possible by Indianapolis area donors and/or awarded to Indianapolis area students: **INCOMING FRESHMEN** 4 year Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarship-**Benjamin Nadolene**; 4 year Irving Glazer Scholarship-**Lauren Appel**; 1 year Irving Glazer Scholarships-**Arielle Kessler, Max Young**; 4 year Isadore Mervis Scholarship and Martha Ann Mervis Scholarship-**Levi Gettleman**; **CONTINUING JEWISH STUDIES STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS** Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarships-**Maya Geller-Montague; Ethan Goldberg, Cicada Hoyt, Tahlia Korin, Haley Kotzker, Leora Lindenbaum, Michael Mitgang**; Edward M. Dayan Scholarship-**Sarina Elenbogen-Siegel**; Irving Glazer Scholarship-**Leora Lindenbaum**; Leonard and Ruth Goldstein Scholarship-**Yotam Fisher-Pinsker**; Leonard Goldstein Scholarship-**Yotam Fisher-Pinsker, Taylor-Paige Guba**; Martha Ann Mervis Scholarship-**Rebecca Bloom**; Selma Lee Mervis Young Scholarship-**Sarina Elenbogen-Siegel**; and inaugural Weinberger Family Scholarship-**Michael Mitgang**; **ISRAEL STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS** Harry A. Alpert and Jeanette Solotken Alpert Scholarship-**Zoe Shir**; Irving and Sylvia Borns Scholarship-**Tamar Tecktiel**; David and Amy Cook Scholarships-**Michael Mitgang, Tamar Tecktiel**; Frederic M. and Esther G. Fogle Scholarships-**David Bishop, Isaak Gonzalez, Elijah Guess, Brett Kahlow, Nicholas Lane, Garrett Lee, Alicia Sharma, Kelsey Smock, Jenna Solomon, Kimberly Torpoco**; Andrew C. and Jane A. Mallor Scholarship-**Tamar Tecktiel**; Louis L. and Sybil Mervis Scholarships-**Tamar Tecktiel, Zoe Shir**; Marilyn R. Shevitz Scholarship-**Tamar Tecktiel**; David and Sylvia Zabinsky Scholarships-**Michael Mitgang, Zoe Shir**; **GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS** Borns Family Fellowship-**Klil Agassi**; Glazer Family Fellowships-**Julie Sharff, Claire Bergen**,



Mazel tov to Professor Alvin H. Rosenfeld, the inaugural director of the IU Jewish Studies Program and current Director of its Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, who, at a special ceremony on April 28, received the IU President's Medal for Excellence honoring his 50 years at IU and his many contributions to the university and to the fields of Holocaust studies and antisemitism.

Jonathan Lanz; Sarah and Albert Reuben Fellowships to Support the Study of the Holocaust-**Nicolette van den Bogerd, Sean Sidky**; **GRANTS-IN-AID FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS** Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Grants-in-Aid-**Jacob Beckert, Jakob Breunig, Meghan Paradis, Meghan Riley, Eliana Schechter**.

Last year, **Robin and Leonard Gurin**, parents of Borns Jewish Studies Program alumnus **Rabbi Ben Gurin**, established the Gurin Family Fund. Thanks to their generosity, during the past academic year, 13 Jewish Studies undergraduate and graduate students have participated in Jewish Studies-related conferences in Israel, Poland, and throughout the U.S.

Mazel tov to May 2019 graduates from the Indianapolis area: **JEWISH STUDIES MAJOR Naomi Farahan** (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa); **JEWISH STUDIES CERTIFICATE STUDENT Rachel Sendrow**; **JEWISH STUDIES MINOR Noah Glazier, Eric Metzman** (cum laude); and **HEBREW MINOR STUDENTS Clara Fridman, Mina Shirazi**.

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE PRESENTS A STAR-SPANGLED SHABBAT: 6 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 5. Featuring an all-American line-up of Shabbat music in honor of Independence Day, followed by an apple pie Kiddush.

SNO-CONE SHABBAT: 6 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 12. Come for Shabbat service and stay for an icy summer treat.

STRAWBERRY-SHORTCAKE SHABBAT: 6 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 19. Enjoy the sweet sounds of Shabbat service, and stay for a bite of strawberry shortcake at Kiddush.

CORN-ON-THE-COB SHABBAT, 6 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 26. Straight from the farm to Kiddush, following Shabbat service!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE: 6 P.M., FRIDAY, AUG. 2, 6 P.M. Featuring spiritually uplifting music to welcome Shabbat.

TABLE SETTINGS 2019: 11 A.M. – 4 P.M., SUNDAY & MONDAY, AUG. 4 & 5.

Be inspired at the 19th annual display of beautiful table designs by local florists, decorators, and retailers! Daily demonstration at 1 p.m. \$10/person at the door. Refreshments included.

SHABBAT IN THE WOODS: 6 P.M., FRIDAY, AUG. 16. Celebrate the end of summer at Uncle Davy's Cabin with a picnic dinner and a visit from the ice cream truck. Details TBA.

BETH-EL ZEDECK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - REGISTRATION ONGOING!

► **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER SUMMER CAMP SESSION 2:** MONDAY, JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 26. Celebrating "It's a Zoo in Here" for ages 12 months+ – 5 years+.

► **39TH ECC SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020** "Where Great Things Come in Small Packages" begins Wednesday, Aug. 14. Ages 12 months+ – 5 years+ (Kindergarten Readiness).

Both programs are open to the public. Contact Joanie Waldman for more information: jwaldman@bez613.org or **317-259-6854**.

Visit www.bez613.org or [@CongregationBEZ](https://www.facebook.com/CongregationBEZ) on Facebook for more information.

Congregation Beth Shalom

CBS BBQ SHABBAT: 6:30 – 8:30 P.M., FRIDAY, AUG. 23. Join us at Camp GUCI for our super-popular annual BBQ Shabbat. Services, dinner (BBQ'd by our CBS Brotherhood), beverages and dessert.

► **TALMUD TORAH:** The 2019-2020 CBS Religious School (called Talmud Torah) will be underway in August. You do NOT need to be a member of CBS to send a child to our Religious School. For more information contact Diane Graul, Talmud Torah Director, at dwgraul@gmail.com.

Visit bethshalomindy.org or [@BethShalomIndy](https://www.facebook.com/BethShalomIndy) on Facebook for more information.

Congregation B'nai Torah

Visit <https://www.bnaitorah.org> or [@BnaitorahIndy](https://www.facebook.com/BnaitorahIndy) on Facebook for upcoming events and programs.

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

POT LUCK DINNER BEFORE SERVICES: 6 P.M. FRIDAY, JULY 12. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up on our website or through the link in our e-newsletter by Wednesday, July 10th. Please read the requirements for bringing food into our building and sign-up for the dishes you will bring. All are welcome. Contact office@shaareytefilla.org or call **317-733-2169** with questions.

BACK TO RELIGIOUS & HEBREW SCHOOL CELEBRATION: 9 A.M., SUNDAY, AUG. 18. Welcome back! Students bring your family to "Back to School Celebration" for Sunday School and Hebrew School. Have a treat, do some fun activities, and find out from your teacher(s) what you will be learning this year.

FIRST OFFICIAL HEBREW SCHOOL CLASS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR: 6:45 P.M., WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21.

RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICE: 10 A.M., SATURDAY, AUG. 24. Once a month Sunday school students will meet for Shabbat Student Service instead of Religious and Hebrew School. Bring your family and friends.

HEBREW SCHOOL CLASS: 6:45 P.M., WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28.

► **CONGREGATION SHAAREY TEFILLA RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:** In our Sunday

School, activities like cooking, music, etc. for students will be offered and once a month. Bring your family and friends to the Religious School's Saturday morning services in lieu of Sunday School. Children at Hasten Hebrew Academy are welcome to participate in the special activities. You do not need to be a member to have students attend religious school.

► **CST BOOK CLUB** will not be meeting in July and August

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Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

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Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

SHABBAT IN THE PARK: 6:15 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 12. This year, IHC's Shabbat in the Park will be held at Holliday Park. Join us for a wonderful evening celebrating Shabbat while surrounded by nature.

NEFESH SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 19. Once a month, we come together for a musical Shabbat-in-the-round, truly embracing the meaning of nefesh (soul). All are welcome at this upbeat Shabbat celebration.

JEWISH MOVIE NIGHT WITH INDY-CHAI: 6 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 24. Join IndyChai, our small group for people in their 20s and 30s, for a Jewish movie night. The movie is yet to be determined.

NEFESH SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M., FRIDAY, AUG. 16. Join us for our monthly Shabbat-in-the-round, where we celebrate Shabbat with a variety of music and song.

SPIRITUAL CHEVRUTA: 6 P.M., WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21. Recently, IndyChai started a practice of Spiritual Chevruta, traditionally a method of Talmudic study in which a text is discussed and debated. Past topics have related to gratitude and materialism, and you never know what will be next. All are welcome.

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