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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.



There was a time in my life when I was an active scholar of the American Jewish community in general and Jewish Federations in particular. My doctoral dissertation was called “Machers” and talked about the critical role fundraising plays not just in supporting the Jewish community but, in some fundamental ways, creating that Jewish community.



Marc Swatez
MARC SWATEZ
Chief Executive Officer

My argument was that if you really want to see who is “inside” and who is “outside” our community, look to see who gives money to any Jewish cause- your Federation, synagogue, ADL, Hillel, whatever. If you give, you’re stepping up and saying you’re a member of the community. If you’re not, well... maybe you should.

I bring this up not to talk about fundraising but to talk about what holds us together as a community. Because while I have long thought of fundraising as something that draws a boundary around the community, it’s not what holds us together. People don’t give their hard-earned dollars for the sake of belonging, you give those dollars because something is speaking to you, compelling you to do so.

In fact, one year ago, my State of the Federation address was about exactly that. I spoke about Simon Sinek’s famous axiom that people don’t buy what you do, they buy why you do it. You support the Federation not because we do various programs and activities, you support the Federation because those programs and activities exist for the purpose of perpetuating the Jewish community. It’s the why.

On October 7, everything changed. For 9 months now, we have watched not just a horrific war rage in Israel- but other wars that are being fought on social media and in the news and on college campuses and at the UN. At both an individual and collective level, Jews today are under attack. Historically speaking, this is nothing new. Maybe antisemitism has been in hiding or “unfashionable” since the horrors of the Holocaust, but I don’t think anyone would deny that it’s back.

These days, hardly a day passes when you don’t hear a major headline story on the news involving Jews. And since October 14, it’s not been in a good way. I don’t need to tell you that antisemitism is up 400% and anti-Zionism is, well, not even measured.

This year, we’re talking about external forces pushing us together. Whether it’s the Goyim Defense League on one side or Students for Justice in Palestine on the other, we are being identified as the evil perpetrator. It’s having the effect of both scaring us but also uniting us.

In addition, today’s scholars are calling it a “surge” as more and more Jews are seeking out one another and looking for ways to connect with their Jewish community. We’re seeing it here as well. Every program we seem to do these days pulls in a crowd of people, and often people we’ve never seen before. Our leadership development programs and 36 Under 36 are swelling with applicants.

And finally, an update on the state of your Federation. We’re strong. Our mission to engage and support the community is clear. Our vision for the long-term health of Indianapolis Jewry is coming into sharp focus. We are committed to being an Indianapolis Jewish community, not just Jews who happen to live in Indianapolis.

We know now that we can only count on ourselves, but we are united in our conviction to do so.

It’s going to be a big year ahead. A lot of the building blocks that we’ve been putting in place in terms of volunteer and professional leadership, growing our Annual Campaign, and developing relationships across our system are starting to pay off. We’re going to capitalize on the surge and do everything we can to let it propel us forward.



Legacy Gifts Secure the Community’s Future

Tradition is often talked about in Judaism. How Shabbat is celebrated; how the brisket or matzoh ball soup is prepared; even Jews’ belief in the biblical-accuracy of Prince of Egypt or the Rugsrats Passover or Hanukkah episode. Jewish people look to the past to inform practices today and shape the view of the world.

All these stories are passed on, generation to generation, to ensure a shared Jewish story survives beyond its years.

Beyond these stories, spirited discussions, and shared experiences, Jews also rely on the community to look out for each other and the shared future. One of the most impactful ways to look out for the future is to help secure it. There is no question Jews are in the midst of a challenging and scary chapter, but there is a light at the end of this tunnel, however dim and distant it may seem. This light comes from past experience as a strong, resilient people, and can be symbolized by a tree. As the Talmud says, “As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me.”

As you look across greater Indianapolis this summer, take time to

notice the trees, some planted decades ago and some planted just last year. These trees were commitments made for the future, a belief in a brighter community. Look to the trees to think about the future you want to help create. In addition to instilling values and sharing knowledge, you can help brighten this community and build a stronger future by making a planned gift to support the Federation, an agency, synagogue, or other Jewish entity. Your legacy will be one of philanthropy and hope, and your name will be remembered forever.

Look to the trees; think about the foundation that was laid for Jewish Indianapolis before the current generations were here; think about how you can look out for the future. There is much to be grateful for to those who came before and for those who have already looked ahead with their support.

Contact Brian Hoffman at bhoffman@jfgi.org to learn more about leaving your imprint on this shared future by including the Federation or other organizations in your estate plans.

COMING THIS FALL



The Annual Endowment and Legacy Donor Celebration!

Formal invitation to come to qualified supporters. Contact Brian Hoffman at bhoffman@jfgi.org for more information.



Life & Legacy



WE ARE ONE

Stories of Volunteerism in Israel Since Oct. 7

Members of the Indianapolis Jewish Community have generously donated both time and resources to help those in need in Israel since the war broke out in October 2023. Read stories about the work Hoosiers have done in Israel and why they decided to take action.

Mission Trip to Israel Sparks Deeper Connection for Indianapolis Volunteer

Bruce Sklare went on a two-week volunteer mission to Israel with SAR-EL, a national non-profit for volunteers for Israel.

He said he originally signed up for the mission because he wanted to get involved and do something good for Israel after Oct. 7. SAR-EL makes all the accommodations, and he didn't know where or what he would be doing until he arrived at Ben-Gurion airport.

During these two weeks, he went to an Israeli Defense Force (IDF) military base near Tel Aviv. Each day, he put together essential medical supplies needed on the front lines for the entire army.

"The work was tedious and repetitive, but important," he said. "They count on



Bruce Sklare met many people from all over the world who were volunteering.

the medical supplies in the field. It was so nice being a member of a team. I felt so appreciated for the work I was doing."

He also got a 24-7 experience of what it was like to be "in the military" from sleeping accommodations, to daily schedule, to food, to uniform. The food? Not bad, he said! He was completely immersed among soldiers and civilians on the base.

"It was one of the most meaningful, enjoyable experiences I have ever had," he said.

He also met many people - Jewish and non-Jewish - from all over the world who were there for the same purpose. The average age of the volunteers was 65 and he said nobody complained.



Bruce Sklare knew his tasks were tedious, but also felt good about the work he was doing.

"Each person has a different story with how and why they went on the mission," he said. "They all felt like the work resonated with them and felt such a deep connection to Israel."

Sklare also had the opportunity to go off base and spend Shabbat with his brother in Jerusalem.

He felt a much stronger commitment to Israel and to his local Jewish community after the trip and plans to go on another volunteer mission to Israel.



For two weeks, Bruce Sklare put together essential medical supply kits needed on the front lines.

Indy Native Volunteers in Israel to Help Jewish People Amid Crisis

When Jonathan Schwartz decided to go to Israel, most people responded, "Why?" Those around him questioned his decision to risk his safety and fly to a country at war.

But Schwartz, 24, was tired of feeling isolated and helpless as people around him ignored, minimized, or justified the Oct. 7 attacks. He said he saw antisemitism rage on the college campus he had attended, while public figures he once admired remained silent or antagonistic to the concerns of American Jews.

He decided to do something about it. He said he chose to go to Israel because he wanted to learn about the Israeli people, experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the land, and discover what were his obligations to the Jewish people during this time of crisis.



Jonathan Schwartz spent a significant time helping farmers in Israel.

"For me, going to Israel is a first step in answering these questions," Schwartz said.

Schwartz spent two weeks volunteering at a farm in Tel Aviv, and one week experiencing the city. Though he flew to a country at war, when he arrived, he found respite from the chaotic political debates going on in the U.S.

"We weren't talking about the war. We weren't talking about terrorism or about politics or any of these things that people generally think about Israeli society right now," Schwartz said.

Each day at 6 a.m. he would go to the farm and pick tomatoes. With a group of about 30 volunteers, Schwartz said the work was not easy and the farmers were grateful for the help.

"They were shocked and humbled by the fact that so many people were coming to help," Schwartz said. "We were just there to do a job. We were there to help these people live their normal lives in a small way to continue the Israeli agricultural economy."

When he wasn't on the farm, Schwartz was out exploring the beauty of the country. When he visited The Eretz Israel Museum, Schwartz was struck by an exhibit that showcased pictures of protests in Israel in recent years.

"You could just see the passion on people's faces, the agony, and the hope as well," Schwartz said.

Close by were other photos of beautiful, peaceful moments, like people sitting



Jonathan Schwartz poses with a group of volunteers while visiting the Western Wall.

around a circle playing guitar and singing. "I think that kind of carries the moment in Israel right now," Schwartz said.

Though war and political unrest are a normal part of life in Israel, the difficulties do not preclude them from living normal lives and having moments of joy with their family and friends.

"That's kind of what you see in the exhibit as well, this kind of dual life that is both really hard and really beautiful and I think that's what we saw in so many ways over the trip," Schwartz said. "What I saw in Israel was a story of hope."

Schwartz left Israel feeling reassured and hopeful about the future of Israel and the Jewish people at large.

"I was left much more hopeful about the future of the Jewish people in Israel and the U.S. knowing that so many of us are coming out of the woodwork to support our people, to stand up for Jewish people and for Israel," Schwartz said.

Microgrant Requests for Israel

The Jewish Federation's Israel and Overseas Committee has approved resources to issue grants to American institutional agents of Israel organizations to seed fundraising initiatives by local Indianapolis Jewish individuals, businesses, or organizations. This opportunity is available through Dec. 31, 2024.

Three organizations have received grants thus far including Israeli nursing homes, Unity Warriors, Inc. for medical and tactical supplies for IDF soldiers and mishloach manot packages for IDF soldiers along the northern and southern borders of Israel.

Email Ashley Flaumenhaft at aflaumenhaft@jfgi.org for more information or to apply.

Hundreds Touched by Impactful Community Programming in May

The greater Indianapolis Jewish community was deeply impacted by several meaningful programs offered in May.

On Tuesday, May 7, Pomegranate Giving Society women gathered at the home of Sandy Nachlis to enjoy a wonderful lunch and hear the heart wrenching story of Israeli Oshrit Sabag and her Oct. 7 survival. Sabag is a resident of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, which is ½ mile from the Gaza border. This intimate gathering gave women an opportunity to have deep conversations with Oshrit and ask questions about life in Israel.

On Wednesday, May 8, more than 250 Jews and non-Jews filled the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis auditorium for a Q & A with Greg Maurer and Oshrit. Thank you to Greg and Megan Maurer, and committee for working tirelessly to put on this impactful program. On Thursday, May 9, Oshrit served as the keynote speaker at the annual Major Donor Dinner where 170 of the Jewish community's most impactful philanthropists came together to kickoff the 2024 Annual Campaign in a meaningful way. Western Galilee Israeli Chef Uri Arnon curated an Israeli culinary experience for all to enjoy.

On Friday, May 10, Uri met with major donors at the home of Mary Gorden to learn how to make Kubeh, an Israeli meat dumpling and beet soup.

On Monday, May 13, more than 250 people attended the greater Indianapolis Jewish community's Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut Program at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Yom Hazikaron is Israel's official Remembrance Day, where Jews commemorate fallen soldiers and civilian victims of terrorism. Sigal Kanotopsky, Northeast Regional Director of Jewish Agency for Israel, was the keynote speaker of the program. Then, attendees joined in Israeli dancing, a taste of Israel and many other joyous activities to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

And finally, on Tuesday, May 14, Lion of Judah giving society women gathered at the home of Jaime Harper, to hear from Sigal and witness firsthand the incredible story of Sigal's Aliyah journey by foot from Ethiopia to Israel.

October 7 Survivor Speaks to Women Philanthropists



Oshrit Sabag, an October 7 survivor, speaks to an intimate group of Pomegranate Society members about the horrific attacks that took place and what life in Israel is like during the war.

Echoes of Resilience : Surviving October 7



Moderated by Greg Maurer, Oshrit Sabag shares her story of surviving October 7 to a crowd of 300 Jewish and non-Jewish community members.

Cooking Demonstration with Chef Uri Arnon



Almost 20 major donors get a hands-on cooking demonstration from Israeli Chef Uri Arnon.

Ethiopian-Israeli Activist Speaks to Lion of Judah Donors



Lion of Judah Giving Society members hear from Sigal Kanotopsky, Northeast Regional Director of Jewish Agency for Israel, to hear her story of making Aliyah from Ethiopia to Israel.

2024 Major Donor Dinner



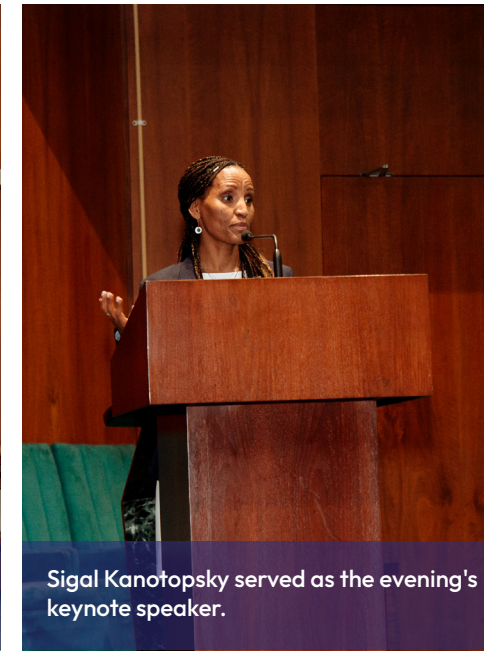
Chef Uri Arnon and his Sous Chef Hila Moskoviz gave the guests a true Israeli culinary experience.



President Helen Kurlander Goldstein and JFGI CEO Marc Swatez address the crowd of the community's major donors.



Offer Korin speaks during the Yom Hakizaron ceremony.



Sigal Kanotopsky served as the evening's keynote speaker.



Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Rabbi Hal Schevitz and Cantor Melissa Cohen.



JFGI Annual Campaign Chairs Karen Rothbaum, Mike Rothbaum, and Sandy Nachlis emceed the evening.



About 170 people attended the 2024 Major Donor Dinner.



More than 200 people came together for the community's Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut program.



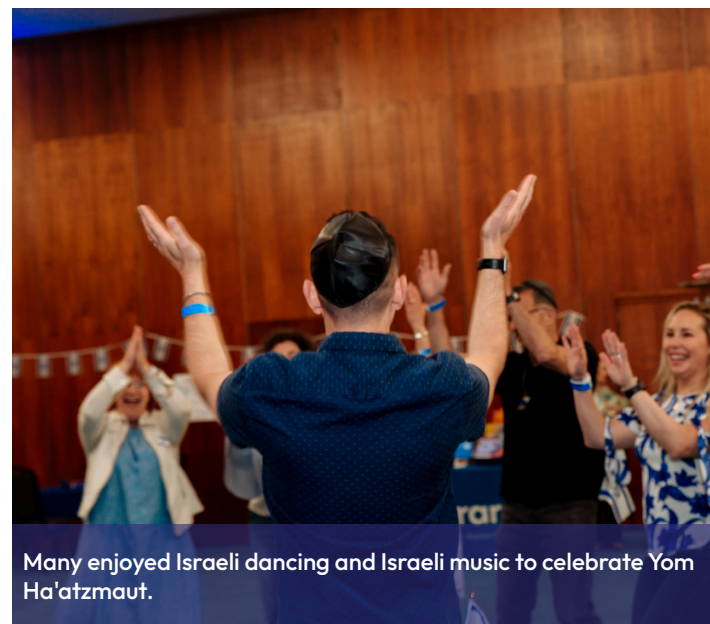
During the ceremony, members of the community lit seven candles, one for each of the ten years of Israel's existence, each dedicated to a segment of Israeli society.



Oshrit Sabag shared her story of surviving October 7 as the evening's keynote speaker.



From Left: Mel Mordoh, Ilana Mordoh, Lori Schankerman, Elliott Schankerman.



Many enjoyed Israeli dancing and Israeli music to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut.



Participants enjoyed delicious Israeli food during the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration portion of the evening.

The Time is Now to Make a Powerful Impact

Planning & Allocations for 2024

Thank you to the Planning & Allocations Committee, led by chairs Janine Shapiro and Paul Kraft, for all of their time and commitment as they reviewed funding requests, considered community needs, and recommended important allocations for 2024.

Countless hours are spent by committee members meeting, reading, and reviewing requests – and then engaging in thoughtful, active conversations about community needs, and community resources available to allocate from the Annual Campaign.



- **Israel Emergency Fund**
\$2,464,619 (36%)
- **Agency Direct Support**
\$1,173,102 (17%)
- **JFGI Finance, Marketing, & Administration Support**
\$688,650 (10%)
- **Community Operations & Technology**
\$535,733 (8%)
- **Israel & Overseas**
\$464,950 (7%)
- **Community Safety & Security**
\$375,772 (5%)
- **Community Building & Leadership**
\$328,702 (5%)
- **JFGI Fundraising & Endowment**
\$344,325 (5%)
- **JFGI Community Engagement**
\$300,518 (4%)
- **National Partnerships**
\$156,559 (2%)
- **Ukrainian & other JFNA Emergency Campaigns**
\$28,187 (<1%)

Total 2024 Allocations
\$6,861,117

119th JFGI Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis held its 119th Annual Meeting on June 5. President Helen Kurlander Goldstein gave an update on the status of the Jewish community. CEO Marc Swatez gave a State of the Federation address with positive feedback about efforts to combat antisemitism and enhance the Jewish Community Campus. We congratulated several individuals for their service on the board as they cycled off and welcomed new board members and executive committee members. The Annual Award ceremony honored the following individuals for their outstanding efforts that continue to allow the community to thrive Jewishly.

- **Janine Shapiro and Eli Isaacs:** LL Goodman Young Leadership Award
- **Rabbi Dennis Sasso and Rabbi Sandy Sasso:** Kehilla Award
- **Emma Law-Oppman, M.A.C.A. Facebook Group:** The Lev Award
- **36 Under 36 Program, Andrea Kruszynski:** Domont Award
- **HHAJ and the Partnership2Gether Virtual Innovative Project, Michael Voskoboynik and Miriam Gettinger:** Melvin Simon Tikkun Olam Award

Guests also enjoyed a pre-board reception and a dessert reception in honor of the Federation's Legacy community.

Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/annual-awards for more information on JFGI's Annual Awards and to see past award recipients.

Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/staff--board-of-directors for a full listing of the 2024-25 JFGI Board of Directors.



Guests enjoy a pre-board reception before the meeting.



CEO Marc Swatez and Emma Law-Oppman, The Lev Award recipient, with her personalized challah board.



Rabbi Hal Schevitz with Congregation Beth-El Zedeck gives a D'var Torah, and prayers for Israel, the IDF, and hostages still being held in Gaza.



CEO Marc Swatez and President Helen Kurlander Goldstein pose with Shari Lipp-Levine who received the Frank H. Newman Award.



President Helen Kurlander Goldstein poses with Eli Isaacs who received the LL Goodman Young Leadership Award.



Gigi Marks Felsher, the Liebert I. Mossler Award recipient, shows off her personalized Tzedakah box with CEO Marc Swatez.

Indy National Young Leadership Cabinet Delegates Attend Argentina & Uruguay Mission

Four members of the Indianapolis Jewish community traveled to South America to see first-hand the international humanitarian work done by the Federation and its partners.

The group, comprised of Janine Shapiro, Matthew Tobe, Marina Grabovsky, and Leo Grabovsky, joined with other members of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) National Young Leadership Cabinet on this study mission to Argentina and Uruguay. Cabinet is a leadership and philanthropic development program open to those between 30-45 who are looking to increase their philanthropy and engagement and are eager to become leaders in their local or national Jewish community.

Shapiro, a second-year participant in Cabinet, said seeing the Jewish community in Buenos Aires was extraordinary and enlightening, beyond what she imagined. Argentina has the sixth-largest Jewish community in the world and the largest in Latin America with more than a quarter of a million Jews living there. Around 90 percent of Argentinian Jews live in Buenos Aires, which is home to 56 synagogues, more than 20 kosher restaurants, and the only other kosher McDonalds outside of Israel.

The group met with partner organizations, such as the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and Tzedakah Foundation, visited educational institutions like ORT Belgrano and ORT Almagro, and explored Jewish establishments like LeDor VaDor Home for the Elderly.

All members of the group agreed that the most impactful part of the trip was their visit to the Jewish community center, Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA), the site of the 1994 terrorist attack that killed 85 people and injured hundreds. Shapiro said the victims of the attack were mentioned during Shabbat services, and though no one had been held responsible, the community continued their quest for justice for the deadliest attack in the country's history.

While the group was in Argentina, 30 years after the attack, Argentina's highest criminal court officially deemed Iran and its Lebanese proxy, Hezbollah, responsible for the bombing.

"It was such a powerful moment for the country," Shapiro said. "And to be there during that time was really poignant, especially during the same time that Iran was launching an attack on Israel."

Tobe, a first-year member of Cabinet, said the group often talked about how the war in Israel is impacting the South American communities. Antisemitism is a problem everywhere, he explained, and many institutions can't afford the necessary increase in security.

"I think it's just important for us to remember that there are Jews all over the world, whether it be the United States, Israel, or in this case, Argentina and Uruguay, who are looking to all of us to help support each other, and so I think that's where the Federation systems come into play," Tobe said. "It was a really neat



Before and after photos of a local school painting project.

experience for us to get to see South America, Jewish life, especially post-October 7th."

The trip marked the Grabovskys' final trip with Cabinet, after visiting India, Israel, Latvia, Hungary, Estonia, and more over the last eight years.

"This is probably the best program I have done through the Federation because it has really given me a worldly perspective on the impact of the Federation," Marina said.

Participants recognized a stark contrast between the communities in Buenos Aires and Montevideo. The community in Uruguay was a significantly smaller, close-knit community, but just as passionately Zionist.

The group went to an Aliyah ceremony for two individuals who joined the 3,695 Argentinians to have made Aliyah in the past five years. The Federation provides financial support and services to those who wish to move to Israel. Tobe said he will never forget the feeling of singing "Tiqvah" together in Buenos Aires.

The group also met with the ambassador of Argentina, a Jewish man from Texas, and assisted with a few service projects, including sorting items that the JDC provides to those in poverty.

"I think it's just important for us to realize that there are Jews everywhere who are hurting, and Jews everywhere that need assistance and help," Tobe said. "It's just important for people to realize that that's part of what the Federation does, and not just here in Indianapolis, not just in Israel, which is obviously very important, but all over the world."



From left: Cabinet members Marina Grabovsky, Janine Shapiro, Matthew Tobe, and Leo Grabovsky work together to paint the outdoors of a school in Escobar.



Hoosiers Join International Group to Walk for Hostages

Local Hoosiers are banding together each week to walk for the more than 100 innocent people who are still being held hostage by Hamas, after being taken on Oct. 7.

After the Israeli attacks, Iris Goldberg felt helpless and wanted to do something. Her family in Baltimore was involved in a walk for the hostages, which sparked her desire to join one locally. She couldn't find one, and connected with Run for Their Lives, an international organization that helps groups around the world start weekly walks for the hostages. Now, there are 200 Run for Their Lives groups around the world.

"People want to come together and do something," she said. "It's good to go out weekly and show our support and do something as a community."

The walking group started as word of mouth and spread from there. She also started a WhatsApp group to determine a walking location each week. Goldberg says about 50 people join the walk each week. Walkers consist of Jews and Non-Jews of all ages, including kids and college students. People bring their dogs, hold up signs with photos of hostages, and waive an Israeli flag.

Goldberg says the walk is not a protest or a political statement.

"This is about humanity and not war," she said. "It's a global initiative to increase awareness about the hostages being held." Each week, the walking group gets a lot of people cheering and honking in support for what they are doing. While the group has been lucky to not have any physical altercations, they have experienced some negative comments from passersby, Goldberg said. Goldberg says the local group will continue to walk each week until all the hostages are released.

Visit <https://run4lives.org/> to learn more about the international initiative. Email info@jfgi.org to join the local WhatsApp group to participate in the weekly walks.



A group of greater Indianapolis residents walk each week for the hostages currently being held in Gaza.

Maurer Jewish Community Library: How to Checkout a Book

Do you know how to checkout a book from the Jewish Community Library?

First, since the Jewish Community Library is part of Indianapolis Public Library you must have a Indy Public Library card to check out a book. You can apply for a card at any of the branches including the Jewish Community Library or apply online at: <https://register.indypl.org/#/cardSignup>

Once you have a card you are ready to search for books by visiting <https://indypl.bibliocommons.com/>.

Begin your search for books by using the keyword or title/author search. Another option is to scroll through the various recommendations from "Staff Picks."

Once you have found the book you would like to read click on "Place Hold" and select the location for pick-up. The book selected will be sent to the designated location picked. An email notification will be sent to let you know your book is ready for pick-up at the location designated.

Books for pick-up at the Maurer Jewish Community Library are available from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Jewish Community Library also contains more than 10,000 volumes of adult and children's books for checkout. Email Andrea Burnett at library@jfgi.org with questions.



15 Aspiring Leaders Join Second Education and Advocacy Cohort

After a community-wide search, a second Maurer Koach Program class has been named. Meet the cohort and their reasons for being involved in the program.



The Maurer Koach program (Koach means “strength” in Hebrew) is experiential and will provide exposure and experiences that will equip you with tools to educate, lead, and advocate for yourself and others. During the 8 monthly interactive sessions, local, national, and international leaders will address current approaches to understanding and combatting antisemitism as well as provide insights into Jewish life, leadership, and social justice.



Melanie Abrahams

I have worked in the Jewish community for most of my adult life and I would love to be more engaged in the social justice and anti-Semitism in Indianapolis. I have 3 little girls who I would love to grow up feeling safe and appreciated.



Sasha Joyner

Having a once in a lifetime experience to learn more about my heritage. I want to improve my education in a way that I can connect to and be able to share that with others as situations arise.



Jessica Mallah

The opportunity to learn more about my Jewish heritage and to be able to feel it. Also to meet others with the same interests.



Max Newman

I find a connection with others in the community mostly through synagogue and HHAJ affiliation. I would love to widen my community with those who may feel more connected to this particular pillar.



David Tulkop

My deep interest in the Maurer Koach Program is rooted in its commitment to addressing and combating antisemitism, coupled with its dedication to equipping participants with the tools to lead, educate, and advocate against this pervasive issue.



Amber Comer

As the granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor (who helped raise me), I am painfully aware of the effects of antisemitism. As a result of growing up hearing the stories of the atrocities of the Holocaust, I developed a strong desire to advocate for social justice and fight for those who are unable to fight for themselves.



Blake Kaplan

I feel strongly about being present in the international Jewish community and doing anything I can to battle antisemitism.



Isaac Mervis

I am eager to embark on this transformative journey and am grateful for the opportunity to be part of a community of young Jewish professionals dedicated to building a more inclusive and just world.



Monica Townsend Allardt

I am passionate about education and serving my Jewish community.



Marla Wald

Raising my children in today's environment motivates me to work harder and continue my growth to change minds and educate against antisemitism... I welcome additional tools to help educate and inform to combat antisemitism. Education has always been my best tool.



Jillian Hastings

I am interested in gaining tools to fight against antisemitism and to advocate for myself as a Jewish woman and professional, and for the hundreds of teenagers and young adults that I work with each summer at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI).



Michael Kaplan

My wife was in the first cohort and had an incredible experience. As a parent, I want to be on the same page as my partner about how to have some of these difficult conversations about antisemitism.



Marissa Missan

I want to grow as an advocate for the Jewish people and combat antisemitism in my workplace, community, and beyond.



Daniel Reyzman

I think at the end of the day, we are stronger together, and so I want to continue the journey of getting more in touch with my Jewish identity, both for myself and for the community.



Natalie Weiss

I have always felt a deep connection to my Judaism and to those who were in the Holocaust. With the attack that occurred on October 7, I now feel a sense of urgency to see for myself the atrocities committed against the Jewish people in the 1930s and 1940s. I hope to develop skills to effectively fight antisemitism and make sure it never happens again.

NEXTGen Goes Outdoors



On May 5, a large band of hikers from NEXTGen got together to brave the wilderness at Fort Harrison State Park. The day wrapped up with a cool drink and nosh at Triton Brewing afterwards.

Outdoor BBQ with NextGen and PJ Library

4-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25
Glick JCC Pavilion

NextGen and PJ Library will be teaming up this August for an exciting Jewish Summer Camp throwback. The night will include lawn games, relay races, table activities and more for NextGen constituents and PJ Library families to spend time together. BBQ will be served and then stop by the Kona Ice truck for a sweet treat.

Contact Andrew Steele at asteele@jfgi.org with questions.



You Are the Next Generation

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis' NEXTGen is an initiative geared towards Jews, affiliated or unaffiliated, in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s. NEXTGen provides meaningful programming and leadership opportunities based in Jewish values to deepen engagement in communal Jewish life.

Follow NextGen on Social Media [@jfginextgen](https://www.instagram.com/jfginextgen) to learn more about upcoming opportunities.



PJ Joins Earth Day at the J



PJ Library joined Earth Day at the J to distribute books and wildflower seeds.

PJ Library Joins Partnership2Gether Communities for Israeli Story Time



In May, local PJ Library friends enjoyed story time and activities before Zooming with friends in Israel.

PJ Library Pool Party

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday, July 7
Sid and Lois Eskenazi Water Park
at the Glick Jewish Community Center

Register at <https://bit.ly/poolparty24>



Save the Date

PJ Library Goes Apple Picking

Sunday, Sept. 29

Stuckey Farm
19975 Hamilton Boone Rd., Sheridan, IN 46069

More information to come.

Watch the PJ Library social media account [@PJLibraryGreaterIndianapolis](https://www.instagram.com/PJLibraryGreaterIndianapolis) for all of the latest events and collaborations.

Backpack Attack

Help local children go back to school.

Donate new school supplies by Friday, July 26.

Need some support with school supplies? JFS is here to help! Contact Julie Sondhelm at 317-536-1476 or jsondhelm@jfgi.org.

Backpack Attack Supply List

- Amazon gift cards
- Large sturdy backpacks*
- Notebooks
- Composition books
- Folders
- Pens
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Erasers
- Sharpies
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Dry-erase markers
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Calculators
- Rulers
- Binders
- Subject dividers
- Loose-leaf paper
- Grid paper
- Index cards
- Supply boxes
- Disinfectant wipes
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Snacks
- Gift cards to help kids purchase clothes and shoes

For the donation portal and Amazon wish list, visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/backpack

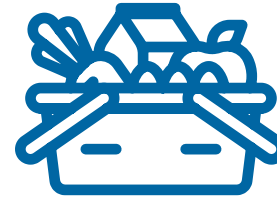
Drop-Off Location:
Jewish Family Services
6905 Hoover Road,
Indianapolis
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Questions? Contact Rachel at rkatz@jfgi.org



Passover Food Drive

Thank you for supporting JFS' Passover Food Drive



Provided food to 155 households.

Compared to 83 households in 2023.

"There were lots of items this year I could not find in the stores to keep Passover and I couldn't afford to travel to get them. JFS Passover food drive made sure that I was able to celebrate a kosher holiday and that I could feel good celebrating with all other Jewish people." – Passover Recipient

"My family has struggled in recent months to cover the basics we need-having Passover food and gift cards from JFS made sure we could enjoy the holiday together. We truly appreciate the help!" – Passover Recipient



Older Americans Month



This May, Jewish Family Services and Hooverwood Living were joined by 45 older adults to celebrate Older Americans Month!

If you want to engage with our older adult programs, contact Sally at (317) 536-1475 or email scatlin@jfgi.org.

Holocaust Survivor Day



Holocaust Survivor Day is a day to celebrate the bravery, sacrifices, and lives of survivors. On June 9, Jewish Family Services hosted a lunch to honor local survivors in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis Maurer Koach Program.



1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15

Max & Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus

Join Jewish Family Services for a gentle walk to remember those who have been lost, and to support those who are grieving – whether for a recent loss or years ago.

Contact Julie Sondhelm at jsondhelm@jfgi.org with questions.



Applications Now Open for YoPhl Teen Philanthropy Program

This September, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis will launch the Lou and Sybil Mervis Youth Philanthropy Indy Teen Board (YoPhl).

YoPhl is comprised of Jewish 11th and 12th graders from the greater Indianapolis area. During their experience, Teen Board members engage in an in-depth examination of their Jewish values and understandings while gaining practical experience in philanthropy. The Teen Board members work as a philanthropic board focused on choosing a mission and making grants through a values-grounded, authentic, consensus-building process. The program will begin on Sept. 22, and wrap up in May 2025.



Lou and Sybil Mervis
YOUTH PHILANTHROPY INDY | Teen Board

Applications are now open and teens are encouraged to apply at <https://bit.ly/yophi24> by Aug. 1, 2024.

YoPhl is a great opportunity for 11th and 12th graders to demonstrate their commitment to philanthropy and their community as they approach the college application process.

Parents and teens can contact JFGI Program Associate Andrew Steele at asteel@jfgi.org with questions.

Earth Day at the J



On May 19, the JCC hosted its 12th annual Earth Day at the J event, with more than 40 exhibitors with interactive demonstrations and hands-on Earth Day activities centered around sustainability and going green. Twenty additional food trucks and vendors set up booths, who all shared the common goal of protecting the earth and its resources. A core Jewish value is tikkun olam, Hebrew for repairing the earth or making the world a better place. It is a natural fit for the JCC to celebrate this day as its signature event for the Indianapolis community.

Wraparound services from Eskenazi Health do more than treat illness. They chart a course for preventive care, ensure families have access to nutritious food, and provide a sense of partnership and advocacy. According to Ileana and her husband Eddie: *“Aside from helping with our health situations, Eskenazi Health has been tremendous in connecting us to other resources and making sure our family is OK.”*

Eskenazi Health was recently named Indiana’s #1 hospital for community benefit and health equity by the Lown Institute. Thanks in part to community partners and philanthropy, we are helping families get **beyond barriers**.

ESKENAZI HEALTH FOUNDATION

eskenazihealthfoundation.org

BEYOND BARRIERS

Tuesday July 9
First Pitch: 7:05 PM

JEWISH COMMUNITY NIGHT

MEET FORMER MLB PLAYER AND TEAM ISRAEL CAPTAIN
Former Indians player Ryan Lavarney, who played for Israel in the 2017 World Baseball Classic qualifier and tournament, the 2020 Summer Olympics and captained the 2023 World Baseball Classic team, will be in attendance to throw a ceremonial first pitch, meet fans in-game for autographs and highlight his book “Baseball and Belonging.”

BASEBALL and BELONGING
written by Ryan Lavarney

Victory Field
501 W. Maryland Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46225

Tickets (or Scan QR code)
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/Jewishcommunity5>

Presented by Indianapolis Indians, Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana and JCC Indianapolis



Indianapolis Sends Full Delegation to 2024 JCC Maccabi Games

JCC Indianapolis is pleased to send a full nine-athlete delegation to the 2024 JCC Maccabi Games, an Olympic-style competition for Jewish teens, this year held in Detroit from July 28 - Aug. 2. The delegates are as follows:

- Tennis: Braiden Newman
- Baseball: Ari Ekhaus
- Swimming: Avery Fox
- Volleyball: Rachel Schwartz
- 3v3 Basketball: Ben Kontarzhly, Philip Berebitsky, Yitzi Schwartz, Mickey Fineman, and Moses Fineman

Indianapolis JCRC Hosts Legislative Briefing

On May 9, the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) welcomed Indiana state legislators for an important briefing regarding the security concerns of the Jewish community. The gathering began with a poignant testimony from Oshrit Sabag, a survivor of the terrorist attack that shook Israel on Oct. 7. She shared her harrowing experience of seeking refuge in a saferoom as terrorists infiltrated the peaceful confines of Nahal Oz. Her testimony echoed the palpable fear and desperation felt as she recounted the frantic text exchanges with a friend, hiding mere houses away, amidst the sounds of terrorists attempting to break down the saferoom door. Several legislators were moved to tears as Sabag described the profound relief she felt upon her rescue by IDF soldiers, juxtaposed with the heartbreaking realization that many lives were lost.



Following Sabag's emotional testimony, the legislators turned their attention to Brad Swim, the Safe Indiana Regional Security Advisor, who articulated the unique security challenges confronting the Jewish community. He underscored the alarming surge in antisemitic incidents over the past year and emphasized the need for increased funding directed towards safeguarding religious institutions. JCRC advocated for the establishment of a state Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) as a proactive measure to fortify vulnerable communities against potential threats. By the end of the briefing, several legislators were already engaged in discussions about prospective NSGP language to be introduced during the next Indiana General Assembly.



Reflecting on a Year of Challenges and Opportunities

The 2024 Indianapolis JCRC Annual Meeting was held on May 21 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck with more than 150 members of the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in attendance. Between responding to rising levels of antisemitism and the Oct. 7 terrorist attacks in Israel, the past year saw many challenges that JCRC staff and lay leadership confronted head-on. Jacob Markey, Executive Director, and Jamie Ratner Rich, now Immediate Past President, highlighted the organization's achievements, particularly its programming as a direct response to the Oct. 7 terrorist attacks in Israel and subsequent anti-Israel protests that swept the nation.

Audience members listened with rapt attention to keynote speaker Günther Jikeli, Erna B. Rosenfeld Associate Professor at the Institute for the Study

of Contemporary Antisemitism in the Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University. Professor Jikeli discussed how increasing polarization and social unrest, coupled with rising misinformation and geopolitical tensions, has fueled antisemitism over the past 10 years. Professor Jikeli also delved into the troubling prevalence of antisemitism on college campuses post-Oct. 7, articulating strategies to counteract hate-driven ideologies before they take root within educational institutions.

The Annual Meeting concluded with the approval of nominations for the 2024-25 Board of Directors and passing off the President's gavel from Jamie Ratner Rich to Eli Isaacs. JCRC looks forward to continuing to build bridges and advocate for the Jewish community under this new leadership.



Student to Student Ends the Year on High Note

The 2023-24 academic year marked the most successful year for Student to Student in Indianapolis. The students surpassed all expectations, showcasing the remarkable abilities of young people. Despite the many challenges Jewish students face today, the members of Student to Student embraced their Jewish identity and committed themselves to sharing Jewish culture and beliefs with a broader student population.

Students presented in more schools and religious institutions than ever before, fostering dialogue, and showcasing that commonalities far outweigh differences. Throughout the year, Student to Student Coordinator Risé Friedman observed a remarkable transformation among the students, as their confidence in themselves, their leadership skills, and their Jewish identity flourished.

Student to Student's impact is undeniable, and the program will continue to make a difference well into the future.

Email Rise at rfriedman@indyjcrc.org or Yaniv Shmukler at yshmukler@indyjcrc.org if you know a student entering grade 10-12 who would like to participate in the program during the 2024-2025 school year.



Hooverwood Residents Enjoy Newfields Outing



The residents of Hooverwood Living had an excellent time visiting the Lume! From mind-bending illusions to whimsical wonders, it was an adventure they will cherish forever. Thank you to the Hooverwood Guild for sponsoring the trip.

Hooverwood Celebrates Skilled Nursing Care Week



In May, Hooverwood Living celebrated National Skilled Nursing Care Week, an opportunity to spotlight the unwavering commitment of everyone who contributes to making Hooverwood feel like home. From residents who inspire staff daily to the dedicated staff who go above and beyond, there was much to celebrate. The week included fun activities like a Senior Prom, visits from a Indy 500 Princess, and a L.S. Ayres Tea Room Party.

Start Volunteering Today!

get started here!
Scan the QR code to start volunteering with Hooverwood!

Calling all Volunteers

Scan the QR code to get started volunteering with Hooverwood Living. Whether spending one on one time with a resident, assisting with outings, helping in the office, or joining activities, all time spent here at Hooverwood is time well spent making a difference. Share in the joy of giving by getting signed up today!

Connecting Generations: A Toast to Tradition, Dialogue, and Community!

Mark your Calendars!
The first Thursday of the Month @ 6:15 pm

Held at Kraft Commons Assisted Living!
7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260

A gathering of minds, a blend of spirits, and a celebration of Jewish heritage. Join us for an engaging series featuring esteemed speakers sharing insights on Jewish culture, history, and contemporary issues. Let's come together to share stories, exchange wisdom, and build bridges across generations. See you there!

NO JULY SESSION | MORE ON FACEBOOK

Heal with Hooverwood Living

Beginning in August 2024, Hooverwood Living will be hosting support groups for different communities on Thursday nights. The second Thursday of the month will be a bereavement support group, the third Thursday will be a memory care support group, and the fourth Thursday will be a wellness support group. All support groups will be held at Hooverwood Living, 7001 Hoover Road at 5:30 p.m. Contact Jacqui Goldstein, Director of Volunteers & Community Engagement, at (317) 251-2261 or jgoldstein@hooverwood.org for more information or to RSVP.

Lev Lifeline
Revitalizing Spirits, Embracing Health: A Wellness Support Group

FOURTH THURSDAY of every month AT 5:30

Join our wellness support group for a journey of growth and support in managing stress, improving mental well-being, and fostering fulfillment.

Eternal Echoes
Nurturing Memories, Embracing Journeys: A Memory Care Support Group

THIRD THURSDAY of every month AT 5:30

This support group offers caregivers and loved ones compassion, shared stories, and practical advice for those navigating the challenges of Alzheimer's and dementia.

Chai Comfort
Healing Hearts in Grief: A Bereavement Support Group

SECOND THURSDAY of every month AT 5:30

Join our grief support group for a compassionate community where individuals navigate loss together, offering understanding, compassion, and support for healing and solace in the journey of grief.



Students Celebrate Israel

HHA students of all ages have formed personal bonds with Israel this year writing letters to soldiers and students, working on virtual and physical projects with Israeli counterparts, welcoming Israeli families to the school and meeting with individuals who shared Israeli experiences.



Leading up to Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut, HHA students met with two amazing Israeli women. Thanks to the school's board members, students were able to meet with Oshrit Sabag, a resident of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, located half a mile from the Gaza border. Sabag shared with the students how she and her family survived the October terrorist attack. Her heartfelt and emotional retelling spoke to students and teachers alike. She

shared photos and stories of what life in the Kibbutz was like before October 7th and the friendships that existed between Israelis and Gazans. Students asked her how they can respond when Israel is accused of perpetrating a genocide in Gaza. She urged the students to be proud of their Jewish identity and heritage.

Sigal Kanotopsky spoke to a riveted group of 5-7th graders about her life in Ethiopia and subsequent aliyah to Israel. Describing the challenges of the 5 1/2 week dangerous journey on foot through Sudan, the absorption process and shock of seeing a modern state of Israel where she expected to see the First Temple and a river of milk and honey, her



narrative was so compelling and inspiring! She impressed upon the students the significance of faith in the actualization

of her family and fellow Ethiopian Jews' dream to return to Zion and Jerusalem and the impact of her aliyah on her Jewish identity.

After learning from these brave women, HHA's student commemoration of Yom HaZikaron and celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut were more personal and meaningful. Morah Sarit Linkon created a beautiful program for the elementary



school that culminated in a rousing march around the Cultural Arts Center waving Israeli flags and interactive Israel-themed activities. Students also enjoyed blue and white cupcakes, specially baked by Miriam Alkasslasy, watermelon and blue punch.

HHA Student Raises Funds for Israeli Hospital

HHA prizes character education as a cornerstone of our educational philosophy. The school believes that developing strong character traits such as integrity, empathy and compassion is just as important as academic achievement. The school is therefore profoundly proud of Leah Grabovsky, HHA fifth grader who chose, on her own, to raise money for Schneider's Hospital in Israel.

Every year, the young women in HHA's 5-8th grades choose Jewish women to research and portray as part of the Woman of Valor project. Inspired by Shari Arison's creation of Good Deeds Day, Grabovsky started raising funds to help Israeli children who were released from Hamas captivity.

Academic Excellence

- 1-on-1 Attention
- Jewish Identity
- Scholarships
- Sports
- STEAM & Robotics
- Art Studio
- Love of Learning

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"They need help because they are hurt and have lost almost everything they had. The money will help pay for their care [at Schneider's Hospital] or replace things they may have lost," she wrote. She and her classmates raised \$3,600 for the hospital where many of these children are recovering.

What makes this project even more special is that Grabovsky did this with her Israeli classmate Mika Trop, who joined HHA's 5th grade for most of this year, a stay that was extended due to the terrors of October 7th and is now back in Israel. Trop and her family purchased toys and games for Schneider's Hospital and hand delivered them to the children.



Despite Current Event Challenges, IU Hillel Ends School Year Strong

This past year at IU Hillel has showcased the resilience and strength of its Jewish community. Despite facing challenges with rising antisemitism on campus, they remain steadfast in their mission to provide a safe and welcoming space for Jewish students.

One of the highlights of the year was the Campus Cabaret event at Feinstein's in the Hotel Carmichael on April 14. Students, faculty, and community members came together for an unforgettable celebration of Jewish culture and talent. Amidst uncertainty and unrest, Campus Cabaret served as a beacon of hope and solidarity, demonstrating the power of art and community to uplift and inspire.

Many IU Hillel seniors graduated this year. The IU Commencement ceremony proceeded smoothly, with minimal protests, which were handled promptly by the university.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors like the greater Indianapolis Jewish community, IU Hillel has exceeded its goal for Hillel Global Giving Week. From May 13 to May 17, Hillel International pledged to match donations up to \$5,000.

IU Hillel's work is important, and has a big impact on the lives of Jewish students. IU Hillel thanks the Indianapolis Jewish community for all of the help it has given to IU Hillel as they navigate new challenges and continue providing vital resources and programming for the Jewish students at IU.



SIGMA ALPHA MU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ATTENDING PURDUE

WHO WE ARE

Sigma Alpha Mu's mission is to foster the development of collegiate men of all beliefs who appreciate our great heritage as a fraternity of Jewish men.

WHAT WE OFFER

We are excited to announce that we have scholarships available to incoming freshman that attend Purdue University in the fall. These range from \$1000-\$1,800. The application process is easy and all online!

Additionally, we offer scholarships for high school seniors involved with BBYO/USY/NFTY and for daughters of Sigma Alpha Mu members

READY TO APPLY?

Scan the QR code to get started! Applications are due July 31!



sam-fdn.org mariam@sam-fdn.org



Congregation Beth-El Zedeck**HAVDALAH IN THE FOAM ZONE: 6 P.M.**

SATURDAY, JULY 13 AT BEZ. Get ready for family-friendly fun this summer! Pizza will be provided. All you need is a towel and a bathing suit (or clothes you don't mind getting a little wet/sudsy). Bid Shabbat farewell with Havdalah, and then play in a sea of fluffy foam with friends, both young and young at heart. RSVP to ralder@bez613.org.

MAHJ MONDAY: 1-4 P.M. MONDAYS,

JULY 15, 29, AUG. 5, 19 AT BEZ. All experience levels are welcome! Mahjong is a tile-based game played in Asia for over 300 years and by American Jews since the 1920s. It is easy to learn but challenging to master. Sisterhood supplies the games—you bring your game card. No card? There will be extras! The suggested donation is \$3 per day. RSVP to Sue at ilinicane@verizon.net.

ROSH HODESH WOMEN'S GROUP:**BACKPACK BONANZA: 7 P.M.**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AT BEZ. Join a heartwarming gathering this July to celebrate Rosh Hodesh Tamuz by giving back to the community. Get ready to roll up your sleeves and pack backpacks full of school supplies for children in need. The program cost is \$18, and all proceeds benefit Israel. RSVP to ralder@bez613.org.

MEN'S CLUB ADULT NIGHT OUT:**SATURDAY, JULY 20 (TIME AND**

LOCATION TBA). Get out of the house and join a well-deserved Adults' Night Out, brought to you by the BEZ Men's Club. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details on this exclusive event designed to help you unwind and connect with fellow BEZ members. Email ralder@bez613.org for updates.

SHABBAT IN THE PARK: 6 P.M. FRIDAY,

JULY 26 AT COXHALL GARDENS. Join a Shabbat in the Park on Friday, July 26th at Coxhall Gardens for an evening of celebration and relaxation. Shabbat services will begin at 6 pm. Bring a dairy/vegetarian picnic dinner along and enjoy nature from the pavilion. After, explore the park, enjoy some open-ended play at the Children's Garden and Butterfly Village. There is also a sand area available for children to play in. This is a rain-or-shine event! RSVP to ralder@bez613.org.

FILM SCREENING: "GOLDA" AT BEZ:**7:30 P.M. MONDAY, AUG. 12 AT BEZ.**

Experience the tense 19 days of the Yom Kippur War in Golda this Tisha b'Av. The film follows Prime Minister Golda Meir as she confronts overwhelming odds, skeptical advisors, and a complex relationship with US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to safeguard Israel against destruction. Refreshments will not be served in observance of the holiday, but discussion of the film is sure to be had! RSVP to ralder@bez613.org.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHABBAT: 6 P.M.

FRIDAY, AUG 16 AT BEZ. As summer ends, join the annual Back-to-School Shabbat celebration. After services, indulge in a delicious treat from an ice cream truck. Rain or shine! RSVP to ralder@bez613.org.

BEZ SHABBAT SERVICES, MINYAN AND GALLERY OF JUDAICA:**EREV SHABBAT CELEBRATION: 6 P.M.**

FRIDAYS AT BEZ OR VIA LIVESTREAM: <https://bez613.org/watch-live/>. Join the BEZ spiritual leaders and members for an in-person or virtual Shabbat candle lighting and Friday night service.

TORAH STUDY: 9 A.M. SATURDAYS AT

BEZ. A discussion on the week's Torah portion in the BEZ library. RSVP to Rabbi Hal Schevitz at hshevitz@bez613.org.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: 10 A.M.**SATURDAYS AT BEZ OR VIA LIVESTREAM:**

<https://bez613.org/watch-live/>. Join the BEZ spiritual leaders for the week's Shabbat service. Visit <https://bez613.org/worship/shabbat> for access to the week's virtual resources to help follow along.

MINYAN: 7:30 A.M. WEDNESDAYS VIA

ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/95109818081>. Prayer books are available for pick-up upon request. Contact the BEZ office at (317) 253-3441 to request a prayer book for pick-up. Minyan will be held in person at 8 a.m. Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and 9 a.m. Sundays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 and Aug., 4, 11, 18, 25

GALLERY OF JUDAICA SPRING HOURS:

10 A.M. – 2 P.M. TUESDAY – FRIDAY. The Gallery of Judaica has over 10,000 items in inventory! Sisterhood volunteers run it and proceeds support Sisterhood, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, and the larger Jewish community. Shop in person or online! The Gallery will be closed for summer break June 24 - July 8.

Congregation Beth Shalom

Check the website at www.bethshalomindy.org for up-to-date information and details on how to participate in any of the below-described events. See the "Home" page or the "Calendar" tab under the header "What's Happening."

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) holds its activities and functions at 3085 W. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032. The CBS mailing address is 4000 W. 106th St., Ste 125-118, Carmel, IN 46032.

REGULAR CBS SHABBAT SERVICES: 6:30

P.M. FRIDAYS AT TEMPLE. Worship services are both in person and virtual. Zoom links and access codes are available to everyone through the CBS website. All are invited and welcome to participate, whether in person or through Zoom.

EVERYBODY SHABBAT: 6:30-7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, AND AUG. 30 AT BEZ. On the last Friday night of each month, CBS holds a special "Everybody Shabbat." Just one hour long, this is a more informal, inclusive service designed for family members of all ages. This includes even your youngest children. There will be snacks for the youngsters, and everything will end in time for the children to be taken home early to put to bed. Try this out—it's unique, and you will really like it.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: 10:30-11:45

A.M. SATURDAY, JULY 27 AND SAT, AUG. 31. CBS has added a Shabbat morning service once a month on the last Saturday of the month.

TORAH STUDY: 9:30-10:30 A.M. EVERY

SATURDAY MORNING. This is a weekly gathering held in the Temple library immediately preceding any Saturday morning service.

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

Congregation B'nai Torah

Contact the office at (317) 253-5253 or email office@btorah.org to sponsor a kiddush on occasion of a yahrzeit, simcha, or other event. Visit btorahindy.org to donate or to view current shul bulletin and service times.

SHACHARIT: 8:30 A.M. SUNDAYS; 6:50

A.M. MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS; 7

A.M. TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS; 9 A.M. ON SHABBAT.**LUNCH & LEARN: 12 P.M. MONDAYS.**

The Rabbi is teaching the book of Kohelet (Ecclesiastes).

TEHILLIM & TORAH STUDY CLASS: 7:30

P.M. WEDNESDAYS. It is on the book of Shmot (Exodus).

REBBETZIN GETTINGER'S SHABBOS CLASS

FOR KIDS GRADES 3 AND OLDER: After Kedushah of Mussaf

SEUDAH SHLISHIS CLASS: Rabbi Gettinger gives a D'var Torah on the Parsha.

MEN'S MISHMAR: 7 P.M. THURSDAY NIGHTS.

Contact the office at (317) 253-5253 or email office@btorah.org to sponsor a kiddush on occasion of a yahrzeit, simcha, or other event. Visit btorahindy.org to donate or to view current shul bulletin and service times.

Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana

Chabad Center for Jewish Life Weekly Services – 10 a.m. Shabbat Services every Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday Services every Sunday. Visit www.chabadindiana.org or [@chabadindiana](https://www.facebook.com/chabadindiana) on Facebook for upcoming events, classes and programs.

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation**SERVICES:**

7:15 A.M. MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS; 7:30 A.M. TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS

9 A.M. SHABBAT SHACHARIT SERVICE

9 A.M. SUNDAYS AT CHABAD

9 A.M. ALL HOLIDAYS AT ETZ CHAIM

Contact the office at (317) 251-6220 or visit etzchaimindy.org to subscribe/donate/research. Visit [@EtzChaimIndy](https://www.facebook.com/EtzChaimIndy) and [@EtzChaimtheSisterhood](https://www.facebook.com/EtzChaimtheSisterhood) on Facebook for more information.

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

TORAH TALK: 9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAYS. Join Rabbi Krichiver to discuss Jewish sacred source texts in a non-intimidating way. All are welcome. Proudly presented by Sisterhood. You can join in person

or find the Zoom link to participate on ihcindy.org/online.

KABBALAT SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M. FRIDAYS.

Join IHC for the weekly service, bringing the peace of Shabbat into homes. You can watch live at ihcindy.org/streaming.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY: 9 A.M.

SATURDAYS. IHC clergy guides the group through the weekly Torah portion text seeking understanding of the teaching for the time and discussing its message for today. It is available online or in person. No prior knowledge is necessary, and all are welcome.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: 10:30 A.M. SATURDAYS**IHC SISTERHOOD'S GIFT SHOP HOURS:**

10 A.M. – 2 P.M. TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS; 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. FRIDAYS; 9:30

A.M. – 12 P.M. SUNDAYS WHEN THE JEWISH LEARNING PROGRAM IS IN SESSION. You can also make an appointment to shop by emailing ihcsisterhoodgiftshop1@gmail.com.

IHC CIRCLES: There are now 15 IHC Circles! Circles are small groups formed around specific interests, passions, geography, life stage, or profession. There is a Circle for wine lovers, card sharks, young families, volunteers and more! Visit ihcindy.org/ihc-circles to learn more about these Circles, including if you are interested in leading a circle.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Register for all non-weekly classes with Assistant to the Office of Lifelong

Learning, Beth Meade-Hession, at bethmh@ihcindy.org or (317) 255-6647.

EVENTS**MITZVAH STITCHERS: 11 A.M. SUNDAYS**

IN JULY AND AUGUST. If you love to knit, crochet, sew or embroider and love to schmooze while you stitch, then Mitzvah Stitchers is perfect for you. Email Barb Levy at bcl@bclevy.com to be added to the email distribution list so she can provide you the Zoom link for meetings.

JEWISH BOOK CLUB: TIME TBD, TUESDAY, AUG. 13. The Jewish Book Club is a great way for book lovers to enjoy getting to know each other through lively discussion about great books with Jewish and literary value. Email Evelyn Pockrass at epockrass@ihcindy.org to participate.

Visit ihcindy.org or [@IHCindy](https://www.facebook.com/IHCindy) on Facebook for links to all Zoom services, classes and programs and for more information.

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

Visit www.shaareytefilla.org or [@ShaaareyTefilla](https://www.facebook.com/ShaaareyTefilla) on Facebook for the most updated information.

Temple Beth El Muncie

Visit templebethelmuncie.org and their weekly emails for more information on classes and programs. Connect with [@TempleBethEl](https://www.facebook.com/TempleBethEl) on Facebook, (765) 702-7731 or email contact@templebethelmuncie.org.

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Step-Up to become a Lion of Judah and join more than 300 Lions in Indianapolis and more than 18,000 worldwide. You will join an international sisterhood of philanthropic women and global activists who care deeply about our Jewish future.

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is excited to launch an innovative program, Step-Up Lion, for women who aspire to be a Lion of Judah. To start your journey, make a commitment to increase your gift to JFGI's Annual Campaign for the next two or three years (depending on your current donor level), starting with a minimum gift of \$1,800 for the first year and at least \$5,000 for the final year.

As a Step-Up Lion, you will immediately receive all the benefits of being a Lion of Judah, which includes proudly wearing the Lion of Judah pin. You will also be invited to all local and national Lion of Judah events listed below.