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We Want to Get to Know You!



I always love celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) with all of you. This year I'm especially excited because for the first time, we're holding a celebration of the anniversary, which we're calling "Israel in the Park," off-campus, at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel. According to our 2017 Jewish Community Study, approximately 44% of our community (3,700 households), live north of core, and 60% of those households contain children ages 0-17, so we're thrilled to be bringing this family-friendly event to a public park in the area. Read more on pages 14-15!

While a third of our community (3,100 households, many of whom are seniors) still live close by in our core area, 20 percent (1,700 households) live south of core. We know many of those homes are occupied by married couples without children. To cater to this group, we continue to host several NEXTGen young adult events, like happy hours and LGBTQ brunches, in Broad Ripple and downtown. We hope you can join us for an upcoming event.

Read more about our Lunch Program on page 7.

Do you know people who don't get this magazine and should? Do you know anyone who wants to be connected to our community but isn't yet? Contrary to popular belief, we don't know everyone yet! Unless someone tells us, we don't know that someone new has moved to town or has never been connected to our Jewish community. We truly want to get to know more of the community, and we absolutely love new people, so give us a call at **317-726-5450**, or visit our website at jewishindianapolis.org! The "Shalom Indy" webpage at jewishindianapolis.org/new-to-indy is an especially great gateway full of resources on Jewish Indianapolis, and there's even a form you can fill out to tell us more about yourself.

On a final note, I would like to thank all those who have already contributed to the 2019 Annual Campaign, before and during our annual kickoff on April 30. In order to keep growing and offer a variety of recreation for you, we need the support of the entire community. Gifts of any and all sizes are very much appreciated and make a difference! If you haven't yet, you can make your 2019 Annual Campaign gift right now at jewishindianapolis.org/donate. Thank you!

Debra Barton Grant

DEBRA BARTON GRANT
Executive Vice President and CEO

HELLO, *Thank You!*

JFGI welcomes
HAN JACOBS MEADWAY
(Director of Planning)
and **ANDREA HIRSCH**
(Communications Manager)
and says thank you to intern
HANNAH SMITH.



Han Jacobs Meadway

LIVES WITH: Husband AJ, two dogs, and an angora rabbit

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

EDUCATION: B.A. in American Studies from Smith College, J.D. from Drexel University, M.S.W. from Bryn Mawr College

BACKGROUND: Worked as Associate Director for Social Responsibility at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (focusing on programs addressing older adults, food security, and vulnerable populations) and managed the Northeast NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). Served on the leadership committee of GenPhilly, a group of aging professionals, and as co-chair of the LGBT Elder Initiative board in Philadelphia.

HOBBIES: Running, knitting, and travel.

WORKED HERE SINCE:
March 2019



Andrea Hirsch

LIVES WITH:
Big orange cat named OJ

HOMETOWN: West Bloomfield, MI
(near Detroit)

EDUCATION: B.A. in Journalism from Western Michigan University

BACKGROUND: In reverse chronological order, marketing coordinator at architecture and design firm Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf, communications coordinator at Eskenazi Health, producer at WISH-TV 8, editor at Zionsville Times Sentinel, reporter at Hendricks County Flyer, police and court reporter in Marion, IN.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT INDIANAPOLIS:

I have been living in Indianapolis for almost 12 years. I love the Midwest because of the people, four seasons, and way of life. I continue to call Indy my home because I like the small nightlife pockets of downtown, and how much the city is growing. While I miss my family and home, I am only a few hours' drive away!

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT ME:

My favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs, although I have a tiny gluten allergy so I use chickpea pasta instead! I will never say no to street tacos from Bakersfield though!

HOBBIES: Cooking, teaching cycling classes, and being in the company of friends.

WORKED HERE SINCE:
March 2019



Hannah Smith

FAMILY: Parents, two younger sisters, and two dogs (Chuckleberry Finn and Maggie)

HOMETOWN: Marysville, OH

EDUCATION: Current senior in IUPUI's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), pursuing a bachelor's degree in Media and Public Affairs

BACKGROUND: Worked as an AmeriCorps VISTA; Communications Intern at Ball State University's Department of Journalism; Strategic Communications Intern at Ascena Retail Group; Special Events and Development Intern at Ronald McDonald House Charities.

WORKED HERE SINCE: 2017 as a Jewish Family Services volunteer; December 2018 as a JFGI intern

WHY I FIND WORKING FOR THE FEDERATION MEANINGFUL: The Federation has given me the unique ability to attach an internship program with not only purposeful work but a broader sense of community.



The Indiana chapter of JPRO Network, which serves as the career development organization for Jewish community professionals, is thrilled to welcome

RACHEL WALDORF as its new volunteer chair! Rachel currently works as Associate Director at URJ Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI). Visit jewishindianapolis.org to read more about her!

2018 Annual Campaign Recap

Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers and donors for helping to raise nearly \$3.9 million for the 2018 Annual Campaign! These funds support the many needed programs and services provided by the Federation and its partner agencies and organizations in Greater Indianapolis, in Israel, and around the world. Thank you!!!

The Federation and its agencies touch the lives of over 2,000 Indianapolis area residents daily, and countless more in Israel and other countries. With YOUR help, and through the funds raised and allocated through the Annual Campaign, we as a community:

- ▶ Feed those who are hungry
- ▶ Provide comfort and care to seniors
- ▶ Educate children and adults
- ▶ Help individuals be physically fit and healthy
- ▶ Combat antisemitism
- ▶ Build community
- ▶ And much more!

Special thanks to the 2018-2019 Annual Campaign Co-Chairs, Helen Kurlander Goldstein and Leslie Rubin, along with all of the Annual Campaign volunteers!

2019 Annual Campaign

As the 2019 Annual Campaign gets underway, your help is needed to meet the growing needs of the community. In the local community alone, more than 3,700 individuals—including many children and seniors—need help with the basic necessities that so many take for granted. They need your help!

Your donation to the community's Annual Campaign matters—no gift is too big or small, and EVERY gift, no matter the size, makes an important difference. Your gift to the Annual Campaign will help others all year long.

To make a difference in the lives of others who need your help, please contribute to the Annual Campaign (jewishindianapolis.org/donate), call **317-715-9274**, or mail your check to the Jewish Federation at 6705 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Where does the money go?

Each year, committees of volunteers and staff work to review funding requests, reach consensus, and allocate the funds raised through the Annual Campaign to support local, national, and international agencies, programs, services, and projects. Added to the funds raised through the 2018 Annual Campaign were additional grant funds, combining for a total of **\$3,996,328**.

So where does the money go? The chart below illustrates how money is allocated through the Planning and Allocations Process for 2019.

In addition to the funds allocated from the Annual Campaign, the Federation also provides in-kind support and services to constituent agencies, including rent, security, technology, shared services, campus resources, and more.

LOCAL

ANTI-BDS PROGRAMS
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION
COMBATING ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVES
COMMUNITY CAMPUS OPERATIONS (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CAMPUS UPKEEP)
COMMUNITY GRANT WRITER
COMMUNITY MASHGIACH
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
HASTEN HEBREW ACADEMY
HILLELS AT BALL STATE, BUTLER, INDIANA AND PURDUE UNIVERSITIES
HOOVERWOOD
INDIANA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES
JFGI JEWISH EDUCATION
JFGI ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES
JFGI OPERATING BUDGET
JPRO INDIANA
LIFE & LEGACY PROGRAM
LL GOODMAN AWARD
NEXTGEN
OHIO VALLEY HILLEL CONSORTIUM
ONE HAPPY CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS
PJ LIBRARY
POPSIE'S FOOD PANTRY
SECURITY INITIATIVES
SENIOR CARE AND SUPPORT

4.2%
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL

AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE
ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH
ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH & FAMILY SERVICES
B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
HILLEL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CAMPUS LIFE
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

74.6%
JEWISH FEDERATION, CONSTITUENT AGENCIES, AND LOCAL PROGRAMS/ SERVICES

JEWISH COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS
JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA (JFNA)
JFNA EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM
JPRO NETWORK
NETWORK OF JEWISH HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES
SECURE COMMUNITY NETWORK
THE HEBREW IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY

21.2%
ISRAEL AND OVERSEAS

AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE (JDC)
ANTI-BDS PROGRAMS
BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL
ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL PROJECT
ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

GLOBAL

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL (JAFI)
JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA (JFNA)
JFNA ISRAEL ACTION NETWORK
LOCAL ISRAEL PROGRAMMING
PARTNERSHIP2GETHER/ WESTERN GALILEE
SHALIACH PROGRAM (ISRAELI EMISSARY)
WORLD ORT



(L-R) Event committee members Debbie Pelletiere-Blatt and Jackie Barrett, Women's Philanthropy co-chair Karen Rothbaum, panel moderator Hayleigh Colombo (City Affairs Reporter, Indianapolis Business Journal), event chair and host Megan Maurer, panelists John A. Elliott (CEO, Gleaners Food Bank, Inc.), Dr. Lisa Harris (CEO, Eskenazi Health), and Lori Moss (Executive Director, Jewish Family Services).

In February, JFGI Women's Philanthropy held its first Common Threads program of 2019, entitled "In Doubt or Living Without: Food Insecurity in Our Community." Common Threads is a series of programs that bring women together to discuss current topics of interest in the community.

The Common Threads "The Choices We Make" event and the annual luncheon for Lion of Judah and Pomegranate society members, both featuring guest speaker Jeannie Opdyke-Smith, occurred at press time. Look for photos in the next issue!



Michaela, Reuben, Maria, and Arica Simon (L-R) painted Passover seder plates and trays to be donated to families in need at a JFGI Women's Philanthropy event at Pottery By You in March. Not pictured: Beth Klapper and Women's Philanthropy co-chair Gigi Marks Felsher.



WED, JUNE 19 • 6 PM
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INDIANAPOLIS • \$25

EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH RANDOM ACTS OF *Flowers*

Get in touch with your inner flower arranger! Participants will make two bouquets with reclaimed flowers and one or both will then be delivered to local hospitals or nursing homes. Visit jewishindianapolis.org/womens-philanthropy to register.



SAVE THE DATE!

Friends Over 90 Celebration Lunch

— יו"ל —
Wednesday
June 26th
at Noon

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation



2019 Legacy Community Celebration



DICK AND BARB LEVENTHAL
THIS YEAR'S OR L'DOR HONOREES

Thursday
September 12th
at 6pm

JCC Laikin Auditorium

INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW



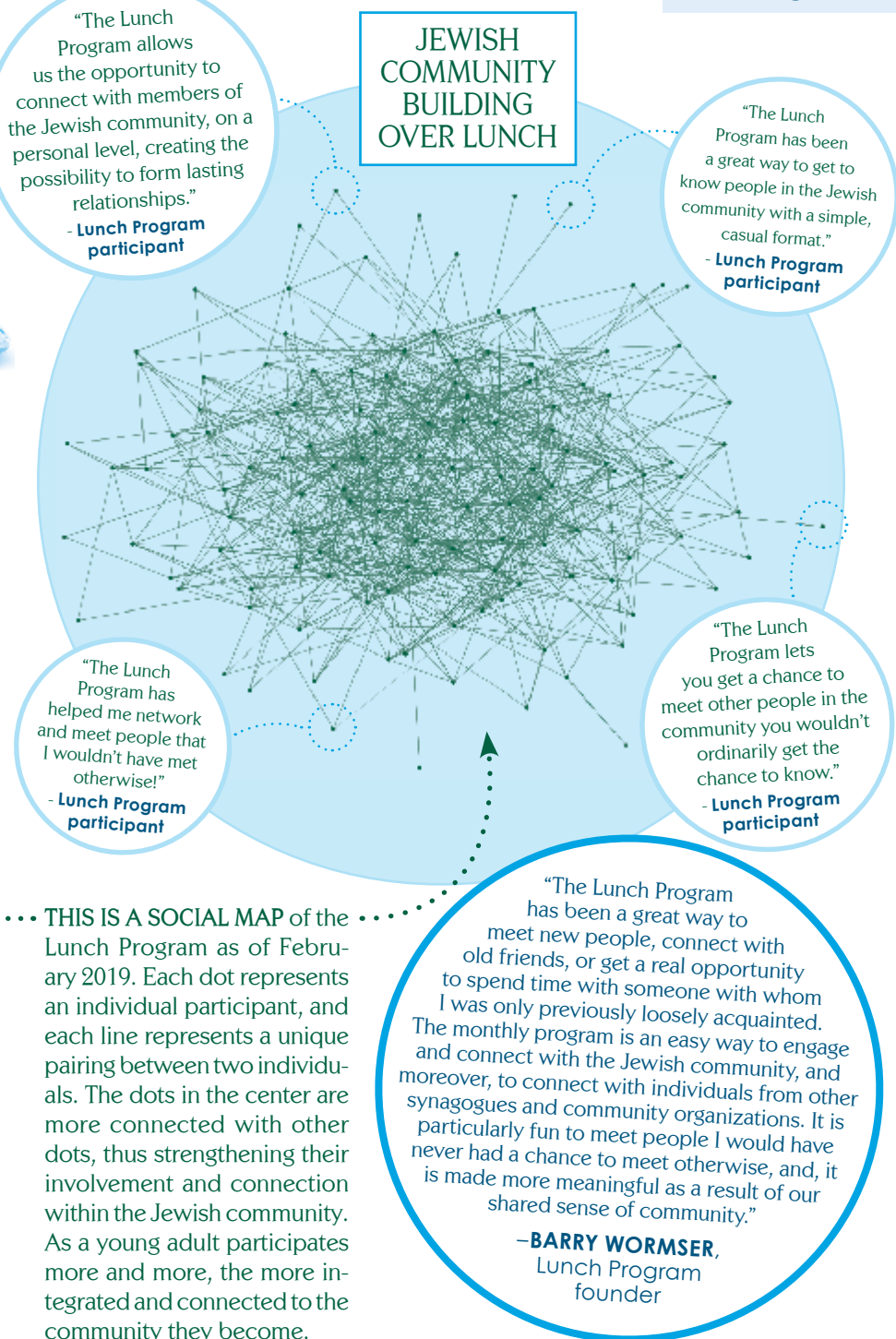
THE LUNCH PROGRAM

The Lunch Program is simple: Each month, you get an email with the name and contact information of your monthly match-up pairing. You and your match-up arrange to meet for lunch when convenient for you both. That's it. That's the Lunch Program. Easy, right?

The pairings allow participants the opportunity to connect with other members of the community who they have yet to meet, facilitate meetups between lifelong friends who may get bogged down in their busy lives, and offer low-barrier ways for people who are new to the Indianapolis area to meet and learn about their new Jewish community. The program also offers a flexible schedule, allowing almost anyone in Indianapolis the ability to participate and connect.

After two years of running the Lunch Program, results have been collected to show the program's impact and outcomes to the community. February 2019 saw the 24th set of pairings, for 804 total pairs since the program began; throughout the program's life, it has seen 129 unique individuals participate. While some people have moved away or opt out for the month due to schedules, the program sees approximately 40 pairings each month between about 80 participants.

If you are interested in participating in the Lunch Program, visit jewishindianapolis.org/lunch-program or reach out to Matt at mkmorning@jfgi.org with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE
3rd Annual Light It Up Chanukah Party
Saturday, December 14





BRINGING A NEW BEAT TO TORAH

Matt Bar, the founder and Executive Director of Bible Raps, is coming to Indianapolis June 6-9 to enrich the community's teaching of Torah and celebration of Shavuot! Matt, who was named to the NY Jewish Week's "36 Under 36" list and has participated in multiple Jewish innovation projects, will run professional development sessions for local teachers in Jewish settings and AEPi staff and will enrich CampJCC's first Shabbat celebration of the summer with a performance and an engaging workshop for the older campers.

The highlight of Matt's visit will be his involvement with the community Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a celebration of the Festival of Shavuot and the culmination of Indianapolis' first year as a Chai Mitzvah Ignite city. Since Shavuot marks both the spring harvest and the receiving of Torah, there is a tradition to spend the whole night studying. The session with Matt and other community teachers ends at midnight, but there will be opportunities to continue learning at nearby congregations for the rest of the evening. Everyone is invited to this communal celebration filled with creativity, learning, and (of course) cheesecake! For more information, visit bit.ly/JFGIShavuot.



BJE Maurer Jewish Community library volunteers visited the Indianapolis Public Library Service Center and were able to see firsthand how books and materials are processed when they are requested by library patrons. Seeing how new materials are put into the system and the details of keeping such a large library system functioning gave everyone a better understanding of how the Jewish Community Library is but one piece of the IndyPL system.

BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library

Over the past six months, volunteers at the BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library have spent countless hours organizing the 8,000+ book collection and making the library a welcoming place for the whole community. They have been busy helping inventory the collection, reorganizing the shelves, processing books to send to other branches, helping patrons, and reading to children in the JCC's Early Childhood Education program.

A big "great job" thank you to these volunteers: Linda Glanzman, Barbara

Goldman, Diane Grael, Sheila Greenwald, Alan Hamburger, Shelley Kahn, Barbara Levy, Xian Ma, Sharon Monat, Monica Rosenfeld, Marcia Sklare, Jeanne Stein, Gabby Tamler, Bess Walter, and Sue Zellers.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Marcia Goldstein, Library Coordinator, at library@jfgi.org. Everyone is welcome to drop by the library when it is open on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 am–2 pm, and Tuesdays, 1–4 pm.

**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT SATURDAY, JUNE 8
9 PM-MIDNIGHT JFGI EDUCATION CENTER**

Sharing Testimonies through Technology

In early March, as part of a JFGI Education Collaboration Grant received in partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council, students from Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation were able to preview a new exhibit at CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Presented in collaboration with the USC Shoah Foundation, the Dimensions in Testimony exhibit features interactive biographies from 15 Holocaust survivors, including museum founder Eva Kor. Each featured survivor spent three days surrounded by cameras capturing their every move, all while being pelted with over 2,000 questions ranging from "How did you survive?" to "What is your favorite food?"

After touring CANDLES' permanent exhibit space, which weaves Eva's story through the external events of World



Thanks to new technology, the Dimensions in Testimony exhibit at CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center allowed students to experience Eva Kor's wit as well as her compassion without her needing to step foot in the building.

War II and the Holocaust, students asked digital Eva questions about her life in Poř, Romania; what she and her twin sister Miriam experienced at the hands of infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele; and how she felt upon the liberation

of Auschwitz. This type of exhibit will allow museumgoers the opportunity to experience a Holocaust survivor's eyewitness account using her or his own words long after s/he is gone.



(At left) Tibor Klopfer, a member of JFGI's Holocaust Speakers Bureau, shared his family's story with students at the Children's Museum's Holocaust Remembrance Day event on March 7.

Holocaust Speakers Bureau

The JFGI Holocaust Speakers Bureau has been busy engaging with students and members of the broader community through sharing personal and family stories from the Holocaust. Thus far in 2019, speakers have reached more than 2,000 students and community members by presenting to middle and high schools, universities, libraries, senior living facilities, the Indiana Repertory Theatre, and the Children's Museum.

These stories are not always easy to share, but the volunteer speakers understand the vital importance of doing so. Their stories provide a face to history and a personal connection

to an event often seen as irrelevant by many in today's society. With the rise of antisemitism and other forms of bigotry, disseminating these stories to the broader community is even more critical. Todah Rabah to Ed and Esther Davidson, Sharie Fields, Corey and Brenda Freedman, Carolyn Hiser, Tibor Klopfer, Phil Lande, Maya Shmoel, Dee Schwartz, and Julie Sondhelm for the commitment, courage, and compassion they have shared along with their families' stories.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the JFGI Holocaust Speakers Bureau, please contact Amber Maze at amaze@jfgi.org.

COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1 PM

**Albert & Sara Reuben
Holocaust Memorial
6705 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis**

All are invited to come together to honor survivors of different generations as well as those who are working toward advancing Holocaust education.

CITY OF CARMEL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 3, NOON

**Tarkington Theater
3 Center Green, Carmel**

Esther Davidson will share her moving story about growing up in the shadow of Nazi-occupied Poland. She will be joined by her daughter Sharie and granddaughter Naomi.

Full commemoration schedule at jewishindianapolis.org/calendar.



On March 24, over 80 Jewish youth came together for J-Serve, a mega service event, and the YoPhi Service Learning launch.

J-SERVE / YOPHI SERVICE LEARNING LAUNCH RECAP

Over 80 3rd-12th graders gathered together on Sunday, March 24 to make a difference in the Indianapolis community! While 6th-12th graders participated in J-Serve, a mega teen service learning event, 3rd-5th graders brought joy to the spring holidays by making Purim baskets for Hooverwood residents and Passover fun packs for Jewish Family Services' Passover drive. Visit bit.ly/JServeYoPhi2019 to check out more pictures from the day.

YOPHI TEEN BOARD CHECK GRANTING CEREMONY
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 4 PM

Domont Auditorium
JFGI Education Center
6705 Hoover Rd., Door 1

Community Youth Events (Grades 3-12) OPEN TO ALL



INDIANAPOLIS HEBREW CONGREGATION (IHC)

Visit ihcindy.org/who_we_are/youth to learn more about IHC's youth groups.

BBO (Grades 8-12)

Want to learn about upcoming local events? Sign up for each chapter's Remind! For Indy AZA (boys) or B'yachad (girls), text @indyaza or @byachad to 81010.

CONGREGATION BETH-EL ZEDECK (BEZ)

Learn more about BEZ's youth programs at bez613.org/groups/youth-groups.



Helio D., Alex P., and Gordon C. making holiday packs at the YoPhi Service Learning launch.

NEXT YOPHI SERVICE LEARNING EVENT SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1-3 PM

Jewish Community Campus

Come ready to get dirty! Children in grades 3-8 will create a community genizah for retiring old prayer books and ritual objects. Help create a home for some of the community's most cherished objects and learn about the importance of memory in Jewish tradition.

Registration is open! Visit jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-service-learning to sign up.

Join the 13 members of the inaugural YoPhi (Youth Philanthropy Indy) Teen Board as they share reflections on their year-long philanthropic experiences and present checks to the organizations they chose to receive grants in support of their mission to promote youth education in greater Indianapolis.

If you are interested in applying for the 2019-2020 YoPhi Teen Board, take this opportunity to learn more about the program! **Applications for the 2019-2020 Teen Board are due by May 31 at 5 pm.** Check out the full application at jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-teen-board.



Do you know a rising 11th or 12th grader that would be a great fit for the **YOPHI TEEN BOARD?** Nominate them to apply using the tear-out form on page 27!

Welcome, Roberta!

JFGI is excited to welcome **Roberta Alder** as its new PJ Library Coordinator! PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, sends free Jewish children's books to families across the world every month. Learn more and sign up at jewishindianapolis.org/pj-library!

JFGI's previous PJ Library coordinator, **Leah Aft**, isn't going anywhere just yet! She's staying on with JFGI as PJ Baby Connect Coordinator, focusing on engaging with families who have children ages 0-2.



EDUCATION: B.A. in History with emphasis in East European and Jewish Studies from IU, Masters in Library Science from IUPUI, Master's in Education and Technology from WGU

BACKGROUND: Member of the Indianapolis Jewish community for more than ten years. Volunteer at local synagogues, libraries, and the Hasten Hebrew Academy (which her children attend) in the cafeteria, early childhood library, and with the PTO

HOBBIES: Reading, walking the dog, music, cooking for friends and family



PJ GOES TO CAMP
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 9:30 AM
Goldman Union
Camp Institute – GUCI
9349 Moore Rd., Zionsville

Children not yet old enough for overnight camp can get a taste of it at PJ Goes to Camp! Enjoy activities like Jewish farming, sports, arts and crafts, a song session, swimming, and lunch in GUCI's cafeteria.

PJ Goes to Camp



Era Solyar and Ludmila Tan (L-R)

Older Americans Month

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month. The 2019 theme, **Connect, Create, Contribute**, encourages older adults and their communities to:

- ▶ **Connect** with friends, family, and services that support participation.
- ▶ **Create** by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- ▶ **Contribute** time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH CELEBRATION TUESDAY, MAY 21, NOON

JCC Laikin Auditorium
6701 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis

Celebrate Older Americans Month with the Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch! Featuring a special performance from the Shepherd's Choir. Open to anyone age 60+ for only \$3. Transportation may be available upon request. Kindly RSVP to Anne Beckman at **317-259-6222**.



GROCERY SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS

David Glenn and his children and sister Jaime Levinberg and her children won Jewish Family Services' first Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt to benefit Popsie's Pantry! "It was fun, and the kids still talked about it at dinner!" David said. Visit jewishindianapolis.org/jfs to download the scavenger hunt.



By connecting, creating, and contributing this May, you have a chance to win! Complete activities on the Jewish Family Services Older Americans Month bingo board throughout the month. For every "bingo" you complete (five in a row in any direction), you will get points. The individual with the most points at the end of May will be the winner!

First prize: \$25 gift card
Second prize: \$20 gift card
Third prize: \$10 gift card

Visit jewishindianapolis.org/jfs to download the bingo board.

Questions? Contact Anne or Christy at **317-259-6222**.



Thank you to Samuel Katz for sharing his love of music!

SHOW AND TELL FOR SENIORS

SHARE A STORY, a talent, a collection, a travel experience, or a skill with the fabulous seniors at the Libby and David Fogle Lunch Bunch!

The Lunch Bunch meets regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-1 pm.

Please contact Ruthie Gal at yarn-ing@hotmail.com to schedule a date to join the Lunch Bunch.

POWER OF PROTEST

THE MOVEMENT TO
FREE SOVIET JEWS

*Moscow
Дорогие наши
От всей души поздравляем
с праздником Танца
Свечи, каждый и
каждый, что это
самое великое
и прекрасное событие
в нашей жизни
как вы, так и ваши
дети и внуки
будут вместе и с
вами и нашими детьми*



TRAVELING
PANEL
EXHIBITION



POWER OF PROTEST: THE MOVEMENT TO FREE SOVIET JEWS

ON EXHIBIT AT THE JCC
THROUGH MAY 15

The Movement to Free Soviet Jews, one of the most successful human rights movements in history, shows that voices raised in protest can lead to remarkable achievements. The Jewish Community Center (JCC), along with Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council, and Indiana Jewish Historical Society are proud to present this exhibit from the National Museum of American Jewish History. The display is in the JCC's art gallery area and in the hall between the east and west doors.

SOVIET IMMIGRATION AND OUR COMMUNITY

MONDAY, MAY 13, 7 PM
JCC LAIKIN AUDITORIUM
6701 HOOVER RD., INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis community was deeply involved in the movement to free Soviet Jews. A panel discussion and Q&A session will be held with community members who were personally involved. It is not just history; it is home. Stay after the discussion for a dessert reception and speak one-on-one with the panelists. Visit jewishindianapolis.org/jfs to learn more.

INAUGURAL COAT DRIVE

Jewish Family Services is holding its first coat drive! When you're doing your spring cleaning, bring your new or lightly used cleaned jackets to JFS (6905 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis), who will distribute them to families in the local community. Contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfs.org for more information or with questions.

Celebrate Israel Independence Day
with the Greater Indianapolis
Jewish community!

COXHALL GARDENS
11677 TOWNE RD., CARMEL

**FREE
EVENT!**

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME!**

**SUNDAY
MAY 19
4-7 PM**

Israel IN THE Park



COMMUNITY MOSAIC WITH
VISITING ISRAELI ARTIST
OR-NAH RAN

LOCAL JEWISH
ORGANIZATIONS AND
VISITING ARTISTS FROM
ISRAEL WILL SHARE
FAMILY-FRIENDLY
ACTIVITIES INCLUDING



METAL WIRE CRAFT WITH
VISITING ISRAELI ARTIST
KOBY SIBONY

In case of rain, call **317-726-5450** for more
information. To learn more, volunteer,
or pre-purchase "shuk shekels," visit
jewishindianapolis.org/israelinthepark

INTERACTIVE
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ATION

JUMBO
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VIRTUAL
REALITY
GOGGLES

FOOS-
BALL

FACE
PAINTING

HAIR
BRAIDING

WRITE YOUR
NAME IN
HEBREW

ISRAELI
DANCING
& ZUMBA

ISRAEL COLLAGE WITH FLOWER PETALS!

BEDOUIN TENT WITH SHESH BESH
(BACKGAMMON)

GREEN SCREEN ISRAEL PHOTOS!

Big Car Collaborative will be
bringing oversized games
often found played along
the beaches of Israel!





A
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ENCOUNTER
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**YOM HAZIKARON
(ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY)**
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 6:30 PM
JCC Laikin Auditorium

It is customary to wear a white top and dark pants/skirt at an Israel Memorial Day ceremony.



PARTNERSHIP2GETHER SUMMIT
SUNDAY-TUESDAY, JULY 14-16

Celebrate the partnership between Israel's Western Galilee, Budapest (Hungary), and 14 U.S. cities (including Indianapolis) in South Bend, IN! Gather with friends from around the country and the world. Contact JFGI Israel & Overseas Director Michèle Boukai at mboukai@jfgi.org for more information.



JWRP MOMENTUM TRIP
SUNDAY-TUESDAY, DEC. 8-17

Join other moms with kids under 18 at home on this Jewish Women's Renaissance Project MOMentum trip! Includes pre-trip to the Western Galilee Dec. 8-10. Visit jwrp.org to learn more and apply. **Deadline: June 15.**

INDIANAPOLIS Jewish and Israeli Film Festival

SUN.-THURS., AUG. 25-29



The mission of the Indianapolis Jewish and Israeli Film Festival is to introduce the Indianapolis community to the diversity that exists within Jewish and Israeli films; to entertain; to educate; and to shine a spotlight on Israel's thriving film industry as part of a lively and innovative nation.

Audiences are sure to enjoy a varied selection of culturally significant films that will be inspirational, educational, exciting and engaging. Films to be screened will include:

FEATURE FILMS



MAGIC MEN

(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.



GLOOMY SUNDAY

(Germany/Hungary, 1999; drama; 112 minutes)

A 20th anniversary screening of this classic film, in partnership with Heartland 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.

SHORT FILMS



GRATEFUL: THE JENNI BEREBITSKY STORY

(USA, 2018; documentary; English; 16 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.



DEAR GOD

(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.



STAY TUNED FOR MORE!



Rabbi Scott Fox, Lindsey and Maxine Mintz, and David Sklar at last year's Pride Shabbat.

SHABBAT AT INDYPRIDE

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 8:15 AM
FIREFIGHTERS CREDIT UNION
726 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.,
INDIANAPOLIS

Come celebrate Shabbat before the Pride parade! To help make IndyPride more inclusive of all, IndyPride has partnered with several Jewish organizations to host an official Shabbat service prior to the start of the parade. All people are welcome regardless of religious belief to come celebrate with the Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities.

For more information or with questions, contact Aaron Welcher, JCRC Programming & Communications Coordinator, at awelcher@indyjcrc.org or 317-926-2935 ext. 3.



THE GREATER INDIANAPOLIS
JEWISH COMMUNITY

JCRC ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 7 PM
JCC LAIKIN AUDITORIUM
6701 HOOVER RD.,
INDIANAPOLIS

Celebrate and reflect on the impact the Jewish Community Relations Council has had on the Jewish and broader Indianapolis community at its Annual Meeting. New officers will be installed, and several awards will be presented to community members, including the David M. Cook Award. Light refreshments will be served afterward.





The Hooverwood Guild Cooking Group, also known as the Golden Gourmets, whip up delicious concoctions each month with the wonderful Guild volunteers.



Pictured above: Activities Director Andre Fall (left) and Hooverwood residents Anne Laikin and Bill Herber (right).



Shabbat services are held at Hooverwood every Friday at 4 pm and Saturday mornings at 10:30 am. Hooverwood is so thankful for the dedicated volunteers who lead the services, like the Dyson family (pictured), who have led services for years.



Residents including Estalita Wigfall (pictured) enjoyed their first outing on the new bus, whose purchase was made possible by generous donations from the Hooverwood Guild.



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MAY 13-19



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your loved one at Hooverwood or are
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Brittany at **317-607-1730** by **MAY 9**.



Eskenazi Water Park Opens Monday, May 20

If you're not already a JCC member, consider a summer membership and enjoy fun in the sun lounging poolside with fare from the J Café, splish splashing in the Mordoh Zero Depth Pool for infants and toddlers or floating on the Biccard 300-foot lazy river.



Camp JCC Starts June 3!

NEW! JCC day camps are now available to non-members for youth in K-9th grade. Become a JCC member, even a summer member, to get great rates on day camps, sports camps and specialty camps. Sign up at jccindy.org/camp-jcc.



JEWISH LIFE IN BLOOMINGTON



A cornerstone of IU Hillel's program is to educate the campus community about Israel and help Jewish students learn about, advocate, and build a strong connection and love for Israel. In addition to Hillel's strong Israel program, IU Hillel staff accompanies close to 100 students each year on Birthright Israel, a meaningful and life-changing 10-day journey in Israel.

The Helene G. Simon Hillel Center at Indiana University (IU Hillel) serves over 4,000 Jewish students, more than 10% of the total IU student body. Hillel strives to meet students "where they are" through providing a multitude of leadership opportunities, hundreds of programs each year, and courses for IU credit taught by Hillel staff. There are also approximately 15 student-led clubs and groups that offer students the opportunity to connect with the Jewish community through their interests, hobbies, and passions.



Hillel's Greek Jewish Council (pictured) and Greek Jewish student leadership structure are active on the IU campus. In addition, Hillel offers a 2-hour IU-accredited course, *Emerging Jewish Greek Leaders*, where students receive IU credit while learning with Hillel staff. Hillel's Greek life program helps students in Greek life build Jewish community, incorporate Jewish values into their lives, and helps Jewish students implement solutions to some of the problems they face in Greek life.



Hillel also offers students Shabbat meals and services as well as holiday programming, services and meals. These rich and meaningful Jewish traditions provide students with a comfortable entry point into Jewish life, create a Jewish "home away from home," and inspire them to build lasting connections to Jewish life. Pictured: Students building menorahs for Chanukah at IU Hillel.



IU Hillel recently welcomed the Jewish Learning Fellowship to campus. Part of a national Hillel initiative implemented on a local level, the Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF) is a 10-week experiential, conversational seminar for students looking to deepen their understanding of Judaism on their own terms. JLF builds a cohort of students to befriend one another while learning classical Jewish texts and drawing on the life experience and intuition of college students. Pictured: Students holding an unrolled Torah scroll on Simchat Torah.

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington

presents

Directed by
Liam Castellan

Featuring
Jonathan Golembiecki
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CHERRY DOCS

BY DAVID GOW

May 9, 11, 15, 16, 18 at 7:30 p.m.

May 19 at 3 p.m.

Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center Rose Firebay

Tickets: \$25, BCT Box Office, 114 East Kirkwood, 812-330-3020, or www.bctboxoffice.com

CHERRY DOCS PRESENTED BY THE JEWISH THEATRE OF BLOOMINGTON

7:30 PM: THURS., MAY 9;
SAT., MAY 11; WED., MAY 15;
THURS., MAY 16; SAT., MAY 18

*There will be talkback discussions
after the Thurs., May 9 and
Sat., May 18 shows.*

3 PM: SUN., MAY 19

**Rose Firebay Theater at
Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center
122 S. Walnut St., Bloomington.**

Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance. Free parking in lot at 3rd and Washington (across from First United Methodist Church).

\$25 | Tickets available at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater box office (114 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington) or online at bctboxoffice.org. Groups of 5 or more receive a \$2 discount per ticket.

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (JTB)'s 2019 season opens with *Cherry Docs*, written by Canadian playwright David Gow. Directed by Liam Castellan, a local director and recent graduate of IU's Masters in Directing program, the show deals seriously with the increasingly relevant issues of bigotry and redemption by bringing together two completely dissimilar characters: a neo-Nazi skinhead and a Jewish lawyer.

When the neo-Nazi, played by Christopher Crider-Plonka, is charged with a brutal, racist murder in Toronto, Legal Aid assigns him a Jewish lawyer, played by JTB veteran Jonathan Golembiecki, and they are forced to collaborate on a defense. The skinhead is pushed beyond his prejudice, while the lawyer is forced to examine the limits of his own liberal tolerance and the demons that might be underneath it.

Cherry Docs is a white-hot examination of hate and how hard it is to uproot from society. It explores the notion that as soon as hatred is seen as outside of one's own experience, people separate themselves from accountability. With this strong two-person cast and an experienced local production team, JTB is excited to bring this contemporary and timely play to Bloomington audiences.

For more information on JTB, visit jewishtheatrebloomington.com or Jewish Theatre of Bloomington on Facebook.



Innovative Education At Its Best

The Hasten Hebrew Academy has been named a Four Star School by the Indiana Department of Education for the 2017-2018 school year. This is the fifth year in a row that HHAI has received this designation.



Kohelet Prize winner Justine Skillman and her third grade class.

HHAI TEACHER JUSTINE SKILLMAN WINS NATIONAL AWARD

HHAI is proud to announce that third grade teacher Justine Skillman is a recipient of this year's national Kohelet Prize for excellence in Jewish education. The Kohelet Prize is awarded each year to six educators who demonstrate extraordinary accomplishment in one of six core elements of progressive Jewish education.

Mrs. Skillman was recognized for her entrepreneurial economics curriculum unit in the category of Real World Learning. This unit gives students the chance to live and breathe a true economy in order to gain an experience they will be able to carry with them as they grow in the real world.

Mrs. Skillman's research-based conceptual curricula and giving students the opportunity to have this learning experience led to her earning this prestigious award. She will receive an unrestricted cash prize of \$36,000 for this accomplishment. You can learn more about the Kohelet Prize at koheletprize.org.

HHAI Wins Indiana Letters of Literature Competition for Third Consecutive Year



Yael Epstein

For the third year in a row, the first place winner in the Indiana Letters About Literature competition is a student from the Hasten Hebrew Academy.

Out of over 1,000 letters, seventh grader Yael Epstein was awarded first place for her letter to Ayaan Hirsi Ali, author of the book *Infidel*.



Kenna Sondhelm

In total, 14 HHAI students in grades 6-8 were recognized, including two semifinalists, seventh graders Josh Bruns (not pictured) and Kenna Sondhelm. Kenna's essay was also recognized with the Indiana Author Letter Prize for being the highest-placing letter written to an Indiana author.

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST: AN INTERACTIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 3 PM

HHAI Cultural Arts Center and Holocaust Museum
6602 Hoover Rd.

The newly renovated Holocaust Museum will be unveiled at this event open to the community. The program will also include speakers about the importance of continuing Holocaust education, a performance of music from the Holocaust, authentic shtetl cuisine, and the premiere of the project process documentary. This project is the culmination of a design thinking grant for student engagement and problem-solving, in which students worked to make the Holocaust Museum interactive and more meaningful to their peers.



(Left) Students working on renovating the school's Holocaust Museum.

(Right) A painting in the renovated Holocaust Museum

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

YOM HASHOAH SHABBAT:
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 6 PM.

COCKTAIL JUDAISM: FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 PM. Conversation, humor, and spirits with Rabbi Dennis Sasso.

► **MAY 6 AT CONGREGATION BETH-EL ZEDECK:** "Internment, Identity, and Resistance: The Art of the Camps During World War II" with Julia Muney-Moore (Director of Public Art, Arts Council of Indianapolis)

► **JUNE 3 AT ANOTHER BROKEN EGG CAFÉ** (9435 N. Meridian St.): Topic TBA

SHABBAT HAKAVOD: FRIDAY, MAY 17, 6 PM. BEZ will honor teachers and high school seniors and install its new officers and Board of Directors.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!: FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 6 PM. Features spiritually uplifting music to welcome Shabbat.

CONFIRMATION: SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 6 PM. BEZ 10th-graders will confirm their commitment to Judaism in a beautiful service that includes an original Cantata.

SHAVUOT YIZKOR SERVICE: SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 10 AM.

BETH-ELDERS AND YOUNGERS:
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, NOON.

Fellowship, entertainment, and lunch following services. \$5/person. To reserve your spot, send in or drop off your check to 600 W. 70th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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

Congregation Beth Shalom

CHILDREN OF EDEN AT FOOTLITE MUSICALS (1847 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis): **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 7:30 PM.** CBS has reserved 20 seats at a discounted rate of \$22. This wonderful musical is based on the book of Genesis and age-old parent/children conflict. Option to join the

group for dinner beforehand. RSVP to Sharon Karp at skarp@iu.edu.

EMMA GOLDMAN YAHRTZEIT SHABBAT: FRIDAY, MAY 24, 6:30 PM. The sermon will recall this Russian-born Jewish woman who became an anarchist, activist, and sometimes fiery advocate for social justice, peace, free love, and birth control in the 1910s, '20s and '30s.

CONFIRMATION SHABBAT: FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 6 PM. CBS will celebrate the confirmation of Sydney Epstein, Isabel Meyers, and Grayson and Jessie Weiss.

FAREWELL SHABBAT SERVICE FOR RABBI STANLEY HALPERN: FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 6 PM. CBS' beloved rabbi retires on June 30 to become the synagogue's first Rabbi Emeritus. This will be his last officially led worship service. Everyone is encouraged to attend and thank him for his leadership.

SEND-OFF DINNER FOR RABBI STANLEY HALPERN'S RETIREMENT: SATURDAY, JUNE 29. Open to the entire community. More details online.

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

Congregation B'nai Torah

SHAVUOT ALL-NIGHT LEARNING: SATURDAY, JUNE 8, BEGINNING AT 10:45 PM.

Visit btorahindy.org or [@BnaiTorahIndy](https://www.facebook.com/BnaiTorahIndy) on Facebook for more information on twice-daily minyan services, classes offered, and more.

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

POTLUCK DINNER AFTER SERVICES: FRIDAY, MAY 10. Registration and food requirements online.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH: SUNDAY, MAY 12, 10 AM. All mothers and families are welcome. Register online.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1-4 PM.

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

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT (ALL NIGHT STUDY): SATURDAY, JUNE 8.

SHAVUOT SHACHARIT: SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 6 AM; MON., JUNE 10, 9 AM.

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

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

PLAYDATE WITH THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER: SATURDAY, MAY 4, 9:30 AM. Enjoy this informal opportunity to meet new families, spend time with friends, and enjoy the spirit of Shabbat!

SPIRITUAL CHAVRUTA: THURSDAY, MAY 9, 6:30 PM. Join IndyChai, IHC's group for adults in their 20s and 30s, as Rabbi Scott leads a discussion in the chavruta style. Attendees will pair up to discuss and debate an assigned topic, and after a set amount of time, they will switch to debate from the opposite stance. Watch the IndyChai Facebook page for more details! All are welcome.

MISHPACHA MEANS FAMILY: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 6:15 PM. This family service, which offers singing, dancing, and guitar to capture the joy of Shabbat, is perfect for elementary-aged students and their families! Led by Rabbi Scott Fox.

NEFESH SHABBAT: FRIDAY, MAY 17 AND JUNE 21, 6:15 PM. This service offers a more casual, acoustic environment for Shabbat worship service. All ages and families welcome.

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Please contact David at **317-715-6974** with questions.

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