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No Matter the Social Distance, We Are Here For You

April 13, 2020

I had a completely different article that I was going to write for this magazine. It was going to be about how we are entering into summer and sharing our plans for all of the great programming we have in store. However, in times of pandemic, quarantine, and social distancing, my letter now serves as a reminder of who we are, the Federation, and what we do for the community: serve our community no matter the crisis in good times and bad ones.



Debra Barton Grant
DEBRA BARTON GRANT
CEO and Executive Vice President

When the Jewish Federation formed 115 years ago, it raised funds to support Jews as they immigrated to America, aid the local community, and Jews around the world.

Today, our mission is much of the same. We are the central philanthropic, planning, community engagement, and unifying partner for our local Jewish community. Our promise is to bring the community together no matter what, and the Federation is here for you.

Our agencies are struggling financially due to recent closures to protect ourselves from COVID-19, but while at the same time, we are concerned about the people who need us the most. This includes the people in our community who are isolated, those who struggle financially, suffer from severe mental health conditions or addiction, and/or don't have the means to take care of themselves.

Our tagline, "Stronger Together," is never more relevant than it has been in the past several weeks. We have incredible volunteers in the community who stepped up to help in any way that they could. They reached out and connected to people in the community to help raise funds and food for Popsie's Pantry. They helped us make thousands of calls to community members and for some, helped us connect our case management team to those who needed to be connected to additional resources. We have continued to engage with one another in ways we haven't before.

We know there has been a lot of change in our community and too much loss due to the coronavirus. We have adapted our programming to connect others virtually through Shabbat candle lightings, cooking classes, group lunch dates, children's programs, and more.

When this crisis is over, we will continue to rebuild and persevere. We will push forward, for we are resilient, and we will come out as a stronger community together.

We focus this magazine on you - the people of this community by celebrating the impact that individuals have on our community and why they choose to attend programs, network with fellow Jews, and support the Federation because of what we do for our community. I hope you enjoy these stories. Please be safe and healthy.

Safe Indy: Community Welcomes Grant Mendenhall as First Community Security Director

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Community Security Director in partnership with national partner Secure Community Network (SCN).

The Secure Community Network (SCN), a nonprofit 501(c)(3), is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. Founded in 2004 under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN works on behalf of 146 federations, the 50 largest Jewish nonprofit organizations in North America and over 300 independent communities as well as with other partners in the public, private, nonprofit and academic sectors to ensure the safety, security and resiliency of the Jewish people.

Security has been and continues to be of the utmost importance to the Jewish Federation, agencies, synagogues and

all community partners. Grant will have oversight of the Jewish community's newest initiative, Safe Indy, a collaborative security program, focused on providing the highest quality support to every Jewish organization in the community. Safe Indy will develop a strategic approach to community security, provide customized support to every Jewish institution, establish practices and protocols for community-wide collaboration and communication, and implement regular and ongoing security training programs throughout the community.

Having started on April 1, Grant has hit the ground running and is working alongside community leaders to create a strong foundation for Safe Indy while also supporting Covid-19 organizational recovery efforts throughout the community. In the coming weeks, Grant will begin focusing on facility assessments, emergency action plans and community training opportunities.

Bradley "Grant" Mendenhall

Grant started his FBI career as a Special Agent on March 5, 1990 and was initially assigned to the Milwaukee Division, where he worked Violent Crime and Gang investigations in the Kenosha Resident Agency. In 1998, he was transferred to FBI Headquarters as a Supervisory Special Agent in the Criminal Investigative Division. In March 2001, Grant was transferred to the Salt Lake City Division, where he served as a Squad Supervisor in the Violent Crime and Domestic Terrorism programs. Additionally, he led the interagency Counterterrorism Intelligence Section in support of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

In August 2003, Grant was named FBI On-Scene Commander, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served until June 2005. From June 2005 to December 2006, Grant served as Acting Unit Chief of the Fly Team and Military Liaison and Detainee Operations Units. In December 2006, he initiated the FBI's involvement in the prosecution of numerous High Value Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This interagency effort evolved into the High Value Detainee Prosecution Task Force. From April 2009 to April 2010, he served as a Unit Chief in International Terrorism Operations Section I, and thereafter served as Deputy Legal Attaché, Baghdad, Iraq, from April 2010 to April 2011. From May 2011 to February 2013, Grant served as an Assistant Section Chief in International Terrorism Operations Section II. From

February 2013 to September 2014, he served as the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement at the Joint Interagency Task Force-National Capital Region.

In September 2014, Grant was promoted to Assistant Special in Charge, Intelligence Division, Washington Field Office, where he served until June 2016, when he was promoted to the Senior Executive Service as the Section Chief of International Terrorism Operations Section I. He was subsequently promoted to Deputy Assistant Director in the Counterterrorism Division over Operations Branch I in October 2016. He was promoted to Assistant Director of CTD in March 2017 and served that role until his was promoted to Special Agent in Charge of the Indianapolis Division in February 2018. He recently retired from the FBI to take the position with the Federation.



WELCOME!



Title: Community Security Director

Education: B.S. in Political Science, Ball State University

Military Experience: Served as an Infantry Officer in the United States Marine Corps

Relationships: Indiana law enforcement, national and global intelligence community, emergency preparedness community

Professional Experience: 30 years at the FBI

Make a supplemental gift on top of your annual campaign donation to the Safe Indy Security Initiative. Visit: www.jewishindianapolis.org/security to make a donation.

ON THE COVER: The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is full circle, serving as a central philanthropic organization, and as the community connector. In this series of images, you will see that the Federation assists the elderly, provides food for the underserved, receives money from donors, grants money to the community in various ways, and celebrates and engages personally and professionally.



FISHER FLIGHT TRIP

Impacts Couple to Inspire Others to Give



Todd and Linda take a helicopter ride to see all of Israel from above.

Finding inspiration through Jewish philanthropy is the principle behind why Todd and Linda Maurer contribute to the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

The Maurers were nominated by JFGI CEO Debby Barton Grant for a unique opportunity through the Jewish Federations of North America, called Fisher FLIGHT. She suggested them because of their dedication and passion to the Jewish community and leadership within many different areas of the Federation, agencies and synagogues, and their interest in more Jewish philanthropy. Their philanthropic involvement was the perfect marriage for this inspirational journey.

The program combines Jewish learning with immersive experiences for eight to 10 Jewish couples ages 40-50. Through three interactive programs over a 12-month period—one 10-day experience in Israel and two weekend retreats—Fisher FLIGHT inspires participants to reach their potential as Jewish philanthropists and community leaders by focusing their charitable giving on Jewish and Israeli causes.

The Maurers were the first couple from Indianapolis to be a part of this program.

They started their FLIGHT with seven couples in Israel in September, with a follow up trip to Miami in January, and finally, their last retreat in Detroit in February.

"This journey allowed us a unique experience we had never had before," Linda said.

Todd and Linda said their trip to Israel was not for tourism. They met with

innovative business people; learned different ways others are philanthropic, such as investing in companies that cure cancer; and learned about the social needs in Israel, such as the needs of aging elders and raising dogs to assist the blind.

"We had a deeper emotional connection to all of these things because we were in Israel," Linda said.



The Fisher FLIGHT group enjoys a Happy Hour together in Israel with Jane Fisher Sherman.

Fisher FLIGHT is a Jewish Federations of North America program, created by the Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation of Detroit, with the goal of inspiring young philanthropists to be leaders in Jewish philanthropy. The late Max Fisher was a businessman and philanthropist whose titles include honorary chair of United Jewish Communities, national chairman of UJC's predecessor organization, the United Jewish Appeal, president of the Council of Jewish Federations, founding chairman of the Board of the Jewish Agency, and more. Since its inception in 2006, more than 100 people have participated.



Todd and Linda Maurer suit up for a fun day in Israel during their Fisher FLIGHT trip.



Above and below photos: Todd, Linda and the Fisher FLIGHT group explore Israel and meet with different business people, and social needs organizations.

The Maurers said each couple they met has their own incredible philanthropy experiences.

"We were inspired by these couples and learned so much, especially from those who were first generation wealthy, and how they transformed philanthropy through the generations," the Maurers said.

Both Todd and Linda have been blessed with having good philanthropic mentors who have been pivotal examples, and because of that, it has been easier in their journey for them to say "we should be doing this" when it comes to giving financially. Their parents raised them to know the importance of giving back to the community.

"We already know it is important to give to the Federation because you know where the money goes and how it is making an impact," Todd said.

While they knew their reasons for giving to this point, they learned so much more about philanthropy than they ever could have known from just their role models alone.

"There are two ways to give: giving money to different places when asked, and thinking more strategically and intentionally to expand your giving," Todd said. "We knew we wanted to be more philanthropic but didn't know how to do it. We gained so much more insight from others during our experience."

The Maurers also said they learned

how to teach their children to be philanthropic based on experiences from the other couples.

Todd and Linda said their FLIGHT journey has given them the motivation to showcase their experience in the Indianapolis community, serve as role models, and inspire others to give to areas that create the great impact on the community.

"They are so many lessons learned and we want to inspire others," Todd said. "We want to practice more impactful giving and be the example of why. This experience has taught us to think about satisfaction and for us, it's impactful giving that is driven by direct results. We want to make a difference."

2020 Annual Campaign

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Ordinarily, this section would provide an update on the community's 2020 Annual Campaign—and the more than \$1.2 million raised to date. The importance of these dollars to meet community needs and the far-reaching impact on countless lives would be emphasized, along with sincere gratitude to the donors and volunteers who make it all possible.

But these are not ordinary

times, by any means. The unprecedented situation that has been unfolding in the community and around the world in recent months impacts everyone.

For more than a century, the Jewish Federation—along with its partner agencies, the community's congregations, and other Jewish institutions—has been here to help those in need, especially during difficult times. And these

challenging times are no different. The Federation is here for the community and to help those in need.

To some, it seems almost unthinkable to even consider the idea of discussing funding needs at a time like this. Yet, it is the community's support for the Annual Campaign that ensures the Federation and its network of partners are here for the community in times like these. The Annual Campaign

brings the community together around shared values to help one another...and collectively to do good.

With schools, businesses, and community gathering spaces closed, many people across the community have been facing dangerous isolation, financial crisis, and lack of access to food, medicine, and other basic necessities.

Your support makes a difference.

To help those in need, please make a gift to the 2020 Annual Campaign by donating online at www.jewishindianapolis.org/donate, calling 317-726-5450, or mailing a check to JFGI at 6705 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Philanthropy

noun phi·lan·thro·py

The anthro-root of *philanthropy* means literally "love of mankind." Thus, philanthropy is giving money for a purpose or cause benefiting people who you don't necessarily know.

Since 1904, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis has time and again risen to the challenges of the day and helped neighbors and community through the toughest times. Federation ties to the people in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities are deep-rooted and enduring. The value JFGI brings touches every day lives in profound ways that are sometimes, but not always, noticed. The Federation engages and supports the community with vital services, places to gather, and resources to inspire growth and learning.

What can I do to help the Jewish Federation?

At all stages of life, there are many ways to help your community and those in need, and the Federation needs you. Here are a few ways you can support the Jewish Federation and your community:

- Donate your time. The Federation, Jewish Family Services, and its agencies survive through the efforts of volunteers. Shop for a needy family, stack food in the pantry, provide transportation, serve on a committee or board, or volunteer for an event.
- Donate your skills. Musicians, artists, accountants, lawyers, fundraisers, business execs, marketing gurus, and more—all are needed!
- Employer gift matching. Do you know if your employer matches gifts? If they do, you may receive credit for more than your original gift. Some companies match 50-100 percent of your contribution. Please ask!
- List the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement account.

Once social distancing times are behind everyone, here are additional ways to help the Federation:

- Attend an event on the Jewish Community Campus. Learn about social, environmental or political issues

affecting the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. Get involved in your passion.

- Organize an event. Have a barbeque or cocktail party at your house with your circle of friends. Tell them why you volunteer and support the Federation. Talk about who the Federation serves and the impact the Federation has on the community.
- Show your kids how good it feels to give. Plan a holiday, kindergarten graduation, birthday or another type of children's party for a cause. At the party, have kids work on a group project like gathering nonperishable food for Popsie's Pantry or participating in Adopt-A-Family and in lieu of gifts, have the families donate instead of birthday gifts.

There are many ways to help and ideas are only limited by your imagination. The Federation needs you and would love to talk about ways you can help. Contact the Federation office at (317) 726-5450 or go to jewishindianapolis.org for more information.

JFGI'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS

To meet the urgent and evolving needs of the community's most vulnerable, JFGI is raising money for a Community Relief Fund. As of April 13, the Federation has secured more than \$610,000 for emergency relief. 100 percent of contributions will directly support those impacted by the pandemic and programs providing critical community services to the most vulnerable and at risk in our community.

Examples of how the fund will make an impact include: providing resources and support directly to seniors, community members without health insurance or sick days, individuals who have lost work and other economically vulnerable populations. Funds will be used to replenish food at Popsie's Pantry, provide meals for home-bound community members, access to mental health services, and to address food insecurities caused by school closings and

loss of employment. The Federation's focus is on helping people in need in the community.

Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/emergencyfund. If you prefer to transfer dollars from your donor advised fund or to contribute in some other manner, contact Josh Lodolo at jlodolo@jfgi.org or (512) 981-9499.

As it has done for more than a century, the Jewish Federation is here to muster the resources of the community to help those in need. Though it will be many months until the Federation is fully able to assess the total impact of the COVID-19 virus on the community, the partner agencies, and the world. Although the Jewish Community Campus was closed, the Jewish Federation work never halted. The Federation call to action has been to act now and help, as it has always done in times of crisis.

INDIANAPOLIS JEWISH COMMUNITY BOOK OF LIFE

Please share your legacy story to be honored and recognized in our new electronic display. Contact Paula Glanzman Goldberg for information at pgoldberg@jfgi.org.



*Be a part of
something big*

Claudette and Larry Einhorn

My parents came to America in 1938. They left behind their families, many of whom did not survive. They came with nothing; no money, no language and not many belongings. They worked hard in a country that allowed them to be free and to succeed. Among the memories I have are those of my parents working at their synagogue, my mother often in the kitchen, my father at morning minyan. I still see my father proudly standing up and making his yearly pledge in support of the synagogue and the Jewish Community.

These memories drive me in my commitment to our community. Hoping to pass this example on to our children, my husband and I established funds through which our children and granddaughter can enjoy the blessings of philanthropy.

There is no greater joy than the ability to share your good fortune with others. I thank the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis for providing the vehicles through which we may do this.

GIVING BACK

TO THE COMMUNITY THAT GIFTED THEM REFUGE

One Indianapolis Russian couple hopes their journey from immigrants to donors will inspire others to join them in giving back.

Stacy and Ilya Rekhter both moved to the United States when the Soviet Union collapsed in the 90s. In 1994, Stacy, who was 4 at the time, and her family were bought to Indianapolis by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS).

"The Federation sponsored and furnished our first apartment," she said. "I remember walking in and saw that the fridge was overflowing with food."

Ilya entered the country at age 3 in 1994. His family was aided by his father's boss in Seattle. They lived in Ann Arbor, Mich. for much of his childhood before moving to Indianapolis when he was in high school.

Growing up, both of their families were involved in the Jewish community, especially the Russian Jewish community. Now, the couple makes a very generous gift to the Jewish Family Services' KAVOD program, which supports Holocaust survivors, because they understand the importance of giving back to the community that supported them. Stacy's mom, Katya Klauz, runs the KAVOD program, so their support hits home for her family.

"It was important for me that once we got into a place to give that we could give," Stacy said. "KAVOD is supporting an underserved part of the community. I grew up knowing these survivors, and by me going to these events and volunteering, I see the firsthand benefit of the events hosted through JFS."

Ilya also believes it is important to do their part

and do what they can.

"We live in this community. Whether it is time or money, it is important to give back to those who are also part of this community. We chose to give to the KAVOD program because these Holocaust survivors made it all the way here and a little bit of money goes a long way," Ilya said.

The KAVOD program offers transportation, social gatherings such as AMC opera and ballet performances, lunches, yoga, and English classes. While these activities can benefit all seniors, the lifestyle of growing up in the Soviet Union magnifies the impact.

"In the Soviet Union, going out to eat at a restaurant is a big deal, so offering a lunch program for these seniors is so important because it means so much to them," Ilya said.

Many of the KAVOD participants don't drive, and it can be very isolating to be in their homes all day. It is even more imperative to offer something for them that is outside their homes. It can also be harder for older Russian Jews to live in a care facility because they associate it with imprisonment because of how they were treated while in the Soviet Union and during the Holocaust, Ilya said.

Because this program impacts such a vulnerable population, both Ilya and Stacy find it important that they show others that they donate and why.

"Russian people struggle with the concept of donation not because of desire not to help, but from a background, that wasn't a part of the culture," Ilya said. "In the Soviet Union, it was the



Ilya and Stacy Rekhter at the Jewish Federation



Stacy as a panelist in the 2018 "Crossing Boundaries" program sharing her experiences as a Jewish immigrant from Russia.

government's job to give out salaries and oftentimes the salaries provided were barely enough to cover food costs."

Stacy and Ilya believe donating should be a habit and it is important to show that it is worth doing and the impact that it makes.

Russian Victory Day in May

Victory Day is a holiday that commemorates the surrender of Nazi Germany on May 9, 1945. KAVOD participants and older generations in the community celebrate this day reflecting on the loss of family members and honoring those who served in the war.

"For my grandparents, it was one of the most significant days in their life and signified overcoming everything that the war meant," Stacy said.

"It's not just about the victory, Ilya added. "It's about surviving that time."

Ilya and Stacy stress the importance of remembering this day and what it means because the older generations sacrificed for their children and grandchildren to be alive and have a better life.

"It is our job to remember their legacy and pass down their stories, so they know that their family fought for them," Ilya said.

Mazel Tov to Stacy and Ilya on the birth of their new baby!

Full Circle Philanthropy

The Stories of Erica Abrams and Kris Wilson

Being new to a city as a young professional can be tough. To ease their transition, two young adult donors share their Federation philanthropic journeys.

Pre-Kindergarten teacher Erica Abrams moved to Indianapolis for work after graduating from college in 2016. Landing a job in the Indianapolis Public Schools system, she packed her bags and left her home state of Ohio.

She had strong roots in Jewish life, attending Camp Livingston during her summers growing up, participating in BBYO as a high school student and Hillel as a college student.

"So I knew Jewish life was something I wanted to get involved in," Erica said.

When she arrived in Indy, Erica got in touch with Rachel Katz, the Program Director for Jewish Family Services, who invited her to different programs and events. Erica now leads the Parents Night Out events with Rachel. She organizes and leads all of the programming for kids with special needs. Erica also serves on the NEXTGen committee, the Jewish Learning Committee, is a Federation board member, and an advisor for BBYO.

Attorney Kris Wilson moved to Indianapolis in 2018. Growing up in Ferdinand, a small town in southern Indiana, Kris says he did not have as many Jewish community resources as he now has in Indy. The closest synagogues were in Evansville and Louisville, both about an hour away.

When he attended law school in St. Louis, he got involved in many organizations within the St. Louis Jewish community, and particularly enjoyed engaging in its social justice initiatives.



Erica Abrams

"I never realized the importance of it until I got to a place that had a Jewish community and saw its impact on my life and the community at large," Kris said about living in a Jewish community.

Kris reached out to Matt Kramer-Morning, the Director of the Federation's NEXTGen Initiative for Jews in their 20s and 30s, when he moved to Indy. A happy hour event at the World of Beer was the first of many NEXTGen events Kris and his fiancée would attend. He said many of the friendships they've made in Indianapolis can be traced back to events in the Jewish Community.

Kris is now a leader in Prystowsky ATID V, the advanced leadership development program through the Federation. He is a part of a network of people who are invested in making a difference in the Jewish community.



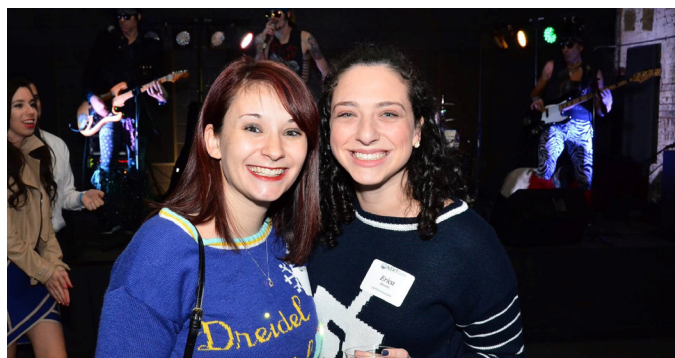
Kris Wilson

Kris and Erica's journeys through the Federation were impactful and have resulted in giving their time and money to the community they now call home.

"I get so much out of my involvement in the Federation," Erica said. "My engagement is more valuable than the money itself."

Kris said he was raised to give *tzedakah*, and that when he was in a position to give financially, wanted to give to the Federation because of what his experience through engagement meant to him.

It is because of people like Kris and Erica that the Federation is able to touch the lives of so many people. Learn how you can get involved with NEXTGen by contacting Matt Kramer-Morning at mkmorning@jfgi.org.



Roz Korai and Erica Abrams at Light It Up in 2017.



Kris Wilson and Elizabeth Letvin at Light It Up in 2018.

What is the Impact of *One Person?*



From the Tikkun Together: Midwest Jewish Teen Philanthropy Regional Gathering last November in Chicago. Two Indianapolis YoPhi Teen Board members include Jenna Himmelstein (far right) and Emma Covitz (far left).

As the YoPhi Teen Board members prepare to wrap up their philanthropic journey with allocations in support of their three chosen focus areas – Environmental Sustainability, Education, and Equity – the Teen Board members will utilize their skills in consensus building to come to a decision. As a foundation board, decisions are not made by a majority vote but instead come about through thoughtful discussion and consideration. As Jewish teen philanthropists, they use the best of all three identities to formulate decisions, only moving forward once all concerns have been raised and explored.

A handful of the Teen Board members are pursuing Certificates in Youth Philanthropic Leadership through a partnership with the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and its Lake Institute on Faith & Giving. They shared reflections and blogs over the past few weeks on what

is their desired impact as a Jewish Teen Philanthropist, available at www.jewishindianapolis.org/jfghi-connections-blog. For example, YoPhi Teen Board member Jenna Himmelstein noted that while the term philanthropist does not embody her definition of doing good “[she has] the choice to help those around me and those across the world, just like it was my decision to join YoPhi. As a teen, I have the ability to influence my peers to be givers as well. What we do now, is a preview of the people we will be later.”

As the Teen Board members complete their philanthropic journey, learn more about their experiences, insights, and takeaways at the Check Granting Ceremony honoring grant recipients and Teen Board members. See www.jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-teen-board for full details.

Do you know a rising 11th or 12th grader who wants to make an impact in the community, explore their Jewish identity, and build leadership skills? Nominate them for the Youth Philanthropy Indy (YoPhi) Teen Board today! Nominate a teen online at jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-teen-board.

Preserving Memory

—By Amber Maze, Holocaust Education and Program Coordinator

As each year passes, the events of the Holocaust get further and further behind us, and the voices of survivors become fewer and fewer. In 2018, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) performed a survey that found that 70 percent of Americans believe “fewer people seem to care about the Holocaust than they used to.” As this illustrates, an apathetic view of the past has descended upon the world. With so many odds stacked against us, why should we fight to preserve the memory of the Holocaust? While there is no doubt a limitless amount of answers to this question, I personally boil it down to two.

The first reason to preserve memory is to, of course, honor the victims and survivors. Many organizations around the world are attempting to tackle the issue of memory, as well as reimagining how we tell these stories. USC Shoah Foundation has taken an innovative approach to preserving memory by creating a 3D interactive hologram of survivors for their Dimensions in Testimony initiative. Thus far, 25 survivors have been interviewed and their recordings turned into holograms that can be found in museums around the world. In February of this year, USC Shoah Foundation in partnership with Stockton University of New Jersey began beta testing a new model of the technology that could be used by schools. This would greatly expand the number of students the stories of survivors could impact, including students in Indiana schools once the technology is ready to be rolled out nationwide.

The second reason the preservation of memory is important is to serve as a blueprint for the many lessons we as a global society have yet to learn. While the Holocaust provided a framework for genocide scholars and human rights practitioners in the decades since, there are still societal, political and, above all, human lessons we have yet to learn. Since the Holocaust, there have been eight recognized genocides and countless mass atrocities, yet we can categorically say that less than a handful have been prevented. Teaching not just the historical timeline of the Holocaust, but the mechanisms of genocide as well



CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center premieres Dimensions in Testimony in March 2019. Eva Kor z"l pictured, who was founder of CANDLES, passed away in July 2019.

11 percent of American adults and 22 percent of millennials are unaware of the Holocaust.

as the positive and negative human element are imperative if we want the next generation of civic and global leaders to make concerted efforts to combat mass atrocities before they even start.

Thankfully, the necessity to preserve the memory of the Holocaust is something Americans overwhelmingly agree upon. The same survey that found 70 percent feel that memory of the Holocaust is slipping, also found 80 percent of Americans believe “it is important to keep teaching about the Holocaust so it does not happen again.” As long as there is



CANDLES

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

the collaboration of organizations committed to remembrance, the shared stories of next generation survivors, and educators committed to more than just teaching the history, that 70 percent will lesson until it becomes all but a forgotten memory.

Communal Impact, One Kiddush Cup and Holiday Cookie Cutter at a Time

The BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library recently announced the establishment of the Jewish Celebration Station, a unique and exciting addition to the Indianapolis area Jewish community. This new endeavor, housed in the library in the Jewish Center for Engagement and Learning Building (formerly the Bureau of Jewish Education), will accept donations of Jewish ritual and homemaking items – and lend them out at no charge to the community!

Marcia Goldstein, Library Coordinator, stated that the new initiative's "hope is to make Jewish ritual objects available without the need to purchase." As a member of the Indianapolis Public Library Shared System, in its first year, the library transited more than 350 Jewish themed materials to various branches and Shared System locations. The Jewish Celebration Station is an extension of this bridge building and community building work and Goldstein notes that the Jewish Celebration Station "is especially important in supporting those starting out and wanting to participate in home observance."

What type of items will be available for loan and accepted as donations? Almost anything with a Jewish theme!



BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library Celebration Station.

- Shabbat: candlesticks, kiddush cups, challah boards, challah covers, Havdalah sets
- Passover: seder plates, matzah plates / boxes / covers, plague puppets, Haggadot
- Purim: groggers
- Simchat Torah: miniature Torahs
- Hanukkah: menorahs (oil, candles or electric), dreidels, decorations
- General Judaica: Tallitot (prayer shawls), tefillin, mezuzzot, hand washing pitchers
- Kitchen / homemaking items: holiday cookie cutters, cookie jars, cake pans, serving trays & bowls, aprons
- Children's items: wood holiday play sets

Who can borrow items? Anyone who can use what is available.

- People wanting to celebrate Jewishly and need ritual objects to do so
- Teachers in public & private schools
- Local organizations putting on theater productions with a Jewish theme

For more information about the Jewish Celebration Station or the BJE Maurer Jewish Community library in general, contact Marcia Goldstein, Library Coordinator at library@jfgi.org or call (317) 614-1837.

As a Shared System partner of the Indianapolis Public Library, the Maurer Jewish Community Library provides Jewish themed and authored materials for patrons throughout Marion County.



The Celebration Station is filled with donated Jewish-themed objects that are available on loan.

Families Come Together to Bake Bread



PJ Library joined Chabad for a Mega Challah Bake on Feb. 27. Parents and kids made their own challah from scratch, and while it was rising, watched an amazing magic show by local magician Daniel Lee.

Purim Story Time

More than 50 people of all ages listened to stories about Purim and celebrated inclusiveness and diversity during a March 1 Purim Story Time with Educator Miss Mossy Stone.

Thank you so much for hosting Purim story time with Miss Mossy Stone. Our family had a great time celebrating Purim with everyone at this event! The story time was great, the crafts were great, and the friends we met at the event were great!! This program introduced our family to people we don't usually come across in our everyday lives. It helped our children learn about diversity, inclusion, kindness, and fun. When it comes down to it, we don't know what our children will be like in the future or what choices they make. We just hope they will be kind to others and feel loved and included in their own community. This program let our children know from a young age that they will be welcome and included in the Jewish community even if they appear different.



-Julie Krudel

To me, Judaism is all about acceptance. We encourage individuality and opinions. The message of Purim was still clear. Stand up for what's right. Also, a strong voice from Miss Mossy was ever clear. Be yourself and accept others for who they are. What better way to celebrate Judaism and to show acceptance of others than by bringing someone like Miss Mossy to the JFGI to perform.

-Danielle Warrenberg



PJ Library and JCRC are collaborating for parent discussion groups.

Navigating Judaism:
Nurturing identity for Jewish families in schools
2 – 4 p.m.,
Sunday, May 31

Virtual Zoom:
bit.ly/navigatingjudaism

Come together and discuss what it's like to be Jewish in central Indiana public schools and how to navigate topics such as antisemitism, holidays, and Jewish identity as a whole. The workshop will be led by Jonathan Mintzer of the Anti-Defamation League Midwest and Jewish Community Relations Council's Marla Topiol.

This program is the first of a three-part series in partnership with PJ Library and Jewish Community Relations Council. The other two in the series will be on July 19 and Oct. 18, at the Jewish Community Campus Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning, 6705 Hoover Road (Door #1). The discussion groups are free and babysitting is provided for children 8 and younger.

Contact Marla Topiol at mtopiol@indyjcrc.org or Roberta Alder at ralder@jfgi.org for more information.



**SAVE
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DATE**

Shabbat Celebration at GUCI

July 3 Goldman Union Camp Institute, 9349 Moore Road, Zionsville

Join PJ Library and Camp K'Ton at GUCI for Shabbat services with GUCI campers; more information to follow.

Women Meet, Share Experiences Following Israel Trip

The women of Momentum 2019 are back from Israel and actively participating in their Year of Growth activities. Over the next year, they will meet approximately monthly to learn together and share how the Momentum Israel trip has shaped their lives and family experiences. Their first meeting in January was hosted by Marcy Paraboschi and was a chance to reconnect, share how the trip had affected their lives, and explore how they wish to incorporate Jewish learning and growth into their lives. The second session in February was co-led by Amelia Lahn and Ilene Rappaport, and the women explored some concepts of Mussar, which is a set of ethical values based upon Torah.

With the onset of the Covid-19 outbreak, the need to connect became even more acute. After cancelling their third in-person meeting, the women gathered online to share and then began to discuss learning opportunities related to Passover.

They have also been connecting outside the formal meetings, through WhatsApp and of course, independently. On March 19, Michelle Korin spearheaded



Social distancing cannot keep this group apart! Throughout the quarantine, the Indy Momentum women found ways to connect and learn together.

the delivery of snacks to the Emergency Room of St. Vincent's Ascension Hospital on 86 Street, where Dr. Jaime Harris, a trip participant, works.

They will undoubtedly engage in

more activities supporting each other and the community through this unprecedented time. Stay tuned for more updates as they learn and grow together.



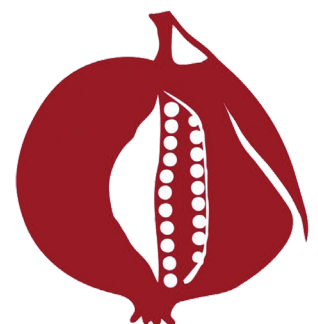
SAVE THE DATE



Wednesday, Sept. 2

2020 LION OF JUDAH AND POMEGRANATE EVENT

A chance to connect and be inspired about the work of Jewish Federation



Women's Philanthropy

Creates Opportunities for New Connections



Andrieu Doyle, Certified Q Grader with Hubbard & Cravens, gives a coffee tasting and coffee origin lesson during the Coffee & Chats Women's Philanthropy Meet Up in February.

This winter, the organizers of Women's Philanthropy hosted two Meet Up events, which provided a great opportunity for people to connect and learn together. The first, Chocolate and Chats, took place on Jan. 29 and was hosted by Lindsay and Mark Williams.

The event brought together a diverse group of women, many of whom had not met before. SoChatti founder and CEO Matt Rubin educated attendees not only about the founding of his chocolate company, but about how they source ingredients and manage their growing business. Matt was able to use space at the JCC to start his business, a unique opportunity for

someone who has grown up in its halls. Guests were treated to taste chocolate from two different parts of the world, tasting firsthand how diverse chocolate can be.

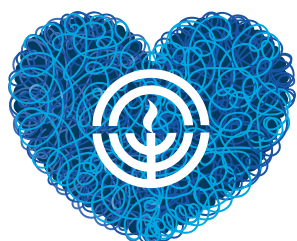
The next Meet Up took place the morning of Feb. 27 at the home of Jackie and David Barrett. This event was Coffee and Chats and the guests were treated to a coffee tasting and educational session with Andrieu Doyle, Certified Q Grader with Hubbard & Cravens Coffee Company.

Andrieu is well versed on coffee, literally traveling the world sourcing materials and working with growers. He treats coffee preparation as a

science, and shared tips on how to brew the best tasting coffee with different apparatus and even how to manage water quality.

This daytime meet-up featured new faces and opportunities for connection. Two women who have both recently moved to Indianapolis from Chicago met face-to-face for the first time, despite having heard about each other from shared acquaintances.

The Women's Philanthropy volunteers and professionals look forward to more Meet-Ups in the future, as they work together to try to build connection and strengthen our community.



Common Threads

Thanks to those who joined the Women's Philanthropy Common Threads programs in 2019. The topics were food insecurity, and with the COVID-19 epidemic, this need has only increased. If you are able, take a moment to support the Jewish community through Popsie's Pantry and Jewish Family Services by visiting www.jewishindianapolis.org/JFS or the philanthropy of your choice.

Women's Philanthropy mission and goals

Women of Action, Leading Community and Inspiring Change

Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI) is a network of compassionate and committed volunteers who inspire and empower each other to be change makers and community shapers. They are dedicated to building and supporting Jewish life for today and future generations in the local community, Israel and throughout the world.

Goals and Objectives

- Educate women and the general community about the work of Federation
- Raise funds to support the mission of JFGI and the community's agencies
- Develop leaders to advance the mission today and in the future
- Volunteer to make an impact in the community and worldwide through hands on community service

Community Leaders Gain Cultural Experience Through Partnership Region Visit

In February, Jewish Community Relations Council Assistant Director David Sklar and Marshawn Wolley, a Lecturer at the O'Neil School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI, joined a delegation of nine other communities for Partnership2gether Western Galilee's inaugural Community Opinion Leaders Trip to Israel.

The eight-day trip, organized jointly by U.S. and Israeli Partnership professionals and lay leaders, was meant to provide a first opportunity to travel to Israel for general community leaders who have not had an opportunity to do so. Each community opinion leader was accompanied by a Jewish community professional from their local community.

David and Marshawn have had a long professional history working together on numerous city and state wide issues in their respective professional and volunteer capacities.

The trip focused on providing an opportunity to experience Israel through Partnership. During their time on the ground, David and Marshawn visited numerous towns, kibbitzing,



Community Opinion Leaders delegation in the Western Galilee Partnership Center.

When life gets back to normal....



Marshawn Wolley (second left) and David Sklar (back center) join a delegation at an urban kibbutz.

and villages in the Western Galilee including Naharya, Rosh Hanikra, Akko, Kibbutz Hanita, and Sheich Danun; met with local volunteer, professional, and government leaders; and also visited and experienced the history, culture, and sites in the Golan Heights and Tel Aviv. Finally, they spent a meaningful Shabbat in Jerusalem where they visited the Old City and experienced the tastes, people, and sounds of Ben Yahuda Street and the Machane Yehuda Market.

The Community Opinion Leaders Trip was generously supported by Partnership2gether, Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Learn

ISRAELI DANCING

with **Rhea McDonald**

7 – 8 p.m. Beginner Instruction and Dancing
8 – 9 p.m. Intermediate/Advanced Instruction/Dancing
Every Thursday

Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning;
 enter through Door #5
 (6701 Hoover Road, Indianapolis)

\$5
All ages welcome

*All levels are welcome.
 No experience or partner needed.
 Contact Rhea at arkaymcd@gmail.com
 with questions.*

Instructor Rhea McDonald will teach a mix of classic and modern dances. Dances are fun and easy to learn.

Jewish Federation
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Fund For Victims of Terror

Bringing Comfort to Lives in Upheaval

The Jewish Agency for Israel's Fund for Victims of Terror is emergency aid for those in dire need. To help survivors in the wake of tragedy, they can provide financial assistance in as quickly as 48 hours. They also provide ongoing care to get individuals and families on the road to recovery.

When tragedy strikes and the future looks uncertain, the emotional toll is unimaginable. The Fund for Victims of Terror seeks to lighten that load in the wake of a crisis by offering financial aid to individuals and families in dire circumstances. Within 48 hours of an event, a representative visits victims and provides emergency aid of more than \$1,000.

Additionally, through grants and ongoing services totaling up to \$6,300, this essential fund covers the months to come. They help survivors receive

the care they need—psychological counseling, job retraining, and more—to recover from trauma and rebuild their lives. In one year, they provided emergency grants to 14 new victims, long-term rehabilitative assistance to 224 victims of previous violence, and respite camping programs to 320 traumatized children.

During the summer of Operation Protective Edge, 300 children who were recognized as victims of terrorist acts by the Fund for Victims of Terror—including 200 children from Gaza-adjacent communities and 100 from across Israel—

took a break from the chaos surrounding their lives to attend a respite camp that eased their nerves and lifted their spirits.

"The Fund for Victims of Terror was the only body that gave funding for the supplementary medical treatments I need. You really saved me in a tough time," said Niv Nehemiah, who was stabbed by a terrorist.

This story is shared from the Jewish Agency for Israel, one of our international partners whom the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis helps fund through the Annual Campaign each year.

ABOUT JAFI

From founding and building the State of Israel to planting the seeds of friendship between Jewish communities separated by distance, since 1929, we have been securing a vibrant Jewish future for generations to come.

Women Come Together For Challah and Camaraderie

A Program by Lian Bar Zohar, Community Shlichah

Thirty women attended the Women's Challah Baking Event on Feb. 26. Shlichah Lian Bar Zohar hosted the evening to celebrate Rosh Chodesh Adar, the start of the month of Adar. She highlighted the female figures central to the story of Purim, Esther and Vashti, and showed attendees how to make challah. Guest Rabbi Michael Hasten commented on the importance of Rosh Chodesh, and guest Chana Grossbaum spoke about Jewish traditions that are specific to women, especially as wives and mothers.

The Torah commands both men and women to partake in the mitzvah of challah - separating a small piece of kneaded dough from the rest of the loaf before it is baked to donate to the priests, Cohanim. But for thousands of years, Jewish women have been tasked with the spiritual act of baking the challah for Shabbat. There is a special responsibility and strength in providing food for your family, Lian explained.



Women in Indianapolis learn about Rosh Chodesh Adar, Jewish traditions specific to women, and how to make Challah.

Why We Choose the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

By Ben and Nichole Abraham

As a family with two young children, we chose HHA because they care about all facets of our daughters' social, emotional, and cognitive development. Our oldest, Izzy, was excelling in reading language arts and was too young for public Kindergarten. After extensive searching for options to support her ongoing development independent of her age, we felt confident HHA was clearly the best educational environment to build foundations of success.

From the beginning, Izzy's skills were monitored and continuously challenged to produce academic growth. We were impressed with the multidisciplinary approach to her literacy advancement and enrichment but also the amazing "specials" teachers that inspired her creativity in the arts and music. As a previous educator, advocating for her continued growth was vital and we always felt welcomed by any staff member to discuss the accommodations she needed to progress.

Additionally, her abilities and love of creative writing soared by learning the nuances of writing. She found her voice through poems, essays and stories. Even post retirement, Mrs. Zita Nurok volunteered her time to assist Izzy with revising and editing a book she wrote at home!

The ongoing dedication of every staff member shows why HHA is fantastic. Teachers are constantly aware of individual challenges and find ways to engage each student to attend to those needs. The small class size has led to the formation of solid, long lasting friendships for the girls and us!

As a teacher I always applied John Dewey's theory of education to learn by doing. Thankfully, the Reggio approach takes it further to learn by exploring, making HHA's Early Childhood a perfect place for our daughter, Eleanor. The child-led, hands-



Ben, Nichole, and their children Isabella and Eleanor.

on instruction is a perfect match for a curious, energetic child with a desire to fully participate in the learning process. Eleanor's positive, exuberant, and incredible Early Childhood teachers use cooperative learning and creative expression to make her classroom environment absolutely spectacular!

We also appreciate the pride and love our girls feel for Judaism. They are confident in their Jewish identity and culture. Eleanor

joyfully recites the Shabbat prayers in Hebrew and we're incredibly grateful for Izzy's Hebrew literacy.

By choosing HHA you're assured each child is treated as a unique individual by people who care deeply about increasing students' aptitudes in critical thinking, problem solving, and all academic areas. We have no doubts HHA has been the best place for our girls.

Lidya Solomon Earns Top Indiana Spot in Letters About Literature Contest



Lidya Solomon

Every year, Hasten Hebrew Academy students write letters to their favorite authors for the Letters About Literature contest sponsored by the Indiana Center for the Book and the Library of Congress. For the fourth year in a row, HHA is proud to have a student place first in the state! Eighth grader Lidya Solomon wrote to F. Scott Fitzgerald connecting *The Great Gatsby* to her own family's experience

as immigrants and appreciating all of the opportunities America offers her.

More than 700 letters were submitted and HHA had six students in the top 15 percent, including sixth grader Naomi Cohen, seventh graders Chava Gluck and Aviya Melrose and eighth graders Gabriel Vasquez-Jaffe and Tahlia Alkobi. Congratulations to these rising literary stars.

Lights, Camera, ACTION!

The Ganon (Pre-K) class at Hasten Hebrew Academy performed a show based on the book, *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. The classroom was transformed into a vibrant theater with the children creating tickets, posters, and scenery for the special event. The children prepared for their part by researching and creating projects based on

the animal that they were portraying in the show. On the morning of the show, the children welcomed parents into the theater, sold tickets and popcorn, handed out programs, and escorted the guests to their seats. Then, the children transitioned from theater workers to actors and put on their show.



A Glimpse Into a Multi-Faith Couple at the JCC

According to the 2017 Indianapolis Jewish Community Study, 55 percent (5,700 households) has one spouse who identifies as Jewish. The Jewish Community Center also has a significant population of members who are not Jewish. While the JCC and Federation have missions and values stemming from Judaism, there are many reasons why people of other religions connect with the community. One multi-faith family shares their journey into how they balance their religions and why they choose to be a part of the JCC.



The Wipper and Krulewicz families enjoying matza ball soup at their Passover seder.

Growing Up Multi-Faith

As a child, Hannah Krulewicz Wipper was exposed to both Judaism and Catholicism. She attended Hasten Hebrew Academy but also celebrated Christmas and Easter with extended family. For other holidays, such as Passover, if she was in Indianapolis for the holiday, she celebrated with a large traditional seder (festive meal) with her father's side of the family. But occasionally she would be in New York visiting extended family on her mother's side, and she recalls several times her non-Jewish family members joined with them to put on a seder.

Hannah appreciates her multi-faith upbringing and the support from her Catholic family members. Her family did a great job, she said, of incorporating both traditions where possible but also avoiding any confusion by drawing distinctions when needed.

The Wippers — A New Multi-Faith Family

Today, Hannah has a multi-faith family of her own, raising her son, Bennett, with her husband,

Michael, who is Catholic. Just as their wedding had elements of both Judaism and Catholicism, so does their parenting: After some difficult discussions, they agreed that Bennett will be raised Catholic but will have immense exposure to Judaism, and they will emphasize a proud Jewish identity through family and holidays.

"It was really important to me to be back home in Indianapolis with family," Hannah said (she and Michael met in Boston), "and really important for Mike to raise his kids within his faith. Because I was raised in a multi-faith family that was the same but opposite [Jewish dad, Catholic mom vs. Jewish mom, Catholic dad], I'm comfortable with this."

The Wippers have wasted no time in practicing what they preach. Michael serves the community as a member of the JCC board of directors and Bennett attends preschool at Beth-El Zedeck. The family belongs to a Catholic church, and Michael also attends High Holidays services at Beth-El Zedeck with Hannah.



Bennett showing off the Wippers' matza holder



The Wipper family seder plate

Community Relations are Key During this Crisis

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is well positioned to do exactly what they're designed to do, particularly during a crisis:

- Advocate on behalf of our community
- Combat hate
- Increase communication
- Strengthen relationships

Advocating

JCRC is closely watching how society's elected leaders and the institutions of government are functioning. They advocate for policies that help buttress Jewish communal agencies and remain viable both during and after the crisis. They continue to express the Jewish community's understanding that society has a collective responsibility to feed the hungry and care for the poor and elderly. They know that these are the right – and Jewish – things to do. A society whose members are healthy, fed, housed, educated, and employed – and whose members value diversity, pluralism, and have interacted with members of the Jewish community – is one that is ultimately safer for Jews.

JCRC is advocating for:

- increased support for local Jewish agencies that provide direct services to those most in need, like Jewish Family Services and Hooverwood;
- forgivable loans for non-profits, for which all agencies, including synagogues, can apply;
- increased charitable deduction caps
- increased support for the most vulnerable with respect to poverty, health, nutrition, and housing
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Combating Hate

JCRC continues their work of tracking incidents of antisemitism, bias, and hate. JCRC knows that great uncertainty and widespread fear fuels distrust, othering, hateful rhetoric, and bias-related incidents and violence. Age-old conspiracy theories are finding fertile ground during this pandemic. As COVID-19 surges, so too have antisemitic, anti-Asian, and xenophobic messages online. JCRC proudly added their community's name to a national sign-on letter to the American Chinese community

that denounced the shameful rise in expressions of anti-Chinese bigotry, discrimination, and violence, expressed the Jewish community's support and partnership in fighting hate against their community.

Communicating

During a crisis, communicating is key. JCRC posts regularly on social media, which includes information and articles about antisemitism, statements lifting up the challenges faced by vulnerable or minority communities, and asserting the Jewish community's solidarity. As the media-relations hub of the Jewish community, JCRC issues press releases, answers calls, provides interviews, and directs reporters to the right person in our community.

Strengthening Relationships

During this unprecedented time, JCRC has been using video conference technology to strengthen relationships and increase collaboration with coalition partners in the community-at-large, which include human services and social justice advocates, a diverse range of faith leaders, and leaders from the Black, Latin-x, and LGBTQ+ communities.

2020 Indiana General Assembly Wrap-Up

JCRC worked with coalition partners against a bill that preempted a new Indianapolis ordinance to address landlord/tenant rights and mitigate the affordable housing and evictions crisis. Thankfully, Governor Holcomb vetoed the bill.

JCRC secured House and Senate Resolutions drawing attention to increased antisemitism around the country and in Indiana, and demonstrating that Indiana's legislative body stands in support of the Jewish community.



JCRC 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

7 p.m. | Tuesday, May 26 | NOW VIRTUAL

Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/868171925>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 868 171 925

We may not be able to gather in person, but we will all come together virtually for JCRC's 2020 Annual Meeting, which will include a keynote speaker, the installment of new officers and board members, and a reflection on the past year, and a look forward to future goals.

Follow JCRC on social media, or visit our web site, for the link!

<http://www.indyjcrc.org> | www.indyjcrc.org

Hooverwood Gets Creative Amid Virus Precautions

In March and April, Hooverwood residents and staff were quarantined without their loved ones to keep them safe and healthy during the COVID-19 crisis. Staff got creative in many ways to continue to engage residents and help they stay connected with their outside connections.



Residents participate in videos to connect with families and stay positive. A video even made it on Fox 59's live morning broadcast.



The Russell family holds signs of thanks to Hooverwood staff.



Residents enjoy window yoga visits with Lade and Hank the dog.

Looking for a smile? Check out the videos they have posted on the Hooverwood Facebook page.

Below are the following events scheduled as of press time. Please note: these events are subject to change. Check the synagogue website for updates.

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

All Facebook live events can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/CongregationBEZ/>.

VIRTUAL COCKTAIL JUDAISM: 7:30 P.M., EVERY OTHER MONDAYS via Zoom Conferencing: <https://zoom.us/j/593946250>. May 4 – In the Time of Leaving: Discussion with Author Shana Ritter; May 18 – Shavuot: Take Two Tablets.

SING-ALONG WITH CANTOR MELISSA: 10:30 A.M., TUESDAYS via Facebook Live.

JUDAISM-TO-GO WITH RABBI DENNIS: 10:30 A.M., WEDNESDAYS via Facebook Live.

CREATE WITH RABBI JENNI: 10:30 A.M., THURSDAYS via Facebook Live.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SHABBAT: 10:30 A.M., FRIDAYS via Zoom Conferencing: <https://zoom.us/j/748965435>

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING: 6P.M. FRIDAYS via Zoom Conferencing: <https://zoom.us/j/399892776>. Join Rabbi Dennis Sasso and members of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck for a virtual Shabbat candle lighting. After the Shabbat Candle Lighting, watch our Friday night Shabbat Live on the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lx6osiVmlMo>. Please subscribe to our new YouTube channel for updates and new videos.

TORAH TALK WITH THE RABBI JENNI: 10 A.M. SATURDAYS via Facebook Live. Rabbi Jenni Greenspan will discuss this week's Torah portion, through the magic of Facebook Live. No Facebook, no problem. This video will be uploaded on to our new YouTube Channel after the live broadcast.

SHABBAT CHANTS ENCOUNTERS: 10:30 A.M., SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. via Facebook Live. Join Cantor Melissa Cohen as she chants Shabbat liturgy live on Facebook! Visit www.bez613.org and click "Virtual Resources" for access to this week's resources to help follow along. This video will be uploaded on to our new YouTube Channel after the live broadcast.

BETH-EL ZEDECK VIRTUAL HAVDALAH: 6 P.M., SATURDAYS via Zoom Conferencing: <https://zoom.us/j/662310422>. Join the clergy of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck for a virtual story time with Rabbi Sandy and Havdalah with Rabbi Dennis, Rabbi Jenni and Cantor Melissa. Enjoy music, prayers, and togetherness as the celebration of Shabbat comes to an end. This video will be uploaded on to

our new YouTube Channel after the live broadcast.

Visit www.bez613.org or @CongregationBEZ on Facebook for more information.

Congregation Beth Shalom

Live streaming of Friday night Shabbat services and Torah study are available through Zoom when on-site gatherings are not possible. Links and access codes will be provided at bethshalomindy.org.

TOT SHABBAT WITH RABBI KERBER: 9 – 10 A.M., SATURDAY, MAY 16, at CBS Temple, 849 W. 96th St., Indianapolis. Pre-schoolers, kindergarteners and their special adult are invited to spend a fun Shabbat morning with Rabbi Kerber filled with stories, songs, crafts and snacks. RSVP to Diane Graul at TalmudTorah@bethshalomindy.org.

KUGEL-OFF FUNDRAISER: PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS: 5 – 7 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 31, at CBS. Have a yummy chance to sample kugels from the best kugel makers at CBS and to vote for the winner. Check the CBS calendar at www.bethshalomindy.org for full details or contact Isabel Atlas, ieatlas@aol.com, with questions.

TORAH STUDY: 9:30 – 11:30 A.M., SATURDAY, JUNE 6, AND 7 – 8 P.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 14, at CBS. Enjoy a relaxed, illuminating group discussion and instruction on the week's Torah portion. Everyone is invited to attend and learn something new.

CBS ANNUAL MEETING: 4:30 – 6 P.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 7, at CBS. Members will vote to elect new Board members, review achievements and hear new plans for the coming year.

CBS AT THE INDY PRIDE FESTIVAL: SATURDAY, JUNE 13. We are proud to participate once again in this community event. Contact Mickie Gurvis at mgurvis@comcast.net for more information.

CBS AND PJ LIBRARY EVENT: 8 A.M. – 5 P.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 14, at Lawrence Inlow Park, 6310 E. Main St., Carmel. Ideal for children ages 6 months to 8 years old. Come to a Jewish-themed, special and enjoyable time with the children.

SHABBAT SERVICES: CBS holds Erev Shabbat services on the **SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH FRIDAY** of each month at 6:30 p.m. Newcomers and non-members are always warmly welcomed.

Visit bethshalomindy.org or @BethShalomIndy on Facebook for more information.

Congregation B'Nai Torah

Visit www.btorahindy.org or @BnaiTorahIndy on Facebook for upcoming events and programs.

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 on Facebook for upcoming events, classes and programs.

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

BOOK CLUB WITH P2G (PARTNERSHIPTOGETHER): 11 A.M., SUNDAY, MAY 3 with a book discussion via zoom. Visit the JFGI Community Calendar for more information.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - SISTERHOOD WOMEN'S TORAH. Please check the calendar on the CST website or call the office for more information.

TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI SENDROW: 11 A.M., WEDNESDAYS, MAY 6, 13, 20 AND 27, JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/197176506>

SHABBAT SERVICE: 9 A.M., SATURDAY, MAY 16 WITH A CHILDREN'S SERVICE AT 10 A.M. Mandatory for Religious School Students and Last Day of Religious School. Kiddush lunch after services.

CST BOARD MEETING: 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, MAY 20, AND JUNE 17, at CST.

SHAVUOT EREV SERVICE: 6:30 P.M., Thursday, May 28, at CST.

SHAVUOT SHACHARIT SERVICE WITH YIZKOR: 8 A.M., FRIDAY, MAY 29, at CST.

SHAVUOT KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE: 6:30 P.M., FRIDAY, MAY 29, at CST.

SHAVUOT SHABBAT SERVICE: 9 A.M., SATURDAY, MAY 30, at CST.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 10 A.M., SATURDAY, JUNE 13, at CST.

CST ANNUAL BOARD MEETING: 10 A.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 28, at CST.

Interested in Joining Sisterhood and Men's Club? Don't need to be a member to join. Contact the office for more information.

Multi-Cultural Klezmer Band. Are you a hidden adult musician? CST has formed a multi-cultural adult klezmer band and wants you. If interested, contact office@shaareytefilla.org or (317) 733-2169.

MINYAN: 6:30 P.M., MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS.

FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES: 6:30 P.M.

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES: 9 A.M.

MORNING SERVICE: 9-10 A.M.

BABYSITTING (FREE): 9:45-11:45 A.M.

TORAH SERVICE: 10-11 A.M.

MUSAF SERVICE: 11-11:45 A.M.

Visit www.shaareytefilla.org or @ShaareyTefilla on Facebook for more information.

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

DEBORAH SISTERHOOD'S FLORAL ARRANGING EVENT: 6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 21.

EREV SHAVUOT: TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT: MIDNIGHT – 3 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 28.

SHAVUOT I: SUNRISE SERVICE: FRIDAY, MAY 29

DEBORAH SISTERHOOD PRESENTS SEPHARDIC COOKING SERIES #4: 5:30 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 8. Chef TBA.

Please contact our office at (317) 251-6220 or information@etzchaimindy.org, visit etzchaimindy.org or @EtzChaimIndy on Facebook for more information.

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

SONGS FOR THE SOUL: 8:15 P.M., WEDNESDAYS, via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/908423259>. Join Cantor Aviva for this uplifting musical meditative healing experience.

VIRTUAL TORAH TALK WITH RABBI BRETT: 9:30 a.m., WEDNESDAYS, via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/932421731>. All are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Check the calendar for selected dates.

THURSDAYS AT THREE WITH RABBI SCOTT: 3 P.M., THURSDAYS, via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/324402960>. Travel without leaving your home on this trip with Jewish Literature. No materials needed.

ECC VIRTUAL SHABBAT: 9:10 A.M., FRIDAYS, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/999478999>. A short and fun way for ECC children and Tots to welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Scott.

VIRTUAL SHABBAT: 6:15 p.m., FRIDAYS, via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/137184528>. Join our online community to bring Shabbat into our sacred spaces at home. Follow along at home with the online edition of our prayer book, Mishkan T'filah, offered to you free from the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

TORAH STUDY ONLINE: 9 A.M., SATURDAYS, via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/693688640>. Study this week's Torah portion with fellow scholars. No experience necessary.

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7 p.m. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

*Now virtual on Zoom with **FED**talks.
Link coming soon.*

Join JFGI to elect and install the 2020-2021 Officers and Board of Directors, recognize and thank those who have completed their terms of service. The awards ceremony celebrating the extraordinary accomplishments of some very special individuals and organizations has been moved to August. Further details TBD.