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



In addition to fundraising and community organization, leadership development is one of the most important responsibilities of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI). We spend a great deal of time and resources to identify, recruit, and develop the next generation of leaders not only for JFGI, but for our entire community.



*Marc Swatez*  
**MARC SWATEZ**  
Chief Executive Officer

In the last magazine, we introduced our second Maurer Koach Program cohort. In this issue, we are announcing our sixth ATID leadership group and will announce the second 36 Under 36 list in the next magazine. These three programs are conceived as different doorways into our organizational life, each with different expectations and responsibilities but ultimately designed for the same purpose- to nurture and encourage Jewish participation.

Indianapolis has been blessed with a core group of volunteers who have provided leadership to this community for decades. These incredible men and women have carried every synagogue and partner institution on their shoulders for a long time and thankfully to this day continue to provide their time, talents and treasure to ensure their continuity.

We are always seeking new leaders who can partner with these exceptionally experienced individuals and our current boards and together stand on the shoulders of those who built our community to carry on this most valuable work. This is what Dor L'dor, Generation to Generation, means in a healthy organizational structure such as ours.

What makes this work so rewarding is the benefit is not just to the organizations, it's to the individuals as well. We know they are seeking their place, a way to get involved. In fact, every time we bring together a new cohort of younger leaders, I hear the same things:

- I live here but I don't feel connected to the Jewish community or know many Jews.
- I have been in this community a long time but never knew how to get involved.
- I am finally comfortable in my career and family and am ready to take on communal responsibilities.
- And recently: October 7 affected me deeply, and I need to do something more.

These new leaders have so much to offer. They are smart, dedicated, have deep professional experience, and significant resources. Wealth, work and wisdom - they are learning what it will take to bring our community to the next level and are giving generously in order to get us there.

We are so fortunate to have committed and engaged volunteers who appreciate the importance of these new leaders. Adding fresh faces means that in addition to serving in their assigned roles, they must also be mentors and role models for those to follow. But this is the true richness and essence of community. Conversations between those with wisdom and experience and those who are hungry and passionate are a joy to behold. I am so grateful to serve as a facilitator and witness to what lies ahead.

Who's next?

### Advertise with Jewish Federation News

Want to promote your name or business to our 5,000 households? The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis now offers advertising! Contact Andrea Kruszynski, Director of Communications and Editor at [akruszynski@jfgi.org](mailto:akruszynski@jfgi.org) for a rate sheet and more information.

# Reflections One Year Later

October 7, 2023, will forever live in the collective memory of the Jewish community. As we approach one year since Hamas terrorists infiltrated Israel, killing more than 1,100 Israelis and taking 251 hostage, we must reflect on how we choose to move forward. Will our collective anger define us, or will our collective resilience?

Historically, the Jewish people have confronted adversity with profound unity and perseverance. From ancient exiles to the horrors of the Holocaust, our history testifies to an unyielding resolve to survive and rebuild. October 7 is a poignant reminder of this history, reflecting both the pain of past experiences and the hope for a future where such atrocities are never repeated.

Moving forward with purpose and resilience does not mean forgetting. It means transforming our pain and sorrow into a unified voice of strength—one filled with courage and conviction rooted in our Jewish identity. We must honor the memory of those whose lives were cut short and ensure the truth of what occurred is preserved, despite those who seek to destroy our spirit.

Our strength lies in our resiliency. Let us continue to demonstrate our incredible capacity to thrive in the face of adversity, embodying the spirit of "Am Yisrael Chai" - the People of Israel live.

- Your Jewish Community Leadership

# October 7 Remembrance

Monday, Oct. 7  
7 p.m.

**Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation**  
6501 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis

Join the Jewish community to remember the victims of the Oct. 7 massacre and those who have fallen since. Find moments of reflection and solidarity to stand with Israel and bring our hostages back home.

Register at <https://bit.ly/oct7remembrance>

Contact Ashley Flaumenhaft at [aflaumenhaft@jfgi.org](mailto:aflaumenhaft@jfgi.org) with questions.

# JFGI Launches PJ Library Endowment

## Alan and Linda Cohen to be honored for their support

PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF), is one of the most, if not the single-most, successful Jewish engagement programs since Birthright, as it brings Judaism into households and brings young Jewish families together through shared experiences. Across central Indiana, nearly 2,000 Jewish households have benefited from this program since the program launched locally in 2009. More than 100,000 books have been read to instill Jewish values in children and inspire parents and grandparents to be a child's first Jewish educator.

Jewish Federation News regularly highlights PJ Library programming, showcasing the various opportunities available to the more than 550 currently enrolled families. The books and programming through PJ Library represent low-barrier entry points into the Jewish community for families and children. Beyond that, the program builds closer bonds between grandparents, parents, and children and helps interfaith parents find common language and values through a Jewish lens.

Locally, no family has supported this program more than Alan and Linda Cohen. The Cohens have supported PJ Library programming and book distribution since the program started in Indianapolis in 2009.

The newly minted grandparents were "looking for programmatic causes to help fund in [Indianapolis]," said Lauren Edmundson, the daughter of Alan and Linda. "Children's books that incorporated Jewish themes seemed like a great fit for our family to support."

From day one, the Cohens and their family were able to participate in and experience this program first-hand.

Thanks to the generous support of the Cohen family for more than a decade, hundreds of households are engaged each year in Jewish programming and have shelves full of PJ Library books. These books can often also be found at many local synagogues and with JFGI itself.

Today, JFGI is proud to announce its participation in the HGF PJ Library Endowment Initiative, to ensure this program remains a staple across

central Indiana for generations to come. Now through April 2025, HGF has committed to matching 25 percent of all funds raised to support the PJ Library Endowment as well as provide additional funds for any legacy gifts in which PJ Library is a beneficiary.

Earlier this year, the Cohen family committed to endowing their own support of the PJ Library program with a transformational lead gift for the initiative.

When asked about their experience and what led them to make this tremendous contribution, the family came back to the original vision, stating "it was such a simple way to incorporate Jewish education into our kids' lives when it worked for our schedule."

Edmundson recalled the books opening dialogue about many aspects of Judaism and also "taking my three small boys for story time at the JCC, painting ceramic menorahs, and making matzah at the matzah bakery."

These and other programs have continued to make PJ Library a critical piece of the Indianapolis Jewish community, and the family feels it is "so wonderful to see and hear from the community how much this program means to so many families," she said.

In honor of their years of commitment to PJ Library and now their endowed support of the program, JFGI is proud to announce that Alan and Linda Cohen will be honored at this month's legacy celebration with the Or L'Dor Award, recognizing them as "a light unto the generations" for their generosity toward and belief in the community.

Thanks to the Cohens, JFGI is well on its way to achieving its goal, and now looks to the rest of the community to reach the finish line. Join the Cohen family and the dozens of other families who have already made commitments to the PJ Library Endowment by making a gift toward this fund or including PJ Library in your estate plans. Your support of this initiative represents an investment in the Jewish community's future and your recognition of the importance of instilling Jewish values and sustaining Jewish relationships. Beyond that, it shows you share the belief that children with strong Jewish identities will become parents with strong Jewish identities, and that, as the Cohens say, "we can ensure that children in central Indiana will continue to benefit from the books and events for many years to come."

Help shape the community's future by investing in the children and young families of today and tomorrow.

Help write the next chapter of central Indiana's PJ Library story by making a cash gift or legacy commitment to the PJ Library Endowment.

Help ensure that every Jewish child and household can receive PJ Library books and resources, form a stronger Jewish identity by learning Jewish values, and establish deeper relationships as families and peers by sharing Jewish experiences.

Contact Brian Hoffman at [bhoffman@jfgi.org](mailto:bhoffman@jfgi.org) for more information on how you can support the PJ Library Endowment for Greater Indianapolis.



Alan and Linda Cohen

# Make Your Federation Gift Today

The Time is Now to commit to combatting antisemitism, enhancing community security, and providing ongoing support for those in need.

The High Holidays feel different this year, as October 7 lands in the middle of this most sacred week.

The anniversary of the deadly terrorist attacks in Israel is also a reminder of how the Jewish community has and continues to come together to find strength and unity.

Within hours after the first missiles struck Israel, the Indianapolis Jewish community sprang into action. The Jewish Federation worked closely with its partners to provide resources, information, and updates to the local community.

Within days, this community came together to raise over \$2 million dollars for the Federation's Israel Emergency Fund. Dollars have been sent where they were most desperately needed in Israel.

More than 1,500 Hoosiers attended a Community Solidarity Gathering last October. And – impressively – dozens of Jewish Indianapolis community members immediately flew to Israel to volunteer in support of victims of terror and soldiers in hospitals, on farms, and anywhere else they were needed!

It's incredible what can be accomplished together, and that's why the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign is so important.

A strong Annual Campaign supported by engaged and thoughtful people has the power to respond to any attack or emergency as soon as they arise. The Annual Campaign also sustains day-in and day-out work of making Indianapolis a safe, connected, and positive place to live Jewishly

Its triad supporting Israel, combatting antisemitism, and bolstering community security remains the focus today.



The Federation faces the challenge of sustaining this work. A gift to the campaign today is a stand against fear.

Thank you for standing with the Jewish community through the challenges of this past year. Your unwavering support has allowed this community to combat antisemitism, enhance community security, and provide crucial aid to Israel. Your gift today makes a profound difference for Jews right here at home and around the world.

Visit [www.jewishindianapolis.org/donate](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/donate) to make a meaningful gift today, or contact Rebecca Schalit-Newman at [rschalitnewman@jfgi.org](mailto:rschalitnewman@jfgi.org).

## 36 Under 36 List Announced, Honored During Award Ceremony Featuring Celebrity

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis' second 36 Under 36 cohort has officially been announced, and the list is impressive!

A call for nominations occurred this spring and resulted in 71 worthy nominations. A selection committee of past 36 Under 36 honorees decided upon this year's cohort, and tough choices were made, as there were many well-deserving individuals.

The honorees will be celebrated and given an award during a Nov. 6 dinner, which will feature Michael Rapaport, actor, comedian, and Israel activist. The community is invited to attend – see [jewishindianapolis.org/36-under-36-2024](http://jewishindianapolis.org/36-under-36-2024) for more information and a link to RSVP.



Michael Rapaport

### THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT.

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# Talking Antisemitism & Influence with Lizzy Savetsky



Women's Philanthropy presents a conversation with Lizzy Savetsky, leading Jewish social media influencer and pro-Israel activist, moderated by Rachel M. Simon, President of the Herbert Simon Family Foundation.

Come together in celebration of our 2024 Annual Campaign donors, with a special thank you to our Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Giving Society members.

**7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29**

**Lucas Oil Estate, Carmel, IN**

**Ticket Price: \$90**

Visit [bit.ly/jfginfluence](https://bit.ly/jfginfluence) for registration link and more event information. RSVP deadline is Oct. 11 or until the event sells out.

VIP pre-reception at 5:45 p.m. for Lion of Judah donors and event sponsors.

This event is for women only.



A minimum 2024 Annual Campaign commitment of \$360 is required to attend this event. A minimum 2024 Annual Campaign commitment of \$180 is required for first time donors.

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## Welcome, Aviya Yaakoby, Indianapolis Shaliach

JFGI is pleased to introduce Aviya Yaakoby who will serve as the community Shaliach for the greater Indianapolis area. The Shlichim program is operated by the Jewish Agency for Israel, which sends young men and women around the world to provide a living connection to Israel.

Aviya was born in Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu, a small village near the Jordanian border next to a city called Beit She'an. He comes from a large family with four brothers and one sister. A fun fact about Aviya is that he is one of a set of triplets.

As a child, Aviya grew up with the values of Torah Ve'Avoda (studying Torah and working in the kibbutz). He enjoyed horseback riding, basketball, volleyball and tennis in the kibbutz. For the last 5 years, he has been working as a counselor for teenagers around Israel and spent this summer working as program staff for Camp Ramah in New England.

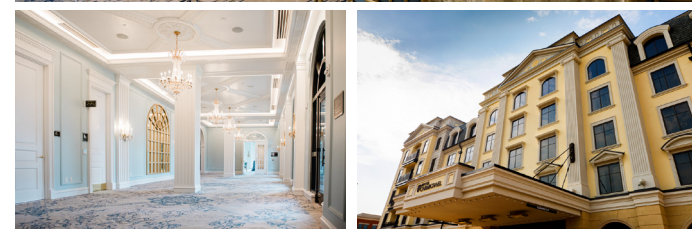


When not at work, Aviya enjoys hanging out with friends, cooking, baking, playing music on his guitar, reading, hiking and traveling. He has a love of learning Torah and is always up for discovering something new.

Following the events of Oct. 7, Aviya felt a need to help Israel and to strengthen the connection of the Jewish people around the world. It was then that he decided to become a Shaliach to fulfill this new mission.

"When I first interviewed with Indianapolis, I became excited by the possibilities the community offers. Then I started talking with people about the community and everyone was amazing! I was touched by the strong feeling of unity within the community, and I knew then that this was the place for me! I want to share Israel with you all. The Israel where people are free to make something out of their life, the Israel that makes me proud to be an Israeli- to be a part of the greatest family there is. The family we are all a part of. Sharing this connection is my mission. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and to become a part of the vibrant Jewish community in Indianapolis."

Email [Ayaakoby@jfgi.org](mailto:Ayaakoby@jfgi.org) to connect!



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## NEXTGen enjoyed coming together this summer in fun and meaningful ways.



A dozen college students came together with NEXTGen and the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council for Shabbat at Coxhall Gardens in June. Students and recent graduates talked about their summer plans, their studies and what they look forward to in their early professional careers. The group represented students across multiple campuses and academic backgrounds.

## Coming This Fall

This Fall, NextGen will host a college get together at Indiana University and Butler University. Contact Andrew Steele at [asteele@jfgi.org](mailto:asteele@jfgi.org) for more information. Follow NEXTGen on social media @jfginextgen to learn more about upcoming connections.



# JFGI Receives \$100K Emergency Security Grant

The greater Indianapolis Jewish Community received \$100,000 in emergency security grant dollars thanks to a Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Emergency Grant Fund.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI) applied for the money on behalf of its partners to provide programming and services to early-aged children (0-5), including preschools, summer camps and after-school programs.

The fund was created after Oct. 7 and the increase in antisemitism. Funding for the grant was made possible due to the generosity of the Tepper Foundation's national Security Fund and awarded through JFNA.

"This significant gift is extremely generous of the Tepper Foundation and will be life changing for our community," said Marc Swatez, JFGI CEO. "We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of our children and couldn't think of a better way to invest in this next generation."

JFGI applied for, and was awarded, \$100K on behalf of the following subgrantees:

JFGI (on behalf of the Indianapolis Jewish Community Center)	\$26,000
Goldman Union Camp Institute	\$20,000
Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis	\$18,000
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation	\$18,000
Congregation Beth-El Zedeck	\$18,000

Allocations are based on the specific investments each organization has committed to through the end of 2024 in support of increased security presence at their facilities during early aged programming.

In addition to increasing security presence, the grant includes a second phase focused on strengthening community relations between the Jewish community and local interfaith partners by providing support and expertise to local faith-based institutions outside the Jewish community. JFGI's Safe Indiana security initiative in partnership with the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council will provide security and advocacy expertise to interfaith partners as JFGI and its partners commit to fortifying the institutions and relationships that are able to help prevent antisemitism and other forms of hate from taking root.

**“We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of our children and couldn't think of a better way to invest in this next generation.”**

**Marc Swatez,  
JFGI CEO**

## JFGI President to Receive Esteemed KWF Award at the International Lion of Judah Conference



Helen Kurlander Goldstein

Congratulations to Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis President Helen Kurlander Goldstein, who will be honored with the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland (KWF) award during the International Lion of Judah Conference in January! KWF is given to a Lion of Judah who exemplifies the highest standards in philanthropy and volunteerism.

Goldstein says the Lion of Judah symbolizes a history of her commitment to helping the Jewish community locally and abroad. Each gemstone brings her back to that period of her life where she was able to make a difference.

Being a Lion is incredibly meaningful to Goldstein because it brings her back to when she joined NYLC as a young woman, when it was a stretch for her to fulfill that commitment. Even though donating that amount was significant, she knew the critical importance of stepping up and strengthening the community. She wanted to be a strong female leader and set the example.

Goldstein is a Lion of Judah at the Emerald Level, and just this year, became a Forever Lion by endowing her gift, which will support the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and ensure her legacy of giving will continue to impact lives for generations to come.

## Connections Built Through Women's Engagement Gathering

Indianapolis Jewish women came together to socialize and enjoy an Indiana sunset during a Summer Schmooze at Urban Vines Winery & Brewery in Westfield.



## Situational Awareness & Countering Active Threat Training

7 p.m | Thursday, Sept. 12 | 7 p.m | Thursday Sept. 26  
In-person only – JCC Conference Room A-25

Join Brad Swim, Regional Security Advisor for Safe Indiana, for a comprehensive 90-minute training program and learn how to be vigilant, empowered, and prepared in today's threat environment both in the Jewish community and in your daily lives.

Contact Brad Swim at [bswim@securecommunitynetwork.org](mailto:bswim@securecommunitynetwork.org) or (872) 273-9120 for more information.

Pre-registration is required.

Register at <https://bit.ly/septtraining24>



PROTECTING INDIANA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY



# Meet the Prystowsky ATID 6 Cohort

After a community-wide search, the 6th Prystowsky ATID Cohort has been named. Meet the cohort and their reasons for being involved in the program.



Established in 2008, the Prystowsky ATID program is the advanced leadership development program of The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI). The objective of the Prystowsky ATID program (ATID means “future” in Hebrew) is to provide a meaningful experience that equips emerging leaders with the skills and knowledge to deepen their leadership and commitment to the Indianapolis Jewish community. ATID alumni are serving on boards of every Jewish agency and organization in Indianapolis, involved with national and international Jewish organizations, and many local secular organizations.



**Polly Beeson**

For more generations than I can count, my family has been dedicated to the Jewish tradition. They managed to survive pogroms, the Holocaust and antisemitism in the work place in North America. Still their Jewish identity remained strong and full of joy. I am proud and excited to be a part of passing this joy to our generation of Jews by learning more about the Greater Indianapolis Jewish Community through ATID so I can continue my family's legacy.



**Shayna Gordon Cohen**

I am excited to be a part of the Prystowsky ATID 6 Program because it offers a unique opportunity to deepen my understanding of the Indianapolis Jewish Community. I am eager to develop the skills and knowledge needed to contribute meaningfully to the next generation of Jewish leaders.



**Joshua Kirsh**

In ways I've struggled to connect with my Jewish identity despite it being part of my roots. My hope is this experience will further elevate my role and responsibility as a servant leader in our community. Oh, and I hope we're going to laugh, eat, and have great times together; think camp 2.0.



**Michelle McDonald**

I am excited to partner with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis to build a strong, inclusive future by connecting young American Jews with their Israeli peers.



**Karina Rosenthal**

I am thrilled to join the ATID 6 cohort because it offers an incredible opportunity to understand the leadership needs across our Jewish community and connect with like-minded and passionate individuals. Upon completion of the program, I hope to align my professional skill sets with a non-profit organization in our community to drive meaningful impact.



**David Calderon**

I want to continue my participation in a leadership role in our community. ATID has an amazing alumni group of current leaders and I'm excited to be part of it.



**Noah Dock**

The ATID program offers a unique opportunity to develop my leadership skills within a supportive and nurturing environment that values community engagement, advocacy, and cultural enrichment. I see ATID as a platform to grow personally and professionally, while also contributing to the collective growth and vitality of Jewish life in Indianapolis as well as the greater Indianapolis non-profit sector.



**Diana Kogan**

I'm thrilled to join the ATID leadership cohort! This opportunity will allow me to gain invaluable leadership skills and insights, empowering me to become an effective community leader. I'm excited to learn from fellow cohort members, local and international leaders and ATID alumni, finding the most impactful way to become involved as a lay leader in the Indy Jewish community.



**Ira Mallory**

For me, this is an opportunity to grow, gain deeper sense of belonging and to learn how I can contribute to the Tribe here in Indiana and beyond. I want to draw closer to my vision as a Jewish leader, artist and human being.



**Ron Shapiro**

I plan to stay in Indianapolis long-term, and I want to make sure that my kids have a vibrant Jewish community in which to raise their kids one day.



**Zachary Cohen**

I am dedicated to fostering a thriving Jewish community in Indianapolis and inspiring others to become a part of it.



**Alex Goldberg**

Joining the Prystowsky ATID class of 2025 should prove to be a rewarding and enlightening experience. I am grateful for the opportunity to develop and strengthen relationships within the Jewish community and to grow as a leader and a volunteer.



**Andrew Lodolo**

As a member of ATID 6, I understand the legacy of this leadership program and the commitment I have as a future leader within the community. I am participating to become more integrated with and connected to the Indianapolis Jewish people, as well as identify my philanthropic niche within the many facets of our community.



**Emma Law Oppman**

I am part of Prystowsky ATID because I am committed to our community. I am proud to be part of this program where I will have the chance to learn more and develop skills to be the best member of our community possible.



**Jose Suriel**

I am honored to be a part of the Prystowsky ATID program because it provides an amazing opportunity that offers a valuable platform for me to expand my expertise and understanding within our wonderful community. Engaging in this program allows me to grow alongside a cohort of driven individuals and mentors, fostering both personal and professional development to drive meaningful change and make a positive impact.

## PJ Pool Party

PJ Library Families cooled off this summer at the JCC Eskenazi Water Park.

Participants donated school supplies to Jewish Family Service's Backpack Attack.



PJ Library ALAN & LINDA COHEN Family Foundation

### Save the Date

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11:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29

### Stuckey Farm

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Contact Ashley Flaumenhaft at [aflaumenhaft@jfgi.org](mailto:aflaumenhaft@jfgi.org) with questions.



### Jewish Community Represented During Indiana State Fair



JFGI joined community partner, Newfields, to provide information on the Jewish community to State Fair participants in August.

Watch the PJ Library social media account @PJLibraryGreaterIndianapolis for all of the latest events and collaborations.

# ADOPT-A-FAMILY



## Community Day

# Sunday, Dec. 8

Adopt-a-Family is an annual community-wide program that helps Jewish households in the Indianapolis area during the Chanukah holiday. Wrapped gifts may also be dropped off directly at JFS prior to Community Day.

**Registration and more information:**  
[www.jewishindianapolis.org/adoptafamily](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/adoptafamily)

Contact Rachel Katz at [rkatz@jfgi.org](mailto:rkatz@jfgi.org) with questions.

Need some support this Chanukah? JFS is here to help! Contact Julie Sondhelm at (317) 535-1476 or [jsondhelm@jfgi.org](mailto:jsondhelm@jfgi.org)



# BEYOND BARRIERS

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

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

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## This October marks 14 years for Popsie's Pantry

So much has changed since opening in 2010, when the pantry operated out of a small room the size of a closet and provided shelf stable foods to around 40 families. The impact was significant then, and as food insecurity rates increased significantly in Indianapolis (now 31 percent in Marion County!), the community has invested in expanding this vital program that meets the most basic of human needs.

The pantry now serves more than 150 households per year – both Jewish and non-Jewish. Older adults, families in crisis, immigrants and refugees, Holocaust survivors, adults with disabilities – all are provided fresh meat and produce, basic household items such as toilet paper and diapers, as well as the more typical items like canned and dry goods.

There are 40 dedicated volunteers who help organize, pack groceries, pick up donations, and deliver groceries to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The biggest challenge at the pantry today is inflation and the level of community need. Less food can be purchased with the same dollars, and in-kind donations have slowed. The shelves often run bare by mid-week.

### How to help:

- Financial or in-kind donations.
- Host a parlor meeting with friends. This will give JFS staff an opportunity to raise awareness about food insecurity and share ways to provide support.
- Organize a food drive or a small fundraiser.
- Share JFS posts on Facebook and Instagram. Follow @IndyJFS.
- JFS is looking for outreach volunteers to connect with local businesses and offices encouraging food drives.

You can make a real difference in the fight against food insecurity in Greater Indianapolis and support a Jewish community presence on this issue.

To learn more and to get involved, contact Rachel Katz at [rkatz@jfgi.org](mailto:rkatz@jfgi.org) or (317) 259-6817.

If you or someone you know is struggling with food insecurity, please contact Julie Sondhelm at [jsondhelm@jfgi.org](mailto:jsondhelm@jfgi.org) or (317) 536-1476.

“I can't remember the last time I saw my fridge this full. I especially appreciate the healthy options for me to choose from so I can have fresh fruit and milk for my kids. Thank you for everything you gave to me and my family!”

– Popsie's Pantry Client

## HISTORY OF POPSIE'S PANTRY

2008: Economic downturn in the US

2009-2010: Noticeable need for food support within the local Jewish community.

2010-2011: Russell family seeded Popsie's Pantry. Served 40 households.

2015: Pantry moved into a larger space and doubled households served.

2019: (pre-covid): Served 90 households.

Early 2020: Changed pantry model to reduce potential Covid19 exposures – served families curbside and launched grocery deliveries for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Late 2020: Added fresh, healthy foods such as produce, eggs, milk, meats and cheeses.

2021: Expanded the volunteer team from 2 to 20.

2023: Developed a waitlist for new client requests. Served 153 households, 56 were new.

2024: Reduced waitlist by 69%. High food-insecurity rates in Marion County paired with inflation. The pantry is a vital resource for 150+ households.



Josephine and Goldie Rourke donate tzedakah money to Popsie's Pantry.

## JFS Backpack Attack



Thank you for supporting JFS' Backpack Attack School Supplies Drive! Provided school supplies to 100+ kids and teens in the community.

“This year my family has been struggling with medical bills that came out of nowhere and really have made it hard just to cover basic things, let alone all the school year starting expenses. It was hard for me to ask for assistance with this along with other of my family's needs, but JFS kept us going and I can't thank you enough!”

## Popsie's Pantry Volunteer Gathering



Popsie's Pantry Volunteers gathered for an Appreciation Night at the home of Mollie Tavel Kaback for an evening of thanks for their many hours of work over the last year. They schmoozed and made terrariums to distribute to pantry users, with the help of Abby's Garden Parties.

## WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

*A Journey to Hope and Healing*

1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15

Max & Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus

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

Plant a flower in honor of your loved ones and beautify the entrance of JFS in our Garden of Memories.

Register at <https://bit.ly/healingwalk24>

Contact Julie Sondhelm at [jsondhelm@jfgi.org](mailto:jsondhelm@jfgi.org) with questions.





# Sign Up Today!

## 2nd Annual Golf Classic

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH  
WOODLAND COUNTRY CLUB OF CARMEL

Principal & Title Sponsor  
NEXDINE HOSPITALITY  
Experience. Amazing. Service.

There will be a shotgun start at noon with dinner and drinks to follow. Email [info@hooverwood.org](mailto:info@hooverwood.org) to sign up.



Thanks to friends at Visual Impact Inc., the residents enjoyed a fun filled afternoon at the Hooverwood Living Car Show with a variety of stunning vintage vehicles to check out firsthand. The event included live music, old fashioned soda pops, and a good-old fashioned cookout.



Step into Hooverwood Living and discover the joy of Bubbe and Zayde's Playroom! This vibrant haven is where grandkids and grandparents bond, laugh, and create lasting memories together. Intergenerational play not only teaches valuable life skills but also brings joy and purpose to Hooverwood's cherished seniors. Visit and make beautiful moments today.

### Heal with Hooverwood Living

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

**Liv Lifeline**  
Revitalizing Spirits, Embracing Health: A Wellness Support Group

FOURTH THURSDAY of every month AT 5:30

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

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

THIRD THURSDAY of every month AT 5:30

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

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Start Volunteering Today!

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

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

**KC | Kibitz & Cocktails at Kraft Commons**  
Connecting Generations: A Toast to Tradition, Dialogue, and Community!

Mark your Calendars!  
The First Thursday of the Month @ 6-13 pm

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

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



Thank you to the wonderful volunteer "Mahj Mavens" for coming in to teach the ropes of Mahjong. An amazing time was had by all.

**Chai Comfort**  
Healing Hearts in Grief: A Bereavement Support Group

SECOND THURSDAY of every month AT 5:30

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

## Celebrating Alumni and Jewish Education

On June 10, HHA alumni families, teachers, community members and leaders came together to celebrate HHA alumni and the importance of Jewish day school education. The program was emceed by Mark Glazier who stressed that now more than ever, a Jewish day school education is imperative for children and the future of the Jewish community.

Alumni Elise Nachlis, Aaron Zelikovich, Naomi Rachel Ruchim and Brian Cohen shared the huge impact of HHA on their lives from lifelong friendships with fellow students to a love of learning and being Jewish instilled by caring teachers to core Jewish memories that shaped their identities.

Benton Marks, past HHA Board President, awarded Leo Grabovsky with a beautiful work of microcalligraphy from Israel and celebrated all that Leo accomplished as board president.



Leo Grabovsky and Benton Marks

Miriam Gettinger delivered her farewell address as HHA principal. She was greeted by a standing ovation from the over 170 attendees. Judith Friedman thanked Miriam for her 16 years of dedication and service to the Indianapolis Jewish community. Earlier in the day, Miriam received a beautiful silver tea set chosen and brought back from Israel by Monica Rosenfeld.



The Shmoel family honored the life of their beloved matriach of blessed memory Maya Shmoel (z"l).

Oren Shmoel spoke about Maya Shmoel's (z"l) dedication to HHA and how she brought Israel and the Hebrew language to life for her students, instilling in them a love of Judaism. In her memory, the Shmoel family has established the Maya Shmoel Memorial Fund. Lori Beth Halperin, HHA's new principal and Brian Nachlis, new Board President closed out the night with their vision for HHA.

"Our school may not be the perfect fit for every parent, but as a Jewish community, we must all support this institution to ensure our Jewish Youth have an opportunity to engage themselves in what HHA offers," Brian said. "An incredible, award winning personal secular and Jewish education that fosters the intellectual, spiritual, and social growth of students from diverse Jewish backgrounds. Now more than ever, in days of increased Anti Israel and antisemitic rhetoric, we need your support!"

Everyone enjoyed delicious Israeli food by Dina Hasten while perusing school yearbooks and memorabilia and participating in the Silent Shuk auction.

Thank you to the Event Planning Committee and especially Gigi Marks Felsher for planning and carrying out this beautiful event! This evening was just the beginning of a new alumni recognition program and any alumni who would like to help with these efforts and/or share their contact information should contact [dkogan@hha.org](mailto:dkogan@hha.org).

## HHA Takes the International Tech Stage

In June, HHA presented for an unprecedented eighth time at ISTE Live 24, the world's largest edtech annual conference, this year held in Dever with over 16k participants.

Conference attendees and sixth grader Irisu and his father Brett Duchon shared their experience.

"Donned in HHA apparel to proudly represent our school and community, three HHA students gleefully assisted Mr. Voskoboynik with his Model Classroom presentation on Unleashing Creativity: Animating and Coding AI-Generated Avatars for Interactive School Projects by helping to guide a full crowd of attending adult educators at the Innovation Arcade." He said. "With iPads and laptops in hand, they all shared their knowledge, experience, and use of cutting-edge tech they received from their HHA classrooms. One of the highlights of the presentation was our award-winning Generation2Generation collaborative project with the Gvanim school in Western Galilee."

He added, "Later, the student presenters did their poster-session, and informed visitors of all the tech they had learned about

when progressing through this school year ancestry project. For example, creating avatars, injecting environments, utilizing animation - all with coding, programming, and AI to generate 'life' in their creations (including the addition of voice animation, colorization, and even interactive elements), all brought, both present and past ancestors to the stage for use in their projects."





# THE ANN KATZ FESTIVAL OF BOOKS & ARTS

## Celebrate 26 years of the Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts!

The JCC's 26th annual Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts is a three-week festival featuring well-known authors, award-winning films and local visual and performing artists. This year's festival will open with the world-renowned Sephardic musician, Sarah Aroeste, who shares her Sephardic culture through Ladino-language music and will also include programs with Israeli chef and restaurateur Moshe Basson, Rabbi Sandra Lawson (the first Black woman Rabbi ordained in Reconstructionist Judaism), and actor and author BJ Novak.

Visit [JCCindy.org/books-arts-festival](http://JCCindy.org/books-arts-festival) for more information; and [JCCindy.org/events](http://JCCindy.org/events) to learn more about the individual events.

See more, pay less with the Festival Pass!

If you're planning to see multiple events, you can save by purchasing a Festival Pass. \$40 in September, \$50 in October.

The Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts is made possible with funding from the Irwin and Ann Katz Cultural Arts and Education Endowment Fund and major festival sponsors including The Herbert Simon Family Foundation, Lilly Endowment Inc., Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and Katz Sapper & Miller.

## 9 Athletes Compete in the 2024 Maccabi Games



3x3 Basketball bronze medalists Moses Fineman, Philip Berebitsky, Yitzi Schwartz, Mickey Fineman and Ben Kontarzhny



Avery Fox and her swimming relay team with their silver medals

The JCC was thrilled to send 9 athletes to compete in the JCC Maccabi Games (Olympic-style competition for Jewish teens) in Detroit in August! Along with the medal winners pictured above, athletes representing Indianapolis included Ari Ekhaus in baseball, Braiden Newman in tennis, and Rachel Schwartz in volleyball.



## JCC Announces New CEO

Sam Dubrinsky's tenure as Arthur M. Glick JCC Indianapolis CEO begins on Sept. 25, 2024. She was previously CEO of the JCC in Springfield, Mass., and prior to that she held the positions of Executive Director of the Levite JCC in Birmingham, Ala. (her hometown) and Director of Community Impact at the Birmingham Jewish Federation.

Dubrinsky has spent much of her career focused on Jewish communal work and most recently guided the Springfield JCC through the many challenges of COVID-19 immediately followed by a fire at the facility that displaced programs and services for months. Her fearless leadership, love of Jewish life, and commitment to the core Jewish values that guide, lead, and direct JCC Indianapolis are all qualities that make her well-suited for success in her new role as the JCC's next CEO.

## A Message from JCRC President, Eli Isaacs



Eli Isaacs, JCRC President

I stepped into my role as President in May of this year on the heels of some of the most challenging months in JCRC's history. We face truly staggering data on the rise of antisemitism. The tasks facing us can seem daunting, but our work is critical. Our shared history is one of resiliency in the face of various waves of hostility. Our charge is to address this rise with urgency, courage and conviction.

Education remains our most powerful tool in combatting ignorance and fighting prejudice. We will continue to focus on our Stand Up/Speak Out initiative, Holocaust education, Israel Engagement Fellowship, and Israel Around the Table programs. We must also continue to advocate for ourselves and speak out loudly against antisemitism wherever and whenever we encounter it. We will need your help in responding to our calls to action and will not be shy in asking for it.

Despite some frustrations we have all felt with community partners in the past year,

we must continue to try to promote inter-community dialogue and partnerships. Building bridges between and among people with disparate backgrounds is essential in fostering better understanding and dispelling conspiracy theories and propaganda.

Finally, we must continue to live our values. While protecting our own community and fighting back against antisemitism are mission critical, we must continue to seek justice and to be proactive in the work of tikkun olam.

There is unquestionably a lot on our plate. But this fight against hate is not just a matter of principle. It is a collective obligation we have to our broader community and to the next generations of Jewish Hoosiers.

I look forward to working with so many of you during my time as JCRC President. Feel free to reach out to me or any of our wonderful professionals with your ideas and suggestions.

## Forming Meaningful Partnerships with Indiana Schools



The Indianapolis JCRC has forged strong partnerships with school districts throughout Greater Indianapolis and beyond. Recognizing that education is key to countering antisemitism, JCRC has devoted considerable time to developing sustained relationships with many public and parochial schools. Notable partnerships include those at Westfield, Brebeuf Jesuit, Guerin Catholic, and North Central High Schools. During the summer, JCRC staff continued to build new relationships with educators and school administrators, fostering a mutual understanding of the importance of amplifying Jewish voices.

At the start of the school year, JCRC sent an e-blast to over 3,000 educators and administrators, reminding them of the educational opportunities available through JCRC. Do you have a connection to a school system, educator, or administrator? Risé Friedman at [rfriedman@indyjcr.org](mailto:rfriedman@indyjcr.org) and Amber Maze at [amaze@indyjcr.org](mailto:amaze@indyjcr.org) would welcome the opportunity to discuss bringing Student to Student or the Holocaust Speakers Bureau to a school near you.

Led by Rabbi Hal Schevitz and Cantor Melissa Cohen



Service dates and times are in the back of this issue.



## JOIN US FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

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L'Shanah Tovah from Congregation Beth-El Zedeck! May the new year bring us blessings of joy, health, friendship, and peace.

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Congregation Shaarey Tefilla invites you to free High Holiday services led by Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow.

Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:00 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah	9:30 a.m. (both days)
Kol Nidre	6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur	9:00 a.m.

Open seating available. We look forward to celebrating with you!

3085 West 116th Street, Carmel, IN 46032

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla is a Modern Conservative congregation with egalitarian opportunities.



## HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH: 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2**

**ROSH HASHANAH: THURSDAY OCT. 3**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Service
- 5:45 p.m. Tashlich followed by evening service

**ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2: FRIDAY, OCT. 4 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Service
- 10:30 a.m. Family Service, followed by Tashlich and ice cream

**KOL NIDRE: 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 11**

**YOM KIPPUR: 9:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12**

- 9:30 a.m. Main Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Family service in the Chapel
- 2 p.m. Afternoon service
- 5 p.m. Conversation
- 6:30 p.m. Neilah

### Congregation Beth Shalom

**SELICHOT (COMMUNAL PRAYERS FOR DIVINE FORGIVENESS): 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 AT CBS**

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH: 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL**

**ROSH HASHANAH: THURSDAY, OCT. 3**

- 9 a.m. Young Family Services at University High School
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Services at University High School
- 4:30 p.m. Picnic & Tashlich Services at Cool Creek Park

**EREV YOM KIPPUR: 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 11 AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL**

**YOM KIPPUR: SATURDAY, OCT. 12**

- 9 a.m. Young Family Yom Kippur Services at University High School
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Services University High School
- 3 p.m. Afternoon Discussion at University High School
- 4 p.m. Afternoon Services at University High School
- (Approx) 5 p.m. Yizkor (Memorial)

followed by Ne'ilah (Concluding Service representing the closing of the heavenly gates) at University High School

### Congregation B'nai Torah

**ROSH HASHANAH SHACHARIT: 8:30 A.M.**

**YOM KIPPUR KOL NIDRE: 7:10 P.M. SHACHARIT WILL START AT 9:15 A.M.**

**SUKKOT SHACHARIT: 9 A.M.**

**SHEMINI ATZERET SHACHARIT: 9 A.M.**

**SIMCHAT TORAH SHACHARIT: 8:30 A.M.**

### Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana

Visit [www.chabadindiana.org](http://www.chabadindiana.org) for high holiday service information.

### Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

Visit [www.etzchaimindy.org](http://www.etzchaimindy.org) for high holiday service information.

### Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

You must register to attend services at IHC or the Rosh Hashanah Day Retreat at GUCI at [indianapolishebrewcongregation.shulcloud.com](http://indianapolishebrewcongregation.shulcloud.com). Call the IHC office during business hours at (317) 255-6647 with questions or if in need of assistance with the registration forms. Please consider a minimum donation of \$36 per guest per service. High Holiday services will be available online at [ihcindy.org/streaming](http://ihcindy.org/streaming). You can also find all archived services at that link. IHC also offers High Holiday Services on WICR 88.7FM.

**SELICHOT SERVICE: 6:15 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPT. 27.** Husband and wife team Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard- Bialik will teach new paths into the High Holy Days that combine art with deep Jewish scholarship.

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH TRADITIONAL SERVICE: 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2.**

**ROSH HASHANAH RETREAT: 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. THURSDAY, OCT. 3, AT GOLDMAN UNION CAMP INSTITUTE (GUCI).**

**ROSH HASHANAH TOT SERVICE: 9 A.M. THURSDAY, OCT. 3.**

**ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY SERVICE: 9:30 A.M. THURSDAY, OCT. 3.**

**TRADITIONAL ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE: 11:30 A.M. THURSDAY, OCT. 3.** Childcare will be available for services before 8 p.m.

**ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY ON FRIDAY, OCT. 4: 9 A.M.** Shofar Blowing at IHC Parking Lot, 12:30 p.m. Shofar Blowing at Shapiro's South Parking Lot at 808 S. Meridian St., Downtown Indy, and 5:30 p.m. Family Shofar outdoors at IHC.

**KEVER AVOT: 2 P.M. SUNDAY, OCT. 6 AT IHC NORTH CEMETERY AND IHC SOUTH CEMETERY.** The ancient custom of Kever Avot, includes visiting the "graves of our ancestors."

**KOL NIDRE CREATIVE EXPERIENCE: 5:30 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 11.** A dramatic reinvention of the traditional Kol Nidre service. This service will include instruments, without the IHC choir, and selections from the Kol Nidre prayer.

**KOL NIDRE TRADITIONAL SERVICE: 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 11.**

**OUTDOOR YOM KIPPUR SERVICE AT GOLDMAN UNION CAMP INSTITUTE (GUCI): 9 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12.**

**YOM KIPPUR TOT SERVICE: 9 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12.**

**YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICE: 9:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12.**

**YOM KIPPUR TRADITIONAL SERVICE: 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12.** Childcare will be available for all services before 8 p.m.

**YOM KIPPUR HEALING SERVICE: 1:30 P.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12.**

**YOM KIPPUR LEARNING SESSIONS: 2:30 P.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12.**

**YIZKOR SERVICE: 4 P.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12.**

**YOM KIPPUR NEILAH/HAVDALAH: 5 P.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12.** Challah and juice will be available after the service to break the fast.

**SUKKOT SHABBAT SERVICE: 6:15 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 18.**

**YIZKOR SERVICE: 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23.**

### Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

Join Congregation Shaarey Tefilla for free High Holiday services led by Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow.

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH: 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2**

**ROSH HASHANAH: 9:30 A.M. THURSDAY, OCT. 3 AND FRIDAY, OCT. 4**

**KOL NIDRE YOM KIPPUR: 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 11**

**YOM KIPPUR: 9 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 12**



L'Shana Tova

While the High Holidays bring opportunities for meaning, connection and community, it can also be a challenging time.

If you would benefit from support this holiday season, consider reaching out to JFS at (317) 536-1476 to speak with Julie Sondhelm, Clinical Director.



Happy Rosh Hashanah

SHANA TOVAH

wishing you a sweet and happy new year



### Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

**ROSH HODESH: 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 AT BEZ.** Indulge in the joy of all things apple pie with the women of BEZ. Showcase your culinary expertise by bringing your signature apple pie to this one-of-a-kind tasting event. Let's savor each other's creations, swap recipes, and glean valuable insights from Cantor Melissa, all in preparation for Rosh Hashanah! RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**COCKTAIL JUDAISM: 7 P.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 9, LOCATION TBD.** Join a captivating evening at the Cocktail Judaism event, where Associate Regional Director for ADL Suzanne Rothenberg and Rabbi Hal will be delving into the rich history of Israel and offering valuable guidance on responding to complex issues such as colonialism and apartheid. Gain valuable insights and join the conversation to explore these critical topics together. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**MINI-MINYAN WITH CANTOR MELISSA: 10:30 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 AT BEZ.** Experience the wonder of Shabbat with Cantor Melissa at "Mini-Minyan," a special service created for kids in elementary school and their families. Learn the beautiful melodies, explore the rituals, and take an active part in this Shabbat celebration. There will be a kid-friendly Oneg to follow. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**MEN'S CLUB HAPPY HOUR: TIME TBD WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, AT BIER BREWERY IN CARMEL.** Fellas, unwind and join Men's Club at Bier Brewery in Carmel. Savor a selection of delectable local beers while you put your wits to the test during Wednesday Night Trivia. Leave your cares behind and join for a night of camaraderie, relaxation, and a whole lot of fun. Don't forget to bring your A-game and leave the kids at home for this 21+ event! RSVP to Mark Krodel at [mtkrodel@gmail.com](mailto:mtkrodel@gmail.com).

**TORAH ON TAP: 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPT. 19, AT BREAKOUT CASTLETON.** Gen-Zers and Millennials, embark on an exciting Torah on Tap adventure. Accompany Rabbi Hal at a local Escape Room. Test your problem-solving abilities while collaborating with fellow BEZ members to decipher the mysteries and obstacles before time runs out. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**VIRTUAL SUKKAH HOP: 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16, ON ZOOM.** Join a unique Sukkot celebration. Connect with fellow BEZ members from the comfort of your own sukkah. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**TORAH ON TAP: 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY, OCT. 17 AT URBAN APPLE.** Calling all Millennials and Gen Z professionals to connect with Rabbi Hal at Urban Apple in Westfield.

This fantastic venue boasts 25 acres of land with a working orchard, a restaurant, and Hamilton County's first cidery. You'll have the chance to sample a delightful selection of ciders and indulge in delicious small bites while participating in insightful discussions. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**FAMILY SUKKOT AND HAVDALAH HAYRIDE: 6 P.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 19 AT BEZ.** Get ready for an unforgettable experience at our annual Family Sukkot and Havdalah Hayride! Join us for a fun-filled evening featuring an indoor craft project, a delightful hayride around BEZ, and a relaxing picnic dinner. This event is perfect for the whole family to come together, celebrate, and make lasting memories! RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**SUKKAH HOP: SUNDAY THROUGH TUESDAY, OCT. 20 – 22.**

- Sunday, Oct. 20, at the home of Jena and Rabbi Hal. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).
- Monday, Oct. 21, at the home of Margo and Dan Fox. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the home of Joel Epstein. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**SIMCHAT TORAH PIZZA PARTY: 5:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23 AT BEZ.** Join a fun and delicious Simchat Torah Pizza Party. Enjoy hot, cheesy pizza. After dinner, gather for a meaningful service, and dance with Cantor, Rabbi and beautiful Torot. Then, come back together for a special dessert. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**MEN'S CLUB COLTS GAME AND CHILI LUNCH: 1 P.M. SUNDAY, OCT. 27 AT BEZ.** Cheer on the Colts on the BIG screen as they take on the Texans and indulge in a delicious chili lunch provided by BEZ's Men's Club. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy great football and great food with your community. RSVP to Mark Krodel at [mtkrodel@gmail.com](mailto:mtkrodel@gmail.com).

**ROSH HODESH HESHVAN YOGA: 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 AT BEZ.** Experience the rejuvenating practice of yoga in a supportive and inclusive setting. The yoga session is designed for all skill levels and body types and integrates Jewish concepts into traditional yoga poses. Engage your mind, body, and spirit to celebrate Tishri's new moon purposefully and mindfully. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

Visit [bez613.org](http://bez613.org) or them on social media for more information.

### Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) holds its activities and functions at 3085 W. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032. These include, but are not limited to, in-person worship services,

religious school (Talmud Torah), meetings, and social gatherings. CBS shares the building facilities of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla but remains an independent Reform congregation. The CBS mailing address continues unchanged at 4000 W. 106th St., Ste 125-118, Carmel, IN 46032.

**REGULAR CBS SHABBAT SERVICES: 6:30 P.M. FRIDAYS AT TEMPLE.** Worship services are both in person and virtual. Zoom links and access codes are available to everyone through the CBS website. All are invited and welcome to participate, whether in person or through Zoom.

**TORAH STUDY: 9:30-10:30 A.M. EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, TEMPLE LIBRARY.** This is a weekly gathering and immediately precedes any Saturday morning service. Everyone is invited to come.

**CBS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: 10-11:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.** Religious School programs are available to children of CBS members in good standing at no cost. The exception to this is that the first year of Religious School is available to non-CBS members for a fee of \$300 per child. After the first year, families must be CBS members to participate in Religious School programs. Contact Corey Gilman at [coreygilman@gmail.com](mailto:coreygilman@gmail.com) with questions.

**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GRID BOOKS ARE BACK!** This great opportunity is back by popular demand. The CBS Fundraising Committee will once again be selling the Monday Night Football Grid books for \$30 per book with 25 chances to win \$50 each time! Watch the CBS e-news for order information or contact Myra Riley at [mcriley@hotmail.com](mailto:mcriley@hotmail.com) for more information.

**HIGH HOLIDAY CHALLAHS:** Another popular fundraising activity is back this year. CBS will once more be selling round plain and raisin challahs from Shapiros in time for the High Holidays. Contact Lu Cohen at [lukcohen@gmail.com](mailto:lukcohen@gmail.com) or look for the CBS e-news for order information.

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

### Congregation B'nai Torah

**SHACHARIT: 8:30 A.M. SUNDAYS; 6:50 A.M. MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS; 7 A.M. TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS; 9 A.M. ON SHABBAT.**

**LUNCH & LEARN: 12 P.M. MONDAYS.**

**TEHILLIM & TORAH STUDY CLASS: 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS.**

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

Contact the office at (317) 253-5253 or email [office@btorah.org](mailto:office@btorah.org) to sponsor

a kiddush on occasion of a yahrzeit, simcha, or other event. Visit [btorahindy.org](http://btorahindy.org) to donate or to view current shul bulletin and service times.

### Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana

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

### Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

**SERVICES:**

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

**9 A.M. SHABBAT SHACHARIT SERVICE**

**9 A.M. SUNDAYS AT CHABAD**

**9 A.M. ALL HOLIDAYS AT ETZ CHAIM**

The Deborah Sisterhood's Bake Sale order deadline is Sept. 8 and pick-up is Sept. 29.

Check the website for current information on holidays and events and subscribe to receive weekly emails at [www.etzchaimindy.org/calendar](http://www.etzchaimindy.org/calendar). Connect on Facebook at [@EtzChaimIndy](https://www.facebook.com/EtzChaimIndy) and [@EtzChaimtheSisterhood](https://www.facebook.com/EtzChaimtheSisterhood). Contact (317) 251-6220 or [office@etzchaimindy.org](mailto:office@etzchaimindy.org) for more information.

### Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

**TORAH TALK: 9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAYS.** Join Rabbi Krichiver to discuss Jewish sacred source texts in a non-intimidating way. All are welcome. Proudly presented by Sisterhood. You can join in person or find the Zoom link to participate on [ihcindy.org/online](http://ihcindy.org/online).

**KABBALAT SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M. FRIDAYS.** Join IHC for the weekly service, bringing the peace of Shabbat into homes. You can watch live at [ihcindy.org/streaming](http://ihcindy.org/streaming).

**SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY: 9 A.M. SATURDAYS.** IHC clergy guides the group through the weekly Torah portion text seeking understanding of the teaching for the time and discussing its message for today. It is available online or in person. No prior knowledge is necessary, and all are welcome.

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: 10:30 A.M. SATURDAYS**

**IHC SISTERHOOD'S GIFT SHOP HOURS: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS; 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. FRIDAYS; 9:30 A.M. – 12 P.M. SUNDAYS WHEN THE JEWISH LEARNING PROGRAM IS IN SESSION.** You can also make an appointment to shop by

emailing [ihcsisterhoodgiftshop1@gmail.com](mailto:ihcsisterhoodgiftshop1@gmail.com).

**IHC CIRCLES:** Circles are small groups formed around specific interests, passions, geography, life stage, or profession. There is a Circle for wine lovers, young families, volunteers, and more. Visit [ihcindy.org/ihc-circles](http://ihcindy.org/ihc-circles) to learn more.

**MITZVAH STITCHERS: 11 A.M. SUNDAYS, SEPT. 1, 8, 15, 22, AND 29, AND OCT. 13, 20, AND 27.** If you love to knit, crochet, sew, or embroider and love to schmooze while you stitch, then Mitzvah Stitchers is perfect for you. Email Barb Levy at [bcl@bclevy.com](mailto:bcl@bclevy.com) to be added to the email distribution list so she can provide you with the Zoom link for meetings.

**EUCHRE CIRCLE: 10 A.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 9 AND 23, AND 6 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPT. 26.** All levels of play are welcome to come and have some fun, meet new people, and compete for a prize.

**JEWISH BOOK CLUB: 12 P.M. TUESDAYS, SEPT. 10 AND OCT. 8:** The Jewish Book Club is a great way for book lovers to enjoy getting to know each other through lively discussion about great books with Jewish and literary value. Selections are mostly fiction, occasional biography/memoir, or historical non-fiction. If you would like to take part, please email Evelyn Pockrass at [epockrass@ihcindy.org](mailto:epockrass@ihcindy.org).

**IHC MUSIC PRESENTS KYLE FOREHAND PERFORMANCE: 4 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPT. 8:** IHC cannot wait to share more details with you soon about this upcoming IHC Music concert.

**TEXT STUDY WITH KNIVES: 4:30 P.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 28.** Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, known for their hands-on paper-cutting workshops for adults, will lead in a text study art experience followed by a light dinner and Selichot services. Cut up comics to create a personal commentary on the Torah portion. No experience or "artistic ability" is required, all materials are provided.

**SIPPIN' IN THE SUKKAH: AFTER SERVICES FRIDAY, OCT. 18.** Members 21 and older are invited to gather in the sukkah for a cocktail or mocktail.

**SISTERS IN THE SUKKAH: THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, OCT. 22.** All women of IHC are invited to attend one of Sisterhood's most beloved events of the year. Visit [ihcindy.org/sisters-in-the-sukkah](http://ihcindy.org/sisters-in-the-sukkah) for more information.

**SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION AND "MITZVAH MISHUGASH": 5 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23.** With dancing and traditional Simchat Torah music featuring our 65th Street Klezmerim, IHC

will unroll the Torah and chant the end of Deuteronomy and the beginning of Genesis in order to celebrate the circle of the year.

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

### Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

**SISTERHOOD WELCOME DINNER: 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPT 10 AT CST.**

**BOOK CLUB: 7 P.M. ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

- Sept. 25: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
- Oct. 23: *The Many Daughters of Afong May* by Jamie Ford

**TORAH STUDY WITH NANCY BELL: 7 P.M. ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT CST**

**WINE & CHEESE IN THE SUKKAH: 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16**

**SISTERHOOD NOSH IN THE SUKKAH: FOLLOWING SERVICES SATURDAY, OCT. 19**

**SISTERHOOD CHAI TEA: 2 P.M. SUNDAY, OCT. 27**

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

### Temple Beth El Muncie

**KABBALAT SHABBAT: 7:30 P.M. SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE**

**TORAH STUDY GROUP: 10 A.M. SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE**

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

Visit  
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for more information on the Jewish high holidays and a complete service schedule.



# A Celebration of **LEGACY**

Honoring Alan and Linda Cohen and our  
community endowment supporters.

**September 24**

**Laikin Auditorium**

**Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center**  
6701 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis

Join us in recognizing how endowments are investments in our children and our community's future. Help show our community's appreciation for the Cohen family's investment in PJ Library and be part of supporting tomorrow.

RSVP is required to attend this celebration. To learn more about the event or how you can include JFGI or a community partner in your estate plans, contact Brian Hoffman at [bhoffman@jfgi.org](mailto:bhoffman@jfgi.org).

**RSVP Deadline is September 9**



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