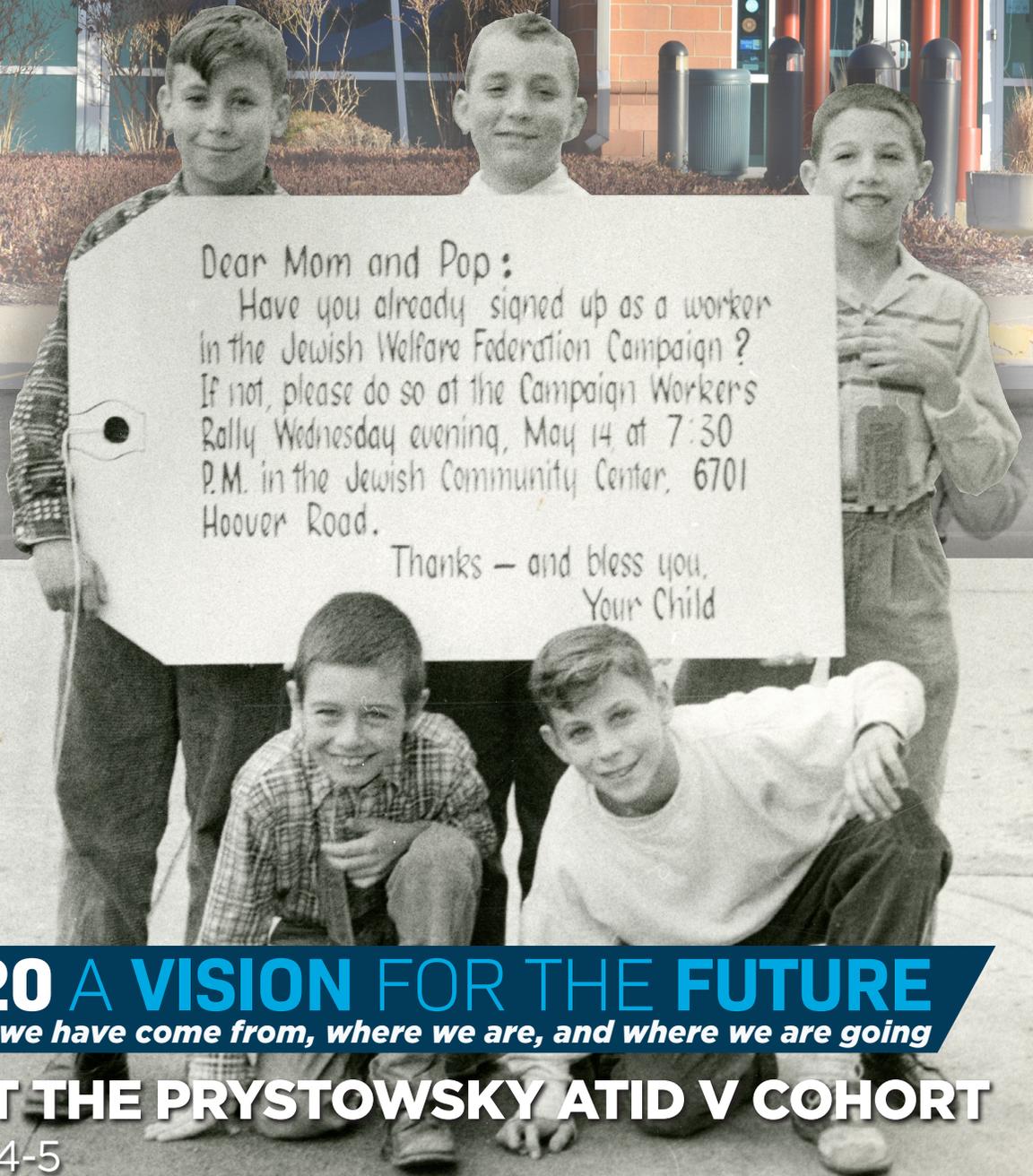


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2020: A New Decade of Possibilities

I can't believe it is already 2020. We are entering this New Year very strong after surpassing our 2019 Annual Campaign goal – the first time we have reached and exceeded \$4M in nearly a decade! Thank you to all our 2019 Annual Campaign donors! More on our Annual Campaign can be found on pages 14 and 15.

We are centering this year's Annual Campaign with the theme "2020: A Vision for the Future—Where we have come from, where we are, and where we are going." When the Federation started in 1904, and for much of its existence, its operations were primarily for fundraising and allocating purposes. We have transformed into an organization that focuses on strengthening our community through engagement, learning, social services, and securing our Jewish community, in addition to being a philanthropic partner to support our community and Jews in need in Israel and around the world.

We are proud of creating opportunities for everyone to get involved, not just those who donate their financial resources, but also those who donate their precious time and talents. We welcome volunteers, mentors, committee members, and program and event attendees. Through our Shalom Indy program we are reaching out to new Jewish community members who have moved to our community, as well as those who have been here and aren't involved in the Jewish community yet. I see the Federation as a connector that touches so many lives in our community and overseas through all that we do, from our PJ Library program to our scholarships and internships to all of our educational and social service programs and events.

In 2020, we will continue to implement our strategic plan by developing deeper relationships and connections with the community, building partnerships, and collaborating with all of our synagogues and organizations. We will examine the analytics of our digital and print materials in order to develop focused target audiences for better engagement. We will collect and analyze data on the impact of our programs, events, and services. All these efforts will help us build a community for our future young leaders and a place to learn and play for our children. In 2020, we will begin working with a new cohort of 16 Prystowsky ATID V Advanced Leadership Program participants. We are excited to learn with and from them and to share them as the next generation of leaders with our Jewish community. Throughout the year, we will highlight this cohort so that you can share in our pride of these emerging Jewish community leaders.

Reaching our Annual Campaign milestone has allowed us opportunities to continue the great work we are offering – something we can't do without you. We learned through our Planning & Allocations process that in order to thoughtfully and securely care for our Jewish community, we need to raise even more dollars for our community; in 2019 we received nearly \$1M more in grant requests from our local agencies and programs than we had available to allocate. With your help we can do much more to strengthen and engage our entire community. I am so proud of this community for all that we have accomplished so far. The passion here in Indianapolis across our synagogues and organizations for a strong Jewish identity and community is powerful. This is a new decade and our future looks bright.

Warmly,
Debbly



Debra Barton Grant
DEBRA BARTON GRANT
CEO and Executive Vice President

SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Are you seeking college financial assistance?
- Do you want to travel with an organized group to Israel?
- Are you interested in attending overnight Jewish camp?
- Do you want to expand your knowledge and learn more about non-profit work?

2020 JFGI academic and Israel scholarships, overnight camp grants, and internships are now available!

Deadline to apply is March 1, 2020.

Visit jewishindianapolis.org/scholarships-internships to learn more and apply. Call Pamela Eicher at (317) 715-6981 with questions.

WELCOME!



Josh Lodolo

Title: Senior Director, Planned Giving and Endowment

Hometown: Los Angeles

Education: Cal State Northridge Bachelor's Degree and an MBA from Anderson University.

Background: I grew up in Southern California and lived at home through college, before moving to Indianapolis in 2004. I've also lived in Texas and Washington, D.C., and professionally have worked for a few outstanding institutions, all centered around social and educational causes.

Something you might not know about me: I am a huge fan of the LA Dodgers...been to a game every year of my life.

Hobbies: Golf, tennis, softball, hiking, cooking, travel, spending time with our dogs and generally anything that can be done outdoors.

Worked here since: December 2019

Come see me about: Endowments, gift planning and advancing JFGI's mission through philanthropy.

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On the cover:

Youth in the 1960s pose for a photo soliciting donations to families.

Know one or more of the young men on the cover? We want to hear from you. Contact Andrea Hirsch at AHirsch@JFGI.org.

The Future Starts with You



Through LIFE & LEGACY, every person, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation, can help sustain a vibrant Jewish Indianapolis for generations to come.

Interested in talking about your legacy? Call Paula Glanzman Goldberg, Director of Legacy Development, at (317) 715-6980.

Introducing the Prystowsky ATID V Leadership Class of 2020

Over the past 10 years, the Federation has seen the completion of four ATID classes. Now, thanks to the generosity of Eric and Bonnie Prystowsky, we are about to embark on The Prystowsky ATID V Advanced Leadership Experience.

Born out of a 2007 strategic planning process under the leadership of then JFGI President Brad Bell, the ATID program was designed to arm a group of present and future lay leaders with a deep understanding of who we are, and to provide the tools necessary to lead the community into the future. For the last 10 years, graduates of the ATID program have more than lived up to expectations, and have taken on leadership roles in the Federation, agencies, throughout the community, and at the national level. It is certain that the Prystowsky ATID V participants will live up to their predecessors' examples.

After receiving many strong applications, and a thoughtful and deliberative process, we are pleased to introduce to you the Prystowsky ATID V cohort.

The adventure will begin in January 2020 and we look forward to a yearfull of learning, bonding and traveling together as we continue to fulfill on the promise of each of our ATID classes - to provide our community with lay leaders dedicated to the needs and dreams of the Jewish people, locally, nationally, in Israel, and around the world.



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Offer Korin
Co-chair

Stacy Segal
Co-chair

WHY ATID?

Involvement in the community is important to me, and I am passionate about understanding the issues that affect others and the resources that are available to assist them. I believe that ATID will help me understand more about other community members, community resources, and opportunities for me to participate.

I want to be involved in promoting the Jewish reputation for advocacy, inclusion, and learning in community. I am excited to connect with others leaders to examine issues across the board, question the status quo, and weigh the pros and cons of multifaceted solutions.

— Kristofer Wilson

WHY ATID? *I have heard wonderful things about the ATID program. Most people I know that participated found the program to be enlightening and challenging. They found themselves feeling driven to become more involved and to take on more leadership responsibilities in various Jewish organizations. In addition, they developed leadership skills that are transferable in their careers and lives. I would love to learn more about our local Jewish community, as well as the Jewish community worldwide.*
— Reva Weiss



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Kristofer Wilson,
29, Ferdinand, Ind. Hoover Hull Turner, LLP - Attorney

Cohort information is arranged by name, age, birthplace, and professional title.

WHY ATID?

As a Jewish mother, my interest in ATID is two-fold: first, to shape the world that I want to raise my children in, and secondly, to set an example of leadership and service for my children to aspire to.

As the granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor, I also believe that it's my responsibility to help carry on my grandfather's legacy, which, to me, means helping those who are disadvantaged, fostering empathy and encouraging the embracing of diversity in my community at large.

Another component of my interest in ATID stems from my own study of History and American Culture Studies, as well as my professional role as a broker and realtor. The Indianapolis area is booming with growth and development. With the influx of new residents that I see and work with daily, I believe that now, more than ever, is the time to refine, strengthen and continue building the framework for our Jewish community and the way that we engage and connect with it.

— Lauren Hewitt



MONTHLY HAPPY HOUR DAY MOVING

NEXTGen Monthly Happy Hours will now be on the second Thursday of each month. Locations will change each month for variety.

The next Happy Hour is from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, at Doughnuts & Dragons – 3838 E. 82nd St., Indianapolis. Complimentary donuts will be offered to participants.

Contact Stephanie Dlatt at sdlatt@jfgi.org for more information or with questions. "Like" the JFGI NEXTGen page on Facebook to learn about more upcoming events and programs.

According to the 2017 Indianapolis Jewish Community Study, an average of

270

NEW HOUSEHOLDS
MOVE TO INDIANAPOLIS EVERY YEAR.

SHALOM INDY

Are you or someone you know new to town or looking to find out more about the Indianapolis Jewish community?

Then Shalom Indy is for you! Reach out to Margo at mfox@jfgi.org or Matthew at mkmorning@jfgi.org. Enjoy a one-on-one meeting, and get a swag bag with materials and coupons from local organizations and businesses. This team can also connect you with community ambassadors who have similar interests and an excitement for connecting people to the Jewish community.

Learn more at jewishindianapolis.org/new-to-indy.

Women's Philanthropy Update

Take Action with Women's Philanthropy in 2020

2019 was an exciting year of growth for Women's Philanthropy. **The Common Threads** series for 2019 created awareness through panels, such as the discussion, "In Doubt or Living Without; On the Front Line for Kids," which took place in September at the home of Jordan and Mark Fisch.

Women's Philanthropy is looking forward to a great 2020 year, full of more programs, more donors and more opportunities to connect. The Women's Philanthropy Steering

Committee is planning an impactful and engaging list of events and activities for 2020 designed to engage women from all walks of life in the community. 2020 will start with action, so roll up your sleeves to participate in hands on activities that address food insecurity. Pencil in Jan. 26 and April 26 for opportunities for families to shop together and stock Popsie's Pantry. More action-based opportunities for all ages are in the planning stages and will be announced throughout the year.

Also mark your calendars for upcoming winter **Meef Ups**. The first one is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the home of Lindsay and Mark Williams, followed by a daytime meet-up on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the home of Jackie and David Barrett. Hint: one involves a flight of chocolate! More details will be sent out via email and social media soon.

If you have questions about Women's Philanthropy, reach out to a committee member listed here or call Margo Fox at (317) 715-9268.

The 2019-20 Women's Philanthropy Steering Committee

- Co-Chairs- Karen Rothbaum and Gigi Marks Felsher
- Jackie Barrett
- Mary Gorden
- Marina Grabovsky
- Marlo Katz
- Beth Klapper
- Michelle Korin
- Barb Leventhal
- Megan Maurer
- Debbie Pelletiere Blatt
- Lori Schankerman

Visit JewishIndianapolis.org/womens-philanthropy for more information



From Playtime to Celebrations

In November, PJ Library kids had a blast at My Gym in Fishers and a Shabbat celebration with friends at GUCI Camp.



Brooke and Emry Kanner; Lauren and Julien Hewitt

Lila Perry

Group play

Morris Montgomery

Max Gilman

Song leader Sam Cogen

Vivian Alder

Lisa and Maddie Frank

Michael, Casey and Teddy Kaplan; Brooke and Emry Kanner; Lauren and Julien Hewitt



Join PJ and Silly Hearts Yoga

10 a.m. – noon
Sunday, Jan. 12

Little Village Playroom in Carmel
9850 N. Michigan Rd
Carmel, IN 46032
Cost: \$5 per child

Children ages 4 and younger are invited to Little Village Playroom with PJ Library for creative play and of course yoga!

Register at <https://events.idonate.com/sillyheartsyoga>.

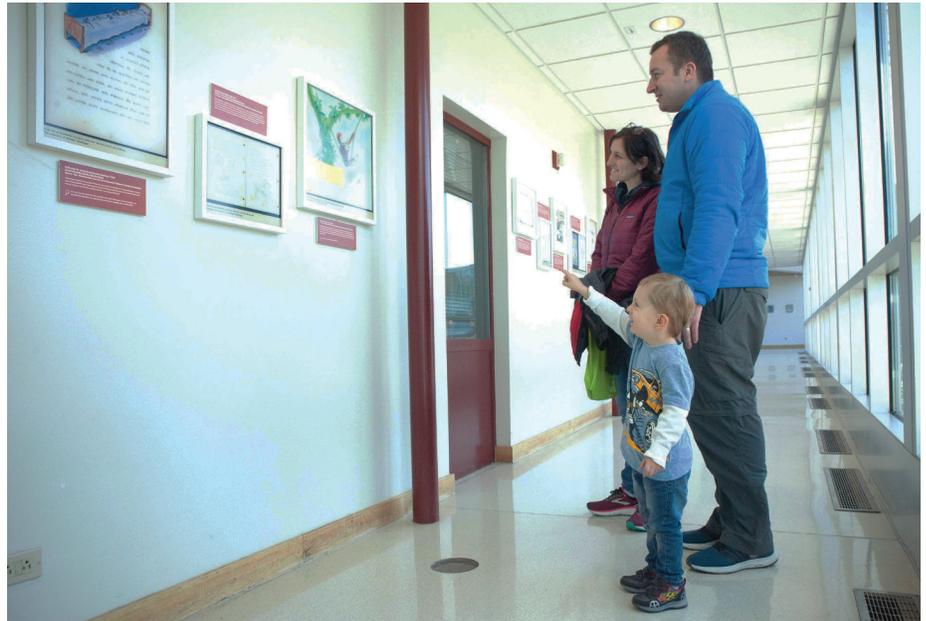
Don't forget to "like" PJ Library in Greater Indianapolis on Facebook to learn information on events and Jewish parenting tips.
www.facebook.com/PjLibraryGreaterIndianapolis/

Learning Lessons from the Past

JFGI invests in Holocaust education in order to harness the power of memory and the lessons of history to positively impact our world today. Building upon the success of the Anne Frank exhibit JFGI featured in January 2019, JFGI has invested in continuing to bring powerful exhibits to the Indianapolis community.

The Curious George exhibit entitled "The Wartime Escape: Margret and H.A. Rey's Journey from France" was brought to Indianapolis through a generous donation by the Paul Family Fund. The exhibit highlighted the little known story of the creators of Curious George and their journey from Nazi occupied France to the United States. In conjunction with the exhibit, the JFGI education team created a field trip opportunity entitled "Saving Curious George: Learning about the Holocaust through the Eyes of Refugees." Over the course of November, JFGI hosted 350 students. The fifth and sixth grade participants were able to expand upon their knowledge of the Holocaust by learning about the Reys' story as well as the stories of other famous Jewish refugees.

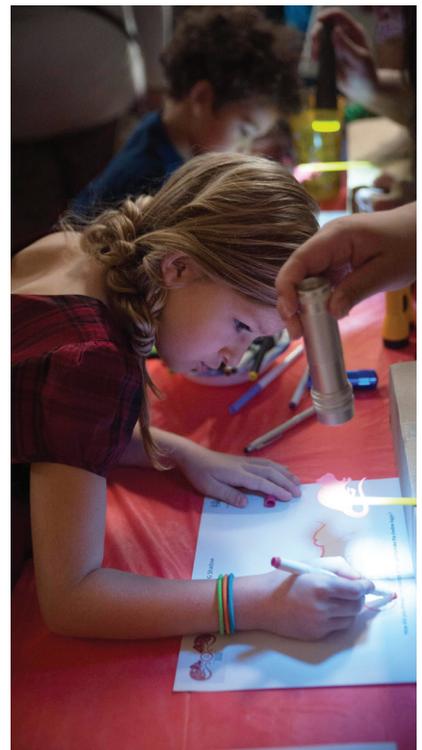
In partnership with WFYI and CANDLES Holocaust Museum, JFGI also developed "Celebrating with Curious George," a family friendly program at which more than 300 attendees learned about different winter holidays through hands-on STEM activities. Children of



all ages learned about design process and Chanukah by creating dreidels out of upcycled materials; the Hindu festival of Makar Sankranti through lift and making kites; the celebration of Kwanzaa through soundwaves and drumming; the holiday of Christmas by bouncing plastic ornaments; and the festival of Chinese New Year by creating shadows of Chinese characters. By working alongside culturally diverse community partners, JFGI was able to build connections

across a broad swath of the Indianapolis community.

In January through February, JFGI will host another exhibit called "From the Children, About the Children, For the Children: Art and Writing of the Holocaust." This exhibit explores the life of children living in the Terezin ghetto-camp and how they were able to use various types of artistic expressions to cope with their surroundings. Schools from around central





Photos provided by Jennifer Spurgin.

Indiana have been invited to participate in a field trip opportunity in which students will analyze a combination of poetry, art, and historical documents before creating their own artistic expression that reflects what they've learned. All fifth through eighth grade Jewish students will be able to view the exhibit at a **community-wide Holocaust remembrance program on Jan. 26** focused on the theme of youth voices of resistance. Information about these

and other Holocaust education programs can be found at www.jewishindianapolis.org/holocaust-education.

A culminating element of the field trip experiences is a visit to the Albert and Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial Garden. While at the memorial, students are reminded that this year marks the **75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, which takes place Jan. 27**. They note the

pain, death and despair of Auschwitz along with the other concentration camps etched into the stone. Students then look toward the Star of David rising from the flames and recognize the symbolism of moving toward the future. That future would not have been possible without the bravery of those who liberated the camps and those who helped survivors build new lives.

Philanthropy is Heating Up with YoPhI

Despite the cold weather, YoPhI Teen Board members are heating up in their philanthropy mission. In November, the Teen Board members joined Jewish teen philanthropy participants from Chicago, Detroit, and Milwaukee for the first-ever regional philanthropy gathering.

The Midwest teens spent a weekend together exploring the idea of collective impact across communities and core philanthropy concepts including values-based giving, consensus building, proposal review, and how to ask the important (and

sometimes difficult) questions. It was a weekend of deep learning and meaningful connections.

The YoPhI Teen Board is currently accepting grant proposals. To view the group's mission statement and full Request for Proposals visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-teen-board. **Proposals are due by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, and must be submitted electronically.**

Adding to the heat, Teen Board members begin their fundraising campaign on Jan. 12 and are looking to exceed last year's grant making total of almost \$5,000.



YoPhI Teen Board members having a great time with peers from Milwaukee's Teen Philanthropy Board at Tikkun Together, the first ever regional Jewish teen philanthropy gathering.

To learn more about the YoPhI Teen Board's 2019-2020 mission or to support their fundraising efforts visit jewishindianapolis.org/yophifundraising.

Guests Bring New Ideas to Indy

JFGI is enriching Jewish learning in Indianapolis by bringing two amazing speakers to town in February. All of these programs are free, open to the entire community, and are designed to spur meaningful discussion and new ways of thinking about Jewish community.



Breaking through the Stigma of Disability

To mark the start of Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), JFGI has invited Connie Putterman, a Jewish special needs advocate for a scholar-in-residence weekend Feb. 1-2.

Connie is the chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Disability and Inclusion Committee and founder of the Canada/Israel Autism Research Initiative.

Highlights of her visit include a Shabbat lunch and learn at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla and a panel discussion about celebrating rather than stigmatizing difference at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

For information about JDAIM programming visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/JDAIM



The Future of Judaism in Indy: Planting Seeds for Innovation

Come meet Jewish podcast celebrity and co-founder of Judaism Unbound Dan Libenson when he comes to Indianapolis for a special Tu B'Shvat scholar-in-residence on Feb. 9-10.

There are multiple opportunities to learn with Dan while he's in town. A highlight of his visit will be a communal Tu B'Shvat Seder from 3 – 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 that will celebrate the coming arrival of spring and explore how Jewish ritual can be innovated to align with contemporary life.

More information about all of the programs with Dan Libenson can be found at www.jewishindianapolis.org/JudaismUnbound.

The Library is Listening!

The BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library has been listening to its patrons and has added new books based on requests. In particular, the library has updated and expanded its collections related to Israel, the Holocaust, Jewish diversity, and books that were highly recommended in a variety of Jewish publications. A listing of the new acquisitions can be accessed

at <http://bit.ly/jcomlibrary>.

In addition to book requests, the library also wants to hear from community members about what they want from the Jewish Community Library. All are invited to respond to a survey to let the library know what you're looking for at <http://jewishindianapolis.org/librarysurvey>.

Reaching and Teaching Our Teachers



The vibrant Jewish learning that takes place in Indianapolis could not be possible without the community's teachers. JFGI is committed to supporting teachers through professional development and exposure to new teaching practices.

On Nov. 10, all teachers who work in Jewish settings were invited to "Keshet: Making Connections," a local education conference focused on strengthening collegial connections and deepening students' connections to learning. Educators kicked off the conference by collaboratively working to build Jewish learning structures and later had opportunities to select from among eight breakout sessions and four table talks designed to meet their professional learning needs.

Another learning opportunity that JFGI brought to local educators, clergy, and social workers was a workshop about fostering identity-safe spaces for LGBTQ+ teens. Ami Alitzman, Youth Programs Associate for Keshet, came to Indy on Oct. 27-28 to raise awareness of ways our community can be more affirming of diverse gender identities. During his visit, Ami facilitated an allyship seminar for teens, a program for young adults, and a professional development workshop that brought together a diverse group of leaders committed to engaging in the difficult work of assessing and improving current practices.

The educational professional development opportunities offered by JFGI continue into 2020 with an upcoming seminar that will be facilitated by **Facing History & Ourselves on the topic of "Teaching Holocaust & Human Behavior in Today's Global Climate."** Teachers throughout Indiana have been invited to commemorate **International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27** by learning together at this workshop from 4-8 p.m. at Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning. More information about the workshop can be accessed at jewishindianapolis.org/fhaoworkshop.



RETRO FEDERATION AMERICA'S VOICES IN ISRAEL

By Chuck Cohen

In late 2001, the Federation was approached by Tom Rose (son of Irwin and Jill, brother of Doug) about sponsoring a trip to Israel for Greg Garrison, a broadcaster for WIBC. Tom was the publisher of the *Jerusalem Post* and had recently renovated the Post's broadcasting studio. Tom, along with Malcolm Hoenlein (then, and until recently, the Executive Vice Chairman of The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations), thought taking American broadcasters to Israel to see it for themselves and interview Israeli leaders would be of great benefit to Israel. It was to be a program of *hasbara*¹ to counter Arab propaganda. Tom and Malcolm had formed a non-profit corporation America's Voices in Israel to carry out this program. They thought that getting Federations to sponsor and accompany these broadcasters would be an effective way to carry out this program. Tom knew Greg² as an evangelical conservative Christian, a strong supporter of Israel who had never been to Israel, and who was interested in going. Tom presented the idea to the Federation with a cost of approximately \$15,000. Greg was to be accompanied by his engineer (Todd Myer) and Michael Papo, our Executive Director. The Board approved. I was always looking for an excuse to go to Israel and volunteered to go along (at my own expense).

The trip was from April 18-25, 2002. I kept a daily journal which I sent back to the Federation. This article will cover just the highlights of the trip.

- Profiling on the El Al flight—Greg and Todd were taken to a room, questioned, all of Todd's equipment was examined, and Todd had to start every program on his computer. We were escorted to the gate and Greg and Todd were made to board immediately. Going to Israel to broadcast was a story El Al had never heard.
- The second Intifada was going on and Operation Defensive Shield was taking place to crack down on terrorism. Our flight was about 50 percent full, very unusual for an El Al trip to Israel. We stayed in the Jerusalem Hyatt, which is in East Jerusalem and was considered by many to be unsafe. Probably why Tom got a good rate.
- Our guide was an ex-pat Brit, Allan Marks. All of us developed a great bond with Allan. He had a call-in to Greg's show weekly for several years after the trip to give on the ground reports from Israel.
- On the first Shabbat, we toured the north—Nazareth, Tiberias, Golan Heights, Caesarea. We stopped at Capernaum on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee where Greg tearfully read the Sermon on the Mount from the spot where Jesus delivered it. At Caesarea, the owner of a gift shop said they usually saw 30-40 tourist buses a week and now they were lucky to see one.
- This was the first and only time I've been in Israel in the spring. There was much greenery and the Jordan River was raging.
- During the week we toured Jerusalem and the Old City. On the second Shabbat, we went to Masada



and the Dead Sea. We didn't swim but I got Greg and Todd to taste the water—much spitting followed.

Greg's broadcasts were in the evening which was his 9 p.m.-12 a.m. slot in Indianapolis. He conducted remote interviews with Ra'anana Gissan, Sharon's chief spokesman³, and Uzi Landau, the Minister of Internal Security. In the studio, amongst others, he interviewed Natan Sharansky (see above picture). He had telephone interviews with Senators Lugar and Bayh as well as Congressman Pence. Netanyahu was in the U.S. for the AIPAC Policy Conference, but Greg interviewed him by telephone. On the last day, he interviewed his best guests, Michael and me.

Our Federation reaped benefits for many years after the trip from our relationship with Greg, including appearances on his program, assistance with Israel emergency campaigns, and a second trip in 2004 that Greg organized with non-Jewish participants. After our trip, UJC (predecessor of JFNA) undertook the sponsorship of this program. Many Federations sent local broadcasters, e.g., Philadelphia sent Michael Smerconish, including Pittsburgh, Washington D.C., Delaware and Detroit. Our Federation received a letter from Prime Minister Olmert in October, 2002 who wrote "I know that your Federation is knowledgeable about this program due to the close connection your community has with Tom Rose, Publisher of the *Jerusalem Post* and founder of America's Voices, and because of the direct experience that Chuck and Michael had last April when they accompanied Greg Garrison to Israel for his week of live broadcasts from Jerusalem.

In my 30 years of active participation in the Government of Israel, the proposal being put forth by America's Voices is, in my opinion, the most efficient and cost productive way for Israel to tell its story and to maintain the on-going support of the American people and the American government which is so critical for the survival of Israel." America's Voices continues to this day to send headline-makers with widespread credibility, including leading journalists, prime-time media and Hollywood and TV stars, to mold public opinion favorably to Israel.

¹ A form of propaganda aimed at an international audience, primarily, but not exclusively, in western countries. It is meant to influence the conversation in a way that positively portrays Israeli political moves and policies, including actions undertaken by Israel in the past.

² Don't stop reading but their mutual acquaintance was Mike Pence.

³ Benjamin Netanyahu was Prime Minister. He did not get elected for the second time until 2009.

Barnes Dennig Volunteer at JFS for Annual Outreach Day



Barnes Dennig in Indianapolis participated in an annual outreach day with Jewish Family Services (JFS) on Sept. 27, where they closed the office to give back to the non-for-profit community. This year, in Indianapolis, the firm's outreach day coincided with the Indiana CPA Society Day of Service.

"I admire companies who organize volunteer days and value giving back to the local community. It sends such a strong message to the staff, plus it's such a fun way to get your team out of the office to do something good together," said Rachel Katz, Program Director for JFS.

Overview of the volunteer projects:

- Volunteers learned about the struggles of food insecurity in Indianapolis and how JFS social workers address these concerns through our community food pantry, grocery transportation,

senior meal program, and case management/referrals.

- Volunteers spent the day shopping for and stocking Popsie's Pantry.
- Volunteers put together Rosh Hashana care packages for local Holocaust Survivors who participate in the KAVOD programs.

Ian McManis, Marketing Specialist for Barnes Dennig for the Indianapolis region, says they chose to work with JFS after teaming up with JFS in Cincinnati during last year's day of service.

"We had such a beautiful experience," he said. "Volunteering is part of our DNA and we pride ourselves in giving back to the community. Being able to impact a group of people that are in need is extremely rewarding."

Riley Davidoff, staff accountant auditor for Barnes Dennig, loved her

experience because it forced her to be more conscious of how expensive things are when having to stick to a strict budget.

"We made sure to buy every item that we could to ensure JFS' clientele had choices for the items they needed," she said.

Eric Toepp, tax staff accountant for Barnes Dennig, is a JCC member and has grown up attending JCC programs. Before the service day, he said he had no clue that the Jewish community even offered a food pantry.

"After learning about all of the services JFS provides, it's mind-blowing," he said. "Giving back to a place where I shared great memories means a lot to me."

Katz says she really enjoyed spending the day with the Barnes Dennig team and is appreciative of all they accomplished while they were here.

Jewish Family Services welcomes office groups of any size to organize a day of service. If interested, please contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfsi.org.

Thank You for a Successful Adopt-A-Family

More than 1,000 community members in Indianapolis were touched this Holiday season by the 15th annual Adopt-a-Family program. Hundreds shopped, wrapped gifts, and enjoyed activities during Sunday, Dec. 8's Community Day.



FREE LEGAL AID CLINIC

WILLS AND ADVANCE PLANNING

10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, JFGI Domont Auditorium, 6705 Hoover Road

Lawyers from a local firm will be on site and may be able to help with:

- Creating a will, which allows you to plan for your family's future
- Appointing a financial and/or healthcare power of attorney
- Creating a living will and other advance directives

To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Julie Sondhelm at (317) 259-6822 or jsondhelm@jfgi.org.

JFS Receives Grant to Help Individuals, Families Meet Basic Needs

JFS received a \$7,500 Helping Those in Need grant from Glick Philanthropies to support programs that address food insecurity, specifically the Libby and David Fogle Lunch Bunch and Popsie's Pantry.

Learn more on the blog: jewishindianapolis.org/blogs

Popsie's Pantry Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary



This year, JFS is celebrating the 10 year anniversary of Popsie's Pantry. JFS is thankful for all of the support from the community over 10 years and for funding opportunities such as the Glick Philanthropies, which is the latest grant received.

Stay tuned for some history and announcements throughout the next several magazines to celebrate Popsie's 10th anniversary.

2019 Annual Campaign Surpasses Goal!

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers and donors, the 2019 Annual Campaign surpassed its goal of \$4 million! Congratulations and thank you for helping close out a successful 2019 Annual Campaign—the final results for 2019 will be reported in the next issue, along with a listing of donors.

Special thanks to 2019 Annual Campaign Co-Chairs Helen Kurlander Goldstein and Leslie Rubin, and to all of the volunteers, professionals, and donors who helped raise critical funds for the many programs and services provided by the Federation and partner agencies in Greater Indianapolis, Israel, and around the world.

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2020 A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Where we have come from, where we are, and where we are going

As of Jan. 1, the 2020 Annual Campaign is now underway. Stay tuned for more information about the formal kickoff event for the 2020 Annual Campaign and the 2020 Major Gifts Dinner later this spring.

In building on the success of the 2019 Annual Campaign, the Federation seeks to sustain a 2020 Annual Campaign of more than \$4 million in order to meet the growing needs of the community. In the local community alone, more than 3,700 individuals—including many children and seniors—need help with the basic necessities.

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

JFGI celebrates the new year and a new Annual Campaign with the theme "2020: A Vision for the Future—Where we have come from, where we are, and where we are going."

In a time when so much of the political and civic discourse seems to divide rather than unite, the community's

Annual Campaign is an opportunity to focus on the good the community does together, shared values, and how the Annual Campaign brings the community together to make a positive impact on the world.

To make a difference in the lives of others who need your help, visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/donate, call (317) 726-5450, or mail your donation to the Jewish Federation at 6705 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 to support the community and make your gift to the 2020 Annual Campaign.



2020 Annual Campaign Event and Major Gifts Dinner

**SAVE
THE
DATES**

**Isaac Herzog,
Chairman of the Jewish
Agency for Israel**

Tuesday or Wednesday,
May 5 or 6, 2020

More details coming soon

Isaac Herzog was unanimously elected to succeed Natan Sharansky as the Chairman of the Executive for The Jewish Agency in June 2018.

Born and raised in Israel—his father serving as the sixth President of Israel and his grandfather serving as Israel's first Chief Rabbi—Herzog is an attorney by trade. Before entering his new position at The Jewish Agency, Herzog was a member of the Knesset (Israel's parliament) since 2003. In the Knesset, he served as Chairman of Israel's Labor Party and as the Knesset Opposition Leader. In 2015, he was a front-runner to win the election for Prime Minister.

In the 15 years before joining The Jewish Agency, Herzog held several ministerial posts, including Minister of Tourism; Minister of Diaspora Affairs, Society, and the Fight Against antisemitism; and Minister of Welfare and Social Services. He also served as the Israel Government Coordinator for the provision of humanitarian aid to Gaza, as well as Government Secretary.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis then...and now

Some 115 years ago, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis was established to coordinate local social service and philanthropic institutions and to unify fundraising for all Jewish institutions, both local and national. From the beginning, the funds raised by the Federation were to serve a dual purpose—to aid the local community and to extend aid to world Jewry.

At the beginning, the Jewish Federation

was primarily a charitable society, dispensing coal, groceries, and money for rent; locating husbands who had abandoned their wives; feeding and housing transients; and making small loans to immigrants who wanted to purchase a stand in the city market or a horse for peddling. By the late 1920s, the Jewish Federation had become the central organization of Indianapolis Jewry, overseeing the work of its

constituent agencies in education, social services, and cultural and recreational activities.

While this core mission remains, the Federation and its partner agencies have grown and evolved along with the community they serve. A series of features throughout the coming year will highlight “where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.”

Visit JewishIndianapolis.org/about-JFGI/history for more fun facts about the Indianapolis Jewish Community.

Letter from Retiring Campaign Co-Chairs

As 2019 draws to a close and we conclude our service as co-chairs of the Annual Campaign, we want to thank all of the volunteers, donors, professionals, and community members who contributed to the Campaign's success.

When we became Campaign co-chairs, we believed we had a reasonable understanding of the breadth of engagement the Federation has. It wasn't until we became integrated into ongoing activities that we appreciated the depth and impact of the funds raised by the Federation. EVERY DOLLAR REALLY DOES COUNT!

During our time as Annual Campaign co-chairs, we worked with Federation professionals and volunteers to achieve a number of goals:

- Modified the Annual Campaign calendar and cycle. Our Campaign year is now January 1 through December 31. Donors appreciate the clarity.
- Increased the dollars raised through the Annual Campaign for community programs and services, surpassing \$4 million for the first time in nearly a decade.
- Increased the number of donors who contribute to our Annual Campaign, reversing the trend of declining donor bases in many other Jewish communities.
- Refined a financial projection model based on our community's demographics. This will help provide greater fundraising accuracy, and guide expectations and planning for future years.



- Improved our understanding of our donors' interests, in order to enhance messaging and maximize the impact of their contributions.

We thank you for your work in support of our Jewish Federation fundraising and the many remarkable services that are supported by the Annual Campaign –from making Jewish communities more secure around the world; supporting early childhood education programs; caring for seniors; combating antisemitism; providing food and supplies to those who need them; educating our children; supporting Holocaust survivors; and promoting health and wellness to name just a

few. Your contributions allow us to help strengthen our community in Greater Indianapolis and Jews around the world!

We are excited as the Annual Campaign moves forward under the leadership of 2020 Annual Campaign Co-Chairs Jennifer Schwartz and Larry Turow. We look forward to celebrating new successes and milestones for the Annual Campaign in the coming years.

Respectfully,

Helen Kurlander Goldstein and Leslie R. Rubin

JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF
LOUISVILLE, INDIANAPOLIS AND THE CONSORTIUM

JEWISH JOURNEY

TO *Prague, Vienna, and Budapest*

JUNE 2020

Join us on this three-part guided impactful experience. Participate in all three, or choose one or two parts of this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

PART ONE: JUNE 15-21

Prague & Vienna

In partnership with the Jewish Federation of Louisville and other Consortium Federations; organized by Da'at Educational Expeditions.

For full itinerary, hotel information, and to register, visit: <http://bit.ly/JourneytoEurope2020>

PART TWO: JUNE 21-22

Tour of Budapest with Partnership Communities

Acquaint yourself with this beautiful city and thriving Jewish community, touring with friends from our consortium cities and Israel.

Registration link coming soon.

PART THREE: JUNE 22-25

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER Summit in Budapest

This is the first Partnership Summit in Budapest through the U.S. Central Area Consortium, Western Galilee and Budapest.

Registration link coming soon.

JEWISH JOURNEY TESTIMONIAL

Jewish missions are a wonderful way to bond with members from your community and beyond. It affords you the opportunity to get an in-depth and authentic look at another Jewish community and culture. Missions bring to the forefront the notion that we are united by a shared history and sense of purpose. I've experienced missions both as a participant and as a leader and it has been among the most enriching travel experiences that I have encountered.

— Megan Maurer

For more information contact **Michele Boukai** at mboukai@jfgi.org or (317) 475-4274.



International Festival



Israeli emissary Lian Zohar Bar had a busy three days at the International Festival where thousands of students experienced all kinds of cultures from all over the world. The Israel booth offered food samplings and games.



Israeli/Hungarian Visit to Indianapolis Included Lesson in Pickleball at the JCC

Israeli and Hungarian young adults who visited Indianapolis recently took home a little bit of American sports ability. In addition to participating in young adult-focused activities, the 10 visitors drew their paddles and learned how to play pickleball at the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center in Indianapolis.

The visiting delegation was from Partnership2Gether (P2G), an inclusive and active network of people in the U.S., Israel, and countries overseas, focused on the exchange of ideas and

programs with the goal of developing relationships to strengthen Jewish identity across the globe.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and its constituent agencies, including the JCC, hosted the visitors from Hungary and Israel from Nov 17-19 to connect and build camaraderie for collaboration between future Jewish leaders in Indianapolis with young adult leaders in the Western Galilee Partnership region.

Rosh Chodesh Adar Women's Challah Baking



6-8 p.m. Wednesday,
Feb. 26

Center for Jewish Education and Learning Kitchen

Rosh Chodesh — which literally means "head of the month" — is the minor holiday that marks the beginning of every Hebrew month. Join fellow women and bake Challah together.

Contact Lian Bar Zohar to sign up at (317) 800-9350 or shaliach@jfgi.org.

VISIT ISRAEL: BEHIND THE STORY



As part of a project I am preparing, I want to share with you the picture I took with my mother when I visited Israel last summer.

The picture is from the Western Wall and is very important to me. It was my mother's birthday and I went with her to Jerusalem to celebrate.

Since I was little, I was very attached to her. She taught me a lot and is my role model. Tradition and customs are something she has always rooted in me and for that I will forever thank her.

I love you mom.

Sincerely,
Lian

JFGI wants to hear stories and share photos of Israel visits. Photos and stories will be on display in the Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning later this spring/early summer. Submission deadline is Feb. 29. Send submissions to Lian Bar Zohar at shaliach@jfgi.org or call (317) 800-9350 with questions.

CELEBRATE TU B'SHVAT WITH TWO RECIPES THAT CONTAIN DRIED FRUIT.

Visit "A Shaliach's Blog" at www.jewishindianapolis.org/community-shaliach/a-shaliachs-blog. For January and February, you can find recipes for Banana Cake and Chicken in the Oven.

Public Policy

By David Sklar

Assistant Director, Jewish Community Relations Council

In November, the Jewish Community came together with the State of Indiana to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This was a good time to remind ourselves of why our community maintains a strong commitment to engage in matters of public policy.

The Indianapolis JCRC was organized and established by what was then the Jewish Welfare Fund in 1942. All across the country other Jewish communities were establishing similar organizations and the "Jewish community relations movement" was born. The time period should provide a clear understanding of what the impetus behind such a movement was. Today we know that U.S. leaders had a fairly clear understanding of the plight of European Jewry, even in the earliest years the Nazi regime. Our community's leaders knew

what was happening as well, and tried to raise alarm bells. Unfortunately, they were relatively ineffective in getting American policy makers to offer support for the European community.

During and after the events of WWII and the Holocaust our community knew that we could never let this happen again. We had to better assert ourselves in the "public square," build strong relationships with our elected leaders, and engage in public policy. This tradition continues today. The very best way that we can protect ourselves is to ensure that we live in a larger general community that is healthy, economically stable, educated, civically minded, pluralistic, and secular. These are the things that will prevent democracy from failing like it did in Nazi Germany. Today the JCRC's engagement on matters of

UPCOMING INDIANA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

During this legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly, the JCRC is monitoring and engaging on a number of issues. These include proposals to support teachers in our public education system, increasing benefits to participants in our state's work support programs, supporting a study of the state's Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to make it more efficient, and how any bills related to access to firearms will affect agencies and congregations.

As always, any member of the Jewish community is welcome to join the JCRC's Government & Domestic Affairs Committee that meets regularly during the legislative session. For more information, contact David Sklar at dsklar@indyjcr.org.

public policy largely remains focused on these issues, but also includes maintaining strong bipartisan support for the State of Israel, and working to prevent or limit contemporary genocides. Every step we take in the halls of the Indiana Statehouse or the United States Capital, and every conversation we have with our elected leaders has a direct connection to those

dark days. What we have been able to contribute to our community, to our country, and to the World, by engaging in the public square and the public policy process is immense. We should be very proud of how far we've come.

Over the next several issues, JCRC staff and lay leaders will share their thoughts about an aspect of Community Relations work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pronouns: They/Them/Theirs – What is this?

7 – 9 p.m. | Wednesday, Jan. 15

Ever feel like you're speaking a different language when you're trying to discuss gender or sexuality issues with someone? In many ways, you might well be. The traditional way of thinking of gender in Western Culture, The Gender Binary, is very different from modern gender theory and not understanding these differences can lead to communication difficulties. This program will look at both of these modes of thought, allowing attendees to form strategies in their own life when they encounter these difficulties.

In Partnership with Indy Pride, Indianapolis JCC, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.



Joy Ladin, author of *The Soul of a Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective* 7 – 9 p.m. | Thursday, Feb. 27

Dr. Joy Ladin is a professor of English. A nationally recognized speaker on gender and Jewish identity, she has spoken around the country and has been featured on a number of NPR programs including "On Being with Krista Tippett." In her latest book, "The Soul of a Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective," Joy reads some of the best-known Torah stories through the lens of transgender experience. She explores fundamental questions about how religious texts, traditions, and the understanding of God can be enriched by transgender perspectives, and how the Torah and trans lives can illuminate one another. Drawing on her own experience and lifelong reading practice, Joy shows how the Torah, a collection of ancient texts that assume human beings are either male or female, speaks both to practical transgender concerns such as marginalization, and to the challenges of living without a body or social role that renders intelligible to others.

In partnership with Indy Pride, Indianapolis JCC, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.



On Mondays, Isabelle takes dance, Tuesdays, karate and Wednesdays, tumbling. And the JCC makes sure children get to and from enrichment activities.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Register now for youth programs beginning in mid-January in aquatics, sports, tennis and dance for children ages 3+. The JCC is all about children trying different activities so programs are scheduled to make it easy.



Upcoming Events

WE SHALL NOT DIE NOW

6:30 p.m. | Tuesday, Jan. 28 | \$10

This film screening of the winner of the Audience Choice Award at the 2019 Heartland International Film Festival is in conjunction with International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The film was produced, directed and filmed by Carmel native Ashton Gleckman. Now 19 years old, Gleckman will be available for Q&A after the screening with Frank Grunwald, a Holocaust survivor and member of Jewish Family Services' KAVOD Holocaust Survivors program.

E.J. DIONNE, AUTHOR OF CODE RED: HOW PROGRESSIVES AND MODERATES CAN UNITE TO SAVE OUR COUNTRY

7 p.m. | Thursday, Feb. 13 | \$10

Dionne, a professor at Georgetown University, is a bestselling author, political columnist for *The Washington Post* and a frequent commentator on politics for NPR and MSNBC. His latest book comes out just one week before his visit. Code Red provides a blueprint for uniting progressives and moderates through shared goals of social tolerance, economic justice and democratic values.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

If you need inspiration for your New Year's resolutions, check out JCCindy.org/blog for tips from JCC members Andy and Laura Gzibovskis, who together have lost nearly 200 pounds since January 2018. Learn the ups and downs and pitfalls of successfully achieving resolutions. For more #inspiration, follow JCC member and Federation staffer Irina Brodskiy on Instagram at @strongwithchildren.



WHY DO WE CHOOSE THE HASTEN HEBREW ACADEMY OF INDIANAPOLIS?

—BY KAREN ROTHBAUM

The reasons are plentiful. We are the proud parents of four wonderful boys. Our oldest three attended the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) Bright Beginnings early childhood program. We adored this program for its strong Jewish foundation and the social and educational development it provided. Sadly, when it was time to send our last child to preschool, the BJE had closed. We still wanted a school that provided a strong Jewish foundation and developmental educational approach to preschool. As we looked around at the different programs within the Jewish community, it was clear HHA was the choice for us.

The Early Childhood program at HHA is a Reggio inspired program that provides hands-on, experiential learning. We thought our youngest would attend preschool at HHA, then join his brothers at a secular school. However, we were so impressed with our experience in the HHA early childhood program that we decided to stay for kindergarten.

Now, currently in second grade, we are still impressed with the secular, Judaic and Hebrew education at HHA. Not only does he know more Hebrew than

his brothers, but he is also studying more advanced math concepts than they were at the same point in their schooling. Every educator at HHA is 100 percent committed to each student. Mrs. Fellegy, the art teacher, will stop me and tell me how excited our child was when he created a shade of his favorite color while studying Monet's water lilies. Ms. Halperin can give me a play-by-play of his daily learning, which includes tailored academic challenges to continually support his growth. His Hebrew and Judaic studies teachers tell me all about the questions he asks in class as he begins to build his unique Jewish identity. He also learns from wonderful and talented assets such as Mr. V, the computer science teacher/volleyball coach/photographer/videographer and Mrs. Bick, the elementary science teacher. There are many other special area teachers the children visit.

HHA is unified by its fierce and fearless Principal, Mrs. Miriam Gettinger. She knows each of her students personally and is actively involved in their educational and social development. Her accessibility and open-door policy has made all the difference in our team approach to



The Rothbaum Family
our son's academic success.

HHA is the embodiment of a Jewish community. Families at HHA all identify as Jewish and represent all denominations of Judaism. My mother will often say, "It takes all kinds." To me this phrase is the perfect summation of our school community.

We welcome you to come experience first-hand all the challenging, exciting, innovative and interactive learning taking place at HHA. Feel free to reach out to me (mrothbau@yahoo.com), Mrs. Gettinger (mgettinger@hhai.org), or any member of the HHA family at 317.251.1261 for a personal tour or more information.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Hasten Hebrew Academy is rated as a high quality Early Childhood program and is seeking National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation? Schedule a tour today!



Hasten Hebrew Academy

Open Enrollment Tours

Early Childhood	Elementary	Middle School
First Wednesday each month 8:30 AM	First Tuesday each month 9:00 AM	First Tuesday each month 10:00 AM

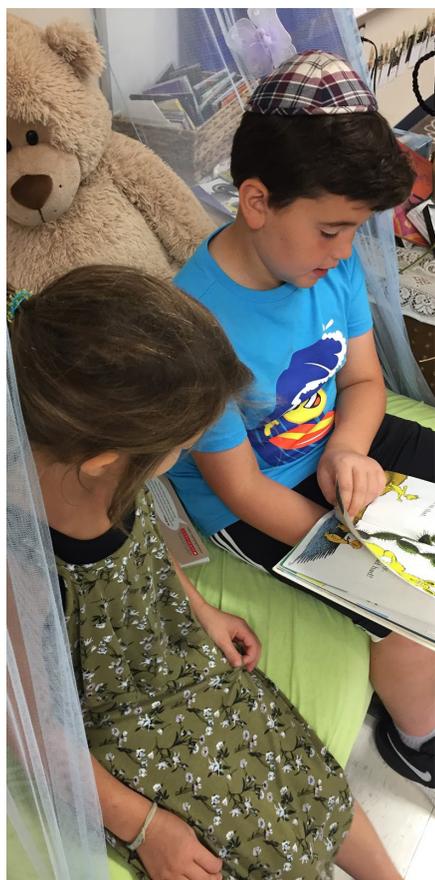
Schedule your tour today!
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Early Childhood

Several times throughout the month, early childhood students host visitors from around the school. In November, the middle school advisory team joined the children in play. The children loved to play in the gym with the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders learning new tricks and skills along the way. Laughter, love and light filled the air as the students spent time building connections with one another.

Each week, the Kindergarten class hosts a program called Reading Buddies. This program partners kindergarten students with third grade students to support literacy and a love of reading in each child. Children take turns reading to each other fostering confidence and independence in each child. The sense of community created in the classroom as the children encourage and support each other through the magic of storytelling is striking.



CHUMASH CELEBRATION



In second grade, students reach an exciting milestone in their Judaic instruction. They receive their own individual Chumashim/books of Biblical Genesis. The Hebrew text and format is similar to the Torah scroll itself. The students enter the foray of textual skills including grammatical, geographical and cognate/word etymology process skills. It empowers them to translate these verses independently and apply these skills throughout their study of any Biblical text of Torah or Prophets for the rest of their lives. More significantly, they are directly connected globally to generations of Jewish children studying the Torah in its original text and discussing and applying foundational Jewish values. As they study Genesis, they learn first-hand about Jewish heroes and role models of Patriarchs and Matriarchs whose tenacity, faith in the face of challenge, perseverance, honesty, hospitality and universal goodness inspire and guide.

This year, Rabbi Tzuriel and Miriam Gluck surpassed their unique creativity standards in their 12th Chumash play. It is themed as an escape room experience to unlock the content

of each of the Five Books of the Torah with clever clues as well as grammatical and numeric Hebrew nuances with beautiful scenery, music, choreography and spectacular visual effects. Especially meaningful for this class demographic were the number of second generation HHAI recipients, including Inna Shmukler, who brought her own Chumash from second grade decades ago.



Marian University's Future Doctors are Opening Minds through Art at Hooverwood

Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is an award-winning, evidence-based, intergenerational art-making program for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of neurocognitive disorders. Its failure-free program provides opportunities for creative self-expression and social engagement for people with dementia. Hooverwood is thrilled to be a participant in this wonderful year-long program.



Something New is Brewing at Hooverwood!

Warm up with a Starbucks coffee, delicious hot cocoa or Teavana tea, now served at Hooverwood. Skip the line at Starbucks and stop by on your way to work or for a midday treat.

A LEGACY OF LOVE: BRICK PAVER CAMPAIGN

Preserve memories or honor a loved one by purchasing an inscribed brick in the beautiful courtyard garden and walkways. When you purchase a commemorative brick paver, you can ensure your legacy of love on the Hooverwood and Kraft Commons campus in ways such as:

- Memorializing a loved one
- Honoring someone special
- Acknowledging a loved one's milestone
- Recognizing a Hooverwood or Kraft Commons team member
- Demonstrating your support or your family's support

Bricks are available for purchase in the following sizes:

- \$180 – 4" x 8" Brick paver
- \$360 – 8" x 8" Brick paver
- \$540 – 12" x 12" Brick paver



Each brick laid in the Memorial Garden creates a timeless message for future generations. Consider being a part of this unique project.

For more information, contact the Director of Development, Caitlin Lubline, at (317) 450-0911 or clubline@hooverwood.org. To purchase a brick, visit Hooverwood.org/donate.

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE! 6 P.M., FRIDAY, JAN. 3. Join Rabbis, Cantor, and the Beth-El Band for a spirited, musical welcome to Shabbat and the new month.

TOT SHABBAT: 9:30 A.M., SATURDAYS, JAN. 11, FEB. 1, AND FEB. 29. Rabbi Jenni Greenspan and Juliette Nehring will share Shabbat with children up to age 3 and their families. There will be singing, movement, music, and refreshments. RSVP to Rabbi Jenni at jgreenspan@bez613.org.

PARENT/TODDLER HAVURAH: 9:45 A.M., SUNDAYS, JAN. 26 AND FEB. 23. This program is designed for families with children from the age of one through pre-K, though all are welcome. This is a parent-participation class, so plan to have at least one parent, grandparent, or adult with your child. RSVP to Maria Simon at maria_simon@comcast.net.

COCKTAIL JUDAISM: 7:30 P.M., MONDAY, FEB. 3, at Another Broken Egg (9435 N. Meridian St.). For the 40+ crowd Conversation, humor, and spirits hosted by Rabbi Dennis Sasso. February's topic is "Our Common Humanity: Taking Action to End Homelessness" with Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Executive Director, CHIP (Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention). RSVP to jgoldstein@bez613.org or (317) 253-3441.

SISTERHOOD HAVDALAH: 5:45 P.M., SATURDAY, FEB. 8. Dessert reception to follow. All are welcome. Details TBA.

BETH-EL ZEDECK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER. Registration for the 39th ECC School Year 2019-2020 is still open. Ages 12 months+ – 5 years+ (Kindergarten Readiness). Program is open to the public. Contact Joanie Waldman for more information or to register: jwaldman@bez613.org or (317) 259-6854.

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

Congregation Beth Shalom

SHABBAT SERVICES: 6:30 P.M., SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH FRIDAYS, at 849 W. 96th St., Indianapolis 46260.

Newcomers and non-members are always welcome.

CBS BOOK CLUB: 3 P.M., SUNDAY, JAN. 5, at the home of Susan Meyers, 1955 Rhettsbury St., Carmel 46032. Like to read? You do not need to be a CBS member to participate in the Book Club. Come to discuss a humdinger of a book called "Rise and Kill First: The Secret History of Israel's Targeted Assassinations" by Ronen Bergman.

SISTERHOOD LADIES' FIRESIDE CHAT: 6 P.M., TUESDAY, JAN. 14. Join the friendly CBS Sisterhood women for an interesting evening out. Check the CBS calendar at www.bethshalomindy.org/events to learn more.

SOUNDS OF THE JEWISH WORLD. Jewish culture is rich and diverse, flavored by other cultures. Explore the unique music and sounds of Jews around the globe. This unique Adult Education event, led by cantorial soloist, Juliette Nehring, will take place in **February**. Keep an eye on the CBS website calendar for more details.

TOT SHABBAT WITH RABBI KERBER: 9 – 10 A.M., SATURDAY, FEB. 1. 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.

TALMUD TORAH. CBS offers a unique, bimonthly immersion-based religious school experience for all children ages 4 through 10, as well as individualized B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation classes, with enrollment available throughout the year. You do not need to be a CBS member to send your child. Bring your child's Judaism to life. Contact Diane Graul at Talmudtorah@bethshalomindy.org to learn more.

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

Congregation B'Nai Torah

Visit www.bnaitorah.org or [@BnaiTorahIndy](https://www.facebook.com/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](https://www.facebook.com/chabadindiana) on Facebook for upcoming events, classes and programs.

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

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.

SISTERHOOD WOMEN'S TORAH – meets once a month. Contact the office for more information.

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB WITH PARTNERSHIP2GETHER BOOK CLUB: 9:30 A.M. – NOON, SUNDAY, JAN. 5, at JFGI. Visit the JFGI Community Calendar for more information.

TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI SENDROW: 11 A.M., WEDNESDAY'S, JAN. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, AND FEB. 5, 12, 19, 26 at CST. RSVP by contacting the office.

3D@CST WITH RABBI SENDROW: 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, JAN. 12, AND FEB. 9. Teens enjoy discussion and dinner with rabbi and other teens. RSVP by contacting the office.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT: SUNDAY, JAN. 19. Contact the office for more information.

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB: 7:15 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, at the home of Sandi Zeckel. The book is "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim Defede.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM: SUNDAY, JAN. 26. Contact the office for more information.

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB: 7:15 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, at the home of Nancy Bell. Inheritance by Dani Shapiro.

CHILDREN SERVICE (KIDDUSH LUNCHEON): SATURDAY, FEB. 29. Children Service for pre-kindergarten to seventh grade; supervised by Tammy Goldstein. All are invited. Free babysitting is available for the little ones.

PURIM BASH & CASINO NIGHT: 7 - 11 P.M., SATURDAY, FEB. 29. The night will include Dancing, Live & Silent Auction, and Gambling. Contact office for more information.

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

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

WEEKDAY SHAHARIT: 7 a.m.

SHABBAT MORNING – 9 a.m.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON - 1:15 p.m. Torah Today: Exploring the Laws of Daily Jewish Living

NEW SERIES: SEPHARDIC COOKING SERIES PRESENTED BY DEBORAH SISTERHOOD: 5:30 P.M., MONDAYS, JAN. 6, FEB. 24, MARCH 30, AND JUNE 8. Class No.1 will be led by Maya Shmoel, and it includes cooking and eating a delicious meal. Learn to cook Sephardic foods and desserts from our members, as they introduce you to their favorite recipes. Cost is \$36/RSVP required. RSVP to batya@etzchaimindy.org or (317) 251-6220.

BEAUTYCOUNTER PRESENTED BY DEBORAH SISTERHOOD: 7 P.M., THURSDAY, JAN. 23. Enjoy a fun evening of cocktails and conversation, skincare and makeup by Beautycounter. Made in the USA, 80 percent are plant derived, natural, and many organic. Ingredients screened against 23 health/safety endpoints. RSVP to batya@etzchaimindy.org or (317) 251-6220.

HACHNASAT SEFER TORAH PROCESSION & TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION: 5 P.M. SUNDAY, FEB. 9. A very joyous event to welcome a new Torah into the Beit Knesset.

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NEFESH SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M., FRI., JAN. 17 AND FRI., FEB. 21. This service offers a more casual, acoustic environment for Shabbat worship services. All ages and families welcome.

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NEW CAMPUS LOCATION: THE CENTER FOR JEWISH ENGAGEMENT & LEARNING



The former Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) wing of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI) has been renamed as the Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL).

Due to funding cuts and an education overlap in the BJE and local synagogues, the BJE Board decided to close the beloved school in 2018. The Jewish Community Study saw the need to continue offering education opportunities in a different capacity, and an Education Department within JFGI was created. The department strengthens educational leaders and programs, optimizes educational experiences to guide community partnerships, and utilizes education as a mechanism for building bridges with those outside the Jewish community.

Now, CJEL is a location for many learning and engagement activities and programs available to the entire community. The JFGI Education Department facilitates Holocaust education programs, field trips for

schools, teacher workshops, adult education programs, cross-communal service learning programs for grades 3-8, and a teen philanthropy leadership program (YoPhi Teen Board). The Jewish Community Library regularly holds story time for the JCC ECE classes, transits books throughout Marion County as part of the IndyPL Shared System, and engages community members in library programs. While most Engagement Department programs happen out in the community, the CJEL is also home to PJ Library, where kids aged 6 months to 12 connect with Jewish books and activities. NextGen and Shalom Indy also hold planning meetings and other organizational programs in CJEL. CJEL hosts the Israel & Overseas department where the Experience Israel space can be seen, visiting delegations and committees meet, and programs and events focused on connecting Hoosiers to Israel are hosted.

Many exciting opportunities will be offered in CJEL in 2020. Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org to see what is coming up.

Do you have old photos of your family at JFGI activities and programs? JFGI wants to use them throughout the year for the 2020 campaign theme: A Vision for the Future. Send them to Andrea Hirsch, Communications Manager, at ahirsch@jfgi.org. Call (317) 532-5957 for more information or with questions.