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### Congratulations to our Award Recipients



# 120th JFGI Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis held its 120th Annual Meeting on June 11. CEO Marc Swatez gave a State of the Federation that summarized the accomplishments over the past year as well as highlighted the many hard working people who were a part of that success. Several individuals were congratulated for their service on the board as they cycled off and JFGI welcomed new board members and executive committee members, including the changeover from President Helen Kurlander Goldstein to Co-Presidents Miriam Dant and Todd Maurer. The Annual Award ceremony honored the following individuals and initiatives for outstanding efforts that continue to allow the community to thrive Jewishly.

- Iris Goldberg and Joshua Abrams: LL Goodman Young Leadership Award
- Dan Cantor: Kehilla Award
- Todd & Linda Maurer for the Maurer Koach Program: The Lev Award
- Debra Pelletiere-Blatt and Brandon Blatt for the Hamsa Fund: Domont Award
- JFGI Women's Engagement Committee, led by Mollie Tavel Kaback, Emma Law-Oppman, and Julie Singer: Melvin Simon Tikun Olam Award
- Beth Klapper: Liebert I. Mossler Community Service Award
- Evan Lubline: Frank H. Newman Award

Guests also enjoyed a Pacers-themed pre-board reception in honor of the Federation's Legacy community. Visit [www.jewishindianapolis.org/annual-awards](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/annual-awards) for more information on JFGI's Annual Awards and to see past award recipients. Visit [www.jewishindianapolis.org/staff--board-of-directors](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/staff--board-of-directors) for a full listing of the 2025-26 JFGI Board of Directors.



**1-2:** Attendees enjoyed playing some basketball during the Pacers-themed cocktail hour to celebrate the Indiana Pacers NBA Finals game later that evening.

**3:** Around 170 people joined the 120th Annual Meeting.

**4:** CEO Marc Swatez presents now Immediate Past President Helen Kurlander Goldstein with a special outgoing president award.

**5:** Leslie Rubin gifts Helen Kurlander Goldstein with a piece of Jewelry on behalf of a handful of past presidents as a thank you for her service.

**6:** Helen Kurlander Goldstein delivers her outgoing presidential address.

**7:** Rabbi Avi Grossbaum and Janie Maurer

**8-9:** Attendees enjoyed a Pacers-themed cocktail reception with food and drinks.



**Miriam Dant**  
JFGI Co-President

Miriam Dant graduated with a degree in Public Affairs from IU's School of Public and Environmental Affairs and has a law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. She started her professional career as a litigator for an Indianapolis law firm. She moved to state government to serve as Counsel to then-Indiana Secretary of State Joe Hogsett, followed by serving as Indiana Securities Commissioner and then as then-Gov. Evan Bayh's policy advisor for energy and environment. She returned to the law firm where she became a partner and practiced in the firm's government affairs group representing clients at the Statehouse. She left the firm and founded Dant Advocacy in 2006, where she and her team represent some of Indiana's largest employers and strongest not-for-profits at the Statehouse, working on issues such as health care, energy, manufacturing, immigration, housing, technology, gaming, local government, tax, economic development, and environment.

Miriam was twice named Indianapolis Lawyer of the Year for Government Relations, and has made the Best Lawyers list every year since 2007. She was named by the *Indianapolis Business Journal* and *Indiana Lawyer* to the "Influential Women of Indianapolis" list and by the IBJ in the "Forty Under 40" list. She was also named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Evan Bayh and recently received the David M. Cook award from JCRC.

Her leadership roles in the Jewish community include:

- Incoming co-president at Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis
- Past president of JCRC
- Past vice president and board member at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation
- Past vice president and board member at Bureau of Jewish Education
- Past president at BJE Auxiliary
- Past board member at Jewish Community Center
- Advisory Council - YoPhi (Youth Philanthropy) program of JFGI

In the broader community, Miriam currently serves as vice president of governance for The Catherine Peachey Foundation, president of the City of Carmel Ethics Commission, and a mayoral appointee to the Carmel Midtown Building Corporation. She has served on various boards and in volunteer capacities with organizations such as Second Helpings and the Governmental Affairs Society of Indiana in the past.

She resides in Carmel with her husband Dave. They have three adult children: Cael (lives in Chicago), Spencer (lives in Colorado) and Emily (lives in Indianapolis).

## Dear Readers,

As I begin my term as co-president of JFGI with my partner in all things Federation, Todd Maurer, I'm excited to share more about myself and why I am eager to be taking on this new role. My husband and I raised three pretty amazing (if I don't say so myself) kids, all of whom went to preschool and summer camp at our JCC, and one who also went to GUCI and Six Points Jewish sports camp in later years. We added a fourth "adopted son" to our family when, in 2005, we hosted an Israeli shaliach in our home when he came to Indianapolis to be a camp counselor at JCC's summer camp. We still consider him to be a family member 20 years later. We are members of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, where our kids attended religious school and celebrated their b'nai mitzvot and confirmations.

I've long been involved in the Indianapolis Jewish community, growing up as an active member of BBYO and USY. As an adult, I've served on several boards of Jewish organizations, including as president of the Jewish Community Relations Council. So I come to this new and exciting role with JFGI with broad experience of our community's agencies and synagogues, resources and people.

Each leadership role I've had the honor to hold in our Jewish community stemmed from connections with someone who was already in a leadership role who took me under their wings and encouraged and supported me to do more. I intend to do the same as JFGI co-president; whether it's one of our young up-and-coming leaders who just needs to find the right role to grow as a community leader, or someone like me who was quietly wanting to get involved and didn't know where to start. I look forward to mentoring and encouraging our next line of leaders to join a committee, come to an event or meeting, or dive right in to a leadership role.

What has impressed and excited me most in the months leading up to this new role is the unwavering support and passion for our Jewish community. This includes everyone from past JFGI presidents to current community leaders to those who are just discovering their passion for serving the Jewish community. I'm also impressed by and extremely grateful for our top-notch professional team at JFGI, without whom none of our work would be possible.

Our incoming lay leadership team has much to do, but because of our strong past lay and professional leadership, we have a solid foundation on which to meet these challenges. We have campus and financial issues to address, board development to take on, leadership development programs to build on and new ones to launch, and of course dollars to raise in support of our work in Indianapolis and Israel. Please reach out to me anytime with your comments, questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. at [miriam.dant@dantadvocacy.com](mailto:miriam.dant@dantadvocacy.com).



**Todd Maurer**  
JFGI Co-President

Todd Maurer is the Chief Executive Officer of Halakar. He began his professional career as a lawyer specializing in bankruptcy and foreclosure law at Rubin & Levin in Indianapolis. Mr. Maurer focuses his commercial brokerage work in the office and industrial field.

He also serves as CEO of the Property Management Division and has represented some of the top companies in Indianapolis, with a specialized focus on the legal field.

Todd is the CEO of Grey Street Properties, LLC, a development company with current and past holdings in the industrial, retail and office sectors with over two million square feet.

An active industry and community leader, Todd has an extensive roster of memberships and honors. He is a past President of the Jewish Community Relations Council and is or was on the boards of some of the most important organizations in Indianapolis.

Todd has been recognized for his achievements by the Indianapolis Business Journal, who named him part of the 40 under 40 in 2007. In 2010, he received the L.L. Goodman leadership award.

He was also a part of the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership series. Some of his extensive honors and memberships include:

- Beth-El Zedeck Synagogue, past president
- Jewish Community Relations Council, past president
- Board of the United Way of Central Indiana, past member
- Board of the International Violin Competition, past member
- Board of the Carmel Performing Arts Center, past member
- Board of the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation, past member
- The Indianapolis Urban League, past board member
- The Indianapolis Opera, past board member
- YPO Member, YPO Gold member
- TIGER 21 Group Chair
- Maurer School of Law: Board of Visitors
- IBJ (Indianapolis Business Journal) 40 under 40

Todd earned a legal degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas, in Austin.

## Dear Readers,

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis has roots back to 1904. It was one of the first Jewish federations in North America. The mission of the predecessor of JFGI, and now of JFGI, has changed very little. JFGI still raises and distributes funds to the various Jewish agencies (Vital). JFGI still coordinates important social services for the Jewish and greater Indianapolis community (Essential). JFGI does important work. We have strong leaders in the lay and professional community running a variety of Jewish agencies. Sam, Rachel, Evan and David are doing incredibly important work. Bonus, they are all very good at what they do for our community. However, there is much more to the Jewish community than just our agencies. We (I am referring to all of us in Indianapolis) as the JFGI, do first-in-class leadership development and mission work. It takes very little effort to understand the impact of Partnership2Gether, Atid and Koach. Indianapolis is leading, developing and creating programming that does not exist in other communities.

As we look ahead, we should also take a thoughtful look back, not to dwell, but to appreciate how far we have come. Until about twenty-five years ago, Jews in Indianapolis were not welcomed at many country clubs, golf clubs, certain social institutions and business organizations. Today Jews are not only welcomed, but Jews are leading these organizations in Indianapolis. It is time for all of us to think outside the proverbial box. Let's not get stuck in "this is how we have always done it" mentality. Now is the time to envision the future for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Together, let's create a community that provides programming and services we can not get in the free market. Let's work to create, inspire and develop opportunities for our community to gather, no matter how or where we practice our Judaism. It is time to build on the foundation that was started in 1904 AND remake it stronger for the future Indianapolis Jewish community. I implore you to forgive any past slights, annoyances or grievances with JFGI (I have!). It is time to move forward together. Our Jewish community AND JFGI only succeed and grow when we all work together. Please come join me in this vitally important work.



# 2025 Major Donor Dinner Honors Philanthropic Leadership

The 2025 Major Donor Dinner was a memorable celebration of community, impact, and generosity.

The event featured keynote speaker Mosheh Oinounou, creator and executive producer of Mo News. Oinounou shared his inspiring journey—from a successful career in traditional news media to launching his own social-first news platform. His message resonated with attendees, highlighting the evolving media landscape and the importance of meeting people where they are to stay informed and engaged.

The evening also honored the changemakers and philanthropic leaders whose vision and generosity are shaping the future of the community. Among those recognized were:

- Alan and Linda Cohen, lead supporters of PJ Library
- Todd and Linda Maurer, lead supporters of the Maurer Koach Program
- Dr. Eric and Bonnie Prystowsky, lead supporters of the Prystowsky ATID Program
- Debra Pelletiere-Blatt and Brandon Blatt, lead supporters of the Hamsa Fund

Each of these families exemplifies what it means to lead with heart and purpose.

A particularly moving moment came when Karina Rosenthal, a proud Lion of Judah and participant in the Prystowsky ATID Program, shared her powerful personal story. Rosenthal spoke about her family’s journey from Ukraine to Indianapolis, arriving with little but hope. With support from the Federation, they built a new life—what she called their “American dream.” Today, she is not only thriving but giving back to the very community that helped her family start anew. Her words served as a powerful reminder of the lasting impact of collective efforts.

Thanks to the incredible dedication and generosity of its donors, the Federation raised \$300,000 at the dinner. This remarkable achievement underscores the strength and commitment of the community, and the shared belief in building a better future for all.

The Federation remains deeply grateful to everyone who attended, supported, and continues to invest in the important work being done together.



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- 1:** Elliott Schankerman, Lori Schankerman, and Myra Fisher
- 2:** Stacy Isaacs, Eli Isaacs, and Stacy Rekhter
- 3:** Larry Turow and Daniel Reyzman
- 4:** Amber Maze sings the national anthems to a crowd of 170 major donors.
- 5:** Karina Rosenthal shares words of inspiration and impact.
- 6:** CEO Marc Swatez delivers the community address.
- 7:** President Helen Kurlander Goldstein delivers her remarks.
- 8:** Dr. Eric and Bonnie Prystowsky lead the Hamotzi.
- 9:** Annual Campaign Co-Chairs Janine Shapiro and Sandy Nachlis lead the call to action.
- 10-11:** Mosheh Oinounou, Award-Winning Journalist, Founder of Mo News & Mo Digital, shares his insight and expertise on the current media landscape.



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# Veteran Israeli Diplomat Headlines Inaugural Breakfast for Israel in Indianapolis

Over 100 community members and philanthropists united at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, April 2, for Jewish National Fund-USA's inaugural Breakfast for Israel in Indianapolis. Attendees showed their support for the land and people of Israel and learned how the organization is spearheading post-October 7 rebuilding initiatives in Israel's North and South.

Co-chaired by local philanthropists Inna & Benjamin Ekhaus and Yanive Shmoel, the event's keynote speaker was veteran Israeli diplomat Ambassador Ido Aharoni Aronoff, Israel's longest-serving Consul-General in New York. Aharoni highlighted the complexity of regional terror networks and provided invaluable insights and practical guidance on navigating false narratives about Israel.

Local lay leaders also discussed Jewish National Fund-USA's circles of impact, in which every project, vision, and program supports job creation, community resilience, and economic development—key drivers of population growth in Israel's Negev and Galilee regions.

Visit [jnf.org](http://jnf.org) for more information about the organization.



# Indy Jewish Community Leaders, ADL Hold News Conference on Historic Levels of Antisemitic Incidents in Indiana

ADL Midwest (Anti-Defamation League) was joined by leaders of Indianapolis' Jewish community at a news conference in April for the release of ADL's 2024 Annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents.

ADL tracked record levels of vandalism, harassment, and violence in 2024 targeting members of the Jewish community and Jewish institutions in Indiana and across the country, including on college campuses. Leaders who spoke were David Goldenberg, Regional Director, ADL Midwest; Suzanne Rothenberg, Indiana Community Engagement Manager, ADL Midwest; David Sklar, Executive Director, Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC); Sam Dubrinsky, CEO, JCC Indianapolis; Jeff Linkon, Executive Director, Indiana University Hillel; and Ruthie Rosenberg, a senior at North Central High School.



ADL Midwest leadership revealed the new data and members of the Jewish community shared personal experiences and lessons from the last year. Together, the group discussed the work already being done and offered a plan forward to curb the spread of antisemitism in the Hoosier State and support victims of hate and intolerance.

Each year, ADL tracks incidents of antisemitic harassment, vandalism, and assault in the United States. It has published this information in an annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents since 1979. The ADL Audit includes both criminal and non-criminal acts of harassment, vandalism and assault against individuals and groups as reported to ADL by victims, law enforcement, the media and partner organizations and evaluated by ADL's experts.

# IU, Purdue Receive Revised Antisemitism Report Grades

Two Indiana college campuses received updated grades following the original release of ADL's 2025 Campus Antisemitism Report Card.

Purdue University went from a B grade to an A after the school established a standing committee on Jewish life, integrated antisemitism into its nondiscrimination policies, expanded antisemitism education, re-affirmed the opposition to BDS, and prohibited masked harassment.

Indiana University went from a C grade to a B when additional information on civil discourse programming was provided and antisemitism on campus was condemned. The report card evaluated institutions

based on 30 criteria across three categories: administrative policies, Jewish life on campus, and campus conduct and climate concerns. This comprehensive assessment provides a critical tool for stakeholders, including students, parents, faculty, and alumni, to understand the current state of antisemitism on campuses and the effectiveness of institutional responses. The findings were released in March and since then, ADL actively worked with a substantial number of the assessed institutions to guide them in adopting best practices and policies to combat antisemitism.

"It is encouraging to see that a significant number of schools have decided to take

action right after we released the 2025 Report Card a few weeks ago to improve the campus experience for Jewish students," said Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL CEO. "These important steps and policies send a clear message that antisemitism will not be tolerated on campus. We now urge consistent enforcement of the new policies and recommendations to ensure meaningful impact."

Visit [www.adl.org/campus-antisemitism-report-card](http://www.adl.org/campus-antisemitism-report-card) for more information.

# BEYOND BARRIERS

Barriers to care are not always obvious. Language, nutrition, education, geography and awareness all affect a family's ability to access health care. Thanks in part to community partners, volunteers and donors, these barriers are being overcome. Learn more or join the movement at [EskenaziHealth.edu](http://EskenaziHealth.edu).

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## Hundreds Unite for Annual Holiday Commemoration and Celebration

On April 27, the Jewish community came together for a dual event marking Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). Attracting over 400 attendees, the afternoon seamlessly blended remembrance and joy, honoring Israel's fallen and celebrating its vibrant existence.

A central feature of the commemoration was a deeply moving memorial dedicated to Sivan Sade, "a child of the field" who tragically was killed by a rocket in the Western Galilee while tending to the broccoli fields. Yochi Black and Bob Schneider performed the song "Yeled Hasade" in tribute, keeping Sivan's memory alive in the hearts of attendees. The event also featured a heroic address by guest speaker Matan Elul, who offered insights into the bravery and resilience of Israel and her people during the atrocities of war. The spirit of Israel was embedded throughout the entire event,

from lively Israeli dancing that brought participants of all ages to their feet, to engaging Israel-themed activities enjoyed by families and children alike. Local artists and vendors contributed to the rich atmosphere, showcasing their talents and adding a unique cultural dimension to the festivities.

An "Exhibitors Hall" served as a connection hub, where various local Jewish organizations presented their work and engaged with attendees. This provided a valuable opportunity for community members to connect with different facets of Jewish life and learn about ongoing initiatives.

The event's impact resonated far beyond our community; a collection of letters, notes, and videos were dispatched to Israel affirming that whether we are near or far, we are together as one.



**1:** Community members created a wall of "calanit," red poppies to share prayers and thoughts for Israel.

**2:** Local Israeli, Almog Hamamy and HHAJ Stars raised their voices in song to sing Hatikvah, bringing light and hope to the somber event.

**3:** Yochi Black and Bob Schneider perform "Yeled Hasade" in memory of Sivan Sade.

**4:** Matan Elul shares his October 7 story and optimism for Israel's future.

**5:** Rhea McDonald and her dance troop perform an Israeli dance demo with event attendees.

**6:** Participants enjoy a visit to a Tel Aviv Cafe in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut.

**7:** Children enjoy Israeli themed activities in the "Kiddie Kibbutz".

**8:** Local Jewish and Israeli vendors sell their wares in the "Shuk."

## Life & Legacy

# Planting Seeds for Eternity: How Estate Planning Becomes a Legacy of Love

## What will your legacy be?

This timeless question lies at the heart of both Jewish tradition and estate planning. More than a financial strategy, crafting a will or trust is an act of spiritual expression, a powerful opportunity to align your values with your final wishes.

In Judaism, legacy is a sacred responsibility. The Talmud teaches, "As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me." Through estate planning and charitable giving, Jews for generations have helped secure the Jewish future and ensured that Jewish values live on. Estate planning is not just about passing on wealth, it's about passing on meaning.

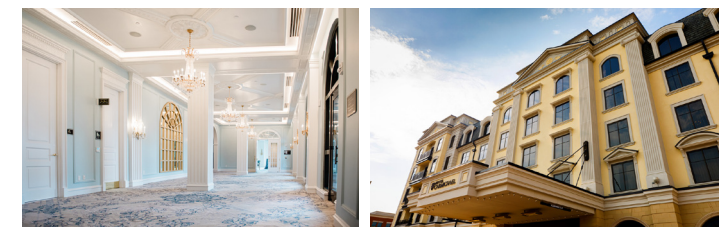
This August, during National Make-A-Will Month, take the opportunity to begin or revisit your estate plan. Have the discussion about values and priorities with your family or community partner you've been putting off for years. Share with them your values, your hopes and dreams for the future of the Indianapolis Jewish community. A legacy gift, no matter the size, can inspire future

generations and sustain the causes closest to your heart, from supporting Jewish life and education to caring for the vulnerable or strengthening Israel. Consider the impact you want to have on the Federation, an agency, or your synagogue in perpetuity. That decision will shape your legacy.

Including a charitable bequest in your estate plan, whether through a will, trust, or donor-advised fund, honors the mitzvah of tzedakah: justice through generosity. It ensures your family is cared for, your community is strengthened, and your name is remembered as a blessing.

As the Talmud reminds us, "A person is only remembered for the good they did." Through thoughtful giving, you don't just leave behind assets, you leave behind a legacy of hope, justice, and love.

Contact Brian Hoffman at [bhoffman@jfgi.org](mailto:bhoffman@jfgi.org) to explore how your legacy can make a lasting difference.



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# Jewelry With Purpose: Linking Women Together

Nearly 70 Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Society donors came together for an inspiring evening of connection and celebration in May. Keynote speaker Freida Rothman reminded attendees that in times of challenge, Jewish women have the power to be a light in the darkness—embracing strength, authenticity, and a proud Jewish identity.



1: Freida Rothman, Janie Maurer, and Megan Maurer

2: Marina Grabovsky, Angela Grabovsky, Mariya Vyshko, Karina Rosenthal, and Leah Grabovsky

3: Miriam Dant delivers the D'var Torah.

4: Women's Philanthropy Co-Chairs Linda Mordoh and Marina Grabovsky

5: Victoria Shmoel celebrates as a new Lion of Judah society member.

6-7: Karina Rosenthal moderates a conversation with Freida Rothman.

8: The Women's Philanthropy Committee.



# Women's Philanthropy looking ahead to 2026 Mexico City Trip

Over margaritas and tacos, Women's Philanthropy came together to learn about an upcoming Journey to Mexico City in February 2026. The trip will explore the dynamic Jewish community of Mexico City, and the city's historic roots and unique cultural traditions. To register for the trip and for more information visit <https://bit.ly/womensjourney26>. Contact Rebecca Schalit-Newman at [rschalitnewman@jfgi.org](mailto:rschalitnewman@jfgi.org) with questions.



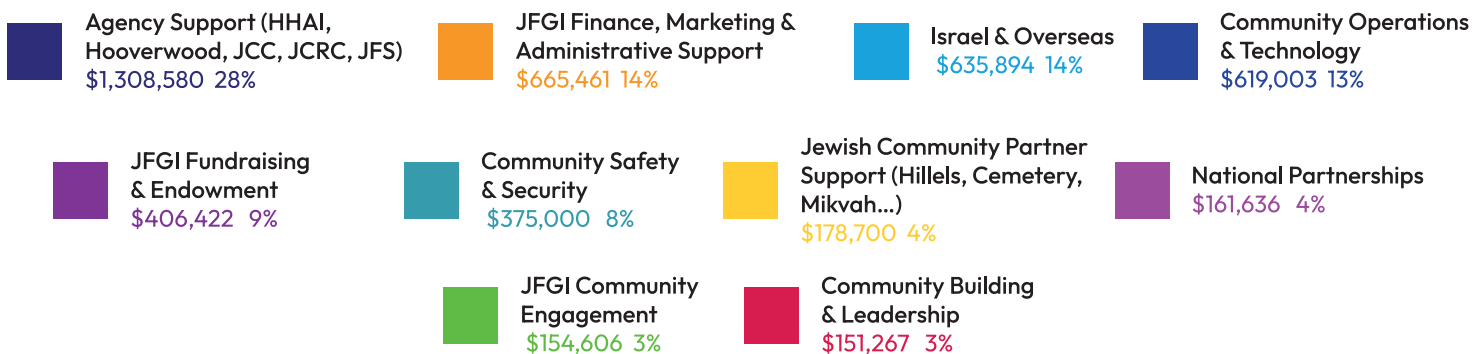

  
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 Food and beverages will be available for purchase.
   
**Register at [bit.ly/schmooze25](https://bit.ly/schmooze25)**
  
 Contact Rebecca Schalit-Newman at [rschalitnewman@jfgi.org](mailto:rschalitnewman@jfgi.org) with questions.

# Together As One:

## Funding What Matters Most




### Planning & Allocations for 2025

Deep appreciation to the Planning & Allocations Committee, chaired by Paul Kraft and Emma Law-Oppman, for their dedication and thoughtful leadership. Committee members devoted countless hours to reviewing funding requests, assessing community needs, and engaging in meaningful dialogue to determine how best to allocate resources from the 2024 Annual Campaign. Their recommendations for 2025 reflect a careful and values-driven approach to sustaining and strengthening the community.



Discover connection and community, and ignite your passion for Jewish life! Are you ready to explore meaningful connections with others in your community? Ignite is designed especially for individuals in their 50s and 60s who want to deepen their knowledge of the Indianapolis and global Jewish community, connect to volunteer and leadership opportunities, and enjoy travel with like-minded people.

What's in Store for You:

-  **Enriching Learning Opportunities:** Engage in thought-provoking discussions about current issues facing our Jewish community.
-  **Social Connections:** Meet new friends and reconnect with peers who share your values and interests.
-  **Travel together:** Explore an international Jewish community, experiencing firsthand the connection of Jewish peoplehood—and also great food, fun and sightseeing.

Join us today and be a part of something special.

Meetings will take place from 6-9 PM on the following dates:

- October 23, 2025
- November 12, 2025
- February 17, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- International trip: April 19-26, 2026 (date will likely change by a few days)
- June 3, 2026

Want to know more? Attend an information session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at a private home.

**RSVP for the info session:**  
<https://bit.ly/jfghiignite>

(address provided following RSVP)

The Federation will cover the costs of all local programs. Participants will pay the costs for international travel and are asked to support the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis' 2025 and 2026 Annual Campaign with a gift of at least \$1,000. More details coming soon.

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Contact Margo Fox at [mfox@jfgi.org](mailto:mfox@jfgi.org) or (317) 715-9268 with questions and for more information.



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## YoPhl Awards Grants to Support Victims of Violence

## Young Adults Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with Israel Trivia Night



To celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, members of the young Jewish community came together for a spirited evening of Israel-themed trivia, putting their knowledge to the test in a fun and engaging competition. The event, co-hosted by YJP and JCRC, offered a lively atmosphere filled with camaraderie, cultural pride, and friendly rivalry in honor of Israel's Independence Day.



In April, the YoPhl Teen Board completed its grantmaking process, thoughtfully selecting two impactful organizations to support: the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Israel Association of Community Centers. At a special check presentation ceremony in June, the students awarded grants aimed at providing vital resources for victims of violence—both in the Indianapolis community and abroad in Israel. The initiative reflects the teens' commitment to meaningful philanthropy and global Jewish values.

## NEXTGen and IU Hillel Present 'Ellievate' with Jewish Influencer Ellie Zeiler



On April 1, NEXTGen co-sponsored 'Ellievate,' a dynamic event hosted with IU Hillel featuring Ellie Zeiler, a popular Jewish Instagram influencer. The session included an engaging Q&A where Ellie connected with IU students, sharing insights on identity, social media, and community. NEXTGen took the opportunity to showcase its mission and strengthen ties with the next generation of Jewish leaders.

Save The Date

# LIGHT IT UP

NEXTGen's Annual Chanukah Party!

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

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Join us for this women's-only evening celebrating the impact of Jewish women in the community and beyond.

More information coming soon

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# PJ Library

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# Jewish Family Services

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## Parent-Baby Group Gains Traction in Local Community



The Parent-Baby Group continues to offer meaningful monthly gatherings for families with infants 12 months and younger. In April, participants enjoyed a lively and interactive session with Gymboree Play & Music, while the May meetup celebrated Earth Day with hands-on fun at the J. This enriching program is presented in partnership with PJ Library, IHC, BEZ, HHAJ, and JCC Indy, providing families with opportunities to connect, learn, and play together in a supportive community.

## Full STEAM Ahead

Close to 100 participants came together for a hands-on learning and exploration for all ages in May. This program was a part of the Prizmah ENGAGE grant series with HHAJ.



**PJ Library** Jewish Family Services

### PJ Library Pool Party!

Join PJ Library for a “splashing” good time!

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday, July 13**

Sid and Lois Eskenazi Water Park at the Jewish Community Center

Register at <https://bit.ly/pjpoolparty25>

In lieu of a program fee, we ask that you bring one or more items to donate to the Jewish Family Services Backpack Attack! \*Large backpacks are a top priority\* Visit [www.jewishindianapolis.org/backpack](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/backpack) for more information, donation portal, and Amazon wish list.

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

## Hamsa Fund Secures Three-Year Renewal with Matching Funds

The Hamsa Fund has incredible impact in the community, offering Jewish youth and young adults opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach. Since its launch in 2022, the fund has supported 121 children from 70 families with grants for educational and life-enriching experiences such as tutoring, sports, music lessons, and more. Many families have chosen to invest in Jewish life experiences, including Jewish camp and religious school.

These grants have boosted self-esteem and academic success, as well as connected children to their Jewish identity.

“In our family, we have to make tough decisions between things we want for our children for their education and basic things we need to provide them. Both things are necessary for the wellbeing of our children and with the help of the Hamsa fund, we were able to manage both. We cannot tell you what this means to our family to know the community is here to turn to for support. Thank you.” – Hamsa Fund Recipient

Now, as the initial three-year grant period concludes, Jewish Family Services is pleased to announce that the donor family, Brandon Blatt and Debra Pelletiere-Blatt, have generously committed to another three years of support, combining guaranteed funding with a matching-gift component. Continued community support will be essential to extending the Hamsa Fund’s reach and ensuring that the next generation can benefit from these important experiences.

Contact Rachel Katz at [rkatz@jfgi.org](mailto:rkatz@jfgi.org) for more information on how you can contribute to the Hamsa Fund. Families interested in learning whether they qualify for support through the Hamsa Fund may reach out to Julie Sondhelm at [jsondhelm@jfgi.org](mailto:jsondhelm@jfgi.org).

**The Hamsa Fund**  
Education and Life Enrichment Grants for Jewish Youth and Young Adults

Grants can be available for, but not limited to:

- Jewish experiences
- Childcare and after school care
- Camp
- Tutoring
- Clubs, sports, and other enrichment activities
- Driver’s education
- College application fees

Grants are provided based upon funding and financial criteria. Contact Julie Sondhelm at (317) 536-1476 or [jsondhelm@jfgi.org](mailto:jsondhelm@jfgi.org) for more information.

The Hamsa Fund is made possible by the generosity of our community. Want to support? Your gift will be matched, thanks to Brandon Blatt and Debra Pelletiere-Blatt — contact Rachel Katz at [rkatz@jfgi.org](mailto:rkatz@jfgi.org)

## Mindfulness Practice for Wellbeing



JFS brought together teachers and staff from across the Jewish agencies for a workshop on Mindfulness Practices with guest facilitator, Julie Potiker, author of SNAP! From Chaos to Calm.

## Thrive Older American Month Luncheon



JFS and Hooverwood Living partnered to host a special luncheon in celebration of Older Americans Month.

# Backpack Attack

Help local children go back to school.

Donate new school supplies by Friday, July 25.

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

## Backpack Attack Supply List

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

For the donation portal and Amazon wish list, visit [www.jewishindianapolis.org/backpack](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/backpack)

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


Questions? Contact Rachel at [rkatz@jfgi.org](mailto:rkatz@jfgi.org)



Do we need to explain the \* next to large backpacks?

# Holocaust Survivor Day

JFS organized a local Holocaust Survivor Day, bringing together survivors and their families to honor and celebrate their lives. Maurer Koach Program alumni and other young community members volunteered their time to serve meals. With support from David Rosenthal and Asya Kislyuk, and with the professional talents of Ira Mallory, survivor stories and meaningful moments were captured for a JFS film project to be shared soon.

## Popsie's Pantry Construction

Experience a one-of-a-kind structure built entirely from canned goods — all to be donated to Popsie's Pantry to support our community.

*Family-Friendly Celebration*

3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7  
 Laikin Auditorium

Enjoy fun for all ages, and don't miss a series of engaging programs in early September — including a special panel night.

Sponsorship opportunities available — support a great cause and gain visibility!

Register at [bit.ly/construction25](http://bit.ly/construction25)

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

## Homemaker Services

Need some assistance with light housekeeping and laundry? JFS is proud to partner with local providers to offer homemaking help for older adults and adults with disabilities in their homes. Sliding fee scale available

For more information, contact Julie Sondhelm at (317) 536-1476 or [jsondhelm@jfgi.org](mailto:jsondhelm@jfgi.org)



## 2025 JCRC Board Slate

- Rachel Birenbaum to a three-year at-large term
- Ethan White to a three-year at-large term
- Emma Law Oppman, Noah Dock, Josh Kirsh, and Isaac Mervis to one year honorary at-large terms

## 2025 JCRC Executive Committee Slate

- Eli Isaacs – President
- Aaron Aft – Vice President, Israel & Antisemitism Committee Co-Chair
- Debra Luffer-Atlas – Vice President
- Drew Miroff – Secretary
- David Berman – Treasurer, Government Affairs Committee Chair, Finance Committee Co-Chair
- Joe Ofengender – Israel & Antisemitism Committee Co-Chair
- David Rosenthal – Community Relations Committee Chair
- Jerry Wise – Finance Committee Co-Chair

## New Leadership and Award Winners Celebrated at JCRC Annual Meeting

### Indianapolis City-County Council President Vop Osili Delivered Keynote Address

The Indianapolis JCRC held its Annual Meeting on May 20th at the Hasten Hebrew Academy to celebrate a year of impactful work and community engagement. Highlights of the evening included the election and reelection of at-large board members, and a keynote address by Indianapolis City-County Council President Vop Osili who shared his thoughts on challenges and opportunities for the City of Indianapolis.

The JCRC honored Miriam Dant with the prestigious David M. Cook Award for her exceptional volunteer work inside and outside of the Jewish community. This year's event also marked the debut of two new recognitions: the L'Dor V'Dor Award, presented to Steve Jacobs for his longtime support of the Stand Up Speak Out Initiative, and the Ruach Teen Leadership Award, given to Ben Auslander for his exemplary leadership in the Student-to-Student program. These awards reflect the JCRC's commitment to honoring multigenerational contributions to the agency.



## Earth Day at the J Draws Big Crowd for Fun and Sustainability

The JCC hosted its 13th annual Earth Day at the J, welcoming hundreds for a vibrant celebration focused on sustainability and environmental awareness. The event featured interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, and educational demonstrations that highlighted practical ways to go green. Attendees also enjoyed a variety of food trucks and vendor booths, all united by a shared mission to protect the planet and promote eco-friendly living.



BBYO teens running a kite-making booth at Earth Day at the J.



Brooke and Brad Rochman smile at Roscoe the camel at Earth Day at the J.



Kavanah by Rajeli at Earth Day at the J.



Indianapolis Indians mascot Rowdie making the Earth out of coffee filters and water with the Hasten Hebrew Academy at Earth Day at the J.



# Hooverwood Living

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Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

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Hooverwood residents had an absolute ball at an outing to Woodland Bowl, enjoying lunch and a little friendly competition. Thank you to the Hooverwood Guild for sponsoring this special outing and striking up some fun!



In April, Hooverwood Living hosted a heartfelt celebration to recognize the outstanding volunteers who make a lasting impact on residents throughout the year. The special afternoon was filled with gratitude and appreciation for those who give their time and care so generously. A highlight of the event was honoring Ilonka Herber as Volunteer of the Year for her remarkable 443 hours of service in 2024 and her unwavering dedication, warmth, and weekly presence.

## HHAI Students Shine in State Competitions, Reflecting Academic Excellence and Jewish Pride



At the heart of our Jewish day school is a deep commitment to academic rigor, personalized support, and a warm, values-driven community where every student is encouraged to excel. This spring, two exceptional students earned top honors in statewide competitions.

Sixth grader Rahm Calili captured first place in the National Heritage Essay Contest, hosted by the Sertoma Club, out of nearly 1,900 entries across Indiana. His powerful essay on religious freedom shared the moving story of his grandparents, who fled persecution in Iraq and Iran, and celebrated the privilege of living in a country that protects freedom of belief. Representing the school at the awards luncheon, Rahm read his essay with poise, engaged with community members, and even taught them a few Hebrew words—an inspiring example of intellect, courage, and Jewish pride in action.



Eighth grader Yosef Schusterman also distinguished himself this year, earning second place in the prestigious IU-Eskenzi Hall Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. Competing against top students from across the region, Yosef's dedication to academic excellence and his ability to stay calm under pressure reflect the strength of his character and the outstanding preparation he's received from his teachers and parents.

These achievements speak volumes about the caliber of education at HHA. With small class sizes, expert teachers, and a nurturing environment that supports each child's growth, HHA students are empowered to reach their full potential—academically, personally, and spiritually. Most importantly, they do so in a school community that celebrates Jewish identity and instills a deep love for Israel and our heritage.



## Lag B'Omer Color War Showcases Spirit, Strength, and Unity at HHA

Lag B'Omer at HHA was bursting with energy and excitement as students in grades K-4 took part in the much-anticipated Color War celebration! Decked out in blue and white, students arrived ready to compete, collaborate, and cheer on their teammates. From painted cheeks to team chants, school spirit was on full display.



Students participated in relay races, team challenges, and Judaic activities that encouraged teamwork, healthy competition, and personal growth. But what made the day truly special wasn't just the fun—it was the way the school community came together.

As a small school, HHA's strength shines brightly. Its size is its superpower: students across all grades support one another, teachers know every child by name, and each student is seen, valued, and uplifted. Events like Color War showcase the close-knit relationships, strong community bonds, and joyful learning environment that make the school truly unique.

Fore the Residents!  
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**Annual Golf Classic**  
MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH  
WOODLAND COUNTRY CLUB  
CARMEL, INDIANA  
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**Silver SUPPORT**  
7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260  
July Session:  
THURSDAY, JULY 17TH @ 6:30 PM  
August Session:  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST @ 6:30 PM

**KC | Kibitz & Cocktails**  
AT KRAFT COMMONS  
Connecting Generations: A Toast to Tradition, Dialogue, and Community!  
Talkin' Tennis  
Thursday, July 3rd  
6:30 PM  
The Final Details  
Thursday, August 7th  
6:30 PM

Contact [clubline@hooverwood.org](mailto:clubline@hooverwood.org) for more information.

Contact Jacqueline Goldstein at (317) 251.2261 or [jgoldstein@hooverwood.org](mailto:jgoldstein@hooverwood.org) to RSVP.

## Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

## JULY

**GALLERY OF JUDAICA WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY, JULY 4 FOR SUMMER BREAK AND WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, JULY 22.**

**STAR SPANGLED SHABBAT: 6 – 8 P.M. FRIDAY, JULY 4 AT BEZ.** Join a patriotic shabbat as guitarist Bob Schneider joins clergy on the bimah. Stay after services for watermelon and apple pie to celebrate Independence Day.

**MAHJ MONDAY: 1-4 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 7 AND 21 AT BEZ.** All experience levels are welcome! Mahjong is a tile-based game played in Asia for over 300 years and by American Jews since the 1920s. It is easy to learn but challenging to master. Sisterhood supplies the games—you bring your game card. No card? There are extras! The suggested donation is \$3 per day. RSVP to Sue at [illinicane@verizon.net](mailto:illinicane@verizon.net). There will also be Mahj Mondays on Aug. 4 and 18.

**SHABBAT AT COXHALL GARDENS: 6 – 8 P.M. FRIDAY, JULY 18.** Everyone is invited to join the third Shabbat in the Park at Coxhall Gardens. Bring a diary/vegetarian picnic dinner along for after services and enjoy nature from the pavilion.

**PLAYDATE AT THE PARK WITH RABBI HAL AND FAMILY: 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 27 AT COOK CREEK PARK.** Meet Rabbi Hal, Jenna, Naomi, and Ariel for a summer playdate on the playground at Cool Creek Park in Carmel. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

**ROSH HODESH BACKPACK ATTACK: 7-9 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 28 AT BEZ.** Ladies, it's another Backpack Attack for Jewish Family Services! Give back to the community, roll up your sleeves and stuff backpacks full of school supplies for local children in need. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

## AUGUST

**COCKTAIL JUDAISM: HILLEL STRENGTHENING JEWISH LIFE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 7-9 P.M. MONDAY, AUG. 4 AT A BEZ MEMBER'S HOME.** Learn from IU Hillel Director Jeff Linkon and Purdue Hillel Executive Director Matthew Kramer-Morning about the state of Jewish life on college campuses and how Hillel is supporting students during these challenging times. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to [ralder@bez613.org](mailto:ralder@bez613.org).

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

## Congregation Beth Shalom

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS "ALL OF JEWISH HISTORY IN 10 OBJECTS OR LESS: A MATERIAL HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE," SUNDAY MORNINGS, JULY 6, 13, 20, AND 27 AT TEMPLE.** Rabbi Justin Kerber will lead an adult education class. Contact Sharon Karp [skarp@iu.edu](mailto:skarp@iu.edu) or Rabbi Kerber at [rabbi.justin@gmail.com](mailto:rabbi.justin@gmail.com) for exact class times, dates, or other information.

**SHABBAT WALK: 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, JULY 18.** Shabbat Walks are returning by popular demand! Instead of the traditional service, meet across the street from CBS at Jill Perelman Pavilion. Join Juliette and Rabbi Justin as they lead in prayer while on a relaxing stroll through nature. If inclement weather is forecasted, meet at CBS for a traditional service.

**EVERYBODY SHABBAT: 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, JULY 25, IN THE CBS CHAPEL.** This is a specially designed service for anyone and everyone, of any age, who wants an environment that is physically and behaviorally flexible, personally engaging, and structured a bit differently than most typical services.

**CBS FAMILY PICNIC: 4 P.M. SUNDAY, AUG. 3, AT COOL CREEK PARK IN NOBLESVILLE.** A perennial favorite, the CBS family picnic is a winner to attend. It is held under Shelter A just in case of rain. Each family brings their own lunch, and CBS provides the drinks and the desserts. The shelter is close to a playground and hiking trails, and there will be games and prizes for the kids. The adults enjoy spending the time schmoozing with others. See the CBS website for further information on exact times. RSVP to Karen Stern at [karenstern01@gmail.com](mailto:karenstern01@gmail.com).

**BOOK CLUB: 3 P.M. SUNDAY, AUG. 3, AT THE HOME OF SUSAN MEYERS AND ON ZOOM.** CBS Book club will meet to discuss the book *Songs for the Brokenhearted* by Ayelet Tzabari. Contact Sharon Karp at [skarp@iu.edu](mailto:skarp@iu.edu) with questions and the Zoom link.

**MISHPUCHA MINYAN FAMILY SERVICE: 9:30 A.M. SATURDAY, AUG. 16 IN THE CBS CHAPEL.** This is a family service, formally known as Tot Shabbat. Join Rabbi Justin and Juliette for a fun-filled interactive

service. Designed for families with children in fourth grade and younger but open to everyone.

**SHABBARK AND EVERYBODY SHABBAT: 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, AUG. 29 IN THE TEMPLE OUTDOOR GAZEBO.** This month, Everybody Shabbat will also be for animal friends! Bring your own lawn chairs. There will be treats for dogs and cats.

**CONCERT SERIES:** Mark your calendars! CBS is working on a concert series for the summer season. Visit the website for more information.

**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.

Visit [www.bethshalomindy.org](http://www.bethshalomindy.org) for up-to-date information and details on how to participate in any of CBS' events. See the "Home" page or the "Calendar" tab under the header "What's Happening."

## Congregation B'nai Torah

**DAF YOMI: EVERY MORNING AT 6:15 A.M. AND 7:45 A.M. ON SUNDAYS.**

**LUNCH & LEARN: NOON ON MONDAYS.** Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Shmuel.

**HALACHA CLASS: BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV, SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.**

**CHOVOT HALEVAVOT: MONDAYS AFTER MAARIV.**

**TEHILLIM FOR WOMEN: 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY IN THE LIBRARY.**

**ME'S MISHMAR: 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY NIGHTS.** Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.

**SHABBAT MORNING CLASS FOR 5TH GRADERS & YOUNGER: APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES BEFORE KIDDUSH.**

**PARSHAT SHAVUA: AN HOUR BEFORE MINCHA ON SHABBAT**

**DOR LEDOR: ADULT AND CHILD**

**LEARNING, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MAARIV AFTER SHABBAT IS OVER.**

**SEUDAH SHLISHIT CLASS:** Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking.

Visit [btorahindy.org](http://btorahindy.org), email [office@btorah.org](mailto:office@btorah.org) or call (317) 253-5253 ext. 1 for more information.

## 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

**SHACHARIT: 7:15 A.M. (8:30 A.M. ON HOLIDAYS) MONDAY & THURSDAYS; AND 7:30 A.M. TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS.**

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

**SHACHARIT SERVICE AT CHABAD (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 9 A.M. SUNDAYS**

**FULL SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES AND A SHABBAT CLASS: 1 P.M. SATURDAYS. TIMES VARY WEEKLY.**

**TNT (TUESDAY NIGHT TORAH): 8:15 P.M. TUESDAYS.** Join Rabbi Askenazi for a lively discussion of the Parasha. Contact Rabbi Askenazi at [rabbi@etzchaimindy.org](mailto:rabbi@etzchaimindy.org) with questions.

**SHABBAT CLASS: 1 P.M. SATURDAYS AFTER THE ONEG.** Join Rabbi Askenazi in learning about a variety of halacha, holidays, and topics that arise in discussions.

**SEPHARDIC TRADITIONS IN TEFILLA CLASS LED BY RABBI ASKENAZI: 7:30 P.M. THURSDAYS.**

Contact Rabbi Daniel Askenazi at [Rabbi@etzchaimindy.org](mailto:Rabbi@etzchaimindy.org) with questions about classes. Visit [www.etzchaimindy.org/calendar](http://www.etzchaimindy.org/calendar) for more information.

## Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

**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/](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. PLEASE NOTE: Registration for new attendees is now required to attend Torah Study online. Email [BethMH@ihcindy.org](mailto:BethMH@ihcindy.org) by 3 p.m. on Fridays to receive the Zoom link.

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

**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).

**IHC SISTERHOOD'S GIFT SHOP HOURS: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS; 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. FRIDAYS; 9:45 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).

**SHABBAT IN THE PARK: FRIDAY, JULY 18.** Gather with your IHC clergy and community at the Carmel Gazebo! Pack a dinner, bring a chair or a picnic blanket for a lovely summer evening spent with one another celebrating Shabbat outdoors.

**INTERFAITH PARENTING: FINDING YOUR PLACE: 10 – 11 A.M. SUNDAY, JULY 6.** Join for new opportunities for interfaith parents to gather for open discussions and to share their experiences in a safe space.

**JEWISH BOOK CLUB: 12 – 1:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, JULY 8, AUG. 12.** 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. The book clubs meets on Zoom and occasionally in person.

**MAHJONGG MAVENS: 10 A.M. OR 2:30 P.M. FRIDAYS.** Grab your tile set and play a game (or 10) with the other IHC Mahjongg mavens. This addictive game of skill, strategy, and luck is a great way to spend time with other IHC enthusiasts on a Friday. Contact

Amy Isaacs with questions.

**MITZVAH STITCHERS: 10 A.M. SUNDAYS.** 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.

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

**KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES AT 6:30 WEEKDAY MINYAN: 6:30 P.M. MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.**

**FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES: 6:30 P.M.**

- First Friday of the month: Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service
- Fourth Friday of the month: Fourth Friday Forum guest speaker series

**SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES: 9:30 A.M.**

Visit [www.shaareytefilla.org](http://www.shaareytefilla.org) for more 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).



Find out what's going on around the greater Indianapolis Jewish community by visiting the JFGI Community Calendar.

[www.jewishindianapolis.org/jfgicomcommunitycalendar](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/jfgicomcommunitycalendar)

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