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

# Building Our Community Through Partnerships

I want to thank each of you for your generous support to our Annual Campaign. Because of your donations, we were able to successfully surpass our campaign goal by raising more than \$4 million. These are much-needed funds that touch the lives of more than 2,000 individuals each day in Indianapolis and countless others in Israel and around the world. More on the campaign can be found on Page 4.



*Debra Barton Grant*  
**DEBRA BARTON GRANT**  
 CEO and Executive Vice President

As we move through 2020, the planning and collaboration among our organizations is unfolding. Through our Planning & Allocations process this year, we looked at programs across the community and considered how we could invest funds raised through the Annual Campaign in order to create the biggest impact in the five areas of our 2018 Strategic Plan:

- Israel & Overseas
- Engagement & Community Development
- Jewish Education, Arts & Culture
- Social Services
- Leadership & Partner Development

The way the P&A budget is laid out clearly shows these different areas, and it's not just the Federation that provide these programs. It includes everything we support, including our partner agencies and other organizations. A summary of the P&A process with grant highlights from this year can be found on page 3.

While we are happy to celebrate these successes, we need your help identifying other funding sources to help support our community's critical programs. While there is no shortage of needs in our community, we are constrained by limited resources; we received funding requests from our community partners of more than \$1 million in excess of what we were able to allocate. Given these needs, the Planning & Allocations Committee had to make some very difficult decisions, taking into account all of the funding requests, the needs of the community, the established funding priorities, and the funds available to allocate.

We are proud of the work and the difference that we all made together throughout 2019. We are excited about the potential and the opportunities that 2020 holds for our entire community. As we come together around our theme of "2020: A Vision for the Future," we look forward to working together to continue to increase the resources available to address important community needs.

We are reflecting back on where we have come from, taking stock of where we are currently, and looking ahead to where we are going and what the future holds. Thank you for making an important difference and for making our community a better place for all.

Warmly,  
 Debby

## 2020 PLANNING & ALLOCATIONS (P&A) GRANT PROCESS

Thank you to the Planning & Allocations Committee, led by co-chairs Stacy Segal and Barry Worsmer, for all of their time and commitment to the community while developing a new grant-making process based on the 2018 Strategic Plan adopted by the Board of Directors.

Sixteen committee members with previous P&A experience and a wide variety of interests and perspectives met, read, and reviewed grant-proposals; and engaged in thoughtful, active conversations about programs taking place across the community. During these conversations, there were many questions that went back to the staff at agencies and programs. The Federation is grateful for the time they took not only preparing proposals, but also answering the committee's questions.

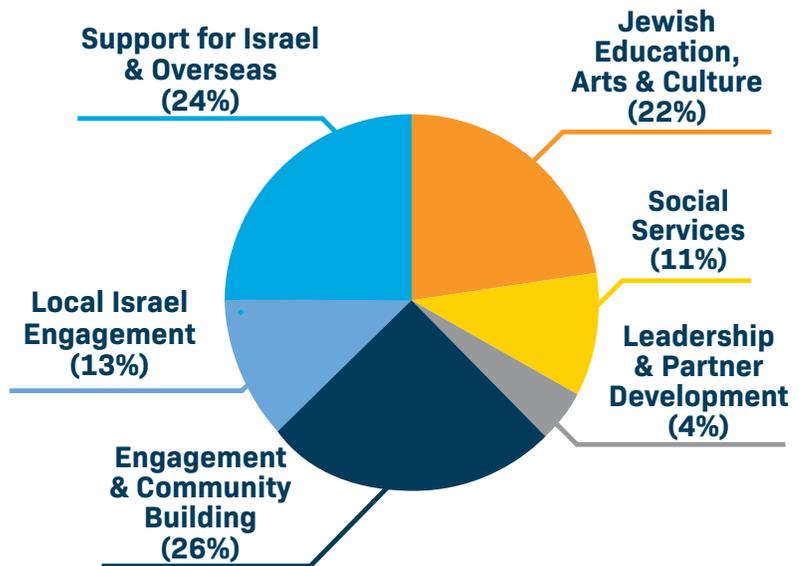
This was the first time that the committee has asked for program proposals, as opposed to the process in prior years when JFGI told agencies how much funding to request. The committee learned a lot about what worked and what did not, and have many ideas and suggestions for improving going forward.

### P&A GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

- The committee had two additional programs this year that are priorities for our community – ATID and the Civic Mission. While both of these programs have donors that help support them, they both also needed community support to be able to run. The committee was not able to fund either program last year. The committee is fully funding ATID this year and spread the Civic Mission over 2020 and 2021.
- \$50,000 to Hooverwood as a part of a new Jewish hospice program that will employ a philanthropic investment circle led by lay leaders
- JFS received funding to maintain current programs, although still short of full budgetary needs for 2020
- JCRC received funding to maintain current programs, although still short of full budgetary needs for 2020
- Five grants funded to JCC for existing program areas
- Grants for scholarship funding and marketing were awarded to Hasten Hebrew Academy
- JFGI Jewish Education Department received funding to maintain teen philanthropy, Library and Holocaust programming although still short of full budgetary needs for 2020
- Grants to regional organizations like Hillel at IU, Purdue, and Butler; and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society

JFGI made significant operational reductions, and while looking at reduced funding opportunities for the partner agencies, the committee also looked at Federation programming. The JFGI Jewish Education Department received reduced funding, and in collaboration with the Jewish Learning Committee will re-assess the wants, needs, and priorities of the community in light of available resources from this year's allocations. Additionally, the Israel & Overseas Department received a reduction from last year; however, a robust portion of P&A grant money is still supporting the overall program areas and support for Israel & Overseas across the community to JCRC, JCC, Federation and historic overseas partners.

## P&A Grant Breakdown



**Total Income Available Through P&A Distribution: \$4,432,863**

Annual Campaign: \$4,286,496  
 Supplemental Giving (Included in Campaign Total): \$18,090

Grants (Lilly): \$132,367  
 Misc: \$14,000

### P&A Grants: \$2,289,291

- **Support for Israel & Overseas: \$836,049**
  - Including Local Israel Engagement: \$298,532
- **Engagement & Community Building: \$612,818**
- **Jewish Education, Arts & Culture: \$501,650**
- **Social Services: \$242,171**
- **Leadership & Partner Development: \$96,603**

### Allocations: \$2,143,456

- **Federation Operations: \$915,000**
  - Campaign Development, Endowment, Engagement, Marketing for Development, Finance and Admin./Support
- **Community Services:**
  - Security: \$305,600
  - Campus Operations: \$232,116
  - IT: \$199,725
  - Replacement Reserve Fund: \$65,000
  - Misc. (Mashgiach, cemeteries, mikvah, etc.): \$37,200
- **National Dues: \$165,473**
- **Uncollectable Pledges/Agency Loans: \$120,000**
- **Unrestricted JFGI Reserve: \$85,368**
- **Supplemental Annual Campaign Grants: \$18,090**

### Last Issue's Cover:

Thank you for the help in identifying the cover photo that appeared in the January/February issue. It is believed that this photo was taken between 1954-58, and the following have been identified:

Top: Steve Paul (Middle), Barry Glazer (upper right)

Bottom: Mike Yosha (lower left), Bill Cohen (Lower right)

### On the Cover:

Take a look at a few past and recent missions to Israel.



# 2019 Annual Campaign HITS 10-YEAR HIGH

In the January-February issue, it was reported that the 2019 Annual Campaign surpassed the goal of \$4 million—for the first time since 2011. Now, the final numbers are in...

Thank you to all the donors, volunteers, professional staff, and community members who helped raise **\$4,286,496** for the community's Annual Campaign. This represents an 11 percent increase over the previous year, as well as the highest

achievement in the past decade.

2019 also saw an increase of 102 donors (9 percent) to the Annual Campaign, reversing a trend in the Greater Indianapolis Jewish community that is prevalent in many Jewish communities around the country, where the number of donors has been in decline.

"Thank you to everyone who made the success of the 2019 Annual

Campaign possible—and especially to 2019 co-chairs Leslie Rubin and Helen Kurlander Goldstein," said Michael Skolnick, Senior Director of Development.

The vital funds the community raised support the many programs and services provided by the Federation and partner agencies in Greater Indianapolis, Israel, and around the world...making a difference each day in the lives of so many.

## Message from the 2020 Co-Chairs

By Jennifer Schwartz and Larry Turow

As of January 1, our 2020 Annual Campaign is officially underway! We are very excited to serve as Annual Campaign co-chairs and to work with such a dedicated team of volunteers, professionals, and donors.

Following the notable success of the 2019 Annual Campaign, we have a very strong foundation upon which we will continue to build. Thank you to Leslie Rubin and Helen Kurlander Goldstein for their leadership of last year's Campaign, and for all the insight and wisdom they have shared during our transition into our roles as co-chairs. Leslie and Helen, along with more than a century of Annual Campaign chairs who came before them, leave some very big shoes for us to fill!

This year's Annual Campaign theme is "2020: A Vision for the Future—Where we have come from, where we are, and where we are going."

Over the past several years, our Federation has taken steps to prepare for the future. A formal community demographic study gave us a better sense of who we are today, the resulting strategic plan for the Federation gave

us a framework for moving forward, and our successful LIFE & LEGACY program will help ensure our community is here for future generations. Our 2020 Annual Campaign theme will help us celebrate our community's past achievements while framing the funding needs for our evolving and strong future.

The 2019 Annual Campaign was the highest in 10 years, and we need to continue to build on that momentum to meet the growing needs of our community. We look forward to highlighting the great Jewish communal work being done through your support of the Annual Campaign, and we look forward to your continued generosity to keep us strong! This is our community...we celebrate our differences while recognizing that we are all in this together. It is our Annual Campaign that unifies us around the values we share, the hopes we have for ourselves and our families, and the good that we can do.

Stay tuned for more information about upcoming events and opportunities! We look forward to working TOGETHER with you for a successful 2020 Annual Campaign.

## About the Co-Chairs

Welcome Jennifer Schwartz and Larry Turow who are serving as the 2020-2021 Annual Campaign co-chairs.

### Jennifer Schwartz

Jennifer, a hematologist who specializes in bone marrow and stem cell transplantation, is also Assistant Dean of Medical Student Education at Indiana University School of Medicine. Nationally, she serves on several committees for the American Society of Clinical Oncology, as well as the Central Group of Educational Affairs for the Association of American Medical Colleges.

In the Greater Indianapolis Jewish community, Jennifer has served on the Federation Board of Directors for several years, working with the Women's Philanthropy Committee. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Hasten



Co-chairs Jennifer Schwartz and Larry Turow

Hebrew Academy.

Jennifer is married to Jonathan Fridell and they live in Carmel with their two daughters.

### Larry Turow

Larry is a Financial Advisor and Managing Director at Impact Financial Group, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. He heads the group's 401K and qualified plans practice.

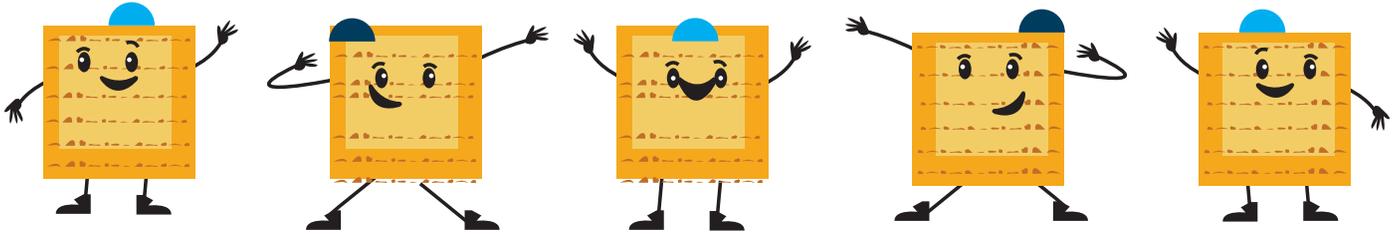
As a member of the Federation's Board of Directors, Larry serves on the Investment Committee, the JFGI's Professional Advisors Group and the Israel &

Overseas Committee. He also serves on the Jewish Community Center's Finance Committee. He was a recipient of the community's distinguished L.L. Goodman Leadership Award. Larry previously served as a JCC Board member and as an Officer of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Larry is married to Carly and they have three children.

# PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE:

## TURN MATZAH INTO MITZVAH!



Fill the shelves at Popsie's Pantry with kosher-for-Passover food for local families in need. Shop for in-demand items, and drop off food at the Pantry (6905 Hoover Road).

### There are 3 ways to participate!

1. Shop for Kosher-for-Passover foods to donate to JFS.
2. Participate in our "Fill-a-Bag" campaign and shop for specific items that will support an individual, elderly couple, or large family.
3. Make a financial donation: support an individual for \$36, an elderly couple for \$72, or a large family for \$180. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated!

If enough funds are raised, each family will receive a grocery gift card to purchase perishable items, such as eggs and meat.

Please check that all foods are labeled as "Kosher for Passover."

Drop off donations by Friday, March 20 to:  
**Jewish Family Services**  
**6905 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260**

Visit <http://bit.ly/passover20> to download a shopping list or make a donation. Contact JFS Program Director Rachel Katz at (317) 259-6817 or [rkatz@jfgi.org](mailto:rkatz@jfgi.org) for more information.

# \$36

*provides an individual with:*

- Matzo x1
- Macaroons, Fruit Slices or Chocolates x1
- Ketchup, BBQ, Mustard, Mayo and/or Marinara x2
- Salad Dressing x1
- Jelly x1
- Large bag of Potato Chips x1
- Vegetable Oil x1
- Tuna x2

# \$72

*provides an elderly couple with:*

- Matzo x1
- Macaroons x1
- Fruit Slices x1
- Ketchup, BBQ, Mustard, Mayo and/or Marinara x3
- Salad Dressing x1
- Seasonings x1
- Horseradish x1
- Jelly x1
- Potato Chips x1
- Vegetable Oil x1
- Tuna x3
- Gefilte Fish x1
- Matzo Ball Mix x1

# \$180

*provides a large family with:*

- Matzo x1
- Fruit-Slices x2 & Chocolates x4
- Ketchup, BBQ, Mustard, Mayo Seasonings, Marinara and/or Salad Dressings x12
- Horseradish x1
- Jelly x3
- Potato Chips x5
- Vegetable Oil x1
- Tuna x8 & Gefilte Fish x1
- Matzo Ball x1 & Cake Mix x2
- Aluminum Foil x1
- Grape Juice x2
- Toothbrushes x8



## 2020 Annual Campaign Major Gifts Dinner

Wednesday, May 6

Featuring Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel

More details coming soon.

# YOUTH GIVING

## Two Indianapolis Youth Donate Tzedakah Money to Adopt-a-Family Program

Maria Cohen is just like any mom. She makes sure her kids - Alexis, 13, and Felix, 8, Konev- are involved in extracurricular activities and do well in school. One of the biggest lessons she teaches them? Philanthropy is second nature.

Each week, they receive money for their tzedakah boxes they received from the PJ Library program. At the end of the year, they get to decide where to donate their money. In 2019, they each donated \$180 to the Adopt-a-Family program through Jewish Family Services, which helps local Jewish families during Chanukah.

"It's a good feeling that we get to decide where the money goes because we get to stand up for what

we believe in rather than what others are telling you to believe in and it's a way for us to be more independent," Alexis and Felix said.

Maria believes that there are certain things that should be done on almost autopilot and part of what should be set aside is for a rainy day and the other part is set aside to help others.

"I hope my kids long term internalize and continue this as they grow up.," she said.

"Our mom always tells us that we are fortunate and we should be thankful for what we have," Alexis said. "It is important to help the Jewish community since we are Jewish."

During the Adopt-a-Family Community Day on Dec. 8,



Alexis, 13, and Felix, 8, show off their tzedakah boxes sent to them through the PJ Library program.

the Cohen family received a wish list from two children similar to their ages to shop for.

"We had fun shopping for the kids and it made me feel really warm and fuzzy," Alexis said.

Wrapping the gifts, especially putting bows on the presents for the kids, was one of Felix's favorite parts, he said.

What surprised Alexis and Felix the most was how many people in our community need assistance.

"They asked for a lot of basic items I don't normally think about not having," Alexis said.

Alexis and Felix are no stranger to helping others. They even spent their own money to purchase basketballs for Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis.

This is the third year the family has participated in the Adopt-a-Family program, and plan to contribute again at the next program as well.



Maria Cohen and her two children Alexis and Felix Konev shop during Adopt-A-Family Community Day



# From Starving to a Life of Feeding Others

## The Story of the Family behind Popsie's Pantry

At a young age, Anton (Popsie) Berkovits z"l and Etta (Jacobson) Berkovits z"l survived going hungry and even death after being imprisoned in a Siberian labor camp during the Holocaust. The duo was able to escape after 7 years, and from that moment on, they dedicated their lives to feeding and serving others.

**"My mother used to say that the worst thing in the world is being hungry. That feeling in your stomach when you don't have enough to eat is painful. In the camps, people would almost kill for a slice of potato and that's how they lived for 7 years"**

— Livia Russell

### Back to the Beginning

Anton and Etta were very young adults when they were sent to the camps. They met inside, and married. Soon after, Etta was pregnant with Livia Russell. They both knew they did not want to have a child born in the camp, so they decided to escape or die trying. They bribed an officer and successfully escaped to Hungary, where Russell was born. They then fled to Austria and had their second child, Joe. In Austria, Anton began his life-long career in the food industry by starting a trading business, which included bringing chocolates from Switzerland to Austria.

From 1951 until Anton was 82 years old, he worked in grocery stores in New York, New Jersey, and Indianapolis. He even owned a chicken farm! In 1965, the family moved to Chicago where he purchased his own chain of grocery stores. He went on to sell them and purchased more grocery stores in some of Miami's highest underserved areas.

### Connection to Food

Food was always important to the family, and Anton and Etta made sure they always had enough to eat, said Jodie Balber, Russell's daughter and granddaughter to Anton and Etta. She said they knew what it was like to be without enough food, and never wanted anyone to ever feel that way again.

After serving people for a lifetime, Etta died in 1997, and Anton passed away in 2010. Russell wanted to do something to honor her parents. At that time, Jewish Family Services, through case management clients, noticed an increase request and need for food support in the Jewish community. There was only one food pantry in the area but they were only open once a week and they distributed pre-packaged bags of items (so no choice), and absolutely no Kosher items. Elaine Levinson z"l, a friend of Russell, a lay leader and volunteer at the time, approached Russell with the idea of opening a food pantry, and soon after, plans were underway.

### Unlike Any Other Pantry

David B. Klain, Russell's son and grandson to Anton and Etta, said Popsie's Pantry is designed with special regard to people's dignity.

"There's a private meeting time where a client can visit the pantry, they can do it around their work schedules, they don't have to wait in line, and they get to pick out what they want to eat," he said.

The family contrasts the unique operation of the pantry to the time when Anton and Etta were in the camps.

"The Nazis took away the Jews' dignity," Klain said. "The hardship our grandparents were in was completely



Jodie Balber and David B. Klain, grandchildren of Popsie

different than anything you can fathom, but hardship is hardship, and this pantry serves those who have hardship until they can get back on their feet."

Klain says Anton and Etta were able to survive and escape with the help of several people, and that's exactly what the pantry does – it provides resources to help others survive.

"They survived from help along the way whether it was a soldier they bribed or someone to sponsor them into the U.S., but you still rely on someone helping you get there. That was their whole life and that's what this is. Helping someone and giving them the resources to be successful. They spent their life paying it forward."

### Feeding the Future

The Pantry was the perfect legacy gift to honor Anton and Etta because they worked so hard to support the communities where they lived. The pantry is just an extension of what Anton started. The family hopes the pantry will continue to grow and be funded beyond the immediate needs and can help as many people as possible without any limitations. They also hope people remember Anton and Etta's names as real people who survived the Holocaust so their lives can live on through future generations.

"It's important to keep a personal connection and touch because this was real and it can always happen again if we forget," Klain said.

# Education for Genocide Awareness

As the Jewish community commemorates Yom HaShoah on April 20, it is also important to recognize that April is designated as International Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month. Over the past century (and longer) April has had the notorious distinction of being the month in which genocides or mass atrocities have begun, which makes it the perfect time to bring awareness of the ongoing

threat of genocide we see in our world today. One fundamental way to combat hatred is through the forging of strategic partnerships. One partnership leads to another and another until there is a bridge of unified individuals taking a stand against oppression, mass atrocities, and genocide. Throughout the past year, the JFGI Education Team has been able to form close connections with cross-

communal organizations, as well as statewide and national champions of Holocaust education and human rights.

One such organization is CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, which will be celebrating 25 years of implementing its mission of illuminating the darkness to create peace and empower the future. Although located in Terre Haute, Ind., CANDLES has been able to have a

worldwide impact through Holocaust survivor Eva Kor's inspirational story, purposeful education, and the forging of robust relationships. Only through sound education and strong connections can a community combat hatred. However, that can only happen if the community makes the conscientious choice to build bridges rather than walls and to value the learning that confronts prejudice.

## NEW AT THE LIBRARY

There are numerous new titles in the library. Enjoy one of the following new acquisitions:

### **BALANCING ON THE MECHITZA: Transgender in Jewish Community** *Edited by Noach Dzmura*

Inspired and nurtured by the successes of the feminist and LGBTQ+ movements in the Jewish world, Jews who identify with the "T" now sit in the congregation, marry under the *chuppah*, and create Jewish families. *Balancing on the Mechitza* introduces readers to a secular transwoman who interviews her Israeli and Palestinian peers and provides cutting-edge theory about the construction of Jewish personhood in Israel; a transman who serves as legal witness for a man (a role not typically open to persons designated female at birth) during a conversion ritual; a man deprived of testosterone by an illness who comes to identify himself with passion and pride as a Biblical eunuch; and a gender-variant person who explores how to adapt the masculine and feminine pronouns in Hebrew to reflect a non-binary gender reality.

### **AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE SHABBAT: Jewish People Celebrate the Sabbath Together** *by Durga Yael Bernhard*

*AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE SHABBAT* follows the cycle of one Sabbath, beginning with preparation on Friday morning through Havdalah (candle lighting to end Sabbath) at sundown the following day. Each activity of the Sabbath is portrayed through the eyes of a child in a different country, beginning and ending in Israel. Countries with large Jewish populations (France, the USA, Argentina) as well as places where the Jewish population is quite small (Ethiopia, India, Thailand) are represented, thus giving the young reader (preschool–second grade) the idea that on every Sabbath people all over the world are doing the same things.

Sharing family stories from the past is a meaningful way to impact the present. If interested in sharing a family story of surviving the Holocaust, the JFGI Speakers Bureau is in need of second and third generation survivors. Contact Amber Maze at [amaze@jfgi.org](mailto:amaze@jfgi.org) for more information.

## See the back cover for all Indianapolis community Yom HaShoah events.

### “Jewish Celebration Station” Ritual Objects Lending Library – An Exciting New Initiative!

The Jewish Community Library is going to be more than books – it is launching an innovative Jewish ritual object lending area. What does that mean? It means people can borrow objects such as kiddush cups, candlesticks, matzah plates – even holiday cookie cutters. It also means that the Library will accept donations of these objects. For more information about donating or borrowing, contact Marcia Goldstein, Library Coordinator, at [library@jfgi.org](mailto:library@jfgi.org) or visit <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/library>.



# Increasing Educational Impact through Partnerships

In the Talmud (*Eruvin 54b*) there is a story of how the Torah was passed down by repeatedly teaching its lessons from the mouths of different teachers, with each lesson being taught at least four times. In order to multiply the impact of its educational endeavors, JFGI is proud to partner with many organizations and provide diverse avenues to access Jewish learning.

This year's Holocaust education programming, which focuses on the theme of "Voices of Youth in the Holocaust – Models of Resilience, Resistance, and Being an Upstander," is a great example of how partnerships increase JFGI's educational impact. This theme was developed over a year ago when JFGI was approached to support the educational outreach components of the upcoming Indianapolis Opera production of *Brundibar & Vedem*. There was a desire to involve the community broadly in the learning surrounding the performance of music developed in the Theresienstadt concentration camp and a newer piece based on the experiences of youth in the camp.

Teaching about Youth Resistance in Theresienstadt was the focus of this year's Holocaust Remembrance program for youth in fifth through eighth grades on Jan. 26. It brought together more than 130 youth from local synagogues and

Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. The program also involved an educator from Facing History & Ourselves and a professor from Ball State University.

The impact of the program was reinforced for families who attended the memorial service at the end of the program and then had the opportunity to view the *From the Children of the Holocaust* exhibit that was hung in the JCC during the months of January and February. The exhibit was brought to Indianapolis from the Institute for Holocaust Education in partnership with the Indianapolis Opera and will be available for viewing in the Indianapolis Arts Garden during the month of March followed by Newfields during the Indianapolis Opera performances at the end of April.

All of the families who were at the Holocaust program in January and all guests who viewed the exhibit were encouraged to attend *Brundibar* and *Vedem* and connections were made between the powerful stories shared in the exhibit and the upcoming performances. More related programs can be found on the back cover of this magazine.

By working together with communal partners in educational endeavors, JFGI is able to act upon the advice from the Talmud and offer multiple avenues for the lessons of the Holocaust to be taught and the impact of learning to be reinforced.



Students participate in a Jan. 26 Holocaust Remembrance Program.

**Brundibar**  
and  
**Vedem**  
Theresienstadt 1943

**Never underestimate the voice of a child.**

INDIANAPOLIS  
**OPERA**  
45th Anniversary Season

April 24, 25, & 26, 2020  
The Toby Theater  
at Newfields  
indyopera.org



Fifth-eighth grade students light candles during a Holocaust Remembrance Program on Jan. 26.

# YoPhi Teen Board Teams Up With Partners for Philanthropic Lessons

As with all communal endeavors, impactful philanthropy and making change can only be accomplished with collaboration from partners. The YoPhi Teen Board is proud to partner with the **IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy** through the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, which supports and trains YoPhi Teen Board members in their philanthropy experience. Earlier in the program year, the Teen Board members had the opportunity to learn with IUPUI faculty and staff at a joint session held on university campus and to work with the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving to better understand the needs and assets of our local community. These lessons have guided the Teen Board members through their philanthropic journey as they prepare to make allocation decisions later in the spring.

Also unique to the YoPhi Teen Board program is the opportunity for Teen Board members to earn a Certificate in Youth Philanthropic Leadership from the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy by completing a series of investigative and self-reflective modules, asking participants to further define and vision their role as a teen changemaker. You can see some of the Teen Board member's reflections on their philanthropic process at <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/blogs>.



Teen Board members kick off their fundraising drive.



Emma Covitz, Ally Foster, and Natanya Katz (l-r) hard at work creating their fundraising pages.



Adam Kerschner, Spencer Fleischer, Brad Kaplan, Jenna Himelstein, Isaac Hurwitz (l-r), and Allie Barrett (head turned) hard at work creating their fundraising pages.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**May 3**

## YoPhi Teen Board Check Granting Ceremony

The community is invited to join the YoPhi Teen Board at their end-of-year Check Granting Ceremony from 4 – 5:30 p.m., Sunday, May 3, in the Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning (CJEL). The 28 YoPhi Teen Board members will share reflections on their yearlong philanthropic experience and present checks to the organizations they chose to receive grants in support of their focus areas of environmental sustainability, education, and equity.

If interested in applying for the 2020-2021 YoPhi Teen Board, take this opportunity to learn more about the program and join YoPhi on May 3! Applications for the 2020-2021 YoPhi Teen Board will open in mid-late March. View the full application at <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-teen-board>.

# Impacting Youth through Endowments

Everyone with a desire to have a Jewish overnight camp experience deserves that opportunity, and JFGI helps make this possible through two programs: *One Happy Camper* and the *Joe and Sylvia Rothbard Family Jewish Summer Camp Program*.

All first-time campers are eligible for up to a \$1,000 grant from the *One Happy Camper* fund, and since 2016, 88 campers have benefited from this program. The *Joe and Sylvia Rothbard Family Fund* provides financial need-based grants to encourage youth in second through 12 grades to participate in Jewish overnight camps, and 96 campers have benefited from this support. Between these funds, more than \$100,000 has been distributed to campers. Community donations to these funds will help more families.

To learn more about funds available for overnight camp and to apply, visit: <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/endowment-planned-giving/israel-camp-scholarships>.



## Indianapolis Jewish Community Book of Life Be a Part of Something Big

JFGI would like to honor and recognize all community members who have made legacy gifts by displaying their personal story and photograph in the new interactive display.

For more information about LIFE & LEGACY or to discuss your legacy story, please contact Paula Glanzman Goldberg, Director of Legacy Development, at [pgoldberg@jfgi.org](mailto:pgoldberg@jfgi.org).



LIFE & LEGACY

# LIFE & LEGACY

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### Rosalie and Elliot Gussow



We love this community and have spent the last 54 years working and volunteering to ensure that it succeeds and believe that by leaving a legacy gift we can help ensure that the Jewish Community thrives for future generations. For us, we have a special place in our hearts for Hooverwood and Jewish Federation, and we hope that our example of Tzedakah will serve as an inspiration for others to follow. This community has always been at the heart of our lives, and we are happy to return to the community what it has given us.

# THIRD ANNUAL LIGHT IT UP HOLIDAY PARTY

The third annual Light It Up drew 130 young adults this year for a night of celebration, community, and philanthropy.

Attendees had the opportunity throughout the evening to learn about the many impacts that Federation has in our community, raise money for the Federation, and win some great door prizes. They also learned about young adult opportunities in the community and how to be more involved.



Katherine Schwartz, Victoria Nazarov, Jason Schwartz and Michelle Kravitz



Leo Grabovsky, Andrew Doehrman and Bernie Stern



Siblings Martin and Ally Weiss



Eric Ratner, Benjamin Sheldon, Jesi Sheldon, guest, Jacqueline Goldstein, Jacob Goldstein and Josh Shneyderov



Ed Krulewicz and Hannah Wipper



Marc and Katie Newman

# MOMentum Journey to Israel

From Dec. 8-18, 2019, a group of Hoosier moms traveled together to Israel. The experience began as 80 women from seven communities shared a memorable Partnership2Gether visit to the Western Galilee. Highlights in the Partnership included a tour of Akko with a representative of the Akko Educator's Kibbutz and a moving visit to the Western Galilee Medical Center. We enjoyed meaningful conversations at every stop with our Israeli "family" in the Western Galilee, and the Indiana women are already following up with opportunities to connect to P2G.

The Momentum part of the trip began on December 10th, beginning with a celebratory dance party. The first day in Tel Aviv highlighted innovation and entrepreneurial Israeli women. They headed north

to Tiberius and Tzfat, where the women toured the holy city and of course, shopped. The time in Jerusalem was highlighted by visits to the Old City, Yad Vashem, Mt. Herzl the Machane Yehuda market. There were opportunities for learning each day, and over the next year we will continue to unpack these conversations.

Shabbat was a highlight. Friday evening, after dancing at the Kotel, we walked through Jerusalem to share a joyous Shabbat dinner with over 500 women from North America, Budapest and over 10 communities from Russia and Ukraine. On Saturday our group was hosted in the home of an Israeli family, where we had meaningful conversations about the challenges facing Israeli and diaspora Jewry.

No trip would be complete without a visit to Masada



and the Dead Sea. The floating was punctuated by fly overs from Israeli Air Force jets practicing in the area. It is also very obvious how diverse factors are causing the Dead Sea to continue to recede. The final evening in Israel was highlighted by women receiving their first Hebrew names, and a celebration of all we experienced together.

It was an amazing trip and the women are geared up to meet monthly, learning and growing together.

Many thanks to everyone who made this opportunity possible, especially Michelle Korin, Michelle Boukai, Lindsey Mintz, Debby Grant, and the P2G professionals for their planning and execution of an amazing visit.

7 - 9:30 p.m.  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

Jewish Federation
Women's Philanthropy
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## CHALLAH FOR THE SOUL

DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF A LIFE WELL LIVED

An Evening of Insight & Inspiration  
with Rochie Pinson

7 p.m. | Tuesday, March 17, 2020  
at Chabad Center for Jewish Life  
2640 W. 96th St, Indianapolis, IN

Register at  
<https://events.idonate.com/wpchallahbake>  
Seating requests available during online registration.

Couvert: \$36 per person  
for girls and women 16 and older

Register at  
<https://events.idonate.com/wpchallahbake>  
Seating requests available during online registration

## CHOCOLATE AND CHATS

More than 30 women enjoyed delicious chocolate and good conversation during the first Winter Meet Up, Chocolate & Chats with SoChatti Chocolate on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the home of Lindsey & Mark Williams. SoChatti Chocolate was founded by Matt Rubin, who has been operating in a Jewish Community Center space since inception. He provided the attendees a flight of chocolate from all over the world.

"The women in this room are like puzzle pieces and together, we can only improve our community," said Women's Philanthropy Committee Member Karen Rothbaum. "We are philanthropists who support the Annual Campaign that helps fund the campus (and through the Federation, able to support) and give space to entrepreneurs like Matt to help them be successful."

Visit [jewishindianapolis.org/womens-philanthropy](http://jewishindianapolis.org/womens-philanthropy) for more information.



# Yom HaZikaron

## Memorial Service (Israel Memorial Day)

**6:30-7:45 p.m. Monday, April 27**  
**Laikin Auditorium,**  
**6705 Hoover Road, Indianapolis**

Come honor fallen Israeli soldiers and victims of terrorism with a brief ceremony featuring videos and stories and a candle lighting service.

It is customary to wear a white shirt and dark colored bottom.

Questions? Contact Lian Bar Zohar at (317) 800-9350 or [shaliach@jfgi.org](mailto:shaliach@jfgi.org).



# Yom HaAtzmaut

## Israel Celebration

**12 p.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 3**

**Outdoors at Celebration Plaza or in  
case of rain, Laikin Auditorium**  
**6705 Hoover Road, Indianapolis**

Celebrate Israel Independence Day (Yom HaAtzmaut) at 72!

Bring a picnic meal and blanket and enjoy Israeli games, face painting, Israeli music and dancing, booths and more.

For more information visit <http://bit.ly/yoms20> or contact Lian Bar Zohar at (317) 800-9350 or [shaliach@jfgi.org](mailto:shaliach@jfgi.org).



# Chanukah TRADITIONS



In December, Shlichah Lian Bar Zohar hosted Indianapolis residents for a Chanukah celebration. They experienced traditional holiday food and stories.

Should you want to receive the Partnership quarterly newsletter to stay connected to what is happening in our Israel Partnership, become a volunteer or participate in any of our program opportunities please contact Michele Boukai, Israel & Overseas Director, at (317) 475-4274 or [mboukai@jfgi.org](mailto:mboukai@jfgi.org).

# FEEDING LONE SOLDIERS

Shlichah Lian Bar Zohar recently visited the Western Galilee partnership area and in collaboration with Mateh Asher Municipality, in the Moshav Regba, helped prepare Shabbat meals for Lone Soldiers. She also gave them letters prepared by Steve Auslander's fifth grade class students from John Strange Elementary School in Indianapolis.



# BUDAPEST TOUR AND PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

**JUNE 21-25, 2020 (Land only)**

Register at [www.jewishyoungstown.org/summit2020](http://www.jewishyoungstown.org/summit2020)

**\$100 discount for early birds registering by March 1st**





# RETRO FEDERATION CJF GENERAL ASSEMBLY – November 1997

By Harry Nadler,  
former Executive Vice President of JFGI 1984-2001

In November 1997, three years of planning brought one of the most exciting events to Indianapolis – the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations with over 4,000 participants (CJF – one of the two organizations along with UJA that merged into the Jewish Federations of North America.) Until 1997, this event had been exclusively held in cities with much larger populations than Indianapolis. Indianapolis had become better known following the hosting of the Pan Am Games in 1987 and had been recognized as a destination city for conventions. The Jewish community had become very well known among the federations as one of the most successful federations with robust annual campaigns, an extremely large and growing endowment, and lots of visibility among the leadership on the national scene. Word of the capital campaign to develop the campus had also been recognized as an indicator of a very successful Jewish community.

The community began to get organized immediately appointing Alice Berkowitz (mother of Nancy Bate) as the chair. Committees were organized to handle sponsorships - Indianapolis had to commit \$100k for various programs; recruitment of volunteers – communities typically needed up to 1,000 volunteers; and programming – the community had significant input into the national agenda coordinated by CJF. The effort became a truly unifying effort in the community. All segments were involved including representation from all agencies, all the synagogues, and people from all age groups from pre-school to senior citizens. Even the city-county government got involved in this most unique opportunity as Steve Goldsmith was the mayor. Due, in part, to significant corporate sponsorship from the Simons, Eli Lilly, ATT and many other local companies, the GA became a citywide event.

There were many “firsts” (and, in some cases to date, the only such time it happened.) and highlights:

- The convention was held Sunday to Tuesday so that early arrivals could arrive Friday and not have to travel on Shabbat. An estimated 1,200 delegates took part in a two-day Shabbaton sponsored by the Hasten Family – including two full meals. Several scholars in residence led various services and learning sessions.
- Steve Goldsmith's daughter, then a student at the BJE, welcomed the delegates in Hebrew.
- Sunday sessions took place while there was a Colts-Green Bay game with 50,000 plus people in the Downtown area. (As a side note the Milwaukee delegates asked us to get them tickets to the game. We were able to arrange special seats for them, only to have them be very disappointed as the winless Colts led by Jim Harbaugh. The Colts pulled out a last-minute victory to end the Packers' undefeated season and to give Indy their first victory of the year.)
- Achinni Noam – Noa – gave a fabulous concert of Israeli and Jewish music – with over 5,000 attendees.
- More than 1,000 people from the community as well as from Cincinnati, Dayton, and Louisville volunteered to “staff” all sessions, to act as guides throughout downtown and to help in whatever way was necessary. Here's an example of typical Indy hospitality- one delegate was crossing a skybridge trying to get somewhere that required her to be outdoors. The delegate had not gotten her coat out of the coat check. A volunteer gave the delegate her coat which she didn't need at the time – the coat was returned promptly on the return trip.

- The delegates were greeted from outer space as Indy native astronaut, David Wolf, beamed in greetings via satellite (arranged by Doug Rose).
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a personal visit on the same Sunday at the same time that 50,000 people were leaving the football game. Because of security he went by car from the Westin Hotel to the Convention Center across the street.
- President Bill Clinton did a live video link to the delegates (arranged by Jeff Smulyan).
- We showcased the newly dedicated Simon Family Campus with several buses bringing delegates on tours of Jewish Indianapolis.
- A pictorial display and time line of the Jewish history of Indianapolis was created by Dan Cantor.

The results were far beyond anyone's expectation on the national level (Indy “natives” knew better but it still exceeded our highest hopes). Several hundred of the volunteers who had previously been minimally involved in the community subsequently got involved in the agencies and synagogues. The sponsorships exceeded the needs by almost double, resulting in the unusual event of a community making a profit on the GA. On a national level the Indianapolis GA raised the bar for all future GA's. Following the GA, the exec of the federation expecting to host the GA two years later called me to tell me that there was no way that their community of over 65,000 Jews could even come close to the GA hosted in Indianapolis. Finally, several communities that were planning their own expansion and development of their agencies consulted with Indianapolis for several years later as to how to accomplish what Indy had done at the time.

**Have a past event story? Share it in the magazine.  
Contact Andrea Hirsch at [ahirsch@jfgi.org](mailto:ahirsch@jfgi.org)**

# EARTH DAY *at the* J

Noon - 5 p.m. | Sunday, April 26

The JCC is partnering with more than 40 different non-profit and Jewish organizations to present the Ninth Annual Earth Day at the J. This signature event features hands-on, interactive, earth-friendly activities and attracts more than 6,000 people of all backgrounds and faiths to the 40-acre Max and Mae Simon Jewish Community campus.

The event is a celebration of the core Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, making the world a better place for future generations.

The highlight of this year's Earth Day is the Green Car Show presented by Tom Wood Automotive Group with environmentally-friendly models from Audi, Jaguar, Land Rover, Volvo, Porsche and Nissan.

For more details, a list of exhibitors, or to volunteer, visit [JCCindy.org/community/earth-day](http://JCCindy.org/community/earth-day)

**Event sponsors:**

Indianapolis Power & Light Company and Citizens Energy Group

**Sponsors (as of January 20):**

Tom Wood Automotive Group

ZIPS Dry Cleaners

The event is **FREE** and open to the public



# WELLNESS AT HOOVERWOOD & KRAFT COMMONS

Did you know that Kraft Commons offers a brand-new fitness room with a comprehensive wellness program? Unlimited fitness classes are just \$35/month including Rock Steady Boxing, Chair Yoga, Pilates and more. One-on-one personal training sessions are just \$20/session. Medicare and other private insurance for outpatient therapy are also accepted. Contact Hooverwood for more information or to register at (317) 956-5660 or [eobioara@rehabstrategies.net](mailto:eobioara@rehabstrategies.net).



## Room Rentals

New in 2020 - Reserve a room in the newly renovated Hooverwood or the brand new Assisted Living facility, The Residences at Kraft Commons. Hold business meetings, private dinners, lectures, Bar/ Bat Mitzvah parties, birthday celebrations and more. Set up and tear down available. Catering menu available upon request. Now proudly brewing Starbucks coffee! To request a room reservation, contact Brittany Scheidt at (317) 607-1730 or [bscheidt@hooverwood.org](mailto:bscheidt@hooverwood.org).

# MITZVAH PROJECT



Noah Kahn is working on a special Mitzvah project at Hooverwood. He spent months collecting items for Hooverwood & Kraft Commons residents, totaling 415 books, 554 CDs, 29 puzzles, 79 movies, 12 games, and 13 CD players.

## Rabbi Brett Teaches HHAJ Students Chevrutah



Middle school welcomed Rabbi Brett Krichiver of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation to teach a lesson on "Chevrutah," the age-old Jewish value of learning/studying in pairs to deepen connection to community, G-d, and the text. This was the third lesson in the 9-month national Chai Mitzvah Mussar Mixtape program.

Each month, students take on a different theme of Jewish learning to aid in connecting to Judaism through group discussion. In the lesson with Rabbi Brett, students considered the difference between "friendship" and "chevrutah," since the latter is meant to make the community better people through deep discussion and study. Students formed groups and were given a quote from the Torah to interpret. Each chevrotah worked to write beat poetry/rap that expressed the meaning of the text and the deeper meaning it had in their lives. The next lesson will be given by Rabbi Jenni Greenspan from Beth-El Zedeck.

## Annual Women of Valor Program – March 4

Calling all women! The annual Women of Valor program open to all women and girls in the community will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, in the CAC. The Middle School girls, passionately inspired and empowered, research and depict the legacy of Jewish women from Biblical to contemporary times through song, dramatic vignettes and interpretative dance, which they themselves choreograph. This year's theme of perspective challenges them to explore parallels of tenacity between women of different eras as well as examine varying angles of their protagonist's struggles and contributions. Delicious refreshments to follow catered by Dina Hasten.

# Why We Choose the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

By Jennifer Schwartz and Jonathan Fridell

There are many reasons that we selected the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (HHA) for our children's education. Growing up in Montreal, Canada, we were brought up within the Jewish parochial school system and were raised with Conservative and Reform backgrounds. We firmly believe that our Jewish education provided us with the scaffolding required for a modern Jewish identity. We specifically wanted to give our children the same opportunities but were unwilling to compromise on an outstanding secular curriculum. As physicians, we understand the importance of a quality STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. With HHA being the only Jewish Day School in Indianapolis, we were pleased to discover that the secular program equaled or exceeded its other private counterparts; it was the obvious choice for our family.

As the years have passed, we are now more certain than ever that we chose wisely. We have been particularly impressed with the teaching philosophies of the school. HHA differentiates according to each child's needs. Both of our girls have been given opportunities to advance

at their own pace—not in accordance with an annual timetable. Additionally, their interests are varied, with one preferring math and engineering and the other arts and literature. HHA is remarkable in its dedication to both. Their art program is integrated within their curriculum, complementing and aligning with both STEM and Jewish studies. With both now in middle school, our eldest has discovered that she's already read many of the books required for grade nine curricula; our youngest was invited to discuss computer coding at another school system.

HHA has helped to teach our daughters how to express themselves effectively. They perform presentations on a continual basis and participate in national competitions. Our daughters are unafraid to ask questions or to stand up for their beliefs, largely due to the confidence and self-esteem that HHA has helped to instill in them. They are well-positioned for success in high school.

Despite its small size, our daughters have ample opportunities for socialization with friends in their school, as well as with friends they have made through various activities. They are young



confident women who interact well with others. HHA has shown them that people from all walks of life, beliefs and traditions should be respected. Our daughters are equally comfortable in an Orthodox synagogue or in a church, with individuals who maintain all the Jewish traditions and those less observant. With the success of the girls' volleyball team, they have shown themselves to be competitive athletes who demonstrate great sportsmanship.

HHA has been a wonderful place for our girls and our family. The teachers know our children well and work in partnership with us to collectively help them achieve success. It is a small, tightly knit family, but size notwithstanding, it has actually expanded our personal Jewish community as we have befriended individuals from multiple synagogues and Jewish denominations. HHA is a pillar of our community that can help each and every Jewish child achieve success.

## Students Learn about MLK Jr. Day with Programs

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was a day of learning and service for the middle school at HHA. Students began the day with chavrutah learning about the March on Washington. Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Snider used materials from the National Museum of American Jewish History to teach about the march and the legacy of Dr. King. Students then headed to the Indiana Historical Society to participate in a day honoring the legacy of service and leadership of Dr. King. Students were able to learn about the problem of homelessness in Indiana and pack first aid kits and write letters for the homeless. They also learned about the rich history of Indiana Avenue and the life of Madam CJ Walker.





## PJ Library Kids Play!

In December, PJ Library built menorahs at Home Depot with Chabad and partied with friends at Gymboree for Chanukah. The January event took the program to the Little Village Playroom in Carmel for a morning of yoga and play with Audrey from Silly Hearts Yoga.

## PJ Library Teams Up With JCRC for Antisemitism Discussion

This spring, PJ Library and JCRC are collaborating on a series for parents and caregivers discussing antisemitism, how it affects our children, and how to talk to them about it. This event will also allow children to experience Israeli culture with dance, music, and food. Watch your email and the PJ Library of Greater Indianapolis Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PJLibraryGreaterIndianapolis> for updates on these exciting programs.



Amanda and Jack Vela



Kids playing



Marcia, Dan, Vivian and Caroline Goldstein



Michael and Delilah Beaugh



Silly Hearts Yoga

# PURIM DRAG QUEEN STORY TIME

**FREE!**

**1-2 p.m. Sunday, March 1**

**Domont Auditorium, Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis**

Dress in costume and join PJ Library for story time by a special Drag Queen guest. All ages are welcome.

Contact Roberta Alder at [ralder@jfgi.org](mailto:ralder@jfgi.org) for more information.

Want to hear about upcoming programs for your kids? Sign up for the PJ Library newsletter



# Strengthening the Jewish Future through Dialogue

By Marla Topiol  
Israel & Antisemitism Education Coordinator

The work of the JCRC is embedded in building relationships with populations outside of the Jewish communities. Within my unique role, I am able to facilitate the relationship building of the Community's teens; with the belief that when the world is healthy, fed and housed, Jews fare better in society.

The multi-faith work with which our programs engage further promotes and enhances our alliances with a stronger sense of Jewish identity within our own religion.

This is evident when I observe a Student to Student presentation. Our Jewish teen presenters are sharing their cultural experiences with a classroom full of non-Jewish students, who for the first time are learning what Judaism is through their peers. The progress of confidence in our presenters from the very first to their most recent presentation is outstanding. While the Jewish students are spreading awareness of Judaism across schools throughout Indianapolis, they are strengthening their own personal relationship within themselves. The Jewish teens are visualizing their own connection with their faith, while learning how to educate others about themselves and their religion.

Some of these teen presenters were involved in a teen roundtable focused on religion at this past year's Festival of Faiths. Every year the JCRC participates in this Festival, which highlights the diverse religions and cultural communities that make up Indianapolis. Watching these teens converse about what Judaism means to them, while building dialogue and community with teens of other faith traditions, shows us that our programs are inspiring the youth to continue the dialogue.

This is just one example of how the work JCRC is doing impacts our community and invigorates the future generations.

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



Three alumni of Stand Up! Speak Out present at the JCRC Annual Meeting in 2019.



## JCRC 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

7 p.m. | Tuesday, May 26

Congregation Beth-El Zedek

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Join the JCRC for the annual meeting, which will include a keynote speaker, updates on the past year, and installment of the new officers. There will be light refreshments served after.

## Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

**MORE THAN PRAYERS: ADULT HEBREW CLASS WITH DINA DAVID: 9 A.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 1 & 15.** This class is designed for adults who have completed Hebrew I, who want to become more comfortable with reading prayers and learn to discover their deeper meaning. RSVP to [ddavid@bez613.org](mailto:ddavid@bez613.org) or (317) 253-3441.

**OFF THE BIMA PRESENTS A TRIBUTE TO JEWISH DISNEY: 3 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 1, AT INDIANAPOLIS HEBREW CONGREGATION (IHC).** Cantor Melissa Cohen (BEZ) and Cantor Aviva Marer (IHC) will be singing Disney favorites by Jewish composers. Stay tuned for details.

**COOKIES AND MILK SHABBAT: 6 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 6, AT BEZ.** Celebrate National Oreo Cookie Day. All cookie monsters are welcome.

**JEWISH ADULTING: BODY AND SOUL YOGA: 10 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH 7, AT BEZ.** For the 20s and 30s crowd. Start your Shabbat morning with a mind and body yoga class with other BEZ young adults. Hosted by Rabbi Jenni Greenspan. RSVP to [jgreenspan@bez613.org](mailto:jgreenspan@bez613.org) or (317) 253-3441.

**"GREASE" PURIM: 9:30 A.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 8, AT BEZ.** Grease Purim is the word, it's got groove, it's got meaning. This rockin' and rollin' shpiel features an electrifying cast of your favorite greasers and pink ladies. Wear a costume or one based on a Grease character. After the Megillah reading, enjoy food, games, and prizes at the Purim Carnival. Carnival wristbands are \$5/ages 1-4 and \$10/ages 5 and older (no family admission to exceed \$25). Men's Club will provide food for a nominal price.

**"ADON OLAM" SLAM ADULT MEGILLAH READING: 7 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 9, AT**

**BEZ.** This is an adults-only participatory Megillah reading and celebration. Dress as your favorite musician or musical artist. Cantor Melissa and the Purim Band will perform Adon Olam to your favorite song melodies! You jam, while they slam! (21+ to enter) Submit your song requests to [adonolamslam@gmail.com](mailto:adonolamslam@gmail.com) by Feb. 24. Must be 21 or older to play.

**PARENT/TODDLER HAVURAH: 9:45 A.M., SUNDAYS, MARCH 22 AND APRIL 26, AT BEZ.** 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](mailto:maria_simon@comcast.net).

**INTERFAITH SEDER: 6 P.M., MONDAY, MAR. 23 AT BEZ.** Stay tuned for details.

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

**COCKTAIL JUDAISM: 7:30 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 6, AT ANOTHER BROKEN EGG (9435 N. MERIDIAN ST.).** For the 40+ crowd. Conversation, humor, and spirits hosted by Rabbi Dennis Sasso. BEZ is kicking off a three-part series "What Can We Believe?" April's topic is "Rabbi, Please Tell Me: What Happens After I Die?" RSVP to [jgoldstein@bez613.org](mailto:jgoldstein@bez613.org) or (317) 253-3441.

**TOT SHABBAT: 9:30 A.M., SATURDAY, APRIL 25.** Rabbi Jenni Greenspan and Juliette Nehring will share Shabbat with newborns through 3-year-olds and their families. There will be singing, movement, music, and refreshments. RSVP to Rabbi Jenni at [jgreenspan@bez613.org](mailto:jgreenspan@bez613.org).

**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](mailto:jwaldman@bez613.org) or (317) 259-6854.

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

## Congregation Beth Shalom

The CBS Religious School will offer two opportunities for extended families to learn with students. The programs are open to any family with children of religious school age (4 years old and older). Contact Diane Graul at [Talmudtorah@bethshalomindy.org](mailto:Talmudtorah@bethshalomindy.org) for further information.

**TEFILLA OLYMPIAD: 10 – 11:30 A.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 1, AT CBS.** This enjoyable morning will focus on learning about the Shabbat worship service.

**ISRAEL: 10 – 11:30 A.M., SUNDAY, APRIL 19, AT CBS.** A perfect way to visit Israel without leaving Beth Shalom.

**KUGEL-OFF FUNDRAISER – PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS: 6 P.M., SATURDAY, MARCH 14, AT CBS.**

All are invited to a yummy chance to sample kugels from the best kugel makers at CBS and to vote for the winner. Check the CBS calendar for full details or contact Isabel Atlas, [ieatlas@aol.com](mailto:ieatlas@aol.com) with questions.

**ANNUAL MAHJ-A-THON: 1 – 4 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 22, AT CBS.** CBS Sisterhood is sponsoring its third annual Mahj-a-thon. Join for fun, food, friendship and lots of prizes. The cost is \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information or to register, contact Isabel Atlas at [ieatlas@aol.com](mailto:ieatlas@aol.com).

**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. Contact Diane Graul at [Talmudtorah@bethshalomindy.org](mailto:Talmudtorah@bethshalomindy.org) to learn more.

**SHABBAT SERVICES:** CBS currently holds Erev Shabbat Services on the **second, third, and fourth Fridays** of each month at 6:30 p.m. Newcomers and non-members always warmly welcome.

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

## Congregation B'Nai Torah

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

## Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

**MONTHLY SUNDAY MORNING MAH JONG: 10 A.M. – NOON, CST SOCIAL HALL.** \$3 donation requested. Check the CST calendar or call the office for more information.

**TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI SENDROW: 11 A.M., WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18, & 25, AT CST OR VIA ZOOM.** RSVP by contacting the office.

**SISTERHOOD WOMEN'S TORAH: 7:15 P.M.,**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, AT CST.** Check the CST calendar or call the office for more information.

**3D@CST WITH RABBI SENDROW: 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 8, AT CST.** Teens enjoy discussion and dinner with rabbi and other teens. RSVP by contacting the office.

**EREV PURIM MEGILLAH READING: 6:30 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 9, AT CST.**

**PURIM SHACHARIT AND TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH READING: 7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 10, AT CST.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – PURIM CARNIVAL: 10 A.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 15, AT CST.** Activities for all ages – adults, families and kids.

**CHILDREN SERVICE: 10 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH 21, AT CST.** Mandatory for Religious School Students. Light Kiddish lunch after services.

**SISTERHOOD PASSOVER LEARNING SEDER: 2 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 22, CST SOCIAL HALL.** Check the CST calendar or call the office for more information.

**SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION: 7:15 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, AT CST.** The book is "Call me by Your Name" by Andre Aciman. Check the CST calendar or call the office for more information.

**TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI SENDROW: 11 A.M., WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 1, 22, 29, AT CST.** RSVP by contacting the office.

**NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5.**

**NO HEBREW SCHOOL EREV PESACH ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.**

**PESACH FAST OF THE FIRST BORN SERVICE: 8 A.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, AT CST.**

**PESACH SHACHARIT SERVICE: 8 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 9, AT CST.**

**PESACH SHACHARIT SERVICE WITH YIZKOR: 8 A.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, AT CST.**

**PESACH SHACHARIT SERVICE: 8 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 16, AT CST.**

**SISTERHOOD CHALLAH MAKING: 2 P.M., SUNDAY, APRIL 19, AT CST.** Check the CST calendar or call the office for more information.

**SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION: 7:15 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, AT CST.** The book is "How to Fight Antisemitism" by Bari Weiss. Check the CST calendar or call the office for more information.

**CHILDREN SERVICE: 10 A.M., SATURDAY, APRIL 25, AT CST.** Mandatory for Religious School Students. Light Kiddish lunch after services. Originally the Children Service was scheduled for April 11.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON APRIL 12, NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON APRIL 26.**

**SISTERHOOD WOMEN'S TORAH, FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.** Check the CST calendar or call the office for more information.

**JOIN THE SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB: YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO JOIN.** Contact the office for more information.

**MULTI-CULTURAL KLEZMER BAND:** Are you a hidden adult musician? CST has formed a multi-cultural adult klezmer band and wants you. If interested, contact [office@shaareytefilla.org](mailto:office@shaareytefilla.org) or (317) 733-2169.

**MINYAN: 6:30 P.M., MONDAYS 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.**

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## Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

**WEEKDAY SHAHARIT: 7 A.M.**

**SHABBAT MORNING – 9 A.M.**

**SHABBAT AFTERNOON - 1:15 P.M.** Torah Today

**EREV PURIM: MONDAY, MARCH 9**

**MINHA - 7:45 P.M.**

**TA'ANIT ESTHER ENDS - 8:14 P.M.**

**MEGILLAH READING - 8:15 P.M.**

**PURIM: TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

**SHAHARIT – 9 A.M.**

**MINHA/ARVIT AT THE END OF THE CHAG**

**SEPHARDIC COOKING SERIES CLASS NO. 3: 5:30 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 30.**

Presented by Deborah Sisterhood - Learn to cook Sephardic foods from our members, as they introduce you to their favorite recipes. \$/RSVP. Instructor TBA.

**EREV PESAH WITH MINHA/ARVIT: 8 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.**

**PESAH WITH SHAHARIT; MINHA/ARVIT TBA: 9 A.M., THURSDAY & FRIDAY, APRIL 9 & 10.**

**EREV CHAG WITH MINHA/ARVIT: 8 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.**

**PESAH WITH SHAHARIT; MINHA/ARVIT TBA: 9 A.M., THURSDAY & FRIDAY, APRIL 15 & 16.**

**NORTH AFRICAN MIMUNA CELEBRATION!: 6 P.M., SUNDAY, APRIL 19.** Enjoy sweets and chametz-laden treats listening to lively Sephardic music as we usher out Pesah.

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## Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

**UNMASKING THE SCROLL OF ESTHER: 6:30 – 8 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, AT IHC.** As children, we learn a tale of the events in a heroine's life – the story of the beauty queen Esther and how she saved the day for all the Jews of Persia. However, a direct read of the text of the scroll points to a different kind of story – a variant from the fairy tale version we learned as children. IHC will unmask the layers of the story and discuss the risqué events that happened in the kingdom of Shushan.

**SHABBAT PLAYDATE: 9:30 – 11 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH 7, AT IHC.** Join the ECC for an informal opportunity to play during Shabbat.

**PURIMSPIEL: 10 A.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 8, AT IHC.** Join IHC for a Trolls-themed Purimspiel, accompanied by hamantashen, Chicago-style hot dogs, a carnival, and of course, costumes.

**UNDERSTANDING PASSOVER DIETARY RULES & CUSTOMS: 6:30 – 8 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, AT IHC.** Kosher? Kasher for Passover? Ashkenazi or Sephardic? Yes to green beans or no? There are so many dietary restrictions and customs, how is anyone to make sense of it all? Whether you observe these or just want to find out why some people do, join us for an in-depth look into matzah and more.

**NEFESH SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M., FRIDAYS, MARCH 20, AND APRIL 17, AT IHC.** This service offers a more casual, acoustic environment for Shabbat worship services. All ages and families welcome.

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## YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) starts at sundown on April 20, and is observed as Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

### **THE BOYS OF TEREZIN FILM SHOWING**

7 – 9 P.M. | THURSDAY, APRIL 2  
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
LAIKIN AUDITORIUM

Members of Seattle's acclaimed Northwest Boychoir perform a new oratorio that opens their eyes to what the Holocaust's genocide meant to teens just like them. They meet the surviving "Boys of Terezin," and learn the poems that the boys wrote for their secret magazine VEDEM while imprisoned by Nazis.

This free screening is in conjunction with the Indianapolis Opera *Brundibar* & *Vedem* program and the Jewish Community Center. Pre-registration is appreciated at [jccindy.org](http://jccindy.org).

### **FREE BRUNDIBAR OPERA PERFORMANCE**

4 P.M. | SUNDAY, APRIL 19  
BETH-EL ZEDECK

Indianapolis Opera presents a free outreach performance of *Brundibar*, a children's opera, which features a children's chorus made up of members from the Indianapolis Children's Choir. *Brundibar* was written by Jewish Czech composer Hans Krása and librettist Adolf Hoffmeister in 1938 in the ghettos of Prague. *Brundibar* is a parable of hope and justice.

Enjoy this free family-friendly performance of *Brundibar* at BEZ and see the full performance at the Indianapolis Opera April 24-26. This program is supported by the Feigenbaum Musical Arts Fund. Visit [www.bez613.org/](http://www.bez613.org/) for more information.

### **STATE OF INDIANA'S 22ND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM**

NOON | MONDAY, APRIL 20  
INDIANA STATEHOUSE

Hear from state dignitaries, conduct a candle lighting ceremony, and read the names of victims. All members of the community are invited to read the names of those who perished during the Holocaust. This event is in partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council and Indiana Civil Rights Commission. Learn more at <https://indyjcrc.org/holocaustremembrance2020/>.

### **GALIT GERTSENZON WITH YOM HASHOAH SERVICE**

6:15 P.M. | MONDAY, APRIL 20  
INDIANAPOLIS HEBREW  
CONGREGATION

Attend a community service which begins at 6:15 p.m. with a candle lighting ceremony with participation from Holocaust survivors and families. It will be followed by a performance from pianist Dr. Galit Gertsenzon who will play music written at the Terezin concentration

camp. Visit <https://ihcindy.org/> for more information.

### **JEWISH COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH CEREMONY**

1 P.M. | TUESDAY, APRIL 21

ALBERT & SARA REUBEN  
MEMORIAL GARDEN ON THE  
JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Join the Indianapolis Jewish Community for readings, reflections, and a candle lighting ceremony. This intergenerational memorial program takes place during the day to include all community members, from students to seniors in order to highlight the importance of preserving memory. Visit [jewishindianapolis.org](http://jewishindianapolis.org) for more information.

### **CITY OF CARMEL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM**

NOON | FRIDAY, APRIL 24  
TARKINGTON THEATER AT THE  
CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

The City of Carmel's annual Holocaust Remembrance program will feature remarks from dignitaries, several performing arts pieces, and other meaningful ways to remember the Holocaust. Speaker Sidney Taussig with the Indianapolis Opera will talk about his experience writing for, burying, and retrieving the 788-page newspaper *VEDEM* while in Terezin. A luncheon will follow the program.