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### Dear Readers,

Jewish history does not always follow the laws of physics. The Second Law of Thermodynamics, after all, says that in an isolated system, entropy always increases over time and this gives the universe a unidirectional flow (thank you, Google). Simply stated, we generally conceive of history being the “arrow of time,” a series of events that take place one after another.



*Marc Swatez*  
**MARC SWATEZ**  
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Anyone who takes a college course on Jewish history will learn it exactly this way. We move from the biblical period, towards the Talmudic period, into the Middle Ages, through the Enlightenment, and on to modern times with everything in between. Abraham comes before Moses comes before Rashi comes before Golda. Fortunately for us, however, those of us who live actively in our Jewish community do not interact with Jewish history as if it was a classroom subject to memorize. We all know that Jewish history is not in the past, it is very much alive and with us today.

One way to experience Jewish history is as links in a chain, rather than an arrow in time. Each link might represent a different generation and we can imagine this chain stretching backwards and forwards through the ages, connecting us all. This way, Jewish history is transformed into much more than a description of what happened in the past. As a chain connecting generation to generation, we forge that inner strength that helps us learn from our past to overcome the challenges of the present and to ensure our impact upon an ever-brighter future.

Viewed from a distance, our chain looks like a solid line stretching its way through history. But this is only half the story. As we move closer and closer to the chain, we notice that each of those links is not a straight line. Instead, they are circles, spiraling back again and again even as they move forwards.

These circles are our rituals and traditions. They are those parts of history that are passed on from rabbis to congregations, from parents to children. Circles connect us in different ways as each generation reshapes our heritage to make it meaningful to the present while preserving the past.

These lines and circles of Jewish history are perhaps most apparent during the Passover seder. The seder is, of course, a retelling of our history when the Jewish people moved from slavery to freedom. It links our generation to those generations of the past as we look at the continuity of Passover art, the Haggadah, and the seder itself. But we also experience the circles when we share stories of the seders of our youth, recount our favorite Passover memories, discuss possible answers to questions posed by both children and adults, and perhaps enjoy family recipes that have been passed down over time.

I wonder how we might apply the concepts of lines and circles to our Indianapolis Jewish community. What are the links in our chain that connect generation to generation? What parts of our heritage do we see when we look closer and how have they been shaped and reshaped over time?

Our community is blessed for many reasons, but high among them is that we are privileged to live along this chain of Jewish history. Every generation is different just as every family is different. Only by joining together and adding our voice can we keep the chain strong and continue to extend it into the future.

# JFGI Names 2025 Annual Campaign Chairs

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis announces that Sandy Nachlis will continue her leadership as a 2025 Annual Campaign Co-chair along with Janine Shapiro.



**Sandy Nachlis, 2025 Annual Campaign Co-chair**

Nachlis was born and raised in Indianapolis. She has served on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis for 11 years. Her current role is co-chair for the 2025 Annual Campaign. Sandy also previously served as co-chair of the 2023 and 2024 Annual Campaigns and on the Hasten Hebrew Academy board for 2 terms.

Professionally, Nachlis worked in development and special event planning for 6 years at the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and 4 years at the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis. She graduated from Franklin and Marshall College earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1994 and earned a Masters of Public Affairs degree from Indiana University Bloomington in 1996.

She is married to her husband Brian, who is a past President of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and currently serves as President of the Hasten Hebrew Academy Board.

They are the proud parents of 3 children, Elise, Harris and Jared.

Shapiro was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Indianapolis in 2008. She is one of the few clinicians globally with certifications in both speech therapy and behavior analyst. She has co-authored research and contributed to published practice guidelines in peer-reviewed medical journals and curriculum books.



**Janine Shapiro, 2025 Annual Campaign Co-chair**

In addition to speaking at conferences and training events worldwide, Shapiro previously owned a company that provided intensive one-on-one therapy to children with autism. After dedicating many years to her career, she decided to leave the workforce to focus on her family and raise her three children, ages 14, 9, and 8. Beyond her professional work, Janine is an active member of her community. She serves on the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, is a member of its National Young Leadership Cabinet, and sits on the board of Hasten Hebrew Academy.

Shapiro is passionate about volunteering and cherishes time spent with her family.

## 2024 Annual Campaign Reaches Highest Amount Raised in 15+ Years

Thank you to the generous donors, dedicated volunteers, hardworking professionals, and caring community members who made the 2024 Annual Campaign a success, significantly surpassing its goal.

In 2024, the community raised \$4.66 Million for the Annual Campaign. This represents an increase of approximately 7 percent over the 2023 campaign and is the highest achievement on record since 2008. The Annual Campaign in total has increased by 17 percent in the last 2 years. According to the national average, non-profit campaigns saw a year-over-year increase of around 1.9 percent, which means the Jewish community's Annual Campaign increased by 3.5 times the national average.

One of the most successful touchpoints from the campaign was increasing the donor base by 14 percent. That means the donor base was increased by 14 percent. In addition, 55 donors were recovered donors, meaning they were donors in 2022, but not in the 2023 campaign. There were 56 deep recovered donors, meaning they were donors before 2022 and donated in 2024.

During the 2024 campaign year, JFGI welcomed 16 new Lion of Judah giving society members, and 13 new Pomegranate giving society members. The Lion of Judah giving society is when a woman makes a meaningful gift of \$5,000 or more to the Annual Campaign. A Pomegranate level donor makes a meaningful

contribution of \$1,800 or more to the Annual Campaign. There are now more than 150 Lion of Judah giving society members and 109 Pomegranate giving society members in the community.

These critical funds support the community at a time when it is especially needed, as families and organizations continue to navigate steep inflation and antisemitism. 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 in the lives of so many.

Thank you to everyone who made the success of the 2024 Annual Campaign possible – and especially to 2024 Annual Campaign Co-Chairs Sandy Nachlis, Karen Rothbaum, and Dr. Michael Rothbaum for their tireless efforts.



# LATKES & LIGHTS

Thousands of Jewish Hoosiers attended the Chanukah takeover of Newfields Winterlights. Hasten Hebrew Academy handed out glowsticks, The Lilly House was decorated with dreidels and menorahs, the Lilly Lawn had a light display to go along with Chanukah music, the Klezmer Band played themed music all night long, local synagogues displayed Judaica for purchase, and PJ Library gave out free children's books.



## Jewish Community Menorah Lighting

Hundreds of community members braved the cold and celebrated Chanukah with the lighting of the Jewish Community Menorah. Jewish organizations and synagogues each sponsored one of the eight nights.



## Pacers Light Fieldhouse Menorah

Jewish community members enjoyed a New Years Eve Pacers basketball game and then gathered on the plaza to light the menorah – a first for the Pacers franchise. Special thank you to Rachel Simon for organizing this special candle lighting.



## Nominate Someone for a JFGI Award Today!

The Indianapolis Jewish community is filled with many outstanding individuals, programs and organizations. Help recognize a community member or organization by nominating them for an award!

Fill out the online application at

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Applications are due by Friday, April 25. Awards will be given out during the Annual Meeting in June.

Contact Andrea Kruszynski at [akruszynski@jfgi.org](mailto:akruszynski@jfgi.org) with questions.

# 11 Women Inspired Following ILOJC

Eleven Indianapolis Federation women philanthropists joined a vibrant community of extraordinary women at the 2025 International Lion of Judah Conference in Atlanta. Hundreds of women were inspired from the plenaries and sessions, concerts, stories of resilience, to the celebration of this year's Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland award winners. Among those winners was Helen Kurlander Goldstein, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Each woman left the conference feeling united with the Jewish people around the world and increased their commitment to furthering the Indianapolis Federation's global impact.



ILOJC trip group: Janine Shapiro, Marina Grabovsky, Linda Mordoh, Helen Kurlander Goldstein, Linda Maurer, Carly Turow, Margo Fox, Gigi Marks Felsher, Rebecca Schalit-Newman, Mollie Tavel Kaback, and Sandy Nachlis.



Marina Grabovsky and Rebecca Schalit-Newman celebrate Helen Kurlander Goldstein during the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland award ceremony.



# Empowering Wellness for Women

Women came together on Feb. 6 for an event featuring expert insights on women's health in recognition of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day.



Evan Lubline, CEO of Hooverwood Living, and Julie Singer, Women's Engagement Committee member, provide a warm welcome to attendees.



Women learn tips and tricks to stay heart healthy at various booths.

# Local Doctors Participate in Israeli WG Medical Mission

“Expand your spheres of influence,” read a slide projected on a wall by Louis Profeta, an emergency-medicine physician from Indianapolis during a talk he gave in the auditorium of the Galilee Medical Center on Jan. 14.

That’s precisely what some of Profeta’s 13 colleagues in the audience, physicians from the central United States and Hungary, said they’d do once they were back home.

The physicians had come to the Western Galilee on a weeklong medical mission organized by Partnership2Gether, a project of the Jewish Agency for Israel that strengthens ties between American and Israeli communities.

Profeta’s message, he told an audience that included the hospital’s physicians and other staff, was this: “We should not be content enough just to be doctors, because we have so much [more] to offer.”

His comment resonated with fellow participants. Several explained later that they had plenty to bring back to their home communities by way of Israel advocacy.

While they’d come to learn — and did learn — from their Israeli colleagues in various specialties during the program’s five full days, they said they’d be returning better equipped as first-hand observers to speak about Israel’s reality during this challenging period. The mission occurred during a ceasefire in the war that the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah launched against Israel on Oct. 8, 2023, the day after Hamas’s massacre of approximately 1,200 Israelis near the Gaza Strip. GMC is Israel’s northernmost hospital,

sitting in Nahariya, just six miles from the country’s border with Lebanon. Moments after Profeta’s presentation, the P2G delegation walked through the hospital’s basement to attend another talk, passing a ward that had been moved underground more than a year ago as a precaution against Hezbollah-launched missiles.

The delegation also came to learn about critical medical services they could provide during a future emergency that might arise in Israel.

“You come here and you really see how it is. Because I’ve been coming here so long, I feel connected to the Western Galilee region [and] to the hospital. My heart brought me here,” said Sandy Bidner, M.D., an orthopedist in Austin, Tex., who co-chairs P2G’s medical committee.

The committee’s Israeli co-chair, Aya Kagade, is the director of GMC’s international affairs department, which organized the mission’s program.

“The connection of the medical center to the P2G program is significant in showcasing a shared commitment to resilience, preparedness and solidarity,” Kagade said.

It was the second visit to Israel since the war began for Matt Schocket, M.D., an anesthesiologist and pain management physician, like Bidner from Austin.

“This is not a trip about being an active physician. This is a solidarity mission. My purpose for coming here is reporting back what I’ve seen and increase people’s connection to Israel,” he said. “This was an



opportunity to come and learn and see — and take it back to my home community.”

The delegation had much to observe that morning during a comprehensive drill the hospital’s emergency department ran to test the response to a mass-casualty scenario involving 16 patients brought in following a crash between a bus and a car. The hospital’s top officials, CEO Prof. Masad Barhoum, M.D., and deputy director Tsvi Sheleg, M.D. — both of whom had addressed the P2G group — were among those attending the exercise.

“I can go back to my hospital and tell them how everyone works together here and that drills are much more realistic — decades ahead, without question,” said Eric Schreier, M.D., who specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation in Fort Wayne, Ind. “Everyone works together. It’s [very] organized: the signs, the labels, the technology. They take it much more seriously.”

P2G participants received temporary credentialing from Israel’s Ministry of Health. Some saw patients. Anna Roshal, M.D., an oncologist based in Indianapolis, attended clinic visits, allowing her to communicate with some patients in Russian, her mother tongue, having grown up in Belarus. She also engaged in valuable one-on-one teaching and provided immediate guidance to her junior colleagues in oncology and palliative care.

She had been in Israel just four months earlier to visit relatives. Profeta then told her about P2G and the medical mission in January. Roshal said she responded, “A medical trip? I can’t imagine any way a cancer doctor could be helpful. He said, ‘You do not understand. You’ll be helpful by

being here, and then you’ll come back and join me in Indianapolis and talk to people.”

And so she signed on — the first of her 10 trips to Israel that wasn’t family-centric.

“The first time I came to Israel [in 1992], it changed my life. All of a sudden, I realized who I am,” she explained.

Like Profeta, Michelle Elisburg, M.D., who practices pediatrics in Louisville, Ky., used the word “helpful,” but the equation went the other way for her.

Visiting the Jewish state and speaking with local pediatricians was a relief from the anti-Israel rhetoric she often encounters back home.

“When you’re being bashed and demonized all the time, talking to like-minded people is helpful. It’s self-care, because you don’t feel so alone,” said Elisburg. “It’s war, and I want to do something. If we were here at peacetime, we’d be talking about something else.”

The delegation’s program included observing procedures, making clinical rounds, seeing the hospital’s wartime underground command center, attending a lecture on treating oral and maxillofacial injuries suffered during the war and off-site visits to the Magen David Adom ambulance service’s local branch and to a military base’s medical clinic.

Participants also socialized at a home-



hospitality program hosted by Toni Ziv, a member of P2G’s management committee and a longtime P2G volunteer.

The program and medical context appealed so much to Denver pediatrician Michael Milobsky, M.D., that he joined the mission, at his own expense, even though he doesn’t come from a P2G Central Area community.

“I wanted to show up in some way, with skin in the game, and ... do something more meaningful,” Milobsky said. Milobsky gained insight into Israeli healthcare professionals’ commitment

when he attended a presentation on the medical center’s preparation for potential attacks from Hezbollah.

“Here’s a hospital that in an incredibly short period of time had to create a complex system to redistribute patients, move them to an underground bunker if necessary and have everyone available to fill their role,” he said. “Everyone’s willing to be part of the bigger picture. There’s a bigger job to do, and they’re willing to do it together.”

This article was submitted by Writer-Editor Hillel Kuttler with Scribe Communications.



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# Café Dilemma: Teens Talk Israel

Café Dilemma is a new program for 9-12th grade students to discuss complex topics surrounding Israel and Jewish life. In this program, students will learn to communicate respectfully with others, explore a diverse range of viewpoints and deepen their connection with Israel and their own Jewish identity. Students will be an integral part of the program by reflecting on their experiences to determine topics and learning objectives for each session.

The first meeting brought together 12 teens from across the various teen groups in the Indianapolis Jewish Community to tackle the question of "What is Israel to me?" In this session, students expressed wanting to learn more about the Israeli political system, Israeli government, history of the Middle East, impact of war, and mandatory draft into the Israel Defense Forces. There is also a strong interest in learning how they can - as teens - support Israel.

Follow Aviya on Facebook @JFGIIndyShaliach or email [ayaakoby@jfgi.org](mailto:ayaakoby@jfgi.org) for more information about the program.



## Indianapolis Community Shaliach: Memories of Purim in Israel

Purim is one of the most beloved holidays in Israel. It usually takes place in the middle of the school year, around March, and is celebrated in schools, towns, moshavim, kibbutzim, and cities all over the country. There are many ways to celebrate Purim, one of which is the Adloyada in various cities. The Adloyada is a large event where people participate in a costume parade throughout the city, accompanied by lots of music and dancing, ending with a big party for families and attendees.

In my kibbutz, on Purim evening, everyone gathers to hear the reading of the Megillah. I remember how we would eagerly wait to use the noisemakers, sitting at the edge of our seats, and as soon as we heard Haman's name, we would make as much noise as possible.

Afterward, everyone would head to the dining hall for performances by the children, middle schoolers, and high schoolers. Usually, there was a common theme (like "friendship") that everyone had to incorporate into their performances.

In the morning, the entire kibbutz would return to the dining hall for a festive meal and celebration. Later, the Purim market would take place. The market is run by the teenagers in the kibbutz, assisted by their youth group counselors, and features various activities and attractions such as trampolines, inflatables, and a costume parade.

Purim is a holiday where people fill the streets and celebrate.

## An Evening of Dialogue and Impact



15 valued Shaliach program supporters met at the home of Drs. Shayna and Zachary Cohen for a moderated discussion in December with Aviya, Community Shaliach and Tony Shapiro, a visiting Israeli entrepreneur who served in Gaza following October 7.

# Gov. Holcomb Loans Israeli Farming Artifacts Collection



The display includes historic farming pitchforks and a "morag" or farming sled.

In October 2024, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb contacted the Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council about loaning an art exhibit to the Jewish community that was on display inside the Indiana Governor's Residence. Since his term was winding down, and he was vacating the residence, Gov. Holcomb thought it would be more meaningful and get more views if the display was somewhere for the Jewish community to enjoy.

The items, historic farming tools, were gifted to him by former Israeli Consul General to the Midwest Aviv Ezra as a token of appreciation for Governor Holcomb's support of the State of Israel. The display is now available and will be so for an extended period, outside of the Jewish Federation Offices and Laikin Auditorium at the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center.



Governor Holcomb shows the display to Mayor Ofir Libstein (z'l) during his visit to Indiana in 2023.

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# Prystowsky ATID 6 Experiences Jewish Culture in Mexico City

The Prystowsky ATID 6 class visited the Jewish community of Mexico City during the first week of February. The theme for the visit quickly became communal history, building community and maintaining relationships.

For some, Mexico City had not been on their travel list. Ron Shapiro shared that he enjoyed the “beautiful, green city with art and sculptures and a vibrant, organized, tight Jewish community.”

The group visited the pyramids of Teotihuacan and the Zocalo, Constitution Square of Mexico City. This square is just down the street from the Mount Sinai Synagogue, which was built by Sephardic Jews in 1918 and the Justo Sierra Synagogue, built in 1941 by Jews of Eastern European descent. Seeing both Jewish historical sites helped lay the groundwork for an understanding of the modern Mexico Jewish community.

Two highlights were touring the Centro Deportiva Israelita, the community’s 25 acre JCC, and the Olami ORT School, one of 14

Jewish day schools. These visits sparked deep conversations about building and maintaining a vibrant Jewish community. Touring the Mexican Jewish Documentation and Research Center also highlighted the importance of preserving history to understand the present.

Not surprisingly, the most impactful experiences ended up taking place in conversations, both with leaders of the Mexican Jewish community and within the Indianapolis group. As Zak Cohen shared “It wasn’t just the sights that drew us in; it was the conversations about being Jewish—stories we’ve carried and those we’re still creating—that truly bonded our group.”

Noah Dock also shared that he had an “inspiring and insightful trip to Mexico City. Learning about the vibrant, robust and self-sustaining Jewish community provided me with plenty of ideas for the future of our organizations in Indianapolis. “ Both Dock and Cohen agreed that this Prystowsky ATID 6 cohort came back excited “about building bigger and brighter communities in Indianapolis”



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**6:30pm Wednesday, April 2 | 6:30pm Tuesday, April 8**  
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Contact Brad Swim at [bswim@securecommunitynetwork.org](mailto:bswim@securecommunitynetwork.org) for more information.



## NEXTGen

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# NEXTGen Lights it Up for Chanukah Celebration

NEXTGen capped off 2024 with a big Chanukah celebration at Brick House Dueling Pianos. Around 60 young adults got together in their best Chanukah themed attire, and enjoyed delicious food and live music.



# NEXTGen Starts the New Year with a Happy Hour

NEXTGen kicked off the new year with an energizing Happy Hour, bringing together more than 40 young Jewish community members. Be sure to follow NEXTGen's social media for upcoming Happy Hour meet ups.



## PJ Library

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# PJ, HHAI Partner for Chanukah Celebration

Almost 250 attendees joined together to celebrate Chanukah at "Let There Be Light!" This event is part of the Engage Grant through Prizmah Day Schools and PJ Library.



# PJ Participates in MLK Day of Service

Almost 100 adults and kids came together on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day for a very special service project. Together, they made 200 hygiene kits for Popsie's Pantry. The service day was in collaboration with PJ Library and Jewish Family Services.



# Families Light Community Menorah, and Celebrate New Years Eve

Families enjoyed lighting the Jewish Community Chanukkiah and rang in the new year together with a balloon drop, dance party and fun!



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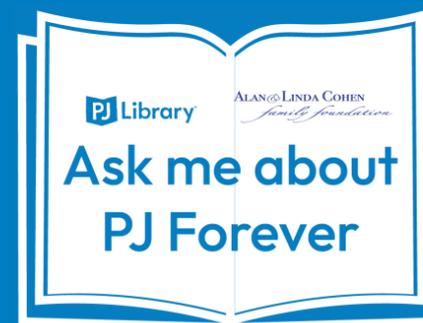
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## THE NEXT GENERATION

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis' NEXTGen is an initiative geared towards Jews, affiliated or unaffiliated, in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. NEXTGen provides meaningful programming and leadership opportunities based in Jewish values to deepen engagement in communal Jewish life.

Are you looking to connect with your Jewish peers and more information on how to get involved? Contact with Andrew Steele, NEXTGen Leadership and Engagement Manager, at [asteel@jfgi.org](mailto:asteel@jfgi.org), to learn more about the program and what's coming up!



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# Jewish Family Services

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## Celebrating a Jewish Community Legend



The community gathered at the home of Don and Lynda Katz to celebrate Lori Popp Moss' retirement and all her accomplishments. She has been a great source of strength and compassion and has touched the lives of thousands of people during her 40+ year career.



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### Thrive Social Programs Coming Up

- March 11: Chair Yoga
- March 25: Monthly Meetup
- April 8: Chair Yoga
- April 24: CIVIC: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

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10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday, March 10,  
Laikin Auditorium  
6705 Hoover Road, enter through Door #5

**PLEASE SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT**  
Walk-ins may also be accepted but we cannot guarantee a slot without an appointment

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

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

Contact **Julie Sondhelm** at (317) 536-1476 to schedule an appointment or for more information

This event is for adults age 55 and older or individuals with disabilities and will only assist with advance care planning.



# Passover

## FOOD DRIVE

Help Local Jewish Families Celebrate Passover!

### Passover Items Needed

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| o Grape Juice        | o Marinara Sauce | o Macaroons      |
| o Apple Juice        | o Salad Dressing | o Chocolates     |
| o Canned Tuna        | o Seasonings     | o Fruit Slices   |
| o Gefilte Fish       | o Barbeque Sauce | o Vegetable Oil  |
| o Pancake Mix        | o Ketchup        | o Aluminum Foil  |
| o Potato Pancake Mix | o Mustard        | o Toothbrushes   |
| o Cake Mix           | o Mayonnaise     | o Matza Ball Mix |
| o Potato Chips       | o Horseradish    | o Matza          |
| o Jelly              | o Syrup          | o Soda Bottles   |

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

Grocery gift cards can be donated! They will help families purchase kosher meat and chicken, and other perishable items to help celebrate the holiday.

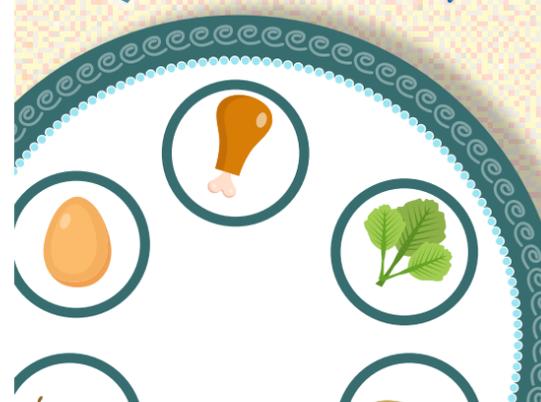


**Drop off donations by Friday, April 4.**  
Drop off hours: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Monday through Friday.

**Jewish Family Services (6905 Hoover Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46260)**

Visit <https://bit.ly/passover25> to make a financial donation. Contact Rachel Katz at (317) 259-6817 or [rkatz@jfgi.org](mailto:rkatz@jfgi.org) with questions.

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



## Holocaust-Related Books Available at the Jewish Community Library

To remember Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, on Wednesday, April 23, the Jewish Community Library reminds the community that there is an extensive collection of over 10,000 books, with a significant focus on literature related to the Holocaust. This curated selection includes both fiction and non-fiction work that illuminate the historical, cultural, and personal dimensions of this pivotal period in history. The collection serves readers of all ages, offering compelling narratives and educational resources for youth and adults alike.

The Jewish Community Library is part of the IndyPL Shared System. The Library will send books to regular IndyPL cardholders if you request it and choose an IndyPL pick up location. The Library is open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Visit [www.jewishindianapolis.org/programs/library](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/programs/library) for more information. Contact Andrea Burnett, JCL Library Coordinator, at [library@jfgi.org](mailto:library@jfgi.org) with questions.



*Happy Passover*

Wishing you a meaningful Passover! If you're seeking resources, traditions, or information to help you celebrate this special holiday, visit [www.jewishindianapolis.org/passover](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/passover) for a variety of helpful materials and insights.



# JEWISH NATIONAL FUND USA BREAKFAST FOR ISRAEL

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 • 8:00 am

Carmel, IN

Address Provided Prior to the Event



FEATURING  
Shahar Azani  
*Veteran Israeli Diplomat & Former Senior Vice President at Jewish Broadcasting Services*

EVENT CHAIRS  
Inna & Benjamin Ekhaus • Yanive Shmoel



RSVP Required at  
[jnf.org/bfiindy](http://jnf.org/bfiindy)

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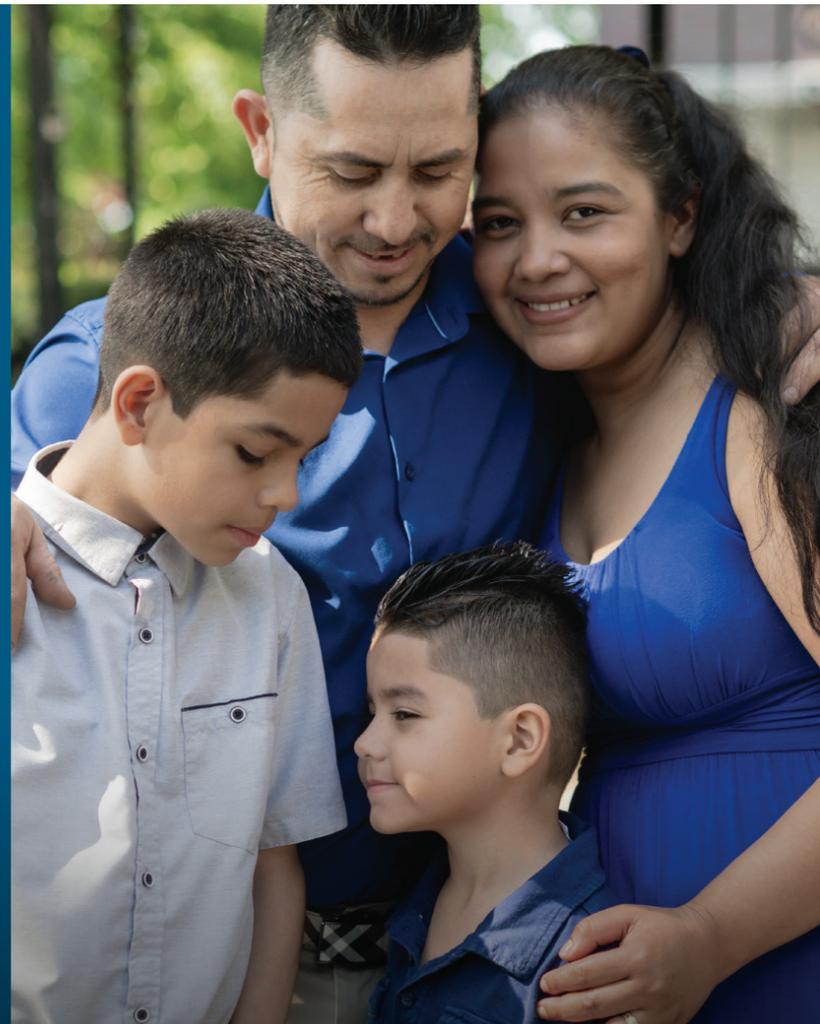


*Your Voice in Israel*

## 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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Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

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## Community Rabbis Enrich Student Life at Hebrew Academy

The Hebrew Academy's commitment to being a community-wide Jewish day school comes to life through vibrant partnerships with rabbis from across local synagogues. From early childhood through middle school, these collaborations bring diverse Jewish experiences and traditions to students throughout the year.

The early childhood program thrives with Rabbi Dovid and Chana Grossbaum leading children in daily davening and Torah story discussions. The program was further enriched when Rabbi Krichiver from Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation visited to bring musical excitement with lively Chanukah songs and Shabbat tunes that got children dancing and celebrating.

During the month of Elul, Rabbi Kerber from Congregation Beth Shalom inspired

students by sharing both his shofar-blowing skills and his journey into Hebrew calligraphy and watercolor painting. Rabbi Schusterman offered fascinating insights into shofar-making through a demonstration with various animal horns. Rabbi Sendrow of Congregation Shaarey Tefillah welcomed the new year with an impressive tekiah gedolah blast and led students in singing Hatikvah.

Middle school students are looking forward to an upcoming culinary adventure with Rabbi Askenazi from Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation, who will be leading a special cooking program.

Earlier this year, Rabbi Shevitz shared wisdom about everyday kindness and joined students in a hands-on challah-making session. At a November morning



assembly, he brought the weekly Torah portion to life through Abraham's dialogue with G-d, teaching valuable lessons about respectful disagreement.

These diverse visits exemplify the school's success in being a true community institution, where students benefit from connections with Jewish leaders across denominations, creating a rich tapestry of Jewish experiences for all students.



## ENROLL TODAY!

Hasten Hebrew Academy  
Giving Tree Early Learning



# Jewish Community Center

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## CampJCC 2025

At CampJCC, JCC Indy's Jewish day camp, kids in grades K-9 and CITs begin each morning with a Boker Tov, end each week with a rousing Shabbat celebration, and round out the summer with daily swimming in the Eskenazi Water Park. They also participate in traditions like the Leon Mordoh Lip Sync and Yom Sport color war.

For ONE DAY ONLY, JCC members get the opportunity to register for camp before registration opens to the public! Visit [JCCindy.org/summer-camps](https://JCCindy.org/summer-camps) for priority registration, which gets your rate locked in at a 7 percent discount only available between at 8 a.m.-10 p.m., on Sunday, March 2. Public registration opens on Sunday, March 9 and remains open throughout camp season.

If you're over camper age but this still sounds like a blast, apply to work as a CampJCC counselor! Visit [JCCindy.org/careers](https://JCCindy.org/careers) to apply.



Save the date for the 13th annual Earth Day at the J! The whole family can enjoy learning how to help repair the world and live the Jewish value of tikkun olam from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4. Contact Erica Johnson at [ejohnson@jccindy.org](mailto:ejohnson@jccindy.org) if you are interested in sponsoring the event.

## March JCC Arts Programming

### Time to Dance Again

The community of Sderot is near the border between Gaza and Israel. The entire community has been affected by trauma for many years because of the tension of living under constant threat of missiles, and this came to a fever pitch after October 7th. Now, over a year after the tragedy and continued war, dancers are exploring how to enter a dance class, how to engage with the body, and how to create art in a time of such tension.

This mission is what brings two Israeli dancers, Adi Gewurtz and Eirad Ben Gal, to Indianapolis. Hailing from the Sderot Adama Movement Center, they have spent many years using and teaching dance as a way to process post-traumatic stress experienced by their community.

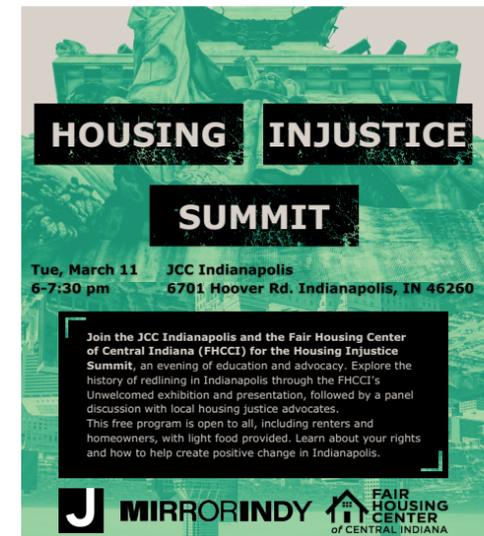
This program, Time to Dance Again, is an afternoon where people will come together through the healing power of art and movement. Adi and Eirad will perform an original piece exploring themes of trauma and recovery in the aftermath of October 7th. There will also be a reception before the program where people can contribute to a mosaic that will go to Sderot.



### Housing Injustice Summit

In the last few years, Indianapolis has gained a reputation for having some of the worst eviction rates of any city in the country. Struggles with homelessness, housing discrimination, and unlivable conditions have escalated and are now the forefront of local news. How did we get to this point?

Housing justice affects everyone. Both renters and homeowners are invited to come and learn about their rights and how they can be part of positive change in Indianapolis, today and beyond.



More information and registration for all programs can be found at [JCCindy.org/events](https://JCCindy.org/events).

### Celebrate Yom HaMishpacha (Family Day) at the JCC



From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2, enjoy activities for the whole family, including open swim in the Backer Therapy Pool, a bounce house and obstacle course, teen pick-up basketball, family pickleball, tabletop games in the Kraft Youth Wing, and more. This event is FREE for JCC members, and non-members who accompany them will NOT be charged a guest pass fee. Register at [JCCindy.org/events](https://JCCindy.org/events).

## Uniting Communities: The Power of Interfaith Engagement



Building bridges with the broader community is central to the JCRC's mission. By promoting dialogue, encouraging collaboration, and addressing misunderstandings, JCRC has strengthened ties with many faith communities in recent years.

A highlight of this work has been the success of our Student to Student program, which has brought engaging presentations at places of worship and religious schools, including Catholic schools, the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana, and various church youth groups. Looking ahead, this group plans to expand these connections through programs like Know Your Neighbor, interfaith service projects, and JCRC's signature Interfaith Seder.

The inaugural JCRC Interfaith Seder, held at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation brought together more than 160 participants from over 40 churches and faith-based organizations. Led by Rabbi Brett Krichiver and Rabbi Hal Schevitz, the event featured music, storytelling, and the rich traditions of a Passover Seder. Mark your calendars for the 2025 Interfaith Seder, hosted by Congregation Beth-El Zedeck on Tuesday, March 25.

The Know Your Neighbor initiative invites Jewish community members to connect with non-Jewish audiences through tailored presentations for houses of worship, civic groups, and local companies. This program seeks to inspire dialogue, promote mutual respect, and enhance cross-cultural understanding.



JCRC is committed to growing connections with houses of worship across Greater Indianapolis. If you know someone JCRC should connect with, or if you would like to learn more about JCRC's interfaith programs, contact Yaniv at [yshmukler@indyjcrc.org](mailto:yshmukler@indyjcrc.org) or (317) 523-1480.

## State of Indiana Honors the Righteous Among the Nations During Remembrance Program

On Jan. 24, over 100 individuals gathered at the Indiana Statehouse to observe the 26th Annual State of Indiana Holocaust Remembrance Program. This year's ceremony focused on the Righteous Among the Nations—those extraordinary individuals who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. Interspersed throughout the program were the powerful stories of Zejneba Hardaga, Janusz Korczak, and Irena Sendler, whose bravery in the face of danger continues to inspire. Their legacies were beautifully complemented by moving performances from musician Charles Manning, whose music set a reflective and heartfelt tone for the ceremony.



In recognition of those who embody the spirit of helping others today, the Hoosier Upstander Award was given to the Immigrant Welcome Center for its dedication to supporting newcomers in Indiana. Meanwhile, the Never Again Ambassador Award was presented to Arsenal Tech High School educator Nikia Garland, whose classroom serves as a space for students to grapple with the lessons of history and the imperative to combat hate. Dr. Brent Blackwell of Ball State University then delivered a thought-provoking keynote address, emphasizing the importance of moral courage even in the face of unimaginable darkness.

The program also featured a moving candle-lighting ceremony led by students from Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, honoring the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust.

The event brought together community members and elected officials, united by a shared commitment to remembering the past and building a future free from hatred. It was a meaningful reminder of the power of individual actions and the importance of standing up for what is right, even in the most challenging of times.



## Ringling in the New Year



Residents rang in the new year in style with the great Rhythm-8 Band, sparkling toasts, and tasty treats!

## Scavenger Hunt with CTeen Indy



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## Hooverwood Chanukah Celebration



Hooverwood got into the Chanukah spirit with an early celebration. The day began with a Shabbat service led by Cantor Meyersberg and was followed by a festive brunch with live music, dancing, delicious food, and plenty of joy.

## Residents Participate in Service Project



Residents and community members joined together during December's Kibitz and Cocktails to pack 100 hygiene kits for those in need. It was a great way to give back to the community.

## Silver SUPPORT

7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260

March and April Sessions:

THURSDAY  
MARCH 20TH @ 6:30 PM

THURSDAY  
APRIL 17TH @ 6:30 PM

Silver support will be held on the third of every month.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Jacqui Goldstein at [jgoldstein@hooverwood.org](mailto:jgoldstein@hooverwood.org) or call 317-251-2261



Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. — Leo Buscaglia

Your presence alone can make all the difference. Get involved in the mitzvah of volunteering with Hooverwood Living or A.R.N. Hospice today. You never know how much of a difference your time and compassion can make in someone's life.

Contact Jacqui Goldstein at [jgoldstein@hooverwood.org](mailto:jgoldstein@hooverwood.org) or (317) 251-2261 to get started.

### Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

**COCKTAIL JUDAISM: 7 P.M. MONDAY, MARCH 3 AND APRIL 7, LOCATION TBD.** Enjoy a delightful evening filled with good conversation, tasty food, and delicious drinks alongside Rabbi Hal. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect and explore our faith in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Stay tuned for more details.

**ADULT PURIM SPIEL AND TRIVIA: 7 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 13 AT BEZ.** Get ready for a night of fun and celebration at the upcoming Adult Purim Spiel and Trivia Night! Join an evening filled with laughter, friendship, and refreshments. Gather your squad and put together a team with a creative theme (costumes are encouraged!), or come solo and you will be paired up with fellow trivia enthusiasts.

**A "WICKEDLY" FUN FAMILY PURIM SPIEL AND CARNIVAL: 6 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 15 AT BEZ.** Join the Family Purim Spiel and Carnival with a "Wicked" flair! It's time to "defy gravity" and channel your inner Elphaba and Glinda. There will be games, tasty treats, and plenty of chances to show off your costumes. RSVP to [raider@bez613.org](mailto:raider@bez613.org).

**K-2 SHABBAT: 6 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 21 AT BEZ.** Join a special Shabbat evening as Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders lead the service with Rabbi Hal and Cantor Cohen. Students and their families are invited to stay for a special pasta dinner after services.

**MINI MINYAN: 10:30 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 22 AT BEZ.** Discover the magic of Shabbat with Cantor Melissa in "Mini-Minyan," a participatory service designed specifically for elementary-aged children and their families. Learn the melodies, understand the rituals, and actively participate in this joyous Shabbat experience. Oneg included.

**TOT SHABBAT: 10 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 29 AT BEZ.** Singing, movement, music and more at a fun Shabbat service for newborns to 3-year-olds and their families and friends. Older siblings are welcome. RSVP to Robbie Alder at [raider@bez613.org](mailto:raider@bez613.org).

**ROSH HODESH, WOMENS' PESACH WITH SISTERHOOD: TIME TBD, SUNDAY, MARCH 30 AT BEZ.** Join a special Women's Rosh Hodesh event as the Rosh Hodesh group comes together with the sisters from Sisterhood to celebrate Pesach. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and prepare for the holiday season in good company. Stay tuned for more details.

**ROSH HODESH – ACRYLIC POUR PAINTINGS: 7 P.M. MONDAY, APRIL 28, LOCATION TBD.** It's a chance to unleash your creativity and have fun together. More details coming soon. Contact Robbie at [raider@bez613.org](mailto:raider@bez613.org) for more information.

Visit <https://bez613.org/> or @CongregationBEZ on Facebook for more information.

### Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) holds its activities and functions at 3085 W. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032. These include, but are not

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

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

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

**SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES: 10:30-11:30 A.M. AT TEMPLE. SATURDAY, MARCH 1, MARCH 29, AND APRIL 26.** These Saturday morning services are ideal for those who would like to attend a Shabbat service but are unable to attend on Friday nights. All are welcome.

**THE MAGIC OF THEODORE BIKEL: A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: 3-5 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 9, AT THE TEMPLE.** CBS is sponsoring an inspiring, free event. Come and listen to Aimee Ginsberg Bikel give a heartfelt presentation about her late husband, Theodore "Theo" Bikel followed by a reception featuring wine, light hors d'oeuvres, and an opportunity to meet Aimee personally. Aimee is the founder of the Theodore Bikel Legacy Project and is an award-winning author, journalist, and public speaker. Visit the website at [bethshalomindy.org](http://bethshalomindy.org) or contact Mickie at [mgurvis@comcast.net](mailto:mgurvis@comcast.net) for more information.

**PURIM CARNIVAL: 11 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 16, AT THE TEMPLE.** Kids and parents are invited to enjoy a bounce house, games, tasty food, and prizes. Contact Mickie at [mgurvis@comcast.net](mailto:mgurvis@comcast.net) for more information.

**CBS BOOK CLUB: 1 -P.M. SUN, MARCH 16.** Always seeking engrossing novels with a Jewish theme, for March the CBS Book Club will meet at the home of Susan Meyers to discuss the novel *The Familiar* by Leigh Bardugo. All are welcome to attend, whether in person or on Zoom. Contact Sharon Karp at [skarp@iu.edu](mailto:skarp@iu.edu) with questions or to get the Zoom link.

**MAHJONGG MANIA: 12:30 – 3:30 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 27.** A super popular event sponsored by the CBS Sisterhood for all Mahjongg lovers. More details coming soon. Contact Isabel Atlas at [ieatlas@aol.com](mailto:ieatlas@aol.com) for more information.

Visit [bethshalomindy.org](http://bethshalomindy.org) or @BethShalomindy on Facebook for more information.

### 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.**

**RABBI HIRSCH ON PARSHAT SHAVUA FOR WOMEN: 7:30 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHTS.**

**MINCHAT CHINUCH: WEDNESDAY AFTER MAARIV.**

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

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

**SHABBAT MORNING CLASS FOR 2ND GRADERS & YOUNGER:** Meets after Kedushah of Mussaf in the Beit Medrash. There will be davening, Parsha study, games and prizes.

**PARSHAT SHAVUA: ON BREAK**

**DOR LEDOR:** Adult and child learning, immediately following Shabbat Mincha. Stories and raffles!

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

**YOUTH GROUPS ON SHABBAT MORNING: APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES BEFORE KIDDUSH** (Ages 3-1st grade and 2nd grade-5th).

**SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB HOSTED BY JENNIFER BERDAY.** Email [office@btorah.org](mailto:office@btorah.org) for more information.

**INDY KOLLEL WEEKLY GATHERING: THURSDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. AT CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH.** Come enjoy hot gestalt cholent and refreshments while learning meaningful life skills in *The world of work* by Moshe Kestenbaum! Contact Rick Bentley at [rick.bentley613@gmail.com](mailto:rick.bentley613@gmail.com) or (317) 989-2047 for more information.

Contact the office at (317) 253-5253 or email [office@btorah.org](mailto:office@btorah.org) to sponsor a kiddush on occasion of a yahrzeit, simcha, or other event. Visit [btorahindy.org](http://btorahindy.org) to donate or to view current shul bulletin and service times.

### Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana

Chabad Center for Jewish Life Weekly Services – 10 a.m. Shabbat Services every Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday Services every Sunday. Visit [www.chabadindiana.org](http://www.chabadindiana.org) or @chabadindiana 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**

Rabbi Askenazi leads a full schedule of services every Shabbat, Erev Shabbat through Havdala. Times vary weekly on Fridays and Saturdays.

**RUBISSA RAJELI ASKENAZI INVITES WOMEN 12 AND OLDER FOR A ROYAL GATHERING: 5:30 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 9.** Join a joyful, Purim-themed evening inspired by the story of Queen

Esther. Cost is \$36. Visit [www.etzchaimindy.org/make-a-payment](http://www.etzchaimindy.org/make-a-payment) to register. Dress code is Royal Attire.

**RUBISSA'S CLASS "60 MINUTES OF FEMININE REALITY": 7:30 P.M. MONDAY, MARCH 24.** RSVP at [rubissa@etzchaimindy.org](mailto:rubissa@etzchaimindy.org).

**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.

**PURIM: MARCH 13-14.** Visit the website for more information on popular Purim services, Megillah reading and kids' costume parade and competition.

**PESACH SERVICES: APRIL 12-20.** Visit the website for a full schedule of Pesach services lead by Rabbi Daniel Askenazi and lay leaders.

**APRIL 21 | MIMOUNA**

Watch for newly added services, classes, and events on the Jewish Indianapolis Community Calendar and at [www.etzchaimindy.org](http://www.etzchaimindy.org). Subscribe to receive weekly emails for the most up-to-date information. Connect on Facebook @EtzChaimindy and @EtzChaimtheSisterhood. Contact the office at (317) 251-6220 or [office@etzchaimindy.org](mailto:office@etzchaimindy.org) with questions.

### Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

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

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

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

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

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

**ADULT PURIM SHPIEL: 7-9 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 14.**

**PURIM CARNIVAL: 11 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 16.** Defy gravity at the JLP's "Wicked"-themed Purim Carnival. Enjoy games and bid on prizes at the silent auction. All proceeds benefit IHC's youth programs. Tickets are available for purchase.

**JEWISH BOOK CLUB: 12 P.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 11, AND APRIL 8.** The Jewish Book Club is a great way for book lovers to enjoy getting to know each other through lively discussion about great books with Jewish and literary value. Selections are mostly fiction, occasional biography/memoir or historical non-fiction. The book clubs meet on Zoom,

and, occasionally, in person, at noon on the second Tuesday of each month.

**SISTERHOOD HAMANTASHEN DRIVE-THRU PICK-UP: 9 A.M. – 12 P.M. SUNDAYS MARCH 9 AND 16.** It's Tashen Time and Sisterhood bakers will be in the kitchen baking delicious treats. All orders help Sisterhood cover commitments to fund IHC's Jewish Learning Program, Youth Groups, ECC, Camp Scholarships and so much more.

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

**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:** If you love to knit, crochet, sew, or embroider and love to schmooze while you stitch, then Mitzvah Stitchers is perfect for you. Email Barb Levy at [bcl@bclevy.com](mailto:bcl@bclevy.com) to be added to the email distribution list so she can provide you with the Zoom link for meetings.

**EUCHRE CIRCLE:** All levels of play are welcome to come and have some fun, meet new people, and compete for a prize. Please note, there is a 20-player limit for each Euchre Circle gathering. Text or email Circle Leader Melanie Gottlieb at (317) 403-9616 or [mlgottf9675@gmail.com](mailto:mlgottf9675@gmail.com) with questions, or if you sign up and your plans change, let Melanie know.

**EUCHRE CIRCLE: 6 P.M. THURSDAYS MARCH 27 AND APRIL 24.** All levels of play are welcome to come and have some fun, meet new people, and compete for a prize. Email Circle Leader Melanie Gottlieb at [mlgottf9675@gmail.com](mailto:mlgottf9675@gmail.com) with questions. This circle also meets at 10 a.m. Mondays March 10, 24, April 7 and 28.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: 6 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 28.** Join Cantor Aviva Marer and Clinical Psychologist Tami Krichiver in a warm, confidential environment to comfort one another, share our pain, reflect on loss, or simply observe, and listen.

**ISRAEL FOR THE WISE: 7 P.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 18 AND APRIL 8.** Join the Indianapolis Community Shaliach for this fascinating class exploring a number of facets of Israeli life and culture. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you would like. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$18 per session or \$54 for the course.

**KIDS TODAY: 10 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 9.** Raising children in the world today can be stressful. In this series of classes, learn from Jewish tradition and experts in their fields about how to support each other and children as they grow. Coordinated by Rabbi Chernow-Reader. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$18 per session

**STORIES OF JEWISH MUSIC: 7 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 27 AND APRIL 3.** Using the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music's curated curriculum, Cantor Marer will offer four lessons on various topics in Jewish music ranging from basic history, Jewish jazz, Yiddish influences, and Leonard Bernstein. No prior musical knowledge is necessary. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$54.

**SAY WHAT???: READING REFORM RESPONSA: 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS APRIL 16, 23 AND 30.** Join Rabbi Shapiro and traverse through Reform Jewish Responsa dealing with a number of hot topics in Reform congregations. Responsa are created when Jews have questions and seek an "official" response. Come and explore the super normal and the wildly crazy questions and the responses. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

**GUIDING THE PERPLEXED IN THE MODERN AGE: 7 P.M. TUESDAYS APRIL 29, MAY 6 AND 13.** No other Jewish philosopher had an impact on the Jewish world like Nachman Krochmal, and yet his legacy goes largely unknown. In fact, he only ever wrote half a book. In this course, explore Krochmal's ideas. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

Register for classes with IHC Administrative Assistant, Beth Meade-Hession, at [BethMH@ihcindy.org](mailto:BethMH@ihcindy.org) or (317) 255-6647.

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

### Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

**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
- March 28, Lori Halperin, Hasten Hebrew Academy
- April 25, author Dr. Alex Kor

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

- First Saturday of the month: Nosh 'n Drash with Rabbi Sendrow following services

**ADULT LEARNING SERIES – LED BY RABBI BENJAMIN SENDROW**

- Meeting Micah: Monday nights after minyan at approximately 6:45 p.m. available in person and on Zoom
- Weekly Torah Study: Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on Zoom only

**PURIM CARNIVAL: 11 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

**HAVDALAH AND GAME NIGHT: 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

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

### Temple Beth El Muncie

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

**Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis'**  
*120th Annual Meeting*

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2025

**Laikin Auditorium**

on the Max & Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus

More details coming soon.

