I always love celebrating Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) with all of you. This year I’m especially excited because for the first time, we’re holding a celebration of the anniversary, which we’re calling “Israel in the Park,” off-campus, at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel. According to our 2017 Jewish Community Study, approximately 44% of our community (3,700 households), live north of core, and 60% of those households contain children ages 0-17, so we’re thrilled to be bringing this family-friendly event to a public park in the area. Read more on pages 14-15!

While a third of our community (3,100 households, many of whom are seniors) still live close by in our core area, 20 percent (1,700 households) live south of core. We know many of those homes are occupied by married couples without children. To cater to this group, we continue to host several NEXTGen young adult events, like happy hours and LGBTQ brunches, in Broad Ripple and downtown. We hope you can join us for an upcoming event.

Do you know people who don’t get this magazine and should? Do you know anyone who wants to be connected to our community but isn’t yet? Contrary to popular belief, we don’t know everyone yet! Unless someone tells us, we don’t know that someone new has moved to town or has never been connected to our Jewish community. We truly want to get to know more of the community, and we absolutely love new people, so give us a call at 317-726-5450, or visit our website at jewishindianapolis.org! The “Shalom Indy” webpage at jewishindianapolis.org/new-to-indy is an especially great gateway full of resources on Jewish Indianapolis, and there’s even a form you can fill out to tell us more about yourself.

On a final note, I would like to thank all those who have already contributed to the 2019 Annual Campaign, before and during our annual kickoff on April 30. In order to keep growing and offer a variety of recreation for you, we need the support of the entire community. Gifts of any and all sizes are very much appreciated and make a difference! If you haven’t yet, you can make your 2019 Annual Campaign gift right now at jewishindianapolis.org/donate. Thank you!

DEBRA BARTON GRANT
Executive Vice President and CEO
JFGI welcomes **HAN JACOBS MEADWAY** (Director of Planning) and **ANDREA HIRSCH** (Communications Manager) and says thank you to intern **HANNAH SMITH**.

**Han Jacobs Meadway**

LIVES WITH: Husband AJ, two dogs, and an angora rabbit  
HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA  
EDUCATION: B.A. in American Studies from Smith College, J.D. from Drexel University, M.S.W. from Bryn Mawr College  
BACKGROUND: Worked as Associate Director for Social Responsibility at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (focusing on programs addressing older adults, food security, and vulnerable populations) and managed the Northeast NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). Served on the leadership committee of GenPhilly, a group of aging professionals, and as co-chair of the LGBT Elder Initiative board in Philadelphia.  
HOBBIES: Running, knitting, and travel.  
WORKED HERE SINCE: March 2019

**Andrea Hirsch**

LIVES WITH: Big orange cat named OJ  
HOMETOWN: West Bloomfield, MI (near Detroit)  
EDUCATION: B.A. in Journalism from Western Michigan University  
BACKGROUND: In reverse chronological order, marketing coordinator at architecture and design firm Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf, communications coordinator at Eskenazi Health, producer at WISH-TV 8, editor at Zionsville Times Sentinel, reporter at Hendricks County Flyer, police and court reporter in Marion, IN.  
FAVORITE THING ABOUT INDIANAPOLIS: I have been living in Indianapolis for almost 12 years. I love the Midwest because of the people, four seasons, and way of life. I continue to call Indy my home because I like the small nightlife pockets of downtown, and how much the city is growing. While I miss my family and home, I am only a few hours’ drive away!  
SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT ME: My favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs, although I have a tiny gluten allergy so I use chickpea pasta instead! I will never say no to street tacos from Bakersfield though!  
HOBBIES: Cooking, teaching cycling classes, and being in the company of friends.  
WORKED HERE SINCE: March 2019

**Hannah Smith**

FAMILY: Parents, two younger sisters, and two dogs (Chuckleton Finn and Maggie)  
HOMETOWN: Marysville, OH  
EDUCATION: Current senior in IUPUI’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Media and Public Affairs  
BACKGROUND: Worked as an AmeriCorps VISTA; Communications Intern at Ball State University’s Department of Journalism; Strategic Communications Intern at Ascena Retail Group; Special Events and Development Intern at Ronald McDonald House Charities.  
WORKED HERE SINCE: 2017 as a Jewish Family Services volunteer; December 2018 as a JFGI intern  
WHY I FIND WORKING FOR THE FEDERATION MEANINGFUL: The Federation has given me the unique ability to attach an internship program with not only purposeful work but a broader sense of community.

The Indiana chapter of JPRO Network, which serves as the career development organization for Jewish community professionals, is thrilled to welcome **RACHEL WALDORF** as its new volunteer chair! Rachel currently works as Associate Director at UIR Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI). Visit [jewishindianapolis.org](http://jewishindianapolis.org) to read more about her!
2018 Annual Campaign Recap
Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers and donors for helping to raise nearly $3.9 million for the 2018 Annual Campaign! These funds support the many needed programs and services provided by the Federation and its partner agencies and organizations in Greater Indianapolis, in Israel, and around the world. Thank you!!!

The Federation and its agencies touch the lives of over 2,000 Indianapolis area residents daily, and countless more in Israel and other countries. With YOUR help, and through the funds raised and allocated through the Annual Campaign, we as a community:

- Feed those who are hungry
- Provide comfort and care to seniors
- Educate children and adults
- Help individuals be physically fit and healthy
- Combat antisemitism
- Build community
- And much more!

Special thanks to the 2018-2019 Annual Campaign Co-Chairs, Helen Kurlander Goldstein and Leslie Rubin, along with all of the Annual Campaign volunteers!

2019 Annual Campaign
As the 2019 Annual Campaign gets underway, your help is needed to meet the growing needs of the community. In the local community alone, more than 3,700 individuals—including many children and seniors—need help with the basic necessities that so many take for granted. They need your help!

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

To make a difference in the lives of others who need your help, please contribute to the Annual Campaign (jewishindianapolis.org/donate), call 317-715-9274, or mail your check to the Jewish Federation at 6705 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Where does the money go?
Each year, committees of volunteers and staff work to review funding requests, reach consensus, and allocate the funds raised through the Annual Campaign to support local, national, and international agencies, programs, services, and projects. Added to the funds raised through the 2018 Annual Campaign were additional grant funds, combining for a total of $3,996,328.

So where does the money go? The chart below illustrates how money is allocated through the Planning and Allocations Process for 2019.

In addition to the funds allocated from the Annual Campaign, the Federation also provides in-kind support and services to constituent agencies, including rent, security, technology, shared services, campus resources, and more.
In February, JFGI Women’s Philanthropy held its first Common Threads program of 2019, entitled “In Doubt or Living Without: Food Insecurity in Our Community.” Common Threads is a series of programs that bring women together to discuss current topics of interest in the community.

The Common Threads “The Choices We Make” event and the annual luncheon for Lion of Judah and Pomegranate society members, both featuring guest speaker Jeannie Opdyke-Smith, occurred at press time. Look for photos in the next issue!

Michaela, Reuben, Maria, and Arica Simon (L-R) painted Passover seder plates and trays to be donated to families in need at a JFGI Women’s Philanthropy event at Pottery By You in March. Not pictured: Beth Klapper and Women’s Philanthropy co-chair Gigi Marks Felsher.

Get in touch with your inner flower arranger! Participants will make two bouquets with reclaimed flowers and one or both will then be delivered to local hospitals or nursing homes. Visit jewishindianapolis.org/womens-philanthropy to register.

WED, JUNE 19 • 6 PM
RANDOM ACTS OF FLOWERS
1057 E. 54TH ST., SUITE F, INDIANAPOLIS • $25
SAVE THE DATE!

Friends Over 90 Celebration Lunch

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Wednesday
June 26th
at Noon

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

2019 Legacy Community Celebration

Thursday
September 12th
at 6 pm

JCC Laikin Auditorium

INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW
THE LUNCH PROGRAM

The Lunch Program is simple: Each month, you get an email with the name and contact information of your monthly match-up pairing. You and your match-up arrange to meet for lunch when convenient for you both. That’s it. That’s the Lunch Program. Easy, right?

The pairings allow participants the opportunity to connect with other members of the community who they have yet to meet, facilitate meetups between lifelong friends who may get bogged down in their busy lives, and offer low-barrier ways for people who are new to the Indianapolis area to meet and learn about their new Jewish community. The program also offers a flexible schedule, allowing almost anyone in Indianapolis the ability to participate and connect.

After two years of running the Lunch Program, results have been collected to show the program’s impact and outcomes to the community. February 2019 saw the 24th set of pairings, for 804 total pairs since the program began; throughout the program’s life, it has seen 129 unique individuals participate. While some people have moved away or opt out for the month due to schedules, the program sees approximately 40 pairings each month between about 80 participants.

If you are interested in participating in the Lunch Program, visit jewishindianapolis.org/lunch-program or reach out to Matt at mkmorning@jfgi.org with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE
3rd Annual Light It Up Chanukah Party
Saturday, December 14
Over the past six months, volunteers at the BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library have spent countless hours organizing the 8,000+ book collection and making the library a welcoming place for the whole community. They have been busy helping inventory the collection, reorganizing the shelves, processing books to send to other branches, helping patrons, and reading to children in the JCC’s Early Childhood Education program.

A big “great job” thank you to these volunteers: Linda Glanzman, Barbara Goldman, Diane Graul, Sheila Greenwald, Alan Hamburger, Shelley Kahn, Barbara Levy, Xian Ma, Sharon Monat, Monica Rosenfeld, Marcia Sklare, Jeannie Stein, Gabby Tamler, Bess Walter, and Sue Zellers.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Marcia Goldstein, Library Coordinator, at library@jfgi.org. Everyone is welcome to drop by the library when it is open on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 am–2 pm, and Tuesdays, 1-4 pm.

BRINGING A NEW BEAT TO TORAH

Matt Bar, the founder and Executive Director of Bible Raps, is coming to Indianapolis June 6-9 to enrich the community’s teaching of Torah and celebration of Shavuot! Matt, who was named to the NY Jewish Week’s “36 Under 36” list and has participated in multiple Jewish innovation projects, will run professional development sessions for local teachers in Jewish settings and AEPi staff and will enrich CampJCC’s first Shabbat celebration of the summer with a performance and an engaging workshop for the older campers.

The highlight of Matt’s visit will be his involvement with the community Tikun Leil Shavuot, a celebration of the Festival of Shavuot and the culmination of Indianapolis’ first year as a Chai Mitzvah Ignite city. Since Shavuot marks both the spring harvest and the receiving of Torah, there is a tradition to spend the whole night studying. The session with Matt and other community teachers ends at midnight, but there will be opportunities to continue learning at nearby congregations for the rest of the evening. Everyone is invited to this communal celebration filled with creativity, learning, and (of course) cheesecake! For more information, visit bit.ly/JFGIShavuot.

BJE Maurer Jewish Community Library

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT SATURDAY, JUNE 8 9 PM-MIDNIGHT JFGI EDUCATION CENTER
Sharing Testimonies through Technology

In early March, as part of a JFGI Education Collaboration Grant received in partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council, students from Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation were able to preview a new exhibit at CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Presented in collaboration with the USC Shoah Foundation, the Dimensions in Testimony exhibit features interactive biographies from 15 Holocaust survivors, including museum founder Eva Kor. Each featured survivor spent three days surrounded by cameras capturing their every move, all while being pelted with over 2,000 questions ranging from “How did you survive?” to “What is your favorite food?”

After touring CANDLES’ permanent exhibit space, which weaves Eva’s story through the external events of World War II and the Holocaust, students asked digital Eva questions about her life in Port, Romania; what she and her twin sister Miriam experienced at the hands of infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele; and how she felt upon the liberation of Auschwitz. This type of exhibit will allow museumgoers the opportunity to experience a Holocaust survivor’s eyewitness account using her or his own words long after s/he is gone.

Holocaust Speakers Bureau

The JFGI Holocaust Speakers Bureau has been busy engaging with students and members of the broader community through sharing personal and family stories from the Holocaust. Thus far in 2019, speakers have reached more than 2,000 students and community members by presenting to middle and high schools, universities, libraries, senior living facilities, the Indiana Repertory Theatre, and the Children’s Museum.

These stories are not always easy to share, but the volunteer speakers understand the vital importance of doing so. Their stories provide a face to history and a personal connection to an event often seen as irrelevant by many in today’s society. With the rise of antisemitism and other forms of bigotry, disseminating these stories to the broader community is even more critical. Todah Rabah to Ed and Esther Davidson, Sharie Fields, Corey and Brenda Freedman, Carolyn Hiser, Tibor Klopf, Phil Lande, Maya Shmoel, Dee Schwartz, and Julie Sondhelm for the commitment, courage, and compassion they have shared along with their families’ stories.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the JFGI Holocaust Speakers Bureau, please contact Amber Maze at amaze@jfgi.org.

COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1 PM
Albert & Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial
6705 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis
All are invited to come together to honor survivors of different generations as well as those who are working toward advancing Holocaust education.

CITY OF CARMEL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
FRIDAY, MAY 3, NOON
Tarkington Theater
3 Center Green, Carmel
Esther Davidson will share her moving story about growing up in the shadow of Nazi-occupied Poland. She will be joined by her daughter Sharie and granddaughter Naomi.

Full commemoration schedule at jewishindianapolis.org/calendar.

(At left) Tibor Klopf, a member of JFGI’s Holocaust Speakers Bureau, shared his family’s story with students at the Children’s Museum’s Holocaust Remembrance Day event on March 7.
Join the 13 members of the inaugural YoPhI (Youth Philanthropy Indy) Teen Board as they share reflections on their year-long philanthropic experiences and present checks to the organizations they chose to receive grants in support of their mission to promote youth education in greater Indianapolis.

If you are interested in applying for the 2019-2020 YoPhI Teen Board, take this opportunity to learn more about the program!

Applications for the 2019-2020 Teen Board are due by May 31 at 5 pm. Check out the full application at jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-teen-board.

On March 24, over 80 Jewish youth came together for J-Serve, a mega service event, and the YoPhI Service Learning launch.

Over 80 3rd-12th graders gathered together on Sunday, March 24 to make a difference in the Indianapolis community! While 6th-12th graders participated in J-Serve, a mega teen service learning event, 3rd-5th graders brought joy to the spring holidays by making Purim baskets for Hooverwood residents and Passover fun packs for Jewish Family Services’ Passover drive. Visit bit.ly/JServeYoPhi2019 to check out more pictures from the day.

Come ready to get dirty! Children in grades 3-8 will create a community genizah for retiring old prayer books and ritual objects. Help create a home for some of the community’s most cherished objects and learn about the importance of memory in Jewish tradition.

Registration is open! Visit jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-service-learning to sign up.

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Do you know a rising 11th or 12th grader that would be a great fit for the YOPHI TEEN BOARD? Nominate them to apply using the tear-out form on page 27!
Welcome, Roberta!

JFGI is excited to welcome Roberta Alder as its new PJ Library Coordinator! PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, sends free Jewish children’s books to families across the world every month. Learn more and sign up at jewishindianapolis.org/pj-library!

JFGI’s previous PJ Library coordinator, Leah Aft, isn’t going anywhere just yet! She’s staying on with JFGI as PJ Baby Connect Coordinator, focusing on engaging with families who have children ages 0-2.

EDUCATION: B.A. in History with emphasis in East European and Jewish Studies from IU, Masters in Library Science from IUPUI, Master’s in Education and Technology from WGU

BACKGROUND: Member of the Indianapolis Jewish community for more than ten years. Volunteer at local synagogues, libraries, and the Hasten Hebrew Academy (which her children attend) in the cafeteria, early childhood library, and with the PTO

HOBBIES: Reading, walking the dog, music, cooking for friends and family

PJ Goes to Camp

Children not yet old enough for overnight camp can get a taste of it at PJ Goes to Camp! Enjoy activities like Jewish farming, sports, arts and crafts, a song session, swimming, and lunch in GUCI’s cafeteria.
Older Americans Month

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation’s observance of Older Americans Month. The 2019 theme, Connect, Create, Contribute, encourages older adults and their communities to:

- **Connect** with friends, family, and services that support participation.
- **Create** by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- **Contribute** time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH CELEBRATION**
**TUESDAY, MAY 21, NOON**
JCC Laikin Auditorium
6701 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis

Celebrate Older Americans Month with the Libby & David Fogle Lunch Bunch! Featuring a special performance from the Shepherd’s Choir. Open to anyone age 60+ for only $3. Transportation may be available upon request. Kindly RSVP to Anne Beckman at 317-259-6222.

**GROCERY SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS**

David Glenn and his children and sister Jaime Levinberg and her children won Jewish Family Services’ first Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt to benefit Popsie’s Pantry! “It was fun, and the kids still talked about it at dinner!” David said. Visit jewishindianapolis.org/jfs to download the scavenger hunt.

**SHOW AND TELL FOR SENIORS**

SHARE A STORY, a talent, a collection, a travel experience, or a skill with the fabulous seniors at the Libby and David Fogle Lunch Bunch!

The Lunch Bunch meets regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-1 pm.

Please contact Ruthie Gal at yarning@hotmail.com to schedule a date to join the Lunch Bunch.
Jewish Family Services is holding its first coat drive! When you’re doing your spring cleaning, bring your new or lightly used cleaned jackets to JFS (6905 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis), who will distribute them to families in the local community. Contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfgi.org for more information or with questions.

POWER OF PROTEST: THE MOVEMENT TO FREE SOVIET JEWS
ON EXHIBIT AT THE JCC THROUGH MAY 15

The Movement to Free Soviet Jews, one of the most successful human rights movements in history, shows that voices raised in protest can lead to remarkable achievements. The Jewish Community Center (JCC), along with Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council, and Indiana Jewish Historical Society are proud to present this exhibit from the National Museum of American Jewish History. The display is in the JCC’s art gallery area and in the hall between the east and west doors.

SOVIET IMMIGRATION AND OUR COMMUNITY
MONDAY, MAY 13, 7 PM
JCC LAIKIN AUDITORIUM
6701 HOOVER RD., INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis community was deeply involved in the movement to free Soviet Jews. A panel discussion and Q&A session will be held with community members who were personally involved. It is not just history; it is home. Stay after the discussion for a dessert reception and speak one-on-one with the panelists. Visit jewishindianapolis.org/jfs to learn more.
Coxhall Gardens
11677 Towne RD., Carmel

Interactive Nature Exploration
Jumbo Jenga
Henna Tattoos
Virtual Reality Goggles
Foosball
Face Painting
Hair Braiding
Write Your Name in Hebrew
Israeli Dancing & Zumba
Israei Collage with Flower Petals!
Bedouin Tent with Shesh Besh (Backgammon)
Green Screen Israel Photos!

In case of rain, call 317-726-5450 for more information. To learn more, volunteer, or pre-purchase “shuk shekels,” visit jewishindianapolis.org/israelinthepark

Big Car Collaborative will be bringing oversized games often found played along the beaches of Israel!

Celebrate Israel Independence Day with the Greater Indianapolis Jewish community!

Sunday May 19
4-7 PM

Big Car Collaborative
Longer Forming the Community Mosaic with Visiting Israeli Artist Or-Nah Ran
Local Jewish Organizations and Visiting Artists from Israel Will Share Family-friendly Activities Including

Israel in the Park

Free Event! All Are Welcome!
A HANDS-ON ENCOUNTER WITH ISRAELI CULTURE!

Food & Drinks for Purchase

MIDDLE EASTERN SPECIALTIES AND KID FAVORITES

PERFORMANCE BY VISITING ISRAELI BAND

ROCKDIM

Rockdim are an energetic group of musicians and singers!

Participating Local Jewish Organizations Include

Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis
Jewish Family Services Library
Jewish Community Relations Council
J Indianapolis
NextGen Indianapolis
INDIANA JEWISH DISCOVERY CENTER
CONGREGATION SHAAREY TEFILLA
STEIR CHAIN SEPHTARDIC CONGREGATION
INDIANA JEWISH DISCOVERY CENTER

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INDIANAPOLIS Jewish and Israeli Film Festival  
SUN.-THURS., AUG. 25-29  

The mission of the Indianapolis Jewish and Israeli Film Festival is to introduce the Indianapolis community to the diversity that exists within Jewish and Israeli films; to entertain; to educate; and to shine a spotlight on Israel’s thriving film industry as part of a lively and innovative nation.

Audiences are sure to enjoy a varied selection of culturally significant films that will be inspirational, educational, exciting and engaging. Films to be screened will include:

**FEATURE FILMS**

**MAGIC MEN**  
(Israel, 2014; dramedy; Hebrew [with English subtitles]; 100 minutes)  
From Oscar-winning filmmaker Guy Nattiv, this is the story of a 78-year-old Greek man and his Hasidic rapper son, who have been estranged for many years. They embark together on a road trip from Israel to Greece, searching for an old magician who saved the father’s life during World War II.

**GLOOMY SUNDAY**  
(Germany/Hungary, 1999; drama; 112 minutes)  
A 20th anniversary screening of this classic film, in partnership with Heartland Film. Set in Hungary during World War II, the film follows a woman, Ilona, and the three men who fall in love with her: Laszlo, a Jewish restaurant owner; Andras, a pianist who was inspired to write the song “Gloomy Sunday”; and Hans, a German businessman.

**SHORT FILMS**

**GRATEFUL: THE JENNI BEREBITSKY STORY**  
(USA, 2018; documentary; English; 16 minutes)  
At age 33, Indianapolis Jewish community member Jenni Berebitsky had been married for 2½ years, had a 15-month-old son, and was just finishing her residency as a naturopathic physician when she was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

**DEAR GOD**  
(Israel, 2014; drama; Hebrew [with English subtitles]; 13 minutes)  
One day, a beautiful, mysterious woman puts a note between the holy stones of the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Aaron, a guard, decides to fulfill her deepest wish. From Oscar-winning filmmaker Guy Nattiv.

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It is customary to wear a white top and dark pants/skirt at an Israel Memorial Day ceremony.

Celebrate the partnership between Israel’s Western Galilee, Budapest (Hungary), and 14 U.S. cities (including Indianapolis) in South Bend, IN! Gather with friends from around the country and the world. Contact JFGI Israel & Overseas Director Michèle Boukai at mboukai@jfgi.org for more information.

**JWRP MOMENTUM TRIP**  
SUNDAY-TUESDAY, DEC. 8-17  
Join other moms with kids under 18 at home on this Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project MOMentum trip! Includes pre-trip to the Western Galilee Dec. 8-10. Visit jwrp.org to learn more and apply. Deadline: June 15.

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE!**
SHABBAT AT INDYPRIDE
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 8:15 AM
FIREFIGHTERS CREDIT UNION
726 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.,
INDIANAPOLIS

Come celebrate Shabbat before the Pride parade! To help make IndyPride more inclusive of all, IndyPride has partnered with several Jewish organizations to host an official Shabbat service prior to the start of the parade. All people are welcome regardless of religious belief to come celebrate with the Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities.

For more information or with questions, contact Aaron Welcher, JCRC Programming & Communications Coordinator, at awelcher@indyjcrc.org or 317-926-2935 ext. 3.

JCRC ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 7 PM
JCC LAIKIN AUDITORIUM
6701 HOOVER RD.,
INDIANAPOLIS

Celebrate and reflect on the impact the Jewish Community Relations Council has had on the Jewish and broader Indianapolis community at its Annual Meeting. New officers will be installed, and several awards will be presented to community members, including the David M. Cook Award. Light refreshments will be served afterward.
The Hooverwood Guild Cooking Group, also known as the Golden Gourmets, whip up delicious concoctions each month with the wonderful Guild volunteers.

Residents including Estalita Wigfall (pictured) enjoyed their first outing on the new bus, whose purchase was made possible by generous donations from the Hooverwood Guild.

Shabbat services are held at Hooverwood every Friday at 4 pm and Saturday mornings at 10:30 am. Hooverwood is so thankful for the dedicated volunteers who lead the services, like the Dyson family (pictured), who have led services for years.

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Eskenazi Water Park Opens Monday, May 20

If you’re not already a JCC member, consider a summer membership and enjoy fun in the sun lounging poolside with fare from the J Café, splish splashing in the Mordoh Zero Depth Pool for infants and toddlers or floating on the Biccard 300-foot lazy river.

Camp JCC Starts June 3!

NEW! JCC day camps are now available to non-members for youth in K-9th grade. Become a JCC member, even a summer member, to get great rates on day camps, sports camps and specialty camps. Sign up at jccindy.org/camp-jcc.
The Helene G. Simon Hillel Center at Indiana University (IU Hillel) serves over 4,000 Jewish students, more than 10% of the total IU student body. Hillel strives to meet students “where they are” through providing a multitude of leadership opportunities, hundreds of programs each year, and courses for IU credit taught by Hillel staff. There are also approximately 15 student-led clubs and groups that offer students the opportunity to connect with the Jewish community through their interests, hobbies, and passions.

A cornerstone of IU Hillel’s program is to educate the campus community about Israel and help Jewish students learn about, advocate, and build a strong connection and love for Israel. In addition to Hillel’s strong Israel program, IU Hillel staff accompanies close to 100 students each year on Birthright Israel, a meaningful and life-changing 10-day journey in Israel.

Hillel also offers students Shabbat meals and services as well as holiday programming, services and meals. These rich and meaningful Jewish traditions provide students with a comfortable entry point into Jewish life, create a Jewish “home away from home,” and inspire them to build lasting connections to Jewish life. Pictured: Students building menorahs for Chanukah at IU Hillel.

IU Hillel recently welcomed the Jewish Learning Fellowship to campus. Part of a national Hillel initiative implemented on a local level, the Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF) is a 10-week experiential, conversational seminar for students looking to deepen their understanding of Judaism on their own terms. JLF builds a cohort of students to befriend one another while learning classical Jewish texts and drawing on the life experience and intuition of college students. Pictured: Students holding an unrolled Torah scroll on Simchat Torah.

Hillel’s Greek Jewish Council (pictured) and Greek Jewish student leadership structure are active on the IU campus. In addition, Hillel offers a 2-hour IU-accredited course, Emerging Jewish Greek Leaders, where students receive IU credit while learning with Hillel staff. Hillel’s Greek life program helps students in Greek life build Jewish community, incorporate Jewish values into their lives, and helps Jewish students implement solutions to some of the problems they face in Greek life.
The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington presents

CHERRY DOCS

BY DAVID GOW

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Featuring
Jonathan Golembiecki
Christopher Crider-Plonka

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May 9, 11, 15, 16, 18 at 7:30 p.m.
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Tickets: $25, BCT Box Office, 114 East Kirkwood, 812-330-3020, or www.bctboxoffice.com

The Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (JTB)'s 2019 season opens with Cherry Docs, written by Canadian playwright David Gow. Directed by Liam Castellan, a local director and recent graduate of IU's Masters in Directing program, the show deals seriously with the increasingly relevant issues of bigotry and redemption by bringing together two completely dissimilar characters: a neo-Nazi skinhead and a Jewish lawyer.

When the neo-Nazi, played by Christopher Crider-Plonka, is charged with a brutal, racist murder in Toronto, Legal Aid assigns him a Jewish lawyer, played by JTB veteran Jonathan Golembiecki, and they are forced to collaborate on a defense. The skinhead is pushed beyond his prejudice, while the lawyer is forced to examine the limits of his own liberal tolerance and the demons that might be underneath it.

Cherry Docs is a white-hot examination of hate and how hard it is to uproot from society. It explores the notion that as soon as hatred is seen as outside of one's own experience, people separate themselves from accountability. With this strong two-person cast and an experienced local production team, JTB is excited to bring this contemporary and timely play to Bloomington audiences.

For more information on JTB, visit jewishtheatrebloomington.com or Jewish Theatre of Bloomington on Facebook.
The newly renovated Holocaust Museum will be unveiled at this event open to the community. The program will also include speakers about the importance of continuing Holocaust education, a performance of music from the Holocaust, authentic shtetl cuisine, and the premiere of the project process documentary. This project is the culmination of a design thinking grant for student engagement and problem-solving, in which students worked to make the Holocaust Museum interactive and more meaningful to their peers.

HHAI is proud to announce that third grade teacher Justine Skillman is a recipient of this year’s national Kohelet Prize for excellence in Jewish education. The Kohelet Prize is awarded each year to six educators who demonstrate extraordinary accomplishment in one of six core elements of progressive Jewish education.

Mrs. Skillman was recognized for her entrepreneurial economics curriculum unit in the category of Real World Learning. This unit gives students the chance to live and breathe a true economy in order to gain an experience they will be able to carry with them as they grow in the real world.

Mrs. Skillman’s research-based conceptual curricula and giving students the opportunity to have this learning experience led to her earning this prestigious award. She will receive an unrestricted cash prize of $36,000 for this accomplishment. You can learn more about the Kohelet Prize at koheletprize.org.

For the third year in a row, the first place winner in the Indiana Letters About Literature competition is a student from the Hasten Hebrew Academy.

Out of over 1,000 letters, seventh grader Yael Epstein was awarded first place for her letter to Ayaan Hirsi Ali, author of the book Infidel.

In total, 14 HHAI students in grades 6-8 were recognized, including two semifinalists, seventh graders Josh Bruns (not pictured) and Kenna Sondhelm. Kenna’s essay was also recognized with the Indiana Author Letter Prize for being the highest-placing letter written to an Indiana author.

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Congregation Beth Shalom

CHILDREN OF EDEN AT FOOTLIGHT MUSICALS (1847 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis): SATURDAY, MAY 4, 7:30 PM. CBS has reserved 20 seats at a discounted rate of $22. This wonderful musical is based on the book of Genesis and age-old parent/children conflict. Option to join the group for dinner beforehand. RSVP to Sharon Karp at skarp@iu.edu.

EMMA GOLDMAN YAHRTZEIT SHABBAT: FRIDAY, MAY 24, 6:30 PM. The sermon will recall this Russian-born Jewish woman who became an anarchist, activist, and sometimes fiery advocate for social justice, peace, free love, and birth control in the 1910s, ‘20s and ‘30s.

CONFIRMATION SHABBAT: FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 6 PM. CBS will celebrate the confirmation of Sydney Epstein, Isabel Meyers, and Grayson and Jessie Weiss.

FAREWELL SHABBAT SERVICE FOR RABBI STANLEY HALPERN: FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 6 PM. CBS’ beloved rabbi retires on June 30 to become the synagogue’s first Rabbi Emeritus. This will be his last officially led worship service. Everyone is encouraged to attend and thank him for his leadership.

SEND-OFF DINNER FOR RABBI STANLEY HALPERN’S RETIREMENT: SATURDAY, JUNE 29. Open to the entire community. More details online. Visit bethshalomindy.org or @BethShalomIndy on Facebook for more information.

Concentration B’nai Torah

SHAVUOT ALL-NIGHT LEARNING: SATURDAY, JUNE 8, BEGINNING AT 10:45 PM. Visit btorahindy.org or @BnaiTorahIndy on Facebook for more information on twice-daily minyan services, classes offered, and more.

Concentration Shaarey Tefilla

POTLUCK DINNER AFTER SERVICES: FRIDAY, MAY 10. Registration and food requirements online.

MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH: SUNDAY, MAY 12, 10 AM. All mothers and families are welcome. Register online.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1-4 PM.

Visit shaareytefilla.org or @ShaareyTefilla on Facebook for more information.

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT (ALL NIGHT STUDY): SATURDAY, JUNE 8.

SHAVUOT SHACHARIT: SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 6 AM; MON., JUNE 10, 9 AM. Visit etzchaimindy.org or @EtzChaimIndy on Facebook for more information.

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

PLAYDATE WITH THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER: SATURDAY, MAY 4, 9:30 AM. Enjoy this informal opportunity to meet new families, spend time with friends, and enjoy the spirit of Shabbat!

SPIRITUAL CHAVRUTA: THURSDAY, MAY 9, 6:30 PM. Join IndyChai, IHC’s group for adults in their 20s and 30s, as Rabbi Scott leads a discussion in the chavruta style. Attendees will pair up to discuss and debate an assigned topic, and after a set amount of time, they will switch to debate from the opposite stance. Watch the IndyChai Facebook page for more details! All are welcome.

MISHPACHA MEANS FAMILY: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 6:15 PM. This family service, which offers singing, dancing, and guitar to capture the joy of Shabbat, is perfect for elementary-aged students and their families! Led by Rabbi Scott Fox.

NEFESH SHABBAT: FRIDAY, MAY 17 AND JUNE 21, 6:15 PM. This service offers a more casual, acoustic environment for Shabbat worship service. All ages and families welcome. Visit ihcindy.org or @IHCIndy on Facebook for more information.
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