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Securing our Jewish Community



Debra Barton Grant
DEBRA BARTON GRANT
CEO and Executive Vice President

As I begin thinking about 2020 and starting the Jewish new year, I look back one year ago on the attack on three Pittsburgh congregations. This incident was the worst targeted attack on the Jewish community in the history of our country. Months later, we saw the attack in Poway, Calif. on another synagogue. In considering these attacks, I am – and have been – looking at ways that we can strengthen security throughout our Jewish community.

Over the past several years, Jewish communities locally, and around the world, have been shaken by acts of violence toward Jewish people, organizations and places of worship. According to the FBI, hate crimes against the Jewish community are at their highest level in decades: 58% of all religiously motivated hate crimes are directed against our community... over three times higher than the next group. Over the last year and a half, we have taken seriously what's happened at home and in other communities in the United States.

I want you to know that **security has been and continues to be of the utmost importance to the Jewish Federation.** We cannot control where the next incident of hatred may occur, but we can choose how prepared we are to deter and respond to any such incident.

With the recent rise in this activity and based on feedback we have heard from you, I am pleased to announce that we are in the process of instituting a Community Security program, on behalf of our entire Jewish community. This program will be led by a new Regional Security Director, who we will be hiring in the near future. We are undertaking this effort in partnership with Secure Community Network (SCN).

SCN, a non-profit organization and an initiative of Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community. In addition to serving as the community official liaison with federal law enforcement, and working closely with state and local law enforcement, SCN works to implement best practice security programs on behalf of Jewish institutions and communities across the U.S.

By partnering with SCN, we will ensure that our program is consistent with best practices that have been developed both nationally and internationally, while providing the expertise of a national organization comprised of law enforcement, security and military professionals to support our Security Advisor and their work.

Our dedicated security professional, coordinating through SCN, will develop programs that will oversee:

- Facility assessments
- Security planning and preparedness
- Communication strategies
- Training for all community institutions including:
 - ◊ Synagogues
 - ◊ Day schools
 - ◊ Community centers
 - ◊ Residential facilities

WELCOME!

JFGI welcomes Joel Bustamante (Creative Digital Coordinator) and Justin Weiss (Campus Maintenance Tech - Landscaping & Housekeeping)

Joel Bustamante

Hometown: Atlanta, Ga.

Education: BA in English from Wabash College; worked on a PhD at Indiana University in Journalism before pursuing a career in graphic design.

Background: I was born in Madrid, Spain and grew up in Atlanta, Ga. From there, I went to Wabash College in 2007 to play Varsity Baseball and pursue a degree in English. While in college, I wrote and drew articles for CollegeHumor.com and was an award-winning cartoonist. Initially planning for a career in Journalism, I entered a doctoral program at Indiana University-Bloomington in 2011, before switching to graphic design. I worked as the Graphic Designer and Production Coordinator for Associated Construction Publications from 2016 until starting at JFGI, and do freelance graphics on the side.

Something you might not know about me: I'm currently working on a comic book series about groundhogs.

Hobbies: Drawing and writing comedy

Worked here since: Sept. 3

Come see me about: Digital marketing and graphic design collateral.



Justin Weiss

Hometown: Born and raised in Indianapolis. Grew up at the JCC, played soccer and took Tae Kwon Do with Master Mike.

Education: Attended the JCC ECE program and North Central High School...go Panthers!

Background: Since high school, I have always worked outside. I love nature and spending the day in the sun. I am really excited that my career has allowed me to reconnect to our campus and the Jewish community.

Favorite thing about Indianapolis: I love sports and love being a part of a large city with professional sports that also serves as the amateur sports capital of the world.

Something you might not know about me: I was a black belt at age 10, won a gold in the Indiana Junior Olympics and a silver in the National Junior Olympics.

Hobbies: When I am not working, you will find me at the JCC fitness facility. Still an avid soccer player and fan.

Worked here since: July 1

Come see me about: The campus. I work year round maintaining our campus, including our green spaces.



- ◇ Camps
- ◇ Social service providers
- ◇ And other organizations
- Incident response

The Indianapolis Regional Security Director will join a critical network of more than 45 other security professionals across the Jewish Federation system.

This position will serve the entire Jewish community, and the Jewish Federation is partnering with most of our agencies and synagogues; all of whom have already made a financial commitment to this undertaking. But even with some resources committed, we need to raise more funds to bring this effort to fruition. **We cannot do this without your help.** Please join

us in this effort and donate to Jewish community security by making a gift directed to this security initiative through the Annual Campaign.

As we work to ensure that every Jewish organization in our community is as safe and welcoming as possible, we also want everyone to focus on celebrating community stories and how our programs, scholarships, education, engagement, and events positively affect all of the generations that make up our community.

Throughout this issue, I invite you to read of the far-reaching impact we have on each other and that our community shares together – impact that would not be possible without your generous support of our community's Annual Campaign.

DONATE TO JEWISH COMMUNITY SECURITY

To direct your gift through the Annual Campaign, please visit <https://give.idonate.com/jf-greater-indy/security>, or call JFGI at (317)-726-5450

2019 SUPER SUNDAY SUCCESS

Thanks to the more than **115 volunteers** and **330 donors** who “answered the call;” this year’s Super Sunday successfully raised more than **\$160,000** (and counting!) for the community’s 2019 Annual Campaign. If you didn’t receive a call, there’s still time to donate.

With an initial goal of 100 volunteers raising \$108,000 to provide much-needed funds for the community through the Annual Campaign, Super Sunday surpassed all expectations. Volunteers of all ages came together from all parts of the community for this special day.

In addition to the critical funds raised on Super Sunday, volunteers reached more than 500 other donors through Thank-a-Thon phone calls and hand-written notes. Teen

members of the community and YoPhI participants made phone calls to help raise funds, PJ Library participants made crafts for Hooverwood residents, and a Service Learning project engaged other young community members with Super Sunday like never before.

Special thanks to 2019 Super Sunday Co-Chairs Reva Weiss and Larry Turow, and to all of the volunteers, donors, and participants who supported Super Sunday and the life-changing work of the Jewish Federation, community agencies, and many partner organizations. The outpouring of generosity inspired by this one day makes a difference all year long!



Mandy, Zoe, Marty, and Reva Weiss, a family who fundraises together.



Thank you, Joshua Abrams, for helping out!



Super Sunday volunteers train to make phone calls.



Lian Bar Zohar, Pamela Eicher, Sandy Nachlis, and Willaine St. Pierre write thank you notes to donors.



YoPhI teens learn how to make Super Sunday calls.



Beth Klapper, Monica Rosenfeld, Marina Grabovsky, and Jennifer Schwartz Fridell volunteering.

LAST CALL! 2019 Annual Campaign

Building on the success from Super Sunday, volunteers and donors have helped raise more than \$3 million for the 2019 Annual Campaign. The Federation is on track to meet the goal of \$3.9 million, and **with your help** we can surpass our ultimate goal of raising \$4 million for critical community needs...for the first time in nearly a decade!

It is not too late to help and to make a difference for so many. **In our local community alone, more than 3,700 individuals—including many children and seniors—need help with the basic necessities that so many of us take for granted.** They need your help.

To make a difference in the lives of others who need your help, please contribute to the 2019 Annual Campaign online at www.jewishindianapolis.org/donate, by phone at (317) 715-9274, or mail your check to the Jewish Federation at 6705 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

The 2019 Annual Campaign officially closes on Dec. 31, so please make your gift today.



PJ Library had tons of fun this summer and fall! Kids had a playdate in the park with Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, thanks to a Collaboration Grant from the Federation. Friends from Silly Hearts Yoga, Jump Bunch and lots of community members were there to share in the fun. The PJ Library crew cooled off during two Splish Splash events at Eskenazi Waterpark at the Jewish Community Center and met up with some parents and babies for coffee and play at Urban Chalkboard.

Splish Splash, HHA Playdate, & Urban Chalkboard



Upcoming November and December Events

5:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 15

Shabbat Celebration with PJ
Library at GUCI

9349 Moore Rd, Zionsville, IN 46077

Celebrate Shabbat with PJ Library at GUCI! Meet and greet is from 5:30-6 p.m., Tot Shabbat with a GUCI song leader is from 6-6:15 p.m., followed by dinner and a closing song session.

The cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3-12, and free for children ages 2 and younger. Dinner is kosher style, but if you need a strict kosher option or if you have allergies, please reach out to ralder@jfgi.org.

Register by Nov. 8, at
events.idonate.com/gucishabbat

1-3 p.m. &
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 15

Menorah building with Chabad at Home Depot, 9855 N. Michigan Road

Kids of all ages are welcome to this fun event with friends from Chabad.

9:30-11:30 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 22

Hanukkah at Gymboree Play and Music, 12524 N. Gray Road, Carmel

Get active and make a fun Hanukkah craft with friends age 0-5 years old.

Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/pj-library for more information.



Vivian Alder



Audrey Beaugh and
Delilah



Baby Sam Federman



Anat Pinsky
and daughter



Lindsey Ellard with
Henry and Rosie



Families on a hayride



Julianne Wright, Roberta Alder, Brittany Goodman and Rachel Gershman



Farewell from Katy Cantor

As I sit at my desk for the last few days before my retirement, I am struck by how quickly time has passed. It has been more than 30 years since Dan introduced me to this community. I found a home here!

The Simon Jewish Community Center is the place where my children went to pre-school, attended camp and got their first jobs. It is where we swam, worked out, visited aging family members and made lifelong friendships. It is the place where Dan and I found volunteer leadership opportunities at Hooverwood, the JCC and Jewish Federation. It is where I learned about Tzedakah, and how the generosity of Jewish community members provides for important programs and services for those in need.

Those early experiences inspired me to pursue a career in development, and they led me back to joining the Federation staff nearly five years ago. Always in the back of my mind, I hoped that I might be able to end my career giving back to the community from which I received so much.

I am grateful to Debby, the incredible Endowment team of Pam Eicher, Paula Goldberg and Anna Price, the talented staff and many lay leaders for their support and guidance. It has been my pleasure to work beside you.

I am proud of all that we have accomplished together in the last few years, especially the successful implementation of the LIFE & LEGACY program, a collaborative community initiative to build long-term endowments for 13 Indianapolis Jewish partner organizations. Our efforts resulted in 700 new legacy commitments which, when realized, will add an estimated \$32 million in endowments for our community.

Thank you for your trust, friendship and this wonderful opportunity to serve you.

Welcome Offer and Paul!



Offer Korin



Paul Kraft

Congratulations to Offer Korin, Katz Korin Cunningham, PC, and Paul Kraft, Frank & Kraft, P.C., JFGI Past Presidents and prominent community attorneys, who will be the next Endowment Committee Co-Chairs!

JFGI PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS GROUP

Join a network of financial and legal professionals dedicated to building and enhancing relationships with clients through meaningful conversations about philanthropy. For more information, contact Paula Glanzman Goldberg, Director of Legacy Development, at pgoldberg@jfgi.org.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Noon – 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10; Lunch, networking and a continuing education program offering ethics credits. Please RSVP to Pamela Eicher, Executive Endowment Assistant, at peicher@jfgi.org.

Maximize Your Tax Benefits with a JFGI Donor Advised Fund

- Establish a Donor Advised Fund with cash, stock or other appreciated assets to qualify for an immediate tax deduction.
- Launch your fund in your own name or in honor of your loved ones.
- Consider “bunching” your charitable contributions into a single year to meet the new minimum threshold of the standard deduction.
- Benefit from JFGI’s expertise and personalized customer service in assisting you with distributions to your favorite charities.

Contact JFGI at (317) 726-5450 for more information

CELEBRATE YOUR LEGACY

JFGI hosted its annual Legacy Community Celebration on Sept. 12, honoring community members who are deeply committed to the future of Jewish Indianapolis. The program included special recognition of Barb and Dick Leventhal for their many years of dedicated service to the community. The 200 endowment donors and volunteers in attendance enjoyed a wonderful musical performance by the 2011 winner of IU Hillel's Campus Superstar competition, Troy Thomas, and his band, Trumusiq Group. Thank you to the event sponsor, Emmis Communications!



Celebration Committee



Sandy and Larry Tavel Harold and Mary Smith



Pierre Atlas, Debra Luffer-Atlas, Miriam Dant, and David Dant



Jason and Laura Rich Boyewsky



Barb Leventhal, Lisa and David Weinstein, and Dick Leventhal



Sally and Michael Meyers

Finding our common threads...

a conversation among women who share a sense of purpose and community



On Sept. 5, more than 40 people gathered at the home of Jordan and Mark Fisch for the fourth Common Threads program, "In Doubt or Living Without; On the Front Lines Kids." The panelists (see photo below) were Jon Shapiro, from the Simon Youth Foundation; Ryan Brady with Glick Philanthropies; and Crystal Haslett, MSW/LCSW, with Washington Township School District. It was moderated by Hayleigh Colombo, who reported on this topic as a journalist with the *Indianapolis Business Journal*. The evening was grounded in Jewish learning by Mary Gorden.

Participants learned specifically about how food insecurity affects children in schools and the role that institutions can play in supporting children and families both through existing programs and public policy. Each Common Threads event has left the attendees feeling like they are just touching the surface of this issue. Program attendees brought more than 65 pounds of food for Popsie's Pantry. Since the program, some attendees have also reached out to the local community to help provide snacks and other support for kids.

Many thanks to the Common Threads committee Chair Megan Maurer and committee members Debbie Pelletiere Blatt, Jackie Barrett, Jennifer Schwartz Fridell, and Women's Philanthropy Co-Chairs Gigi Marks Felsher and Karen Rothbaum. Also thanks to Rachel Katz, Julie Sondhelm and Lori Moss from Jewish Family Services for providing information and support to plan the event.

For more information about this program series or Women's Philanthropy events, contact Margo Fox at mfox@jfgi.org or (317) 715-9268.



SHALOM INDY

The Shalom Indy program has expanded to include its first team of ambassadors. This group of community members represents the diversity of the Indianapolis Jewish community. They will partner with Federation professionals Margo Fox and Matthew Kramer Morning to meet with new members of the Indianapolis Jewish community.

A group of ambassadors were recently involved in a training where they practiced their networking skills and learned about the many institutions that make up the Indianapolis Jewish community.

The Shalom Indy Steering Committee Members are:

- Nicki Felix
- Moshe Lencer
- Reva Weiss
- Caitlin Lubline

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BAG WITH
INDY
RESOURCES!**



Contact Margo Fox for details.

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

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

HEART *to* HEART

A Women's Leadership Journey to Israel

FEBRUARY 2-6, 2020

Contact **Margo Fox** at (317)715-9260 or **MFox@jfgi.org**
for more information

JFNA National Women's Philanthropy is proud to present the Heart to Heart 10th Anniversary Leadership Mission to Israel (H2H10): Learn, Love, Lead.

Embark on a journey that will change your life - enabling you to impact lives in Israel and throughout the Jewish world. Join the Heart to Heart- National Women's Philanthropy premier leadership training mission.

Come together with like-minded, women leaders from across North America. Spend five incredible days exploring Federation's impact in Israel and meeting people who are helping Federation's work.

Hone your leadership abilities—learn how to truly bring a unique experience home—translating your love into leadership and engaging your community in greater involvement with Federation's work.

Take the first step to this amazing journey today.

DATES: The mission begins in Israel at 7p.m. Sunday evening, Feb. 2, and ends on Thursday evening, Feb. 6.

PRICE: The land only price is \$3,599 (for double occupancy) and \$4,289 (for single occupancy).

HOTELS: Hilton, Tel Aviv and Orient, Jerusalem

FLIGHTS: Airfare is not included in the trip cost but may be arranged upon request. For assistance with booking flights, please contact Julian Banegas at julianb@gilttravel.com or call (212) 284-6669.

Detailed itinerary coming soon. Visit jewishfederations.org/calendar/heart-to-heart-2020-mission for updated details and to register.



Sandy Nachlis, Margo Fox, Michelle Korin, and Angela Grabovsky during the 2018 Heart to Heart mission trip.

"The programming JFNA lines up is phenomenal. I couldn't even try to replicate my experience, even if I was to try to plan my own trip back. Being with women I know locally, and meeting leaders around the world is another selling point to what makes the trip such an amazing experience. Heart to Heart offered a very unique, diverse segment on all perspectives of Israeli life. It gave me an appreciation for the money that's raised here locally and for Israel because I was able to see our dollars at work."

Sandy Nachlis, Heart to Heart 2018 Trip

"When I moved to Indianapolis, it was difficult to fit in. The women who participate in these trips and the people we met overseas were very warm and inviting. Participation in Heart to Heart made me feel like I belonged. It's very interesting to visit our Partnership areas and was an emotional experience to see how much work is being done. It was nice to be around people who have dedicated their lives to the mission of keeping Jewish communities together. Seeing first-hand how our dollars are helping those in need has helped me become a better messenger. When you see it on the ground, you think differently about donating or getting involved."

Angela Grabovsky, Participant in 2016 and 2018 Heart to Heart Trips



ADOPT

COMMUNITY DAY - SUNDAY, DEC. 8

This December, you're invited to join 1,000+ community members of all generations in the biggest mitzvah project of 2019.

Adopt-a-Family is an annual community-wide program that helps Jewish households in our Indianapolis area during the Chanukah holiday.

- **Activities for all ages will be available including PJ Library programming**
- **Photo booth provided by NEXTGen**

SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.: Breakfast at the Keller home (address provided upon sign-up).

10:30 a.m.: Shop around town

Noon: In the JCC Laikin Auditorium:

- Gift-wrapping
- Lunch
- Activities with PJ Library

"Adopt-a-family speaks to our community because the cornerstone of being Jewish is passing on our traditions and beliefs to the next generation. It's an afternoon to connect with your community to be reminded of our blessings and of the ongoing need among our community members.

It's very powerful when you get a list from a family. Kids are asking for boots, jackets and winter hats and parents are asking for toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Even if you aren't in a position to participate financially, it's just as important to show up and donate a used jacket as it is to purchase items on a family's list.

Children are able to identify with Adopt-a-Family because giving and receiving gifts is something they can relate to. For our children, I hope it is a reminder of the gratitude for the blessings they have. It's important to know that you aren't too young to make a difference. We need to have our children feel empowered when it comes to philanthropy and that they have a voice and a presence. Children can gain confidence in themselves and can make someone's world a little brighter."

Megan Maurer, Adopt-A-Family Volunteer

In addition to adopting a family, you can drive JFS programs and services with a vehicle donation any time of year! The process is easy, and your gift qualifies for a tax deduction.

Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/jfs/cars to learn how to donate a car.



GIVE TODAY.





Helping local Jewish families during Chanukah and beyond for over a decade!

“Every week, Jewish and non Jewish families come to me in need of basic items, such as food, laundry detergent and diapers, because these items are expensive and they just can't make it through the end of month. They always offer their appreciation for what we have in the pantry and through emergency assistance to meet their need. Once a year, through the Adopt-a-Family program, these families get a chance to ask for specifically what they need and want. Some have allergies and need specific toiletries or detergent or foods. Some have children with special needs that need specific clothing to be usable for them and to increase independence. The generosity of donors to Adopt-a-Family allows these individuals to have a say and to have new items.

Julie Sondhelm, Jewish Family Services Social Worker



There's still time to donate coats to the Jewish Family Services Inaugural Coat Drive

Collecting new and lightly-used clean coats to distribute to local families.



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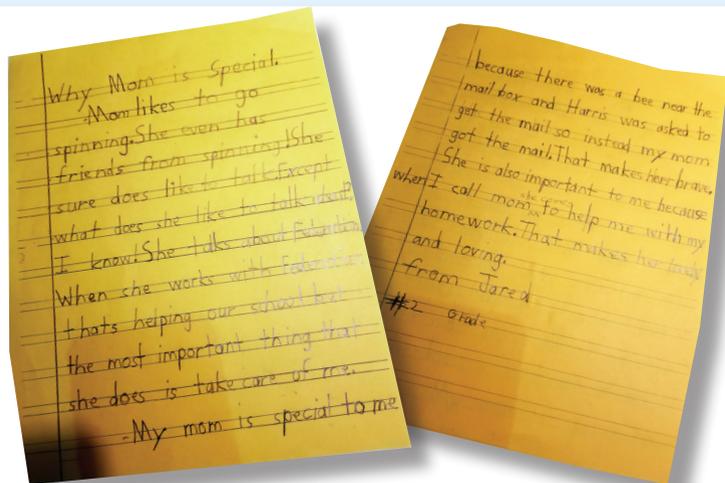
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**Register at jewishindianapolis.org/adoptafamily
Contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfgi.org with questions.**

**BACKPACK
ATTACK**

Thanks to the generosity of this community, JFS helped support 75 children going back to school through Backpack Attack this school year!

THANK YOU!



MOM HIGHLIGHT

Sandy Nachlis' son Jared, who was in Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis' Mrs. Zita Nurok's second grade class last year, wrote a beautiful piece in honor of Mother's Day. Jared writes, "What does she like to talk about? I know! She talks about Federation. When she works with Federation that's helping our school, but the most important thing she does is take care of me."

HHAI Student Awarded National Prize in Essay Contest

What is writing but an expression of one's own life? That question holds very true for one Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (HHAI) eighth grader.



Yael Epstein

Yael Epstein, 13, was awarded the national prize for her winning essay in the Level 2 of Letters About Literature (LAL) competition. The program is sponsored by the Library of Congress and is a national reading and writing competition. Yael's letter to Ayaan Hirsi Ali of "Infidel" poignantly grappling with her feminine Jewish identity was distinguished among the approximately 30,000 letters received and has been published on the website of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

"I was very surprised when I found out I won," Yael said. "I have very strong opinions and I just thought people would

like to read what I wrote."

Thanks to her love for writing coupled with the beautiful teachings at HHAH, she has become an inspiration to her beloved school.

"Yael's gifted pen gives voice to her incredible passion for social justice and depth of literary reflection," said Miriam Gettinger, HHAH principal. "Spurred on by her second

grade teacher Zita Nurok who masterfully inculcated the six traits of writing, Yael has been a talented and prolific writer throughout her career at HHAH; winning the national LAL award is the capstone of that educational experience."

Each year, HHAH requires all students to submit essays to the contest. Yael wrote the essay while she was in seventh grade, months after a trip to Israel and just before her bat-mitzvah last year. During that time, she was struggling with her Jewish identity as a woman, she said.

"I was reflecting on my thoughts of what it meant to be a Jew," she said. "The essay was a good platform to try to figure that out."

"We were obviously very proud of Yael's accomplishment, and thankful for the wonderful teachers she's encountered at the Hasten Hebrew

Academy," said proud parents Brent and Tolly Epstein. "Not only did they teach her the writing process but how to be a deep thinker."

Yael is no stranger from earning recognition for her writing pieces. She received an honorable mention for her essay to (LAL) when she was in sixth grade. She also won an award for a piece she submitted to the Heritage Writing Contest, which she admits helped pay for her summer camp.

Yael will write another essay for the LAL competition as part of her last year at HHAH. When asked what she would be writing about, she said she is unsure, but hopes to continue to showcase HHAH's high learning stature.

For more information about Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, call (317) 251-1261.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Sign Up Your Children for GUCI Camp Next Summer

Summer 2020 registration for Goldman Union Camp Institute is now underway! To register and to learn more about dates, visit guci.org.

Since 1958, Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) has provided campers a place to build lifelong friendships, gain self-confidence and independence. Offering an elevated Reform Jewish experience, campers participate in summertime fun, off-camp adventure, exciting electives, cabin bonding and more. A summer at GUCI is one you will never forget!



Full STEAM Ahead!

New academic focus this year is on creative and critical thinking in instruction and engagement of students features elementary electives. This includes Spanish, enrichment math/problem solving, intermediate book club, and Judaic STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) integration as well as an additional period of STEM instruction in the expanded MakerSpace (MS). MS staff and students will explore the 'improv' medium in socioemotional development as well as learning to create their own research based podcasts and Torah raps.

HHA has participated in the ISTE (International Society for Technology Education) participation for a fourth year. Students presented their COSpaces and Virtual Worlds digital projects in Philadelphia. Michael Voskoboynik presented for the Jewish Day School Educational Innovator Summit at National Museum of American Jewish History.

As a continuation of the innovative Holocaust museum project, HHA has begun an exciting partnership with two organizations this school year in order to continue the momentum from last school year. Along with Ball State University (BSU) students and faculty and HHA alumnus, Courtney Tuchman (current BSU student), students will be collaborating to update the museum with innovative exhibits. Soon students will be traveling to BSU to the David Letterman Communication and Media Building to tour their state-of-the-art technology lab. Students will also be engaging in a



design thinking workshop to gain insight and inspiration for the work that will be done on the museum this school year. Throughout the school year, Courtney and her classmates will work closely with students to provide valuable feedback and resources that will become integral to the modernization of the museum.

In addition to BSU, HHA will be partnering with Facing History and Ourselves, an organization whose mission is to use the lessons of history to challenge teachers and their students to stand up to bigotry and hate. Through their project-focused learning initiative, HHA has secured a grant for this school year that will allow HHA to take advantage of the expertise and mentorship that Facing History and Ourselves has to offer. Not only will the grant be used to update the museum and add new exhibits, the school is hoping to develop curriculum for the museum



to make it an invaluable resource in the education community. Learning how to best market the museum and

what it has to offer will also be a large part of the work the school will be doing with this organization.



JFGI KROOT SUMMER INTERNS

Thank you to Summer interns (from left): Rogan Goldblatt, Emily Vetne, Michael Uretzky, Hannah Smith, and Bri Becker for the impact left on the Federation and its agencies. In this photo, interns toured Hooverwood's new Kraft Commons and met agency directors.

Federation Grant Allows Young Adult Israeli Experience

Through the generosity of the Israel Youth Experience Grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Cassidy Zimmerman, 23, traveled from Indiana to New York to Israel. The grant allowed her to attend the 10-day Israel Outdoors trip through Birthright on May 27.

Zimmerman, a recent graduate of Indiana University and Indianapolis native, credits the financial assistance as an opportunity to appreciate and see what it is like to be Jewish in other areas of the world.

"Having the support from the Federation gave me the ability to have other experiences and identify more with being Jewish," she said.

Zimmerman's trip took her all across Israel, which included hikes near the Mediterranean Sea, rafting on the Jordan River, and a brief float in the Dead Sea. She experienced Jerusalem's outdoor market and The Wall, learned about life on a Kibbutz village, stargazed in the Bedouin tents, toured Tel Aviv's beaches and learned about the LGBTQ+ community, visited a synagogue, and enjoyed an Israeli home cooked Shabbat meal.

One of the most memorable experiences of her trip was hiking Masada and having her Bat Mitzvah at the top.

"I chose to have my Bat Mitzvah in Israel because my perspective has changed since I was 13," she said. "I



Cassidy Zimmerman

now identify more with the Jewish community."

Zimmerman said she enjoyed meeting the Israelis who joined her group, as well as the other trip participants.

"I had great conversations with so many people," she said. "We discussed values, different Shabbat experiences and common interests. I loved learning about Israeli life."

When the trip ended, Zimmerman extended her trip, where she hiked and camped along the Sea of Galilee. Before an additional extension to Europe, she met up with family in Israel she never met, and attended an Israeli wedding.

"This trip truly changed my perspective on Judaism and made me proud to be a Jewish American," she said.

Scholarships, Grants and Internships Now Available

The Jewish Federation awarded 81 total scholarships and grants in 2019.



Grants and scholarships for 2020 will be available soon!

- Academic Scholarships
- Eugene Friedmann Memorial Scholarship
- Len Perel Memorial Scholarship
- Mark Pescovitz Scholarship
- Jules Dorfman Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Jewish Communal Service
- Additional scholarships available from National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)

Overnight Camp Grants

- One Happy Camper through Foundation for Jewish Camp
- Joe & Sylvia Rothbard Family – Jewish Summer Camp

Israel Grants

- Israel Youth Experience grants
- Joe & Sylvia Rothbard Family – Israel Youth Experience

Learn more at

www.jewishindianapolis.org/scholarships-internships



Kraft Commons Now Open!

Mayor Joe Hogsett officially declared Aug. 18, 2019 as "Hooverwood and Kraft Commons Day" in Indianapolis in celebration of the ribbon cutting ceremony for The Residences at Kraft Commons, a Hooverwood Assisted Living Community. Leaders from the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, members of the Hooverwood Capital Campaign

Committee, and Rabbi Dennis Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck were also in attendance to dedicate the new addition. Kraft Commons officially welcomed new residents in October.

Contact Brittany Scheidt at 317-644-8257 for more information or to schedule a tour of Kraft Commons.



Mayor Joe Hogsett congratulates the Kraft family.

Mezuzah Project

Numerous volunteers, clergy, community leaders, board members, children, residents, and more came together to affix more than 200 mezuzot at Hooverwood on Sept. 22. The mezuzot that were affixed were chosen specifically as they depict a "Tree of Life." Hooverwood is proud to be an Etz Chaim, a Tree of Life, for those who call Hooverwood home. Thank you to all of Hooverwood's generous donors and volunteers, as well as Alpha Epsilon Pi, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Gift Shop, Congregation Etz Chaim, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation's 86th Street Klezmerim, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Gift Shop, Hooverwood Guild, Hooverwood Board of Directors, Hooverwood Building & Grounds Committee, Hooverwood Staff, Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Jewish Post & Opinion, local leadership from congregations and organizations, PJ Library, Morrison Healthcare & SubZero Ice Cream. Thank you Chairs Marcia Goldstein and Shelley Kahn for organizing the event.



Everyone's Talking about Jewish Podcasts

JFGI's successful Jewish Podcast Talks in Indy discussion series continues during the month of November with three sessions that will examine the complexities of Jewish identity by exploring clips for the podcast *Unorthodox*.

The *Unorthodox* podcast is produced by Tablet Magazine and features weekly interviews that delve into what it means to be a Jew in today's world. The sessions will be facilitated by IUPUI professor Dr. Jeremy Price.

Feel free to drop by for a single session or come to all three! The sessions will be held at the JFGI Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning, Door 1 at the Jewish Community Campus, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14, and 21.

Podcast Talks will be on hiatus over December and then return in January with a focus on the *Judaism Unbound* podcast. The entire Jewish Podcast Talks in Indy series will culminate in a visit to Indy from Dan Libenson, one of the co-founders of the podcast *Judaism Unbound* on Feb. 9-10. More information can be found at www.jewishindianapolis.org/adult-education.

Encouraging Jewish Educators to Make Connections

On Sunday, Nov. 10, local educators who work in Jewish settings will gather for the second annual Jewish Educators of Indy (JEdI) Day of Learning. The theme for this year's conference is *Kesher: Making Connections*. Participants will make connections with colleagues, teaching ideas, Judaism, and more.

This conference and other professional development workshops are one of the ways JFGI is working to build the capacity of local Jewish educational organizations. A planning team of education directors worked with JFGI staff to develop this learning opportunity for local teachers, including those who work in formal and informal settings. Some of the featured session topics include learning through play, strengthening connections with families, and team building techniques. By making connections at the JEdI Day of Learning, local teachers will be able to better connect with students, families, and Jewish learning.

THE BJE MAURER JEWISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY CELEBRATING THE ONE YEAR REOPENING ANNIVERSARY

JFGI is celebrating the one year reopening of the Maurer Jewish Community library. As a member of the Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) Shared System, the library serves as the biggest repository of Jewish materials available to the Indianapolis community.

As part of the transitional process of closing the BJE, a decision was made to reopen the library and bring it back to life as part of the Indianapolis Public Library Shared System.

"A promise was made to keep this library open for the community: our precious resources, our collection of Judaica books, along with the Holocaust educational trunks and our children's area. How wonderful to see it come alive again," said Shelia Greenwald, past BJE president and chair of the BJE Endowment Committee.

Under the leadership of Marcia Goldstein, JFGI Library Coordinator, and with the assistance of a wonderful cadre of volunteers, the library collection has been inventoried (there are 10,886 items in the IndyPL catalog!) and the physical space reorganized and made functional. Children from the JCC Early Childhood Center enjoy regular story time; patrons visit to check out materials

on the shelves; library patrons return materials to conveniently located book drops on campus (almost 400 items); and IndyPL patrons have requested hundreds of Jewish materials to be delivered to their home libraries.

Based on patron requests and knowing the type of materials utilized, new books have been ordered to enrich and update the collection.

"The selection process focused on being thoughtful about whose voices were not being heard in our library collection and making sure we are representing the diversity of Jewish thought and history through our books," said Nina Price, JFGI Director of Jewish Education Initiatives.

Sarah Batt, IndyPL Shared System Manager, was particularly impressed that the Jewish community volunteers prioritized ordering books that were not available in any of the IndyPL branches and thought about the needs of the system as a whole when making selections.

"Our partnership is more than just sharing books; it has value beyond the books! I am just delighted to watch this new relationship develop and am pleased that your membership in the IndyPL



Marcia Goldstein leads storytime with JCC pre-school children.

Shared System is so important to you," Sarah said.

The community is encouraged to visit the library, drop off library materials in one of our two book drops inside doors 1 & 5, or request library materials be sent for pickup. The library can also make arrangements to drop library materials to homebound Jewish community members who are unable to access a physical library.

The Jewish Community Library is open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, and from 1 – 4 p.m. Tuesdays.

YoPhl Teen Board @ IUPUI

On Oct. 6, new members of the YoPhl Teen Board met on the campus of IUPUI for their second session of the year. Teen Board members worked with IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy faculty, using the tools of Lake Institute on Faith & Giving researchers to map out the areas in which they can make an impact in the community. As the Teen Board members proceed along their philanthropic journey, they have the opportunity to continue the partnership with the Lilly Family School and earn a Certificate in Youth Philanthropic Leadership at the conclusion of the YoPhl Teen Board program.

Next up for the Teen Board members is the Tikkun Together Regional Gathering in Chicago. Participants will join up with Teen Board members from Chicago, Detroit and Milwaukee for a weekend of learning and fun to better understand what collective impact across Jewish communities can look like. Be on the lookout for the Teen Board members at Adopt-a-Family and for their Request for Proposals coming in December. More info at www.jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-teen-board.

December Decisions for Grandparents

In addition to the peer Jewish youth experiences featured on this page, it is important for Jewish youth to share Jewish experiences with their families. Grandparents play a critical role in passing on Jewish traditions in a family setting. However, grandparents who have grandchildren growing up in interfaith homes often find it challenging to navigate ways to bring Jewish experiences to their grandchildren, as noted in a recent study commissioned by the Jewish Grandparents Network (www.jewishgrandparentsnetwork.org/).

This year, Chanukah and Christmas fall at the same time. What does this

mean for grandparents of interfaith grandchildren? Grandparents are invited to gather with peers from 10–11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, to explore some of the difficulties and opportunities the month of December has in store. Helpful tips that support the Jewish growth of grandchild/ren while also honoring other faith traditions and family members will be shared.

JFGI is able to offer this program at no charge due to generous funding from the National Center to Encourage Judaism. More information can be found at www.jewishindianapolis.org/intergenerational-programs

YoPhl Service Learning

While adults and older teens were busy playing an important role at Super Sunday, the youth of greater Indianapolis took time to bring some sweetness to the New Year. Exploring the role of bringing sweetness to others, especially around Rosh Hashanah, YoPhl Service Learning participants took the opportunity to learn together and to make Torah truly like “honey and milk under your tongue” (Song of Songs 4:11). The group then rotated between three projects: planting bulbs to help bees bring sweetness in the spring, packing holiday bags for local seniors, and creating a hamsa mosaic as a symbol of goodness and protection.



Give a big Yophi! (great job) to some of the Service Learning youth from Super Sunday: Gillian Auslander, Frederick Turow, Aleeza Price, and Caitlin Follman. Special thanks to Amber Maze and Matt Hastings for volunteering to lead the entire group of teens.

The next YoPhl Service Learning event is from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24th, and will be planned by the new Leadership Team. **Middle schoolers** interested in planning future YoPhl Service learning events contact David Heilbron at dheilbron@jfgi.org to join the leadership team. For more details about the Nov. 24th program and to register, visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/yophi-service-learning.

Teens Build Sukkah to Welcome Community



Thanks to teens and families who gave the JFGI staff a hand in building a communal sukkah on the Simon Jewish Community Campus in October.



Volunteers worked on the YoPhl hamsa mural as they took a break from building the sukkah.

Opening Ceremony of the New Partnership Center

A large number of volunteers came together for the official dedication of the new Partnership Center - not just a beautiful building in a beautiful location, but a new home for three Partnerships and for the Young Adult Center of the Matte Asher Regional Council. In addition, in a small and moving ceremony, a plaque was unveiled in memory of Damon Rose, who envisioned this center and pushed for its creation.

Special and honorable guests were Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Jewish Agency; Arye Machlouf Dery - Minister of the Interior, Minister of the Development of the Negev and Galilee; Harold Gernsbacher, Treasurer of JFNA and a great friend of Partnership; and Andrea Arbel, Director of Partnership Unit at Jewish Agency For Israel.



Michelle Korin, Western Galilee Consortium Chair, with constituents at the ribbon cutting.



SAVE THE DATE

June 14-21: Prague & Vienna

June 21-25 Budapest and Partnership Summit

For More Information, contact **Michele Boukai** at mboukai@jfgi.org or call (317) 475-4274

My Proud Israeli Moment

By Lian Bar Zohar, Shaliach (Israeli Emissary)

In September, I had the opportunity to speak in support of Israel to the Indianapolis National Guard during their Interfaith Festival.

A wide variety of religions from around the world were represented. I presented on the varieties of foods and religions, as well as a glimpse into the culture of Israeli people. I talked about my personal military service and was very excited when American soldiers came to shake hands with me. They were interested in the Israeli military and how it is mandatory for all citizens. At the end of the event, I received a Certificate of Honor for my participation. It was truly an amazing experience.



VOLUNTEER

THE 43RD ANNUAL INDY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

NOV. 7-9
INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS



Volunteer at our Israel booth alongside exhibits from 50 other ethnic groups represented in Central Indiana as we gather to share our rich cultural histories and traditions.

You don't need to be an expert on Israel to volunteer

Volunteer shifts available from setup on Nov. 6 to booth representation Nov. 7-9

CONTACT

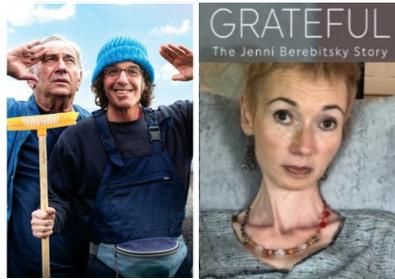
Lian Bar Zohar at shaliach@jfgi.org or call 317-800-9350
Sign up at: www.picatic.com/international-festival

Indianapolis Jewish & Israeli Film Festival Announces Audience Awards

The fourth annual Indianapolis Jewish & Israeli Film Festival showed 10 films; the most films ever shown during this festival. Thank you to all of the community for supporting this festival.

Congratulations to *Shoelaces* for winning the Audience Award, and *Grateful: The Jenni Berebitsky Story*, for winning the short film audience award.

Those interested in sponsoring the film festival next year or being a part of next year's planning and screen film team, should contact Michele Boukai at mboukai@jfgi.org.



EXPERIENCE ISRAEL AT JFGI

Visit the Experience Israel Room in the JFGI Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning (CJEL) with our Israeli Emissary, Lian Bar Zohar. Inhale all that is Israel by learning about Israeli culture, our Western Galilee partnerships, and more. Stop by today!



UPCOMING EVENTS



"Like us" on Facebook at [PartnershipTogetherWesternGalilee](https://www.facebook.com/PartnershipTogetherWesternGalilee)

11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 (first group meeting)
Learn2Gether - A virtual Beit Midrash experience, which introduces you to new friends across the ocean.

This program consists of four-group sessions that are held by Zoom App and three Chavruta meetings that are held by any platform, at the participants' convenience. A Zoom link will be sent to all the participants upon registering. Virtual sessions are available from everywhere, through personal cell phones.

During this meeting, the following speakers will hold virtual TED-style talks:

- Dr. Moran Yarchi PhD, Head of the Public Diplomacy Program, IDC Herzeliya, lives in Kibbutz Kabri
- Diana Bletter, Journalist and writer, lives in Moshav Shavei Zion
- Jeremy Benstein PhD, Staff member and founder of the Heschel Center for Sustainability, lives in Zichron Yaacov, originally from Toledo

Israeli Young Adult Hosting Opportunities Available — Nov. 17-19

Israeli Young Adults will be visiting Indianapolis during Nov. 17-19 and Partnership2Gether WesternGalilee is looking for families to host programs and events while they are here. These opportunities will be Young Adult focused since the delegation will be only young adults from the Western Galilee. The agenda and additional details were not formally finalized by press time.

Contact **Elan Daniel**, Indianapolis Partnership2Gether Chair, at elandaniel@gmail.com for information.

LOOKING FOR NEW RECIPES FOR YOUR CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS?

Visit "**A Shaliach's Blog**" at www.jewishindianapolis.org/community-shaliach/a-shaliachs-blog.

For November and December, you can find recipes for latkes and Moroccan donuts.



WANT TO FIGHT ANTISEMITISM? UPLIFT DIVERSITY!

By Aaron Welcher, JCRC Program & Communications Coordinator

Jews are diverse in thought, practice, orientation, origin, and appearance. The diversity that exists within society-at-large is mirrored within the Jewish community. It may seem obvious to point this out, but for many people, both inside and outside the Jewish community, this fact is not often considered. There are Jews who are Black, LGBTQ+, Latino, and the list goes on.

In recent years, through programming and intentional relationship building, the JCRC has been amplifying the diversity within our Jewish community. For example, the theme of this year's seventh Annual Festival of Faiths (organized by the Center for Interfaith Cooperation) was "diversity within faith traditions." The JCRC-led community-wide committee decided the Jewish community should uplift the broad spectrum of Jewish identity and culture by compiling a cookbook of different Jewish cuisines from around the world and displaying the personal narratives of local Jews.

People are still talking about a program JCRC designed for the 2018 Spirit & Place Festival called "Jewish and...." which empowered several members of our local Jewish community to publicly share personal stories that highlighted their intersectional identities. Common refrains from people who attended that night included: "Thank you for showing how there really isn't just one type of Jew"

and "I never realized that all Jews aren't white." These powerful take-aways are critical to fighting antisemitism today, as some progressive social justice groups impose a litmus test for Jewish Zionists.

Antisemitism takes many forms, and while many Jews may experience it in similar ways, it can be a doubly painful experience for Jews with intersecting identities. Take, for example, what happened at the 2017 Dyke March in Chicago when a Jewish lesbian was banned from marching with a rainbow flag with a Star of David (not an Israeli flag); the reason given: "Zionism is a trigger for some marchers." While the vast majority of Jews would agree this was a blatant expression (and act) of antisemitism, the breath of the Jewish community didn't fully appreciate that the Jewish lesbian not only experienced the shock and fear of being targeted for being Jewish, but was also painfully ostracized by her LGBTQ+ community. Unfortunately, this double attack is an experience common for Jews with intersecting identities.

The JCRC works to create spaces for thoughtful, courageous conversations about issues important to Jews, both inside – and outside – the Jewish community. The Community Engagement & Intergroup Affairs Committee supports members of the Jewish community as they seek to articulate the nuances of their Jewish identity in spaces in the general community where they want to



Thank you to our volunteers who represented the Jewish community.

effectively, and confidently, add their Jewish voice. Importantly, as they do so, they're reminding those communities to recognize and honor the Jews within their spaces.

Combatting antisemitism requires a multi-faceted approach. One way to effectively confront antisemitism out in the community-at-large, is to create spaces within the community to listen to Jews with intersectional identities and support those sharing their life experiences.

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



21st Annual State of Indiana Holocaust Remembrance Program

12 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 | Indiana State House

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

For over two decades, the JCRC has partnered with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission to plan Indiana's official Holocaust Memorial Program. In recent years, the partnership has expanded to include the Federation's Department of Jewish Education. This year's program will coincide with the anniversary of Kristallnacht, which will provide an important opportunity to raise awareness for this catalytic event that demonstrates how the Holocaust began with words and the silence of bystanders. Local Jewish community member, Ernie Lorch, will speak about his experience surviving Kristallnacht. Hear from state dignitaries and be a part of a candle lighting ceremony. Following the program, all members of the community are invited to read the names of those who perished during the Holocaust. To sign up to read names, visit www.indyjrc.org/holocaustremembrance2019.

THE ANN KATZ FESTIVAL OF BOOKS & ARTS

The JCC's 21st annual Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts, presented by the Herbert Simon Family Foundation, is made possible in part by generous ongoing support from the Irwin and Ann Katz Cultural Arts and Education Endowment Fund. All events can be found at ann-katz.eventbrite.com



The Arthur M. Glick
Jewish Community Center
of Indianapolis

Fiddler on the Roof jazz concert



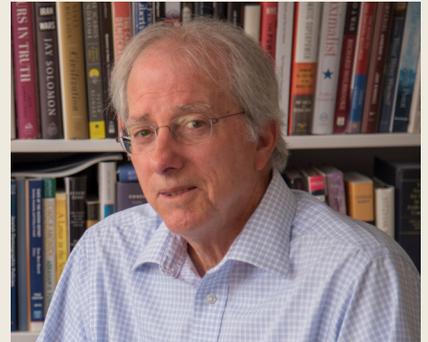
8 p.m. | Saturday, Nov. 2 | \$20

Renowned saxophone player Rob Dixon leads a group of musicians in a jazz concert featuring music from the well-loved musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. A Jazz at the J Unity Project* program, in partnership with Indy Jazz Fest and the Indianapolis Jazz Foundation. Sponsored by the Efroymson Family Fund and JCC Friends of the Arts. Cash bar.

*The mission of the Unity Project is to build respect and understanding between various communities, with a particular focus on the Black and Jewish communities, through the arts and intentional dialogue. Partners include the JCC, the Efroymson Family Fund, The Indianapolis Urban League and the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council.



An Evening with Dennis Ross



7 p.m. | Thursday, Nov. 7 |
\$15 general admission (\$65 VIP reception)

Dennis Ross is an American diplomat and author. He has served under President George H.W. Bush, President Bill Clinton, and President Barack Obama and is a world-renowned expert on Middle East politics. His newest book, *Be Strong and of Good Courage: How Israel's Most Important Leaders Shaped Its Destiny*, was recently released in September.

Please note that the location for this event is at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (6501 N. Meridian St.)

Sponsored by Diane and John Abrams (Abrams EyeCare Associates), Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council.

Artisan Bazaar

From 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, enjoy offerings from some of the very finest artisans and craftspeople in central Indiana. Perfect for one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts for friends, family or even yourself.

Celebrating Eva Kor

Tuesday, Nov. 12 | 7 p.m. | FREE

Join the community in a celebration of the life and memory of Eva Kor with a screening of *Eva A-7063*. In partnership with Ted Green Films, WFYI and CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Donations to CANDLES and the WFYI-Ted Green Films Eva Education Program accepted.



Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

DR. DEBORAH LIPSTADT ON ANTISEMITISM: THE EVOLUTION OF THE LONGEST HATRED: 7:30 P.M., MONDAY, NOV. 4. The world-renowned expert on the Holocaust will address the evolution of antisemitism as a paradigm for other forms of bigotry and hate. A Spirit & Place Festival event. In partnership with the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library. Sponsored by the Sam Smulyan Memorial Lectureship Fund.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!: 6 P.M. NOV. 1 AND DEC. 6. A spirited musical welcome to Shabbat.

JUDAISM TO GO: 10 A.M., SUNDAYS, WITH RABBI DENNIS SASSO.

- **Nov. 3 Behaving I:** The Ordinary and the Holy – How Judaism Sanctifies the Everyday (Sexuality, Speech, Food, Work, and Rest)
- **Nov. 10 Behaving II:** From Cradle to Grave – the Jewish Life Cycle
- **Nov. 17 Behaving III:** Jewish Time Tables – Festivals and Seasons Celebration
- **Nov. 24 Belonging I:** Modalities of Jewish Identity – Synagogue, Home, and Community
- **Dec. 15 Belonging II:** Issues in Contemporary Jewish Life – Antisemitism, Israel, Pluralism, and Interfaith

RABBI SANDY SASSO ON THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS: WRITING FOR KIDS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATTERS: 7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, AT THE JCC. Part of the Ann Katz Festival of Books & Arts. Sponsored by The Alan & Linda Cohen Center for Jewish Learning and Living at BEZ.

CHASE'S CHALLENGE: 9:30 A.M., SUNDAY, NOV. 10. Two-hour heart-saver CPR and drowning prevention class (not for certification). \$30/person. Register and pay at www.chaseschallenge.org.

"OFF THE BIMAH" CONCERT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BETH EL ZEDECK: 2- 4 P.M., SUNDAY, NOV. 24. IHC's Cantor Aviva Marer and Beth-El Zedeck's Cantor Melissa Cohen spearheaded a successful musical showcase a few months ago, and are ready for the second installment. Join them both at Beth-El Zedeck to hear them branch out from Jewish melodies and sing songs in a more modern style.

COCKTAIL JUDAISM: 7:30 P.M., MONDAY, DEC. 2., at Another Broken Egg Café, 9435 N. Meridian St. Conversations hosted by Rabbi Dennis Sasso. This month: "Guns 101: The Law...the Violence...Reasonable Responses and Solutions" with Dr. Pierre Atlas.

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT: 10 A.M., SATURDAY, DEC. 7. All are welcome.

BETH-EL ZEDECK AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR HANUKAH SHABBAT & DINNER + FOURTH GRADE SIDDUR CEREMONY: 6 P.M., FRIDAY, DEC. 13. Details to follow.

BETH-EL ZEDECK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER: The 39th ECC School Year 2019-20. Ages 12 months+ – 5 years+ (Kindergarten Readiness). Program is open to the public. Contact Joanie Waldman for more information or

to register by emailing jwaldman@bez613.org or call (317) 259-6854.

Visit www.bez613.org or @CongregationBEZ on Facebook for more information.

Congregation Beth Shalom

WINE TASTING WITH RABBI KERBER: 6:30 – 9 P.M., SATURDAY, NOV. 2. Join this Brotherhood-sponsored event of wine tasting and "heavy" appetizers with Rabbi Justin at the home of Jerry and Beth Lande. This Brotherhood fundraiser will benefit many CBS projects that Brotherhood supports throughout the year. The cost is \$25 or \$50/couple. For additional information, contact Jon Peisner at jpeisner1@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD LADIES NIGHT OUT: 6 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6. Join the CBS Sisterhood for an evening out. Check the CBS Calendar at www.bethshalomindy.org/events in October to learn more.

TOT SHABBAT WITH RABBI KERBER: 9 – 10:30 A.M., SATURDAY, NOV. 16. Pre-schoolers and kindergarteners and their special adult are invited to spend a Shabbat morning filled with stories, songs, crafts and snacks. RSVP to Diane Graul at Talmudtorah@bethshalomindy.org.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY: CBS annually shops for, purchases and wraps Chanukah presents for needy families, and will be doing it again this year. If you are interested in participating, contact Isabel Atlas at ieatlas@aol.com.

CHANUKAH PARTY AND DINNER: Each year CBS also sponsors an intergenerational Chanukah Party featuring a great meal, entertainment and Chanukah candle lighting. Our Sisterhood is busy planning the details. Visit www.bethshalomindy.org/events for updates.

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

EREV SHABBAT SERVICES: 6:30 P.M., FRIDAYS EACH MONTH, at 849 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. Newcomers and non-members are welcome.

Visit bethshalomindy.org or @BethShalomIndy on Facebook for more information.

Congregation B'Nai Torah

Visit www.bnaitorah.org or @BnaiTorahIndy on Facebook for upcoming events and programs.

Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana

CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE WEEKLY SERVICES – 10 a.m. Shabbat Services every Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday Services every Sunday.

Visit www.chabandindiana.org or @chabandindiana on Facebook for upcoming events, classes and programs.

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

CONGREGATION SHAAREY TEFILLA ART FESTIVAL: 7 P.M. THURSDAY, OCT. 31 THRU FRIDAY, NOV. 3:

- **7 – 10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31,** VIP Event (Entertainment, Champagne & Desserts) hosted by Sisterhood
- **9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1,** Nosh
- **7:30 – 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2,** Wine & Beer Tasting
- **9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 3,** Beit Sefer Café & Coffee Bar hosted by Men's Club

For information go to our website: www.shaareyefilla.org

TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI SENDROW: 11 A.M., WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 6, 13, & 20. RSVP required.

WOMEN TORAH STUDY: 7:15 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, at Suzanne Blank's home. RSVP required.

3D@CST: 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, NOV. 10. Teens enjoy discussion and dinner with Rabbi and other teens. RSVP required.

SISTERHOOD DINNER WITH CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM TO WELCOME THEIR NEW RABBI AND SERVICES: FRIDAY, NOV. 15.

- **6 p.m.** Dinner (register on www.shaareyefilla.org)
- **7 p.m.** Services

CHILDREN'S SERVICE (KIDDUSH LUNCHEON): SATURDAY, NOV. 23. Children's Service for pre-kindergarten to seventh grade; supervised by Tammy Goldstein. Free babysitting is available for children. All are welcome.

TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI SENDROW: 11 A.M., WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 4, 11, & 18. RSVP required.

3D@CST: 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, DEC. 8. Teens enjoy discussion and dinner with Rabbi and other teens. RSVP required.

HAVDALAH & CHANUKAH GAME NIGHT: 6 P.M., SUNDAY, DEC. 21.

No Children's Service for the month of December

MINYAN: 6:30 P.M., MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS.

FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES: 6:30 P.M.

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES: 9 A.M.

- **Morning Service:** 9-10 a.m.
- **Babysitting (Free):** 9:45-11:45 a.m.
- **Torah Service:** 10-11 a.m.
- **Musaf Service:** 11-11:45 a.m.

Visit www.shaareyefilla.org or @ShaareyTefilla on Facebook for more information

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

Visit etzchaimindy.org or @EtzChaimIndy on Facebook for more information.

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

BROTHERHOOD SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M., FRIDAY, NOV. 8. Special Shabbat service sponsored by IHC Brotherhood, featuring the lively music of the IHC Klezmer Band.

JEWISH BOOK CLUB: NOON, TUESDAYS, NOV. 12 AND DEC. 10. Read the book, bring your lunch, and be ready for a literary discussion. For questions, contact Evelyn Pockrass, IHC Librarian, at evelynp@ihcindy.org.

TORAH TALK: 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 13 AND 20, AND DEC. 18. An engaging and fresh introduction to Jewish text and sources, always stimulating and always relevant. Torah Talk is sponsored by IHC Sisterhood.

NEFESH SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M., FRIDAY, NOV. 15. Come together for a musical Shabbat-in-the-round, truly embracing the meaning of nefesh (soul). All are welcome at this upbeat Shabbat celebration.

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Visit ihcindy.org or @IHCIndy on Facebook for more information.

SAT, DEC. 21 | 8-12 p.m.
Vision Loft, 235 North Delaware St.



THIRD ANNUAL LIGHT IT UP HOLIDAY PARTY

Join the entire Jewish community for NEXTGen's annual premier event!

\$36 in advance, \$45 at the door. Ticket includes full open bar and food.

Parking available at Regions Tower, \$6 PRE-PURCHASE ONLY by Thursday, Dec. 19

JewishIndianapolis.org/light-it-up to purchase your tickets.



Community Menorah Lighting Schedule

First Night 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22:
Congregation Beth Shalom

Second Night 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23:
Jewish Community Center Early Childhood/ASC

Third Night 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24:
Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana

Fourth Night 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25:
Etz Chaim Shephardic Congregation

Fifth Night 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26:
Jewish Family Services, Libby Fogle Lunch
(during lunchtime) & Jewish Community
Relations Council Staff

Sixth Night 4:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27:
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

Seventh Night 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28:
Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis Staff

Eighth Night 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29:
Congregations Beth-El Zedeck
and Shaarey Tefilla