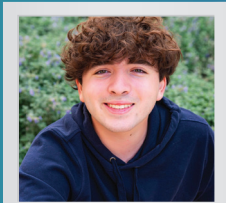


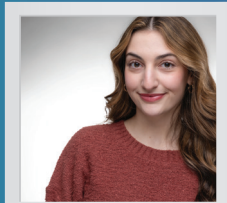
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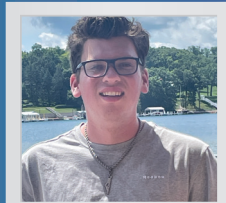
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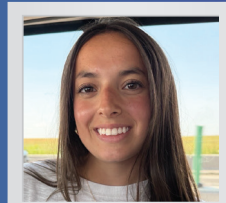
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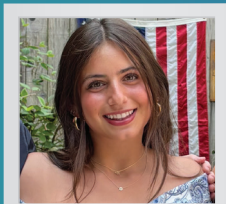
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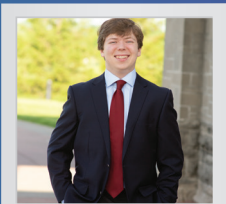
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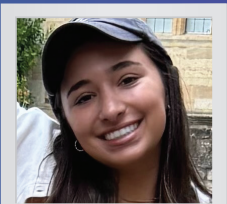
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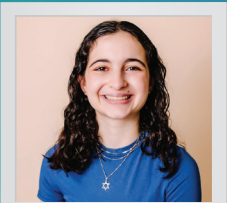
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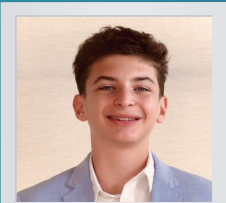
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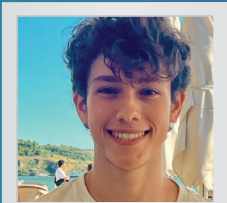
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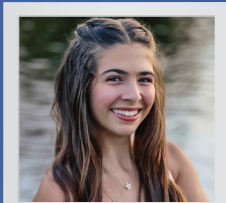
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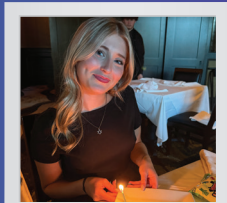
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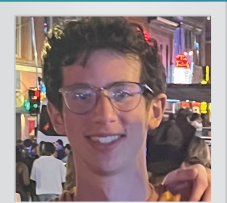
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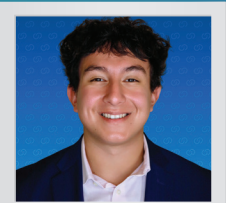
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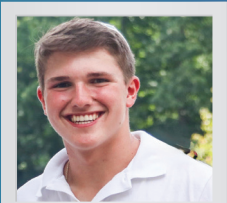
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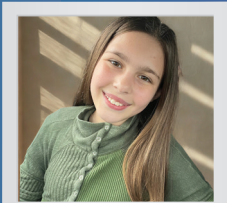
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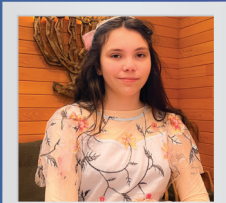
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The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is to promote the vision of a vibrant, engaged, inclusive, and sustainable Jewish community by serving as its central philanthropic, planning, community engagement, and unifying partner.



Marc and his family visiting an uncovered family grave.



Dear Readers,

Elise and I along with our son Micah (23) recently returned from a family heritage trip to Poland and Germany. We were there to follow the path of my mother's family from the late-1700s up to the point where most were murdered in the Holocaust. While there are many stories to process, one stands out that I'd like to share.

We visited the Jewish cemetery in Wroclaw (Breslau), Poland where Micah had discovered I had two great-grandmothers buried. The headstones in this cemetery had been knocked down by the Nazis but were left in place rather than used for other purposes as was tragically common. We paid the groundskeeper in advance to dig down to uncover the markers, and when we arrived got down on our knees and brushed away the remaining soil and moss to reveal their names. Seeing the names of my great-grandmothers being revealed was extraordinary, but what happened next has me trembling to this day.

Minutes later, we met a German church group who spends one week every year uncovering and remounting headstones as a service project. Part of their mission is to do this selflessly and without any expectation of thanks. (I am writing this message during the High Holidays and the word that comes to mind for their motivation is teshuva.) We shared our story, showed them pictures of my ancestors, walked them to the graves, and they asked if they could help. Days later, we received pictures of the stones- now fully cleaned; one standing in place and the other promised to be similarly restored next year. I still don't have the words to express how it makes me feel.

This story demonstrates to me that Together as One, our annual campaign theme this year, stretches far beyond the here and now. Back when my great-grandmothers were moving through Europe, Elise's family was already living here in Indianapolis! Separated by an ocean and more, both families were active in their synagogues, were advocating for a Jewish state, gave their children a Jewish education, and were involved in community institutions to support those in need. Indeed, on both continents, theirs was the generation that brought the institutions of an active community together into what we now call Jewish Federations.

Even more, Together as One extends across generations, Dor l'Dor. In restoring their memories, I feel a renewed obligation to continue along the path they have laid. It's important to remember that we truly are a link in a chain, that we have the responsibility of history to impart, to sustain, and to grow. Most of the needs of today are the same as those for our great-grandparents.

As we close out 2025, please join me in supporting our unrestricted Annual Campaign. My journey has reminded me that we do this not only for ourselves and not only for our own children. We also do this for those who came before, who worked and, in too many cases, sacrificed everything to provide for a thriving Jewish community now and in the future.



Marc Swatez
MARC SWATEZ
 Chief Executive Officer



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As One

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Make Your Annual Campaign Gift Before Year End

As the year comes to a close, we invite you to pause and reflect on the strength, compassion, and enduring spirit of our Jewish community here in Greater Indianapolis. Through every challenge and celebration, our community has come together caring for the vulnerable, educating and inspiring the next generation, supporting Israel, and ensuring Jewish life thrives for years to come. None of this happens without you.

The Annual Campaign is the lifeblood of our work, providing critical funds that touch every corner of our community from meals for seniors to scholarships for Jewish summer camp, from security for our institutions to cultural and educational programs that connect us more deeply to our heritage and to each other.

Now, as we look ahead, we ask you to stand with us once more. Your year-end gift, whatever the amount, has the power to uplift lives, sustain our shared values, and build a strong, vibrant Jewish future right here at home.

Together, we are stronger.

Together, we are one community.

Make your gift today to ensure a vibrant Jewish future.

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The Magic of Legacy: JFGI Honors Endowment Donors with an Inspiring Evening of Laughter and Philanthropy

On Sept. 10, JFGI welcomed world-renowned comedian, magician and mentalist Simon Mandal to highlight The Magic of Legacy Giving. This event was the Federation's annual endowment celebration in honor and recognition of the hundreds of endowment supporters, donor-advised fund holders, and legacy donors through the Federation and Life and Legacy partners. Over 100 community members attended this memorable evening. Attendees shared laughs and were left inspired by Mandal's thought-provoking connection between the legacy of passing down the secrets of magic and how legacy donors do the same philanthropically to secure the Jewish future.



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1. Paul Kraft, Beth Klapper and Leslie Rubin
2. Guests watching Simon perform up close.
3. David and Abby Katz and Dan Cantor
4. Todd Maurer, Tom and Janie Herman and Linda Maurer
5. Don Rothbaum, Steve Klapper, Sandra Rothbaum, and Larry Tavel
6. Dick Leventhal, Jamie and Tom Herman
7. Miriam Dant kicks off the program.
8. Brian Hoffman shares with the audience and introduces Simon.
9. Simon performs some fast magic tricks.
10. Simon pulls audience members for a special trick.
11. Simon performs word magic with Mike Rubin.
12. Simon performs his grand finale with Dan Cantor.
13. Simon concludes his spirited performance by discussing the importance of legacy and storytelling with selected audience members.
14. Todd Maurer concludes the evening.



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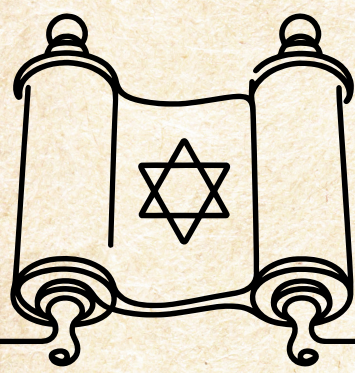
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Torah Torah What's Your Story

Every Torah scroll carries a legacy — a sacred thread of history, resilience, and identity. These powerful artifacts don't just reside in sanctuaries — they tell stories that shape generations.

Sacred Survival: The Holocaust Torah That Found a Home at HHA

The Torah, more than a sacred text, serves as a symbol of enduring tradition and shared identity. Whether paraded joyfully during Simchat Torah or read solemnly in synagogue, each scroll carries generations of meaning. This narrative highlights how these ancient texts continue to inspire connection and continuity across Jewish communities today. This story is part two of a Torah Story series.

holidays, Shabbat, and middot (character development). Through assemblies, competitions, songs, and school-wide activities, students engage deeply with Jewish heritage and values. The goal is not only comprehension but personal connection: students are encouraged to form their own beliefs through ethical inquiry and traditional interpretation.

In this way, Scroll #437 continues its sacred mission. It bridges past and future, guiding young Jewish minds as they explore their identity and history. It is a living artifact; one that tells the story of a lost community, a surviving faith, and a school committed to keeping memory alive.

Visit www.hhai.org to learn more about the Academy and its Holocaust Museum.



Torah scrolls, sacred vessels of Jewish tradition, have long been symbols of continuity, faith, and learning. Through the Torah Scroll Project, scrolls rescued from the ashes of history are permanently loaned to synagogues and Jewish institutions around the world to inspire study and remembrance. Among these is Scroll #437, now housed in the Holocaust Museum at Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (HHA).

This particular scroll originates from Dobřiš, a town in what is now the Czech Republic. Before the Holocaust, Dobřiš was home to a vibrant Jewish community, complete with a synagogue and cemetery. Nearly 100 Jews lived there until the Nazi regime sought to erase Jewish life and tradition. Today, no Jews remain in Dobřiš, and the former synagogue has been repurposed as a cultural center. Yet, the Torah scroll endures.

Arriving in Indianapolis in 1986 thanks to the efforts of Shirley Cohen, this scroll is more than parchment and ink, it is a survivor. It stands as a quiet miracle, defying Nazi efforts to destroy all Torah scrolls. Its presence at HHA is a powerful reminder of the resilience of Jewish identity and the sacred duty to remember.

At HHA, the Holocaust Torah is not just preserved. It is actively honored through education. The Academy's curriculum centers Torah learning around Jewish



Ambassador Michael Leiter Addresses Indianapolis Jewish Community

In August, more than 300 members of the Indianapolis Jewish community came together for a powerful and timely gathering featuring Israeli Ambassador Michael Leiter. The event offered attendees a rare opportunity to hear firsthand perspectives on Israel's current challenges and its evolving role on the global stage.

Ambassador Leiter's remarks touched on pressing geopolitical developments, the resilience of Israeli society, and the importance of global Jewish unity in times of uncertainty. His insights sparked meaningful dialogue and reaffirmed the deep connections between the Jewish diaspora and the State of Israel.



Asaf Goldstein and Immediate Past President Helen Kurlander Goldstein pose for a photo with the Ambassador.



Ambassador Leiter addresses over 300 Indianapolis Jewish community members, sharing timely insights on Israel's challenges and the power of global Jewish unity.

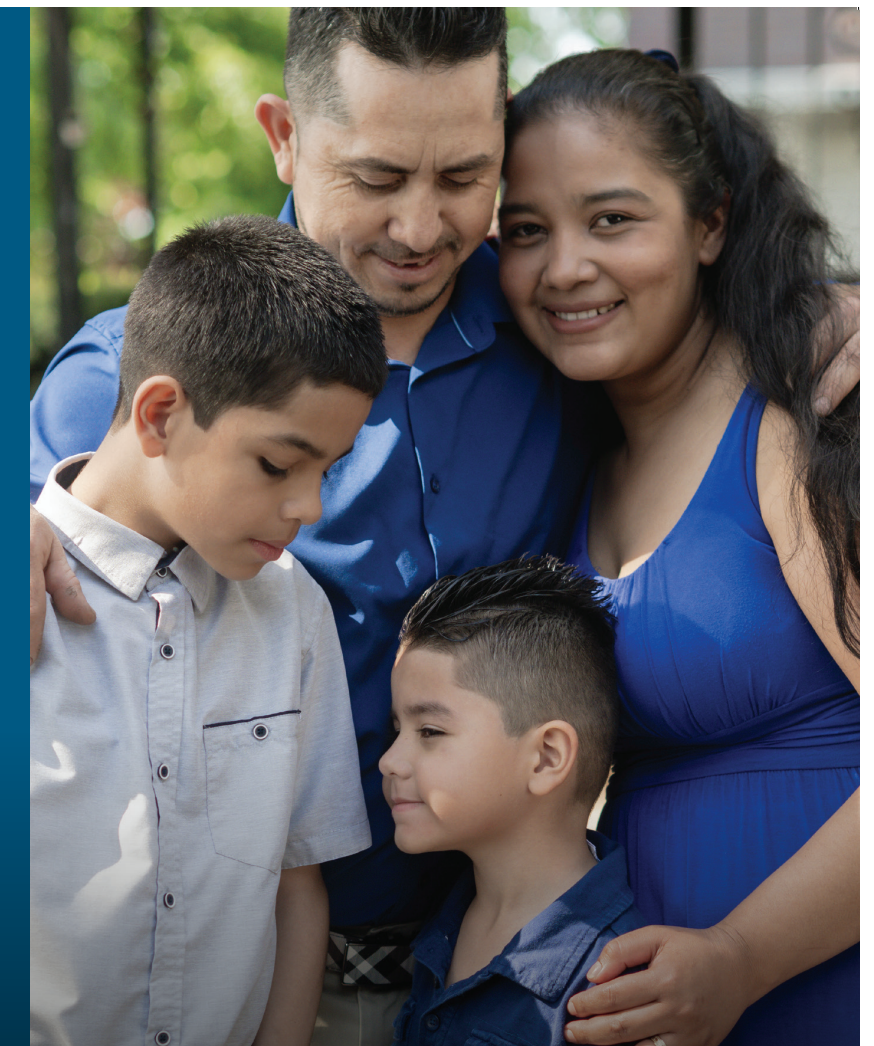


Co-President Miriam Dant moderates an important discussion with Ambassador Leiter.

BEYOND BARRIERS

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

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Telling Stories That Bridge Black and Jewish Identity



Multi-E Emmy-nominated and award-winning filmmaker Ira Mallory is reshaping the narrative landscape by blending his Black and Jewish identities into powerful, community-centered storytelling.

Mallory is the founder and director of BJYL productions. His most recent Emmy Award nominations were for his recent film *Until Now*. He tells his story about how he found his sense of belonging in the Jewish community and how he integrated his Black and Jewish identities into his company's productions. Mallory's films have had a profound impact on Jewish and Black communities, and his stories provide educational insight into the complex layers of society.

Last year, Mallory worked with an ad agency to direct two commercials for Connor Prairie Museum's Black American Exhibit. The commercials resulted in two Emmy Award nominations. Mallory says he feels he has come a long way since then, as he now has earned two Emmy Awards through his own production agency.

"This time I did a film with Connor Prairie that I directed and wrote, so the Emmy nomination had my company's name on it. It was a great honor," he said.

Mallory is most proud of his narrative film, *Queen Esther*.

"It's a blend of all of my self-identity, what inspires me and motivates me, because I wanted to celebrate my Jewishness but also my Black Americanness as well," he said.

Mallory incorporated significant components of his identity into this documentary because it holds meaning for him. After the passing of his mom, Mallory says he found comfort in the Jewish community.

"It fit me so much," he said. "I was so embraced by the community even though I didn't grow up Jewish and I'm a Black American. There's not a lot of us in the synagogue. I never felt like an outsider. I was treated like family from the jump."

Mallory's religion has given him hope in dark times, and *Queen Esther* was an opportunity for him to display his deep connection to Judaism.

Mallory has also found joy in his involvement with the Jewish community. He started with volunteering with the homeless through a partnership between Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and the Interfaith Alliance Network. He then joined the Jewish Community Relations Council Board of Directors. He has also worked on various projects with the Jewish Federation and is a part of the Federation's Prystowsky ATID 6 Cohort. He also filmed videos featuring the October 7 massacre, Indianapolis Holocaust survivors, and the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration.



Mallory says he's incredibly grateful for the opportunities he's had and is eager to deepen his involvement in the Jewish community. Through his work, he's found a way to merge purpose with passion, amplifying voices, honoring identity, and telling stories that matter. As he continues to create, advocate, and inspire, Mallory's films remain a powerful bridge between cultures, communities, and the shared human experience.

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- Ira Mallory



Indy Kollel Off to a Great Start



From left: Rabbi Moshe Marks, Dr. Jack Cotlar, Benton Marks and Ivan Ekhaus learning together in the newly renovated Indy Kollel Beis Midrash Library.



Kollel partnered with B'nai Torah and Etz Chaim for a kickoff event with guest speaker Rabbi Ariel Shoshan from Congregation Ahavat Torah in Scottsdale.

The newly established Indy Kollel has begun operations, marking the first community kollel in Indianapolis. Its presence has introduced regular Torah study in the renovated Beis Medrash and contributed to increased activity in local Jewish institutions. Rabbi Chaim Grayman, now executive director, played a key role in organizing the kollel after moving to the city last year. The initiative follows years of community interest and builds on efforts by local leaders, including Rick Bentley and Rabbi Aryeh Birnhack, to revitalize Jewish life in Indianapolis through the GrowIndy committee.

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Benny Auslander

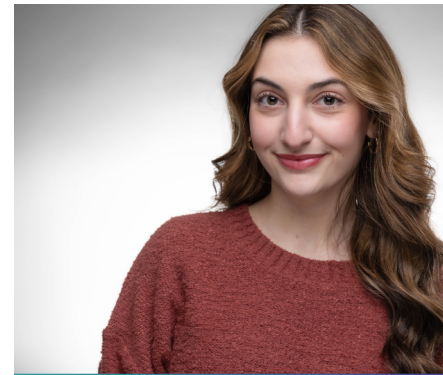
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Describe yourself in 100 words or less: Timely, passionate, witty, and a staunch advocate for the Jewish community, Benny worked with many organizations like Student-to-Student to educate against antisemitism and anti-Israel rhetoric. A student at the University of Florida, Benny enjoys football, cooking, and studying economic policy.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? Working with Student-to-Student helped me give outside the community the opportunity to connect with people of different backgrounds and share with them a bridge between faiths. Other projects like working on the Yom HaShoah/HaZikaron event earlier in the year helped me give back inside the Jewish community, creating a space for members of the community to participate in.

Celebrity Doppelganger: Benny Blanco

Who is a Jew who inspires you? My Mom and Dad



Sadie Cohen

Age: 16

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am deeply passionate about the things I love like family, music, theatre, and Judaism. I approach life with intensity that fuels my every endeavor. My friends and family have always described me as "fierce." My loyalty is unwavering having formed lasting connections with those I care about. I stand up for my principles and always strive to be my most authentic self. I am profoundly dedicated to service, attending to the needs of others as I strive to make a positive impact on the world around me. I (think) I am funny and I enjoy having fun!

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I have always been involved at my shul, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, by participating in services and chant Torah and Haftarah regularly. I serve as the social media chair for BBYO. I have been volunteering since I was little at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen on Christmas Day and for 4 years at Hooverwood. I have been involved with the Miss Indiana and Miss America Organizations since 2023 first holding the local title of Miss Capital City's Teen 2024 and now holding the local title of Miss Cardinal's Teen 2025. In 2023, I created "Sadie Smiles for Seniors," a unique community

service initiative that aims to create meaningful connections across generations through performance, intergenerational programs, and personal outreach. I am also involved with the Great American Songbook Foundation's "Perfect Harmony" program where I am both a performer and facilitator creating and promoting resources so critical in fostering wellness and joy within elder care facilities.



Simon Ekhaus

Age: 18

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I love hanging out with friends, mostly indulging in sports whether it's playing or spectating. I love to travel, mostly around the US but also abroad. I like to think of myself as a calm individual who strives for success.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? Making an impact in the Jewish community is one of my biggest goals in life, especially when it comes to youth. I spent this past summer working as a counselor at Beber Camp, a Jewish summer camp in Wisconsin, in order to make sure kids thrive in a Jewish community. Additionally I was on both the local and regional boards of BBYO for the same reason. Along with BBYO I participated in Student 2 Student, a JCRC led initiative to educate other high school students on Judaism and raise awareness of antisemitism. These groups truly help define my values, and I'm proud to call myself a member of the Jewish community, especially in Indianapolis.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Getting accepted into Purdue University's Integrated Business & Engineering program.

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Vivian Alder, Benny Auslander, Sadie Cohen,
Madi Fleisher, Avery Fox, Megan Fridell, Ari Herold,
Quincy Katz, Ruth Rosenberg, Isaac Rothbaum,
and Alana Segal

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 18 UNDER 18 CLASS OF 2025



Age: 18

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I would describe myself in many ways as a creative person. A lot of people have told me I am a perfectionist, but I see it more as a drive to do everything to the best of my ability. I am very driven in everything I do, whether it is athletics, academics, or my two jobs. I also love children, animals, and am down to try every food in front of me, except chocolate.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I have grown up surrounded by Jewish involvement. I am a 4th generation member at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck where I went to preschool. I also went to the Indy JCC for day camp, JCC Camp Chi for sleepaway camp, and worked in the JCC aquatics program for the past 3 years. This summer I also had the opportunity to work in the K'ton day camp at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI). I also have been a part of my local BBYO chapter board for the past 4 terms, including my 4th term as president. I also take part in JCRC Student 2 Student, the Louis and Sybil Mervis YoPhi teen board at the JFGI, and was President of Brebeuf Jesuit's Jewish Student Union my senior year of high school. I also volunteered and will continue to do my part at JFGI's Super Sunday and Jewish Family Service's Adopt a Family.

Avery Fox

Who is a Jew who inspires you? My mom, Margo Fox, because she is one of the most involved people I know in the Jewish community around me.

Mazal Tov Avery- we are so proud of you. May you keep going from strength to strength.
Love, Abba, Ima and Hailey



Age: 18

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a recent graduate of Carmel HS and plan to study Biology at IU. I hope to become a PA or RN. In addition to my involvement in the Jewish community, I enjoy working as a PCA at IU North Hospital, working out and spending time with my friends.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? My family belongs to Congregation Beth El Zedeck, where I became a bat mitzvah. My main involvement in the Jewish community has been through BBYO. I held many positions on the board of SG B'Yachad BBG and was on the Regional board of Kentucky Indiana Ohio serving as the S'ganit and N'siah (VP and Pres) my junior and senior years of high school. I attended international BBYO programs IC, CLTC, ILTC and Kallah. Sharing all that I learned and experienced and encouraging my fellow teens to get involved is how I continue to give back to our community.

Madi Fleischer

Who is a Jew who inspires you? My dad, Jim Fleischer z"l



Age: 17

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a rising senior at Brebeuf Jesuit, I am a really hard worker, a good student, and play a very active role in my school community as a co-president of the Jewish Student Union, a manager of the football team, and I do hair and makeup for the school musical. I am a person who values my family, friends, and community.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I really enjoy being an active member in my Jewish community. For the past 2 years I have participated in the Student to Student program with the JCRC. This will be my second year as a co-president of the Jewish Student Union and third year of being involved with the club. I volunteer at Hooverwood through my community service classes at school, and I am a camp counselor at Goldman Union Camp Institute after having been a camper for 7 years.

Megan Fridell

Who is a Jew who inspires you? Ruth Bader Ginsberg



Age: 16

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I would describe myself as someone who is out going and always looking to better myself and the people around me. I would say I am an enthusiastic and animated person who is always up to hangout and be vibrant.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? The thing that keeps me most involved is BBYO. It has given me a community to better myself and leave a legacy for others. I am also involved in CTeen, and youth group at my congregation. I also take part in my school's Jewish student union as the current president. I give back by leading as an example for the younger generation of Jewish teens and hopefully inspiring them to stay involved in the community.

Sam Grant

Who is a Jew who inspires you? Julian Edelman

What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment is either being elected as KIO regional vice president, or starting and managing my successful photography and videography business, shooting for multiple d1 sports and professional sports as well.



Age: 18

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a freshman at Xavier University majoring in business with a minor in Jewish Studies. I enjoy photography, motorsports, bowling, and spending time with my Bernese Mountain Dog, Emmie.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I am a part of JCRC Student-to-Student. I served as a Madrich at Beth-El Zedeck religious school, volunteered at Hooverwood, and participated in the JFGI YoPhi youth philanthropy program.

Ari Herold

Who is a Jew who inspires you? My grandparents, Sandy and Dennis Sasso. My grandfather taught me what it means to have a kind heart and a good name. He has shown me that as Jews we are responsible for one another, and for contributing to our community. My grandmother has taught me about curiosity, creativity, and bravery. She has taught me the importance of big dreams, and doing things no one has done before.

What is your proudest accomplishment? I am proud of the eleven years I have spent practicing taekwondo. I am a second degree black belt and also give back by serving as an instructor at my studio.

We are very proud of our grandson Ari being recognized as part of the 18 under 18 Federation cohort. Ari's gifts of mind and heart, leadership, service and friendship fill us with joy. Mazal Tov to Ari and the rest of the young leaders. They give us hope for our future.
- Bubbie and Apa



Age: 17

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I'm a senior in high school who brings a lot of energy and heart to everything I do. I'm the kind of person who really cares about my friends, my school, and making things better wherever I can. I'm committed, dependable, and always try to show up for people. Whether it's working on a project, helping out with events, or just being there for someone, I give it my all. I believe in lifting others up and staying positive, even when things get tough. I want to leave high school knowing I made a real difference, big or small.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? Adopt-a-Family has always been part of my life. My mom started volunteering before I was born, so I grew up with it. Over time, my role has changed, but the mission has stayed close to my heart. This year, I'm really proud that our school adopted a family, and I got to help lead that effort. I'm also co-president of the Jewish Student Union at Park Tudor. With everything going on in the world, I think it's more important than ever to share positive Jewish experiences and educate my classmates about the culture and values I care so much about.

Quincy Katz

Who is a Jew who inspires you? My mom



Sierra Krichiver

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Who is a Jew who inspires you? Albert Einstein



Jonah Maurer

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Isaac Solomon Rothbaum
We are immensely proud of the young man you are. Your compassion, curiosity, devotion to family, humor, integrity, intelligence, love and service to your community are admirable. We love you.
Mom, Dad, Meyer, Simon and David



Age: 18

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a young woman who is endlessly curious about the universe. I am fascinated by science, math, and philosophy, and I plan to be a lifelong learner. I will study astrophysics and always nurture my curiosity. I also strive to find meaning in every aspect of life. My Judaism provides the foundation for how I choose to live, and I will always come back to Judaism to be grounded in my values. I also find beauty in music, dance, and rhythm, which culminates in one of my greatest passions, tap dance. Through these pursuits, I strive for meaning.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I am an active participant in Student to Student through the JCRC, a program where we visit local high schools and educate our peers about Judaism, providing knowledge and familiarity to combat antisemitism. I have also acted as a songleader at Goldman Union Camp Institute (where I have gone every summer for 10 years) when we traveled to Poland and Israel, and I am planning to be a songleader next year at the Princeton Center for Jewish Life. I attended Religious School from consecration

to confirmation, and I served as a Music Specialist for Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Outside of the Jewish community, I founded an Astronomy Club at my high school to foster a love of the universe. I organized monthly meetings and events, including visiting local planetariums and hosting guest speakers.

Who is a Jew who inspires you? Albert Einstein

Age: 15

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I have two siblings and I'm the middle child. I'm a sophomore at Carmel High School and I attend Beber Camp in the summer. In my free time, I enjoy reading, spending time with my friends, playing basketball, and fishing. I like to travel, and I enjoy getting involved in the community.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I am currently serving as Gadol/President of our local BBYO chapter, and previously served as Shaliach. I am involved in Begin Scholars, a selective two-year program focused on Jewish and Western Civilization thought. I am on the planning board of Chabad-Teen. I have participated in fundraising for causes that are important to me, participate in JCRC's Student-to-Student program. I also represent the Jewish community at the Interfaith Youth Ambassadors Program at CIC.

Who is a Jew who inspires you? My dad. He works Sunday through Friday of the week in multiple industries and still makes time to volunteer for the Jewish and Central Indiana communities. He is a strong leader who listens to challenges to his opinions, and he welcomes

debate and dissent. He is committed to continual learning and is always acquiring new skills and knowledge. My dad has taught me the importance of grit and not compromising your values even when it makes your life more difficult.

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Drew Organ

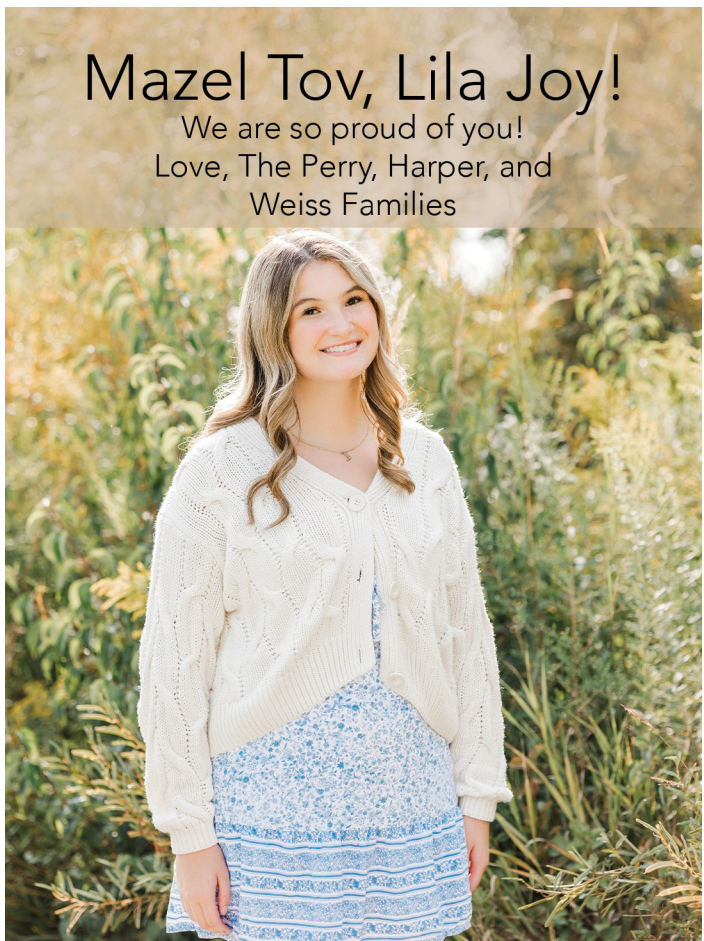
What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment to date was representing the state of Indiana at the 2023 FBI National Academy Youth Leadership Program. After a rigorous application process, and multiple in-person interviews, I was grateful and honored to be chosen as the sole person to represent Indiana at this program in Quantico, VA. Participating in, and completing, this program was one of the most challenging and meaningful experiences I have had in my life (so far).

Age: 17

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a senior at Carmel High School. I love to travel, and learn about other countries, cultures, and languages. I have been practicing martial arts (taekwondo) for 13 years, and have earned a 4th degree black belt. I work part-time as an instructor at my dojang, while I continue learning as a student too. Fencing has been a hobby of mine for a few years and I am active in my school's fencing club. I enjoy being a part of Model UN, and traveling to other schools for competitions. This year I will serve as Vice President for the CHS Jewish Student Union.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I've been involved in the Indianapolis Jewish community for as long as I can remember, from preschool, to Hebrew school, to my Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation. Inside the Jewish community, I have participated as a leader in Student to Student for the past few years, as well as serving on last year's Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut planning committee as a teen representative, where I organized ways to improve teen and student participation in the programs. Outside of the Jewish community, I am a member of the National Honor Society, where I volunteer for a variety of service opportunities, as well as tutor students in multiple school subjects.

Jewish Family Services logo and text: Jewish Family Services is proud to celebrate and congratulate the inspiring 18 Under 18 cohort!





Lila Perry

Age: 16

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: Hi, I'm Lila Joy! But at Camp GUCI, everyone just calls me Joy, because that's what being Jewish brings me and exactly how I feel when I'm there. As a triplet, I love being part of a big family, and the Jewish community feels like an even bigger one. I've served in BBYO leadership, help teach at my synagogue and share about Judaism through JCRC's Student to Student. Most of all, I love working with kids and giving back to the community that means so much to me.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I am very involved in the Jewish community through a variety of leadership and volunteer roles. In BBYO, I have served as Indianapolis Gizborit and Mazkirah, and I was recently elected regional S'ganit for KIO. These positions have given me the opportunity to help create meaningful experiences and safe spaces for Jewish teens to connect and grow. I am also active in the Carmel High School Jewish Student Union and participate in JCRC's Student to Student, where I visit schools across Indiana to share about Judaism and help educate others, building understanding and fighting antisemitism.

At my synagogue IHC, I serve as a Mazkira, assisting in the Sunday school as a teacher's aide, and this summer I will continue giving back by doing Avodah at Camp GUCI. Whether through leadership, education, or mentorship, I strive to give back by strengthening Jewish life for my peers and helping those outside the community learn more about Jewish identity and values.

What is your proudest accomplishment? My work in BBYO



Lyla Pitzele

Age: 16

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a junior at Carmel High School and I participate in Carmel Choirs. I love to sing, dance, and perform. I have been involved with performing arts since a young age, and now I perform with the Carmel Accents. I also love reading and I volunteer through my school's book club and the Carmel Clay Public Library. One year I read nearly 100 books. I am close with my family including a younger sister and 11 cousins, four of which live in town.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I have been involved in Carmel High School's Jewish Student Union since freshman year and am now serving as president. I also take Hebrew at school and I have volunteered at events such as "Run for Their Lives" and the Yom Hazikaron event at the JCC. I participate in Jewish youth programs such as C-Teen and Student to Student. Outside of the Jewish community I volunteer at the Carmel Public library.



Ruth Rosenberg

Age: 18

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I would describe myself as a hard-working, fun, loving, and passionate person.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I was the founder and president of my school's Jewish culture club, as well as speaking at my temple and at a press conference about antisemitism in today's youth. I've also participated in youth groups at my temple as well as the JCRC's student to student program. I was also given the opportunity to give a student perspective on antisemitism at the COC conference in Louisville as I participated on a panel. I attended the ICC's leadership summit in DC and have overall used my knowledge and platforms to spread awareness and fight antisemitism.

Who is a Jew who inspires you? Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Isaac Rothbaum

Age: 17

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a very curious person, questioning almost everything that I come across. I value hard work and take pride in my work and accomplishments. I also take pride in my problem-solving ability. I always love a good challenge and finding new and different ways to approach and solve problems. However, most importantly I consider myself witty; I know when and what joke to make in conversations.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I am a two-year member of YoPhi (Youth philanthropy Indy). I will be returning this year as Board leader, being able to once again give back to my community and lead the next group of teens. I have been a member of Student to Student for three years now, speaking not only at schools but also other religions' places of worship. I am the President of Jewish Student Union at Park Tudor. For non-Jewish community based organizations, I am the creator of the Park Tudor Food Service Relief Program, repurposing each days lunch for food-insecure families to take home. This year I am captain of the Mens Tennis team at Park Tudor.

What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment definitely has to be the food repurposing program. Mostly due to that fact that I get to help families and students at Park Tudor receive a full nutritious meal that they might not have otherwise had. Also, during the process I learned a lot. From my early conversations with the CFO at Park Tudor, to speaking with the food service providers and then the families it helps, it gives me immense satisfaction to know that I am helping those in need. I believe there is potential to help many people in our community. If all goes well I will approach other schools in the area and see if they can/will implement the same program.



Musa Suriel

Age: 18

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a proud Indianapolis native and a 2025 graduate of North Central High School where I was named one of the Top 25 Panthers to Watch. I am a passionate advocate for Israel and the Jewish people and plan to continue my advocacy at Indiana University where I will study International Studies. When I am not doing things in the community, I am probably watching sports, fishing, or at a country music concert.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I am deeply involved in the Jewish community and passionate about building understanding beyond it. I served as Vice President of the Jewish Student Union at North Central High School, helping create a space for Jewish students to connect and celebrate their identity. I also served on the local board of BBYO and CTeen, where I attended the International Shabbaton for three years. I also represented Jewish youth globally as a delegate to the World Jewish Congress' Jewish Youth Assembly. I had the honor of representing the cohort and presenting our resolution at the 2025 BBYO International Convention. I am passionate about reaching out to the broader community. I

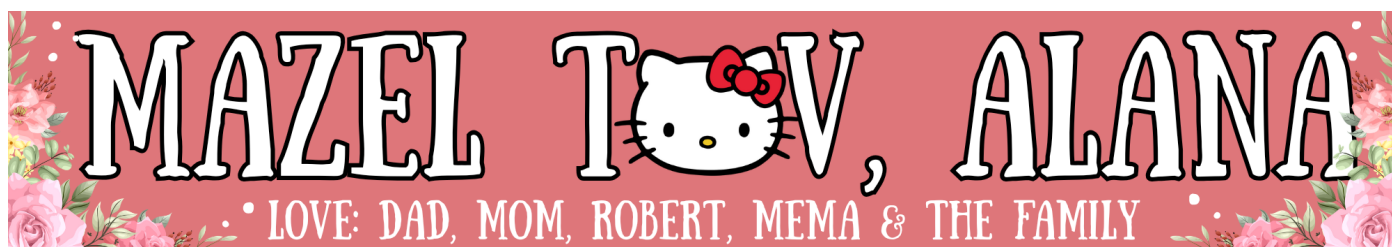
participated in the Indianapolis JCRC's Student to Student program, where I spoke to hundreds of students in schools across the greater Indianapolis area, sharing personal stories and educating others about the Jewish faith, traditions, and Israel. Recently, I delivered a keynote address at the Christians United for Israel summit, speaking to thousands of attendees about my experiences as a Jewish student.

Who is a Jew who inspires you? My Mom, Lauren Suriel



IHC CONGRATULATES OUR STUDENTS:

- Sam Grant
- Sierra Krichiver
- Olivia Lazin
- Drew Organ
- Lila Perry
- Musa Suriel
- Elon Yuckman





Elon Yuckman

Age: 16

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am a Jew, a scholar, an athlete, a friend, a brother, and a son. All of these things combine to make me who I am. As a role model I exemplify my values showing dedication, perseverance, love, kindness, determination, intention, pride, and leadership. I am someone who cares about others and will always help if needed. I will always support my friends and family no matter what. I am a quiet leader. I don't strive to be in the spotlight but I will take the lead with confidence when the opportunity presents itself.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I am a proud Jewish teen in the Indianapolis community. I am a Madrichim in the Jewish Learning program at IHC on Sundays and help the younger kids learn about Judaism, holidays, and Hebrew. In addition I'm involved in the JCRC student to student program, going out to other schools in the community to educate non Jewish teens on being Jewish and what antisemitism looks like. I attend URJ- Six Points Sports Camp every summer in Asheville, NC where I get to play tennis everyday, spend time with other Jewish friends from around the country, and celebrate Shabbat as a community. I am a Bar Mitzvah and

was recently confirmed at IHC and enjoy celebrating Jewish holidays as a family and attending Shabbat services. I also act as an advocate and educator when friends, teammates, and coaches come to me with their religious questions.

Who is a Jew who inspires you? Adam Sandler

What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment is being selected to give the Firefly speech at URJ- Six Points Camp this summer. This honor is given to a few select people who show character in leadership, kindness, and sportsmanship. I have great respect for the counselors and leadership there that have contributed and shaped my Jewish experience every summer for the last 5 years and I was honored and excited to pass on my words of wisdom to the younger campers.

We would like to congratulate all the nominees of this year's 18 under 18 honor. We are grateful and elated for Elon to be recognized for his work in the Jewish community. It inspires us as parents to see Elon grasp on to his Jewish identity; to educate, to lead, and to be a model for young Jewish teens in today's world. The smile on his face on Sunday morning proves to us he enjoys the time he spends at IHC being a madrichim to the kids in the learning program. Being a leader in the student to student program and visiting schools in the Indianapolis area to talk to other students about Judaism has shaped how he looks at his future professional endeavors. He is proud to be Jewish, and we are appreciative for these opportunities that allow him to strengthen his ties to the Indianapolis Jewish community.

-Timo and Sheila Yuckman

18 Under 18 Rising Stars



Vivian Alder

Age: 14

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am interested in classical literature and history. The history I am especially interested in is the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars. My favorite classical literature authors are Dostoevsky and Edgar Allan Poe. I am very interested in the Holocaust and WWII in general. I wish to be able to have more experiences with public speaking about the Holocaust. American history is also very important to me, especially about the Civil War, Native American history, and, of course, the Founding Fathers. (Alexander Hamilton went to Jewish school!!)

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I have only gone to Jewish schools my whole life (up until high school), and so I have had a lot of opportunities to speak about my Jewish identity and the Holocaust. I have spoken at the State House twice on the topic of the Holocaust, and every time I am on a stage, talking about Judaism, I can't help but choke up. I feel so deeply passionate about my community. I have done charitable work with the school, like bringing food to Popsie's pantry and giving Tzedaka.

Who is a Jew who inspires you? Frank Grunwald

What is your proudest accomplishment? My greatest accomplishment was going to the State House and speaking in front of very important people to Indiana.



Olivia Lazin

Age: 11

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I am in the 6th grade at St. Richard's School and went to Kindergarten-5th grade at CFI 84. I love cats, especially my cat Greta. I play softball and volleyball. I love going on trips with my family and I have dreams of going to Italy and Australia. In the summer I love spending time at Gnow Bone Camp and at my grandparents lake house in North Carolina. I have a little sister, Emery who is in 4th grade. When I grow up I want to be an orthodontist.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? My family and I first learned about Popsie's Pantry through a PJ Library event and it made a big impact on me. In 5th grade, I had to research a community issue and complete an action project so I knew I wanted to learn more about food insecurity. I interviewed Rachel Katz at Jewish Family Services and she gave me a tour of Popsie's Pantry and told me about how they help people in Indianapolis who are facing food insecurity. I reached out to family, friends, and neighbors and was able to raise over \$400 and collect a lot of food donations. Then I went to the grocery and used the money to pick out food and personal care items that Rachel mentioned they really needed

then I delivered everything and stocked the shelves at Popsie's Pantry. I love the feeling it gives you to help out the community and I think Jewish Family Services does a lot to help people in need.

Who is a Jew who inspires you? I'm inspired by my parents, my grandparents, and my great-grandparents plus my Jewish ancestors who I didn't know but who were brave and allowed me to have the life I have today.



Alana Segal

Age: 13

Describe yourself in 100 words or less: I'm kind, creative, and optimistic. I love cute things, especially anything related to Japanese food and culture. I enjoy helping people and making them feel included. Singing is one of my favorite hobbies, whether it's just for fun or to share with others. I try to see the best in every situation and bring positivity to the people around me.

How are you involved in the Jewish community? I help out with little kids at events and sometimes watch them at the temple for free. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I collected over 100 bottles of shampoo for Popsie's Pantry and donated all the extra food from my celebration there, too. I look out for my little brother and make sure he's okay, and I also keep an eye on the neighbor kids during special events. Helping others, whether in the Jewish community or outside of it, is important to me.

Who is a Jew who inspires you? My mom and dad — they've taught me what it means to be part of the Jewish community and to help others.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Becoming a Bat Mitzvah was one of my proudest accomplishments, not just because of the studying and preparation, but because it connected me more deeply to my Jewish identity. I'm also proud of being the only Jewish student at my middle school. It's a chance for me to show my classmates that being Jewish is something positive, meaningful, and kind, and to help them see our community in a good way.

MAZEL TOV MEGAN!



We are so proud of you!

All our love,

**Mom, Dad, Brooke, Zaidie Howard & Grandma,
Zaidie Joe, Auntie Sari & Uncle David**

Congratulations Quincy Katz!



Quincy, We are so proud of you for being named to the 18 under 18!

**We get to see your dedication and hard work every single day.
We are in awe of how much you do to lift everyone around you.**

**Keep shining and inspiring others with your
incredible spirit and determination.**

**We love you,
Mom and Dad**



COMMUNITY MENORAH CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE

Join the Jewish community at the Max & Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus community menorah to light the candles!

NIGHT ONE:

5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14
Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

NIGHT TWO:

5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15
Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

NIGHT THREE:

6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16
Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

NIGHT FOUR:

5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17
Hooverwood Living

NIGHT FIVE:

6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18
Indianapolis Jewish Discovery Center

NIGHT SIX:

5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation & Jewish Community Center

NIGHT SEVEN:

6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20
Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis

NIGHT EIGHT:

4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21
Congregation Beth Shalom/Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

JFGI Scholarship Window Is Open!



Friedmann, Perel, Dorfman, Pescovitz, and Grimberg families for investing in the future of the Jewish community by establishing funds to award scholarships and grants annually.

In addition to these funds, JFGI also offers support for camp and Israel trips through two other funding sources. The Federation partners with the national One Happy Camper program to support children going to their first Jewish summer camp, and JFGI also offers funding to support the first organized trip to Israel for some 26 years or younger.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is proud to open its 2026 scholarship and grant application window. Each year, the Federation awards academic and experiential scholarships and grants to community members, thanks to the generosity of donors who have established funds to support these opportunities in perpetuity.

Whether you are considering sending a child to a Jewish summer camp or on an organized trip to Israel, or you or a family member are going to be enrolled in college or graduate school this upcoming year, scholarships are available to help make those expenses more manageable for qualified families and individuals.

The Federation thanks the Rothbard,

In 2025, over \$25,000 was awarded to individuals and families through scholarship and grant awards for academic, camp, and Israel experiences, helping more than 20 children attend a Jewish summer camp or Israel experience and supporting seven individuals as they further their education. It is the Federation's hope that award recipients carry with them the entire Indianapolis Jewish community and bring back lessons, experiences, and knowledge to make our community a better place.

As several 2025 recipients said, they are "honored to represent the Indianapolis Jewish community in this way," grateful for "JFGI's generosity for awarding this scholarship to support [their child's] upcoming trip to Israel," and appreciative of "the generosity from the community to

support [their children]" at camp.

The JFGI scholarship program helps families and individuals have meaningful Jewish and educational experiences. Individuals can learn more about the program and begin the application process by visiting jewishindianapolis.org/scholarships. One Happy Camper funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, while JFGI scholarship applications are due by March 1, 2026. So don't wait, apply early to ensure your information is received on time!

Contact Brian Hoffman at bhoffman@jfgi.org with questions.



Pardon Our Dust

JFGI is moving to a new database to better serve our community. Be on the lookout in your mail and/or email for details on how to confirm or update any of your information. JFGI appreciates your understanding that during this transition, some communications may look different than they have. Please email any updates to contact@jfgi.org or scan this QR code to fill out a form. JFGI will follow up with any questions. Thank you.





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Pride Circle Ga'avah and NEXTGen Host Happy Hour

In August, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregations's Pride Circle Ga'avah and NEXTGen brought together community members for a vibrant happy hour at English Ivy's bar. The evening was filled with laughter, board games, delicious food and drinks, and meaningful conversations celebrating connection, inclusion, and the joy of coming together.



NEXTGen Hosts Shlichah Meet & Greet

On Sept. 18, the Indianapolis Jewish community gathered to welcome Gaya, the community's new Shlichah (Israeli Emissary), at her first major event, a lively Meet & Greet hosted by NEXTGen. The evening was filled with warm introductions, vibrant conversations, and a delicious spread of Israeli treats, offering Gaya a heartfelt taste of home and a joyful start to her journey in Indy.



NEXTGen Cleans Up IHC Historic Jewish Cemetery

At the end of August, NEXTGen gathered at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Historic Jewish Cemetery in downtown Indianapolis to honor the past through service. In a heartfelt act of respect and remembrance, the group cleaned up litter and debris around headstones and the surrounding grounds, preserving the dignity of the site and deepening their connection to the community's Jewish heritage.

Upcoming Events

Celebrate Community at NEXTGen's Annual Friendsgiving Shabbat

On Nov. 21, NEXTGen invites the young Jewish community to come together for its beloved Friendsgiving Shabbat. Guests will enjoy a festive evening filled with delicious turkey, seasonal sides, and meaningful connection. It's a chance to celebrate friendship, gratitude, and the vibrant spirit of the community. Look out for more information on NEXTGen's social media!

Intro to Lobbying with JCRC

Keep an eye out for a unique learning opportunity co-sponsored by NEXTGen and the Jewish Community Relations Council coming this Fall. Meet with political lobbyists of all backgrounds and get to know the political process in Indy like never before.

LIGHT IT UP

NEXTGEN'S ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY



This year's celebration will be held at one of the city's most iconic and exclusive speakeasies — and the entire venue will be reserved just for this event!

Wear your most festive Chanukah attire and get ready for an unforgettable evening!

8 - 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

The Vault
1542 S East St, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Ticket Cost: \$25
Ticket includes food & two drinks.

Register at bit.ly/ngliu
RSVP required

Contact Andrew Steele at asteele@jfgi.org with questions.



PJ Library

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PJ Library Celebrates Rosh Hashanah with Apple Picking at Stuckey Farms



Marissa Missan leads a kids activity.



Kids enjoyed a hayride through the orchard.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, families from the Indianapolis Jewish community visited Stuckey Farms for PJ Library's "Sweet Connections for the New Year" event. In celebration of Rosh Hashanah, attendees enjoyed apple picking, zinnia gathering, a ride on the Stuckey Express, and access to the orchard, Adventure Acres, and the pumpkin patch. The afternoon was filled with joy, nature, and meaningful moments as families welcomed the new year together.

Young Learners Explore Nature and Storytelling



On Sunday, Sept. 28, children ages 2-5 gathered at Newfields Outdoor Gardens for "From Page to Palette: A Harvest Adventure," hosted by PJ Library in partnership with Newfields Wee Wonders. The interactive program blended storytelling and nature exploration, featuring the book Harvest Blessings: Gifts from the Earth. Participants enjoyed a morning of discovery among the gardens, engaging with the themes of gratitude and harvest through hands-on activities inspired by the story. The event was made possible with support from the Alan & Linda Cohen Family Foundation.



PJ Library, Popsie's Pantry, & Hasten Hebrew Academy's MLK Day of Service

10-11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19

JCC Laikin Auditorium 6705 Hoover Road, enter through Door #5

Cost is \$5 per person.

Register at <https://bit.ly/pjmlk26>

Email Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfgi.org with questions





Adopt-a-Family: A Legacy of Giving from JFS Co-Chairs

For JFS Co-Chairs Marlo Katz and Shayna Gordon Cohen, the Adopt-a-Family program has long been more than a seasonal initiative; it's a cherished tradition rooted in compassion, community, and family.

Katz has chaired the program for over a decade, inspiring countless others to get involved. Her entire family has embraced the spirit of giving, including her late mother, Sarann z"l, who formed a team with friends each year. Today, the grandchildren honor Sarann's legacy with an annual donation, and last year, Katz's teenage daughter, Quincy, continued the tradition by starting her own team with Park Tudor classmates.

"My family has been involved with Adopt-a-Family for 20 years," Katz said. "What began with just a few families has grown into an incredible effort that now supports 100 households, including Holocaust survivors. I love making Chanukah a brighter, more joyful time for those who need it most. For us, this work is deeply meaningful. It is more than just helping others; it is about strengthening our community. We are proud and grateful to be part of this tradition."

Gordon Cohen has also made Adopt-a-Family a meaningful part of her family's life. Each year, she joins forces with her sister-in-law and cousin to adopt a family together, involving their children in shopping, wrapping, and sometimes even delivering gifts to JFS.

"Adopt-a-Family has become such a special tradition for me and my family," she said. "I still remember my very first year in 2018, gathering with Marlo's family and feeling the joy of giving in such a personal way. Each year since, my children have been a part of the process, from picking out gifts to wrapping them, and it's been a beautiful way to teach them about compassion and giving back to our Jewish community. What started as a single act of volunteering has really deepened our connection to JFS and shown us the impact we can make together as families."

Adopt-a-Family is a vital part of JFS's annual programming, supporting approximately 100 households each year. Teams and donors anonymously shop from a family wish list and get to participate in a very tangible and heartfelt way of giving back.

Join them in making a difference. Be part of this special initiative and help bring light and warmth to families in the community this Chanukah.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY Community Day Sunday, Dec. 7

Adopt-a-Family is an annual community-wide program that helps Jewish households in the Indianapolis area during the Chanukah holiday. Wrapped gifts may also be dropped off directly at JFS prior to Community Day.

Registration and more information: www.jewishindianapolis.org/adoptafamily

Contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfgi.org with questions.

Need some support this Chanukah? JFS is here to help!

Contact Julie Sondhelm at (317) 535-1476 or jsondhelm@jfgi.org



Beyond the Pantry: A CANstruction Tribute to Community Wellbeing

Jewish Family Services' (JFS) CANstruction project brought the JFS mission to life through a striking visual: a house supported by six symbolic pillars, each filled with canned goods. This creative structure reflected JFS' holistic approach to care. Each pillar represents a core service area: housing, health and wellness, mental health, financial stability, food and nutrition, and community connection. CANstruction invited the community to reflect on the realities of food insecurity and inspired collective action through design, education, and generosity.

The build was led by David B. Klain, grandson of Anton "Popsie" Berkovits a Holocaust survivor who risked his life to smuggle food to others in prison camps. Popsie's legacy lives on through Popsie's Pantry, and it was deeply meaningful to work with Klain and his family on this tribute. Together, JFS raised \$20,000 to support critical services and collected hundreds of pounds of food and hygiene products for distribution. This project was more than a structure. It was a symbol of compassion, resilience, and community care.



1,199 canned goods line the pillars, 130 boxes of cereal make up the roof siding, and the front display highlights items from Popsie's Pantry kosher foods section.

CANstruction Family Day

Co-chaired by Carrie Grass and Rachel Gershman, Family Day welcomed families with children to participate in service projects and hands-on activities that taught the importance of helping others.



Ellie Gershman puts together a dental hygiene kit for Popsie's Pantry.



Mo Firestone in front of the Helping Hands collage, a project designed in partnership with HHA1 and the JCC.



Sue Popp and Gary Moss pose in front of the CANstruction house, which is affixed with a mezuzah beautifully crafted by Lori Popp Moss z"l—a meaningful detail that honors the strong foundation Lori helped build within the community.



Volunteer Erica Abrams Kirschtel joins the Grass family, Allie and Annie, in a fun building activity.

CANstruction Panel Night

Panel Night featured a dynamic group of speakers whose diverse professional backgrounds and lived experiences illuminated the far-reaching impacts of food insecurity across generations and communities. The conversation was rich, honest, and deeply moving, offering powerful insights into both the challenges and opportunities for change.



Popsie's Pantry Volunteer Team.



Panelists Braca Cantor MD, Geriatrician at Community Health, and Fred Glass, CEO and President of Gleaners Food Bank.



Panelists Kate Howe, Executive Director at the Indy Hunger Network and Julianne Shannon LSW, School Social Worker at North Central High School.



The family of Anton "Popsie" Berkovits: Mason Klain and Jen Kaufman, David and Sherri Klain, Livia Russell and Peter Winkler, and Joe and Lori Berkovits.

Thank you to our Cornerstone & In-Kind Donors for helping make CANstruction happen!



JFS Services Spotlight

With the winter months approaching, utility bills can be prohibitive. If you can use some information on utility assistance programs, contact Julie at JFS.

Comparing Medicare plans and picking the best one that meets your needs can be challenging. Contact JFS social workers for support with this process.

Contact JFS at (317) 259-6822 or email Julie at jsondhelm@jfgi.org.

Thrive High Holiday Lunch



Jewish Family Services and Hooverwood Living were honored to host Celebrate the Season, a joyful High Holiday luncheon bringing older adults together in community and celebration.

Herbert Simon Family Foundation Supports JFS Growth

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FAMILY FOUNDATION

Jewish Family Services is honored to receive a generous grant from the Herbert Simon Family Foundation. This funding will support the hiring of a Volunteer and Program Coordinator, expanding our services, strengthening community engagement, and increasing the agency's capacity to meet growing needs.

**Meals to Go:
Delivered to Your Door!**

Jewish Family Services is proud to partner with Congregation Beth El Zedeck and Hooverwood Living to offer free, nutritious, kosher-style meals delivered right to your door. This service is available to older adults and individuals with disabilities, based on income eligibility.

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

Save the Date

Pickle for Purpose
JFS Pickleball Tournament

Join us for a pickleball tournament to play and raise funds for JFS's critical services.

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sunday, March 15**

Pickle on Penn
11575 N Pennsylvania St, Carmel, IN

From Song to Screen: The Evolution of Sweet Lorraine in Auschwitz

In October 2021, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) hosted a fundraising concert at the Indiana Historical Society featuring Holocaust survivor Frank (Miša) Grunwald. That night, as Grunwald shared his story of surviving five concentration camps and the music that sustained him, it became clear his story could not end on stage. It needed to be preserved, deepened, and shared with future generations.

Early on, the decision was made: Grunwald's remarkable connection to music, especially the song "Sweet Lorraine," deserved to be told through film. In January 2023, principal photography began with three days of interviews with Frank, capturing not only his words but also the warmth and humor that defined him.

Director Philip Paluso and JCRC staff member Amber Maze, serving as historian and producer on the film, then traveled to Austria, the Czech Republic, and Poland to trace Grunwald's footsteps and interview historians overseas. Back in the U.S., the team spent the following 18 months interviewing additional historians, musicians, and Grunwald's friends. They also brought on three key collaborators: editor Dylan Query of Query Productions, film marketing professional Jamie Kramer, and renowned voiceover artist Ken Scott.

Behind the scenes, hours were spent in archives, filming b-roll, and refining edits to ensure each moment honored Grunwald's story. For Maze and JCRC, the project was not only professional but deeply personal. Over the course of working together, Maze and Grunwald developed a close friendship, making the responsibility of telling his story all the more urgent.

Tragically, Grunwald passed away in August 2023 before the film's completion. His absence gave new urgency to the project, transforming it into not only a documentary but a tribute to his resilience, his music, and his message of hope.

At its core, the film was always about education. With the guidance of educator and USHMM Fellow Kelly Watson and Fulbright Scholar Dr. Eileen Angelini, curriculum was developed to bring the story into classrooms nationwide, ensuring that Frank's life and testimony would spark conversation and reflection for generations of students.



On October 12, Sweet Lorraine in Auschwitz premiered at the Toby Theatre at Newfields during the Heartland International Film Festival. A Q&A with the production team followed, drawing the audience into dialogue about history, memory, and resilience.

The work, however, is not finished. Fundraising remains critical to secure music rights and ensure the film can be distributed widely. The goal is clear: to make Sweet Lorraine in Auschwitz a resource for schools and communities across the country.

What began as a concert in Indianapolis has become a film with international reach. Through music, memory, and determination, Frank Grunwald's story will continue to be heard, taught, and remembered.

Visit www.sweetlorraine-movie.com and click donate if you are interested in ensuring this project reaches its full potential.



Hooverwood Living residents and staff enjoyed a taste of the Indiana State Fair in August without ever leaving home! The day was filled with fair-inspired games, sweet and savory treats, and plenty of smiles, which brought the joy of summer right to the community.



September's Kibitz and Cocktails was an evening to remember. Guests heard from Second Generation Survivor Tibor Klopfer and student leaders from the JCRC's Student to Student program, whose powerful stories inspired meaningful conversations on empathy, resilience, and standing against antisemitism. The evening was filled with impact and connection, and Hooverwood.

HOOVERWOOD LIVING

Silver Support Group: A Safe Space for Older Adults

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 4:00 PM

NO DECEMBER SESSION

Held on the 3rd Thursday of every month

The Silver Support Group offers a welcoming space for family members, friends, and caregivers who are navigating the aging journey with their loved ones. Each session is an opportunity to share experiences, gain perspective, and find encouragement from others who truly understand. RSVP to Bonnie at bglass@hooverwood.org or (317) 251-2261.



Hooverwood Living residents recently enjoyed a spirited visit from Rowdie, the beloved Indianapolis Indians mascot. His playful energy filled the community with laughter and smiles as residents celebrated National Baseball Fan Day together.



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Building Community, One Mitzvah at a Time



At Hasten Hebrew Academy, community is more than a concept. It is a daily practice woven into the fabric of education. From toddlers as young as 12 months to graduating 8th graders, students are taught the importance of caring for one another and extending kindness, especially to those in need. Representing diverse corners of the local Jewish community, students and educators work together to make a meaningful impact beyond the classroom walls.

Throughout the year, students have participated in volunteer initiatives that connect Jewish values with real-world needs. They gathered food donations for Jewish Family Services' CANstruction program, gaining insight into the challenges faced by food-insecure families in Indianapolis. Middle school students crafted heartfelt cards for Meals on Wheels recipients, offering messages of warmth and encouragement. In collaboration with Horizon House, families prepared hundreds of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Students also continue to foster intergenerational connections with residents of Hooverwood Living, bringing joy and companionship through creative programs that uplift both the young and the elderly. These experiences affirm a powerful truth: Jewish education is not only about academic learning; it is about living Jewish values. Through acts of chesed (kindness), students grow into compassionate leaders who recognize that helping others is both a responsibility and a privilege.

From Teamwork to Leadership: Growing Through Sports

Hasten Hebrew Academy is a small but dynamic Jewish day school that offers big opportunities for young athletes. From the soccer field to the volleyball and basketball courts, students develop athletic skills while learning the importance of teamwork and perseverance. The girls' volleyball team has earned multiple championships, demonstrating what dedication and spirit can accomplish.

Athletics at the school also serve as a foundation for character development. Students practice honesty, resilience, and respect, values that reflect the school's Jewish identity and are reinforced through daily learning. Whether assisting with concessions at a volleyball game, showing leadership during practice, or encouraging a teammate after a challenging play, the lessons gained through sports extend into the classroom and everyday life.

In addition to team sports, the school provides a wide variety of athletic extracurriculars for all ages and interests. Programs such as pickleball, yoga, taekwondo, sports discovery, and fencing offer students opportunities to stay active, explore new passions, and build confidence while enjoying time with their peers.

Stay Connected with HHAI!

Are you an alumnus of Hasten Hebrew Academy or a parent of an alum? We'd love to reconnect with you!

- ★ Celebrate student/alumni achievements
- ★ Stay updated on school news
- ★ Be part of the HHAI community you helped build

Sign up today!



Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

Together, let's celebrate our past, present, and future.



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https://jccindy.org



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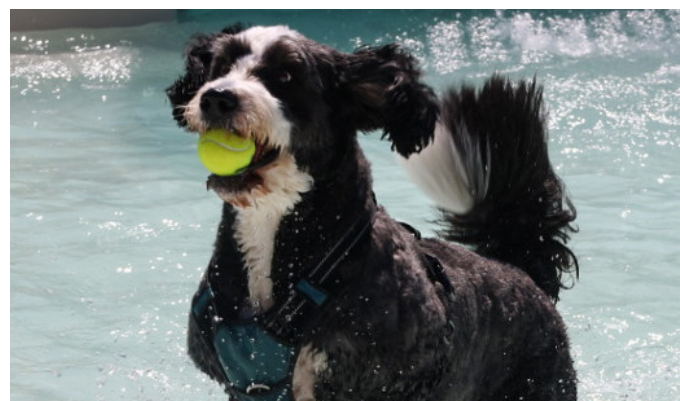
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JCC Welcomes Marianne Glick's Vibrant Vision in Gallery Debut



The JCC was honored to host the gallery opening reception for "Faces, Places and Other Spaces" in September. The night was filled with creativity and inspiration as the stunning works of Marianne Glick were unveiled.

Furry Friends Make a Splash at The JCC's Doggie Dips



The JCC hosted Doggie Dips at the waterpark in September to finish the season. Pet owners had the opportunity to treat their furry friends to a well-deserved swim in the JCC pool.

Youth Soccer Returns to The J



The J was excited to bring back youth soccer in September. The JCC league is the perfect place for kids to learn the basics of the game in a fun, supportive environment. With a focus on skill-building, teamwork, and getting kids moving, it's a great opportunity to make new friends while having a blast.

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

PARENT MAHJ SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M. – NOON SUNDAY, NOV. 2, 9, 16, 23 AND DEC. 7 AT BEZ. Drop by while the kids are in Religious School and play a few rounds of American Mahjong! It's relaxed, fun, and open to all levels. On the first Sunday of each month, we'll have a host on hand to help new players learn the ropes. Come for the tiles, stay for the company!

A DECADE OF SONG: CELEBRATING CANTOR COHEN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY AS CANTOR WITH BETH-EL ZEDECK: 4-6 P.M. SUNDAY, NOV. 2 AT BEZ. Join an unforgettable afternoon to honor Cantor Cohen and celebrate 10 years of inspiring music, spiritual leadership, and artistic excellence. This special anniversary concert will feature the world premiere of a newly-commissioned piece by acclaimed composer Cantor Gerald Cohen, inspired by Psalm 47 and written especially for this occasion. The celebration will feature songs that have inspired Cantor Cohen's career with Organist Charles Manning, the BEZ Choir, and other special guests. Small bites and a toast to Cantor Cohen will be after the concert. Kerl Berman and Caitlin Lubline are the Co-Chairs. RSVP to Alex at asegal@bez613.org.

LEYNING 101 WITH CANTOR COHEN: 9:45–11 A.M. SUNDAY, NOV. 9, 16 AND 23 AT BEZ. Ever wondered how to chant Haftarah like a pro? Join Cantor Cohen for an engaging introduction to leyning, the art of chanting the Torah. This class will cover the basics of trope (cantillation marks), pronunciation, and rhythm, giving you the tools to confidently approach a Haftarah portion. The ability to sound out Hebrew characters is a requirement. RSVP to Alex at asegal@bez613.org

COCKTAIL JUDAISM WITH DR. PIERRE ATLAS: 7-8:30 P.M. MONDAY, NOV. 3 AT LOCATION TBA. RSVP to Jennifer at jhodes@bez613.org

THE NATURE OF BELIEF: HOW TRANSLATION OF SACRED TEXT DECIDES MEANING (A SPIRIT AND PLACE EVENT): 7-8:30 P.M. TUESDAY, NOV. 11 AT ARTHUR M. GLUCK JCC. Compare different English translations of sacred texts in small groups and how they have influenced understanding and belief across time, cultures, and communities. Participants will be challenged to rethink the meaning of well-known verses and how different meanings can reconstruct our thoughts. A partnership between Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Northminster Presbyterian Church, and JCC Indianapolis's Ann Katz Festival of Books. RSVP to George at (317) 531-6299 or gkelley@bez613.org.

ROSH HODESH: HANUKKAH POTTERY PAINTING: 7-8:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOV. 20 AT POTTERY BY YOU. Ladies 21+, this year, get ready for Hanukkah by painting menorahs and platters. The pieces will be fired and ready about a week later. RSVP to Alex at asegal@bez613.org

COCKTAIL JUDAISM: 7-8:30 P.M. MONDAY, DEC. 1 AT LOCATION TBA.

CONFIRMATION SHABBAT: 6 P.M. FRIDAY, DEC. 5 AT BEZ.

HANUKKAH SHABBAT AND CONSECRATION:

6 P.M. FRIDAY, DEC. 12 AT BEZ.

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

Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom is located at 3085 West 116th Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032 ("Temple"). The CBS mailing address is 4000 W. 106th St, Ste 125-118, Carmel, IN 46032.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT: 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, NOV. 14, AT TEMPLE.

MISHPUCHA MINYAN: 9:30-10:30 A.M. SATURDAY, NOV. 15 AT TEMPLE.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: 10 A.M. – NOON ON SUNDAYS, NOV. 2, 9, 16, 23, DEC. 7 AND 14.

FAMILY CHANUKAH PARTY: SUNDAY, DEC. 14. Please see the CBS bulletin or calendar for more information.

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

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

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

Congregation B'nai Torah

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

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

MISHNA CLASS: EVERY MORNING AFTER SHACHARIT.

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

BUSINESS HALACHA: EVERY TUESDAY AFTER MAARIV.

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

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

NIGHT SEDER: SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AFTER MAARIV.

SHABBAT YOUTH GROUPS

- After Kedisha of Mussaf (Approximately 10:55 a.m.)
- Preschool and Kindergarten meet in the playroom for parsha, davening and games with Navah and Simchah

- 1st grade and older meets in the English Library for the new Mitzva Program

RAMBAN ON THE PARSHA: AFTER KIDDUSH.

PARSHAT SHAVUA: AN HOUR BEFORE MINCHA ON SHABBAT

SEUDAH SHLISHIT CLASS: RABBI TEITELBAUM WILL BE SPEAKING.

Visit btorahindy.org, email office@btorah.org or call (317) 253-5253 ext. 1 for more information.

Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana

Chabad Center for Jewish Life Weekly Services – 10 a.m. Shabbat Services every Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday Services every Sunday. Visit www.chabadindiana.org or @chabadindiana on Facebook for upcoming events, classes and programs.

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

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

SHABBAT SHACHARIT SERVICE: 9 A.M. SATURDAYS

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

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

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

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

TNT (TUESDAY NIGHT TORAH): 8:15 P.M. TUESDAYS. Join Rabbi Askenazi for a lively discussion of the Parasha. Contact Rabbi Askenazi at rabbietzchaimindy.org with questions.

MEGAN CHALLAH BAKE: NOV. 6

WORLDWIDE SHABBAT: NOV. 7-8

SPECIAL WOMEN'S CLASS WITH RUBISSA RAJELI ASKENAZI IN HONOR OF HILULA OF RACHEL IMENU: NOV. 10

SHABBAT DINNER AND OTHER EVENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SHABBAT PROJECT: NOV. 14-15

Contact Rabbi Daniel Askenazi at Rabbi@etzchaimindy.org with questions about classes. Visit www.etzchaimindy.org/calendar for more information.

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

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

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY: 9 A.M. SATURDAYS. IHC clergy guides the group through the weekly Torah portion text

seeking understanding of the teaching for the time and discussing its message for today. It is available online or in person. No prior knowledge is necessary, and all are welcome. PLEASE NOTE: Registration for new attendees is now required to attend Torah Study online. Email BethMH@ihcindy.org by 3 p.m. on Fridays to receive the Zoom link.

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

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

IHC SISTERHOOD'S GIFT SHOP HOURS: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS; 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. FRIDAYS; 9:45 A.M. – 12 P.M. SUNDAYS WHEN THE JEWISH LEARNING PROGRAM IS IN SESSION. You can also make an appointment to shop by emailing ihcsisterhoodgiftshop1@gmail.com.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM: 6:30-8:15 P.M. WEDNESDAYS THROUGH DEC. 10. Taught by IHC's Rabbis Krichiver, Chernow-Reader, & Shapiro and Beth Shalom's Rabbi Kerber. Join the rabbis as they take you through an exploration of Judaism. This class is designed for those on a journey toward Judaism and those who need a refresher course. This class is offered in-person only. *IHC members may register for this class for personal enrichment.

KIDS TODAY: 10-11 A.M. SUNDAY, NOV. 23. Using Jewish Tradition to Support Each Other in a Challenging World. Coordinated by Rabbi Chernow-Reader. These are in-person sessions. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$18 per session.

EYE ON ISRAEL: 7-8 P.M. TUESDAYS, NOV. 4, 11, 18, AND DEC. 2. Taught by Rabbi Krichiver. Dive into deep discussion on current events in Israel. Learn how history has shaped the country Israel is today. These sessions are also designed to give one a chance to process. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

MYTH BUSTERS: AN HONEST LOOK AT THE STORIES BEHIND OUR HOLIDAYS — CHANUKAH EDITION: 7-8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10. Taught by Rabbi Shapiro. Join Rabbi Shapiro as we explore the actual story of Chanukah with a close reading of sections of the Books of Maccabees and Judith. Warning: If you prefer to only know the "miracle of the oil" version you may have learned as a child, this may not be the session for you. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$18.

November/December Events

ANNUAL CHOIR/KLEZMER OPEN HOUSE 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5.

INTERFAITH PARENTING: FINDING YOUR PLACE: 10-11 A.M. SUNDAY, NOV. 2 AND DEC. 7 | 10-11 A.M. Interfaith parents are invited to gather for open discussions and to share their experiences in a safe space.

HANUKKAH-PALOOZA: 6:15 P.M. FRIDAY, DEC. 19 | 6:15 P.M. Join this Hanukkah Shabbat services for all ages. Bring your

menorah to light in the sanctuary.

EUCHRE CIRCLE: 10 A.M. MONDAY, NOV. 10 AND DEC. 8. All levels of play are welcome to come and have some fun, meet new people, and compete for a prize. Email Circle Leader Melanie Gottlieb at mlgott9675@gmail.com with questions.

JEWISH BOOK CLUB: 12-1:30 P.M. TUESDAY, NOV. 11 AND DEC. 9. The Jewish Book Club is a great way for book lovers to enjoy getting to know each other through lively discussion about great books with Jewish and literary value. Selections are mostly fiction, occasional biography/memoir or historical non-fiction. The book club meets on Zoom, and, occasionally, in person.

BLOOD DRIVE: 8 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. SUNDAY, NOV. 23. Do a mitzvah and donate the gift of life! Sign up to donate blood at the back-to-school blood drive with Versiti.

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

MITZVAH STITCHERS: 10 A.M. SUNDAYS. Mitzvah Stitchers is a corps of men and women who knit, crochet, quilt, and sew. No experience is necessary. Contact Cantor Janice Roger at janicer@ihcindy.org for more information, to get on the email distribution list and receive scheduling information and Zoom links.

Visit ihcindy.org or @IHCIndy on Facebook for links to all Zoom services, classes and programs and for more information.

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

WEEKDAY MINYAN: 6:30 P.M. MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS AT CST OR ON ZOOM. Your presence helps ensure a meaningful and complete prayer experience, and it's a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and support one another in a warm and welcoming setting especially for those in mourning or observing a yahrzeit.

Friday Shabbat Services: 6:30 p.m. at CST or on Zoom.

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

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES: 9:30 A.M. AT CST OR ON ZOOM.

DR. JACK KAMEN TORAH STUDY GROUP RABBI SENDROW: 11 A.M. WEDNESDAYS VIA ZOOM. Whether you are a first-time learner or a longtime student, Rabbi Sendrow will guide you with wisdom, humor and meaningful insight. Contact office@shaareytefilla.org to register.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND HEBREW SCHOOL: 9 A.M. SUNDAYS AND 7:45 P.M. WEDNESDAYS. For kids from kindergarten to 6th grade, members and non-members are welcome. Small classes with individualized attention providing both B'nai Mitzvah preparation

along religious education and Hebrew are offered. Hebrew schooling on Wednesday is via Zoom only. Contact educationdirector@shaareytefilla.org or office@shaareytefilla.org to enroll your child or learn more about the program.

NOSH & DRASH: FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICES, SATURDAY, NOV. 1 AND DEC. 6 AT CST. A monthly series following the first Shabbat services of each month. Join a group discussion led by Rabbi Sendrow on the week's Torah portion while enjoying a nice Kiddush and Nosh. Join for both services and then nosh starting at 9:30 a.m.

CANDLES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TRIP: 10 A.M. SUNDAY NOV. 2 WITH MEETING AT CST. A private tour of the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Car-pooling is offered and there are fees for admission. Lunch at Oy Vey Delicatessen. RSVP to office@shaareytefilla.org.

KID-DISH SHABBAT: 5:30 P.M. FRIDAY, NOV. 14 AT CST FOR 'KID' FUN BEFORE KABBALAT SHABBAT. There will be music, cookie decorating, card tricks performed by Rabbi, and other activities. Kid snacks and drinks will be provided.

QUARTERLY SISTERHOOD GATHERING: 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOV. 20 AT CST. Members of sisterhood come to discuss and plan upcoming events while enjoying some food and drink. Do think of this as a meeting, but as a great opportunity to meet new women and find new friendships. RSVP to secondvp@shaareytefilla.org.

MONTHLY SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB/POTLUCK: 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 26 AND DEC. 24 AT A LOCATION TBD. Members of the CST Sisterhood come together to read and talk about a book from the various perspectives of the members. Through this they gain insight into the book and each other, while also sharing food and having fun. RSVP to secondvp@shaareytefilla.org.

CHANUKAH DINNER: 5:30 P.M. SUNDAY, DEC. 21 AT CST. An annual event at CST welcoming all families across the greater Indianapolis area to light the Chanukah candles, enjoy songs, eat food, and enjoy community. There will be fees associated with attending. RSVP to office@shaareytefilla.org or look on the website for a signup page.

Visit www.shaareytefilla.org for more information.

Temple Beth El Muncie

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

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

TURKEY-CHALLAH BAKING: SUNDAY, NOV. 16. CONTACT THE TEMPLE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Visit templebethelmuncie.org and their weekly emails for more information on classes and programs. Connect with Temple Beth El @TempleBethEl on Facebook, (765) 702-7731 or email contact@templebethelmuncie.org.

Together As One

Together As One, we build community.

Together As One, we extend a helping hand to others.

Together As One, we stand up to hate and the rising tide of antisemitism.

Together As One, we keep Jewish life thriving, not just in times of crisis, but every day, every year.

Together As One, we will ensure the safety and security of Jewish communities worldwide.

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