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Weathering the Storm Together: A Recipe for Strength

In Genesis 32:25 Jacob wrestles with an Angel and in this story of struggle, we gain our name, Israel.

As I reflect upon the last several months, I think about the struggle of Jacob, and the strength that came from that pivotal moment in Jacob's life. Jacob prevailed and because of his strength, came the start of something so much more.

There is no question in any of our minds that we are living through a moment in the history of our Jewish community that is like none other. These are times when we can either be paralyzed by the fear and negativity around us or we can embrace our new normal and make sure that when we get to the other side of this, that we are a stronger Jewish Community than we were before.

What can we do during this pandemic wrestling match to come out stronger on the other side?

We have all experienced loneliness and isolation over the past months; there is much uncertainty in so many aspects of our lives. Thankfully a new dawn – a new year – is approaching. How will we step into this next year, the next part of this journey? We have shown resilience and strength, we have adapted to this new normal, have relied on loved ones and on our Jewish community for support. As a Federation, we have done the same. We are here for you; to offer you support and resources with the hope that we can make this struggle a little bit easier for you when you need us most. As we move into the High Holidays, we hope the coming year is far sweeter than this past one.

We may be apart, but we are never alone. While we still can't gather in person, the Jewish Federation, our agencies, Jewish organizations, and our Synagogues continue to offer a wide array of meaningful opportunities to connect with each other. Our Connect with Purpose webpage is the place to learn about the myriad opportunities throughout our strong and resilient Jewish Community, www.jewishindianapolis.org/connect-with-purpose. We continue to highlight our Community Heroes who have gone above and beyond during this pandemic. Please take a moment to nominate someone who has made a difference in your life during these past 6 months by visiting www.jewishindianapolis.org/community-heroes. When the crisis struck our community, we immediately created a Community Relief Fund and thanks to your generosity we have allocated significant new dollars to our Jewish organizations and to individuals negatively impacted by this pandemic.

In my memory, there has never been a greater need for the support of our community's 2020 Annual Campaign than there is right now. While none of us know what the New Year will bring, we know what we want for ourselves and for our community. And we know that your support for our community's Annual Campaign helps make possible all the things we want for ourselves, our families, our friends, and our community. Even if you are not able to give what you'd like, please give what you can—every gift supports those who need our help, and every gift, no matter the size, makes a big difference for so many.



Debra Barton Grant

DEBRA BARTON GRANT
CEO and Executive Vice President

Security Discussions, Preparedness Continue with Agencies, Synagogues and Organizations

Training sessions planned this Fall

"My goal is to foster a continuously improving safety and security culture within the greater Indianapolis Jewish community."

**- Grant Mendenhall,
Community Security Director**

The sharp rise in hate crimes and antisemitic attacks and rhetoric throughout the world, coupled with the current COVID-19 pandemic has left the Jewish community with grave concerns about individual and community safety. The increase in antisemitism has led the community to once again reassess the needs and financial investment in security across the Jewish community. The Jewish Federation, synagogues and agencies are focused on a proactive approach that takes into account local institutions' diverse interests and organizational missions. With this in mind, the ultimate goal of the Safe Indy Security Initiative is to support an ever-improving culture of safety and security across the Jewish community, through awareness, target hardening, training, and law enforcement partnerships.

Serving the Jewish community and its agencies in the greater Indianapolis area, Community Security Director Grant Mendenhall began his tenure in April 2020 by creating a formal community-wide security structure. This includes a strategic Crisis Management Team that will manage any significant crisis event impacting the Jewish community, and a Community Security Committee, consisting of representatives of various Jewish agencies, that serves as a coordination hub for information sharing and training. To facilitate community engagement and education, Grant recently launched the 'Safe Indy Security Initiative' website, which includes security resources and an incident reporting portal for community-wide use.

Since his arrival, Grant has engaged with law enforcement partners on various issues, including cybersecurity and suspicious persons, and he continues to lead the inter-agency working group focused on the safe and secure resumption of operations at the Max and Mae Simon Jewish



Community Campus. Additionally, Grant has recorded more than 80 engagements with members of the Jewish community and its leadership on various topics, including security consultations and assessments, security incidents, planning and preparedness, and training.

Grant's focus through the summer and fall will be on delivering security trainings throughout the community and completing formal security assessments at a number of community facilities.



SAFE INDY SECURITY INITIATIVE

Supporting a Culture of Safety and Security

The new Safe Indy webpage is up and running! Learn more about the program, how to file an incident report, and see safety and security resources.

www.jewishindianapolis.org/safeindy

Did you miss the Virtual Town Hall Security Training Session on Aug. 24?

Visit our YouTube page at <https://bit.ly/JFGIyoutube> to watch the recorded video. Looking to have Grant at your congregation or organization for a training session? Contact Community Security Director Grant Mendenhall: safeindy@jfgi.org or (317) 296-4372.

2020 Annual Campaign Update: Apart, But Never Alone

Now, perhaps more than ever in our lifetimes, the idea that we are one community is unmistakable. With the impact of COVID-19 on each of us and our community, we are all in this together, and we are here for each other.

Even though many of us are still socially distanced and physically apart, the services and programs provided by the Jewish Federation and our network of partners ensure that we are never alone. The work of the Federation, community agencies, and other partners is as important as ever—helping people at all stages throughout life. And this work is made possible by your support for our community's Annual Campaign.

The Annual Campaign provides critical infrastructure that supports our community. It delivers vital funding to sustain the Federation, the Jewish agencies in our community, and our national and international partners. It ensures that critical programs and services are available—especially when they are needed most.

These past several months have been extremely difficult for many. Community members and community organizations have been presented with enormous challenges, and the impact of the current pandemic will be felt for a long time to come.

This makes the 2020 Annual Campaign all the more important, as the success or failure of this year's campaign will determine our community's ability to continue to navigate the crisis and recover. Everything we do as individuals and as a community will define who we are when this pandemic is over.

To help address the needs in our community, the Federation has a goal of raising more than \$4 million again this year. **But we need your help to do it!**

While the formal launch of the 2020 Annual Campaign was delayed due to the pandemic, we are off to a strong start.

Thank you to the many volunteers and donors who are working to make our community's 2020 Annual Campaign a success! As of July 31, we have raised \$1.8 million toward our goal. Thank you to those of you who have renewed your gifts and to the many who have increased this year's gift over what you gave last year!

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

A strong Annual Campaign allows us to continue to navigate the current crisis in the months and years ahead. It will enable the Federation and our partners to continue serving the community long after this pandemic has passed—whenever that may be—and it will help us emerge from this crisis stronger together.

To make a difference in the lives of others who need your help, please contribute to the 2020 Annual Campaign online (www.jewishindianapolis.org/donate), call (317) 715-9274, or mail your check to the Jewish Federation at 6705 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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ROSH HASHANAH VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS

with James Beard Foundation

Award-winning Chef Michael Solomonov

8 p.m. | Monday, Sept. 14

Don't miss this opportunity to come together as a community before the High Holidays — as a way to make everyone's Rosh Hashanah just a little bit sweeter during these challenging times.

Cook along or just watch and learn!

Register for free: bit.ly/solomonov20

SUPER

SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 | 10 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
THIS YEAR – GOING VIRTUAL!**

2020

**While we can't be together in person, we need your strength
to come out of this pandemic stronger than ever.**

These are very challenging times and we need your support now
more than ever to make sure our Jewish community organizations are still here to help.

Here's how you can help:

- Volunteer to call community members for the 2020 Annual Campaign – all from the comfort of your own home!
- Answer our call and make a pledge or donation to our community's 2020 Annual Campaign from your computer or phone.

If you're not available on Super Sunday, you can donate at
www.jewishindianapolis.org/donate or call JFGI at (317) 726-5450.



Volunteer shifts are:

First shift from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Second shift from 1 – 3:30 p.m.

TO VOLUNTEER ON SUPER SUNDAY:

Sign up at <https://jfgi.regfox.com/super-sunday-2020>

Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/supersunday for more information.

If you have questions, please contact Matthew Kramer-Morning,
NextGen Director, at mkmorning@jfgi.org



The Strength of a Community will power change!

Super Sunday is a powerful day when volunteers, donors, and community members come together to make a difference. It is the largest one day phone-a-thon fundraising effort of the year, with every gift supporting our community's 2020 Annual Campaign.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE:

- Feed those who are hungry
- Provide comfort and care to seniors
- Educate children and adults
- Help individuals be physically fit and healthy
- Combat antisemitism, racism, and hatred
- Build community
- Increase security
- Respond to rising needs in our community during times of crisis
- Touch the lives of THOUSANDS in our community, and countless more in Israel and around the world!

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THANK YOU!

Reva Weiss and Jon Shapiro
Super Sunday Co-Chairs

Jennifer Schwartz and Larry Turow
Annual Campaign Co-Chairs

THE IMPACT OF Federation Virtual Programming

By Margo Fox

When the world shifted to virtual programming, the Jewish Federation's Engagement and Education team shifted as well. At first, the goal of virtual programming was trying to find a way to offer a program on Zoom. Now, the team has been thinking more strategically about online offerings.

In addition to content, the team considers how to use different elements of the online platforms to develop a feeling of inclusion and community. Not being able to gather in person has created technical and virtual challenges, but also offers unique opportunities.

Since online events began this spring, the Federation has seen an increase in engagement and participation compared to in-person events. Part of this is because people from all over the world are now able to attend virtually, while they wouldn't have been able to attend in person. There have been panel discussions linking the US, Israel and Hungary, for example.

Marcia Goldstein, the Maurer Jewish Community Library coordinator, shared that "Zoom technology has made it possible for participants in the Indy Maurer Jewish Community Library / P2G International Book Club to discuss a book and share ideas with participants from our partnership region in Israel, from Budapest and from various US cities. How exciting to connect with Jewish readers spread across the globe!"

Marcia says she has also used virtual offerings to deepen her Shabbat experience.

"For all the difficulties COVID presents, it

has also opened doors for my family. Each Friday, family members from across the country meet virtually to light Shabbat candles, recite kiddish and say motzi. We catch up on news and exchange 'zoom hugs.' My husband and I then enjoy participating in services at Indianapolis



Hebrew Congregation, followed by Congregation Shaarey Tefilla services. We end by enjoying a home-cooked Shabbat dinner. Yes, we miss being with family and friends, catching up at an oneg and mostly sharing hugs, but we've found a satisfying way to celebrate Shabbat with community."

Other synagogue goers have shared that they are seeing more people than just "the regulars" at programs, and it does not hurt that it is a shorter commute.

In 2019, the Federation, in partnership with volunteers Brent Epstein and Irwin Levin launched the Indy Jewish podcast series. Each session addressed a different topic about contemporary Jewish life through the lens of either the "Judaism Unbound" podcast or the "Promised Podcast" series. Not to be deterred by virtual life, the series continued online in the spring. Not only did the virtual format allow for special guests from outside our community to participate, there were new attendees who had not joined the

in-person sessions.

"The switch from in-person to Zoom caused a great deal of apprehension, although it ultimately proved to be a worthy substitute," Irwin said. "Although the ability to personally interact, and hug your friends, was lost, the ability to vigorously engage in discussion was not. In fact, despite the obvious benefits of not having to commute to the discussion location and being able to dress as one pleased, the availability to take polls, set

up side rooms and utilize the chat feature added dimensions to the experience not otherwise available."

Expanding the use of Zoom became a focus of Engagement and Education, and Development professionals. This team attended an online summer bootcamp provided by the organization Trybal Gatherings, usually known for innovative gatherings for young adults. The ideas gathered have enabled staff and lay leaders to think more creatively, not just about how each program is run, but about what the department is trying to achieve through programs.

There has also been a huge blossoming of online resources related to every aspect of Jewish life. In an effort to help people access these opportunities, the Federation developed two online resources. The Connect with Purpose page is routinely updated as local organizations add programs to the Community Calendar. There are also festival and holiday specific areas on the webpage that encourage connection

The Challenges of Virtual Learning

There can be no doubt that we as a nation have faced countless challenges since March. While the world has been focused on addressing these challenges, educators have been given the added task of shifting from in-person to virtual learning which poses its own set of unique challenges.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis has spent the summer months critically thinking about how to best serve local educators and develop

creative solutions to ensure that the stories of Holocaust survivors continue to be told in the classroom during the age of COVID. Amber Maze, Holocaust Education & Program Coordinator, has had to reimagine programming, speaking engagements, and educational resources.

The biggest change will be with the JFGI Speakers Bureau as the vast majority of schools within greater Indianapolis will no longer allow outside speakers

to enter their facilities. For the 2020-21 school year, live virtual presentations and pre-recorded presentations will be offered to all educators interested in the JFGI Speakers Bureau. Just as virtual school has its challenges, so does providing virtual presentations. How does one engage the audience? How does one make it interactive? What if technical issues are encountered? Audience engagement and interaction is key when telling of the horrors

locally, and also provide access to national and international resources. The hope is that members of the community will use these resources as opportunities to expand their connections to Jewish knowledge and to deepen their Jewish experiences.

Over the last months, much has been learned about life online and the impact of programs, even without seeing participants. This happened recently to PJ Library Coordinator Robbie Alder. She was approached at the JCC pool

a series of online story time sessions, but as summer kicked in and folks were spending more time outside, Alder took a break. The community member asked for more programs, and Alder says she is happy to do them. Alder said meeting this parent was a pleasant surprise.



"I was thrilled to know that my work had made an impact, even if I could not see

it directly," she said.

There will come a time when the community can meet again in person. COVID forced the Federation into a virtual platform, but evidence has shown that there may now always be a place for virtual programs in the lineup. While there are accessibility and other limitations that still need to be explored, the opportunities that have been made available by this format have been worthwhile. From programs with famous actors like Jesse Eisenberg to conversations about being Jewish in contemporary society, the Federation continues to gather around computer and mobile phone screens to connect.

by a community member whom she had not met in person - but it turns out, they had met through Facebook Live. Alder and her children had been doing

Engagement & Education Team Combine for Growth and Innovation

Just as the community went into quarantine in early March, the Federation's newest staff team was coming together as a joint Engagement & Education Team.

This new department, staffed by existing professionals, is led by Margo Fox, Senior Director of Engagement and housed in the Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning (CJEL). In addition to Margo, the team members are: PJ Library Coordinator Robbie Alder; Maurer Jewish Community Library Coordinator Marcia Goldstein; Holocaust Education and Program Coordinator Amber Maze; Youth Philanthropy and Connection Director David Heilbron; and NEXTGen Director Matthew Kramer Morning. Together, they have been hard at work, pivoting programs to meet the new virtual reality and preparing for holidays like Passover and Shavuot through sharing online resources and creating pathways to local offerings.

Once late spring and summer settled in, the group took time to get to know each other better and visit their mission. The team has a goal to be a resource and facilitator for initiatives that foster a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive Jewish community. This includes a variety of modes: innovative engagement; community building; and Jewish educational and learning initiatives, both formal and informal, that address

multigenerational needs and gaps.

The Indianapolis Jewish community is blessed with wonderful educational institutions and educators who care deeply about meeting the needs of all ages and demographics in the community. The Federation's Engagement & Education Team is working to amplify those voices, support educators, and engage in the exciting work of connecting members of the Jewish community to opportunities that meet their needs. With online programming and resources being more important than ever, the team developed the Connect with Purpose section on the Federation webpage (www.jewishindianapolis.org/connect-with-purpose) and also holiday and festival specific pages. With these resources, community members can find local and national opportunities to support living vibrant and meaningful Jewish lives.

The Engagement & Education Team has and will continue to highlight many of the offerings from PJ Library Story Hours to ATID's young adult leadership development programs. There are many opportunities to connect and grow. This team looks forward to continuing these programs and future opportunities that allow people to connect to each other and the Jewish community.

experienced by the families of those living within the community. To address this particular challenge, Amber has designed accompanying materials to pre-engage the students with the storied memories to which they will become witnesses. These presentation materials are designed to provide guiding questions that will allow the students to explore additional historical avenues related to the Holocaust, as well as serve as a resource for students to engage with the lessons of the Holocaust once classroom learning

on the subject ends. Students will then have an opportunity to ask the speaker questions during a lengthened question and answer session. For those students viewing a pre-recorded presentation, the educator will be able to submit a consolidated list of student questions that will then be answered by the speaker who appeared in the video.

In order to continue meaningful and curricularly-aligned education surrounding the Holocaust and human rights, Amber has provided additional material resources that include an

expanded genocide education website, short videos on the evolution of mass violence, and a virtual professional development workshop for educators scheduled for later in the fall. As the Federation continues to face many challenges, the organization is poised to continue to serve as an authority on Holocaust education and able to quickly pivot to address the needs of educators throughout the state. These challenges have been met successfully and will continue to do so in order to best serve the educators and community.

Educator Highlight: Tony Gonczarow

By Amber Maze

Tony Gonczarow has been teaching science at Southmont High School, Crawfordsville, IN, for the past 33 years. After meeting with Eva Kor, Holocaust survivor and founder of CANDLES Museum, Tony was inspired to tell his own family's story. From 2004 on, Tony became engaged in furthering Holocaust education within Indiana, as well as discovering facets of his own family history. Tony now serves on the Board of the Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference and was named Lead Holocaust Educator for Southmont High School. I had an opportunity to speak with Tony about his interest in the topic and the future of Holocaust education.

What led you to become involved in furthering Holocaust education?

There are two reasons why I became involved in Holocaust education. The first is my father's story. My father Edward Gonczarow was born in Gorlice Poland in 1927. He became involved in resistance activities at the age of 13 after his father abandoned him, his mother, and five sisters. After spending time in the jails in Gorlice and Jaslo he was transferred to Gestapo Headquarters in Krakow. In February 1943 he was sent to Auschwitz. He was classified as a Political Prisoner and spent the next year and a half as a forced laborer. In June of 1944 he was moved to Auschwitz and later to Flossenburg where he was liberated on April 23, 1945. For the first 20 years of my teaching career, I informally shared my father's story with students in my classroom. That changed in 2004. Shortly after the CANDLES Museum in Terre Haute was destroyed by an arsonist, our school had a fundraiser to help rebuild the museum. When I delivered the check to Eva Kor, I shared my father's story with her and she challenged me to start sharing his story with my students. The next day I started working on a PowerPoint presentation that shared the history of the Holocaust from its beginnings. In the summer of 2018, I had the opportunity to travel to Poland with CANDLES and Eva Kor along with three other educators from our community.

Upon returning, our local newspaper did a story on the trip and I was approached by a private foundation that offered to anonymously fund the Holocaust education program for our school. We formed a committee of nearly 30 educators from grades 6-12 and used the funds to enhance Holocaust education for our students. We purchased books for both the classrooms and library. We set up field trips and speakers for our classroom. Our teachers started taking part in professional development opportunities to learn how to properly teach the Holocaust.

As an educator, what do you see as the challenges of teaching about the Holocaust in the virtual sphere? How will Holocaust education differ from previous years especially considering outside speakers will not be allowed in schools?

In many schools, Holocaust education begins with the reading of books. In most schools, students will not have access to books like *Number the Stars* or the *Diary of Anne Frank* until the pandemic is over. Fortunately, there are many wonderful online lesson plans and activities available through the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), Echoes and Reflections, and many other websites that educators can use. The USC Shoah Foundation has survivors' testimonies in a searchable database that educators can use to take the place of guest speakers. Several of these organizations have been offering virtual workshops to assist teachers during the pandemic. I personally teach a unit on Eugenics and Informed Consent that utilizes USHMM lessons and activities along with eyewitness testimony.

Although the federal government has dedicated funds to Holocaust education, many states are still woefully behind when it comes to Holocaust education mandates.

What do you think needs to be done to create a more robust mandate for Indiana? Do you think there needs to be a federal mandate?

Indiana would need to add additional



Tony Gonczarow and Eva Kor during the 2019 trip to Poland

standards to the areas of social studies and language arts to further advance Holocaust education. I think standards could also be added in the area of biology to include eugenics and informed consent. It is imperative that teachers receive proper training on how to teach the Holocaust subject matter. Professional development made available through the Department of Education is a must. If teachers are more familiar with the pedagogy and subject matter, they will spend more time on the topic in their classrooms.

Although I am a firm believer in states' rights and local control of our schools, I feel very strongly that a federal mandate will be needed if Holocaust education is going to be taught in all 50 states. With a rise in antisemitism, ignorance about the Holocaust, Holocaust denial, and Holocaust distortion, it is important that students are given proper instruction while in grades 6-12. Holocaust education will not only impact the students, but it will impact our communities by combating prejudice, racism, stereotyping, and encourage the awareness of the value of diversity in our society.

YoPhl Teen Board Rounds the Corner into a New Year of Grantmaking

With Rosh Hashana and the High Holidays comes a season of round challahs and lots of opportunities to renew, refresh, and start a new page. As the Jewish community turns a corner into a new year, the YoPhl Teen Board turns from year two to year three of the initiative with lots of new beginnings.

The members of the 2019-2020 Teen Board completed a year-long philanthropic initiative at a ceremony earlier in June, awarding more than \$10,000 to local nonprofits. For the 2019-2020 funding round, the 28 members of the YoPhl Teen Board chose to support proposals in three focus areas: Environmental Sustainability, Education, and Equity.

The Teen Board received 23 grant applications and selected to support four proposals. They provided funding for Warren Branch Teen Programs through the

Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, Adopt-a-Block Tree Distribution at Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. Volunteer Training & Recruitment through School on Wheels, Inc., and Resident Allowances through Trinity Haven, Inc. Recipient organizations were honored at a Check Granting Ceremony on June 2, when YoPhl Teen Board members shared reflections on their philanthropic process and celebrated their accomplishment with family, friends, and community partners.

In its second year, the Teen Board doubled in size, both in terms of the number of Board Members and the amount of money given.

"The inaugural 2018-19 cohort created a great sense of momentum for teen-led change in our community. The 2019-20 cohort really seized on this momentum and raised the experience to the next



**YOUTH
PHILANTHROPY
INDY | Teen Board**

level," said David Heilbron, the Director of Youth Philanthropy and Connection.

Throughout the summer, Teen Board members have been hard at work preparing for another impactful year. The 2020-21 cohort will include a group of first-year participants as well as a new program for returning second-year participants focused on grantmaking and deepening lessons learned from the first year of the program. This will include "philanthropy masterclasses" with professionals in the field as well as mentoring and leadership opportunities.

As the YoPhl Teen Board kicks off the new year, be sure to catch the newest teen board members at upcoming community events including Super Sunday (Sept. 13) and be on the lookout for their mission statement and request for proposals later in the fall.



Jewish Celebration Station

Are you using your time at home to clean closets? Have you come across Jewish ritual objects (seder plates, kiddush cups, candlesticks, challah boards & covers, *Hanukiot* /menorahs, *tallitot*, *tefillin*) you will no longer be using? If so, hold on to them until the library re-opens. Then donate them!

The Jewish Celebration Station is a ritual object lending library that loans to community members who want to celebrate Jewish holidays, to theater groups staging plays with a Jewish theme or to teachers who are teaching about Judaism.

P2G International Book Club

The Maurer Community Library, in conjunction with Federation partners in Israel and Hungary, are offering the fourth international book club event in November (exact date to be announced soon). The event will focus on *The Book of Fathers* by Miklos Vamos. Copies of the book are available. Contact Marcia Goldstein at library@jfgi.org for more information.



**PARTNERSHIP
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CONSORTIUM**

This book club allows readers from the partnership region in Israel, those from Budapest and participants from several partnership US cities to come together to discuss an excellent Jewish book.

Contact Marcia Goldstein at library@jfgi.org to participate.

13 Local Young Adults Further Leadership Development Through New National Program

In July, two local cohorts – one from the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and another with Indiana University Hillel – joined hundreds in a three-week intensive Jewish leadership development journey through Jewish Federations of North America's Jewish Changemakers program.

The newly developed program focused on leadership and professional development building structured around three stories; the story of self, the story of us, and the story of now. Topics covered included leading at a time of change & crisis, resiliency, defining your personal mission statement, and sharing your story. Changemakers also completed a personal values assessment and wrote thank-you notes to mentors who helped them along the way. Changemakers updated Jewish Federations of North America taglines on LinkedIn and reached out through LinkedIn to leaders and exemplars they admire. They studied the Periodic Table of Character Strengths, fine-tuned their pitch skills, and met successful CEO's in the for-profit and non-profit world. They also got to know each other better

through small group cohort meetings, explored how being a professional is connected to personal passion and goals, and discussed what it means to be a *mensch*.

"The sage Hillel guides our curriculum with his teaching from Mishnah Avot 1:14: 'If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, then what am I? If not now, when?' Changemakers are leaders who take action rooted in a strong sense of self – an identity grounded in purpose and values. They have ideas and ideals – a vision to change the world. And they understand the urgency of the moment – and particularly this moment, when the need for change is pressing. A Changemaker is never satisfied with the status quo – They know that we can do better," said Eric Fingerhut, CEO of Jewish Federations of North America.

Greater Indy Changemakers also had opportunities to connect with local and professional staff during the program, both from IU Hillel, JFGI, and Indianapolis community leaders. During the program, changemakers were also paired with mentors at both a national level as well as a local level here in Indiana, offering unique



opportunities for personal networking and professional growth.

"The program allowed me to turn a summer defined by canceled plans into more of a meaningful growth experience," said Joel Barrett, a Jewish Changemaker participant. "It is always a special opportunity to get to connect with Jewish communities around the county and the world, being a part of a global program. It was cool hearing perspective from Jews in communities different than mine on important issues."

The July session was a pilot program, with 548 fellows ages 20-25 years old. There were 60 Jewish communities across North America that participated. The first session was so successful, a second program began in August. Future cohorts will be organized in the Fall.

Prystowsky ATID V Participants Join Jewish Leadership Positions

The Prystowsky ATID V Cohort has continued to meet virtually over the last few months through zoom sessions with community professionals, past lay leadership, and each other throughout this time of social distancing. The cohort continues to grow its involvement in the Jewish community in Indianapolis, by serving on the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, local agency, and synagogue boards and committees.



SIGN UP

for PJ Library's Jewish Child Book Club

PJ Library sends free, award-winning books that celebrate Jewish values and culture to families with children from birth through 8 years old.



PJ Our Way is the next chapter of PJ Library, for kids ages 8½-11. With PJ Our Way, rather than receiving a specific book in the mail, kids can choose the book they want to receive every month.

**Sign up for each of these book programs at
www.jewishindianapolis.org/pj-library.**

"PJ Library has been an integral part of our interfaith family for over 10 years now! We look forward to the monthly delivery of our PJ books and always wonder what we'll be learning about next together as a family with our new book. Our most memorable recent event with PJ Library was at Camp GUCI. It was a wonderful Shabbat night with friends and family, signing songs together and enjoying the evening. We met new friends and we look forward to connecting at the next PJ Library event!"

- Amber Fineman



QuaranTEEN Virtual Hub

Stuck at home? PJ Library and the Engagement & Education Team are here to help you stay connected to interesting and interactive opportunities in the community. Curated opportunities from Federation, greater Indianapolis community partners, and organizations from around the world are available to help you stay connected while physically distancing. Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/quaranteen-virtual-hub and have some fun!

PJ Library

Navigating Judaism



The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and PJ Library have collaborated to create a three-part series for care givers of school aged children to explore a variety of issues that families may face while navigating being Jewish in Indiana schools.

**The final installment of
the series**

2 – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/navigatingpart3>

The event will feature a discussion about the "December dilemma" and how to talk about Chanukah in your student's classroom. The program will explore effective ways that parents can address the presence of Christmas decorations in the classroom, or Christmas songs during school concerts. Lindsey Mintz, JCRC Executive Director, will model what a brief classroom presentation could look like and discuss how doing so can nurture your child's confidence and pride in their Jewish identity.



PJ library is now in Instagram! Follow up to see what they are doing at [Instagram.com/pjlibraryindianapolis](https://www.instagram.com/pjlibraryindianapolis). Be sure to continue to follow PJ Library on Facebook for story times, crafts, and videos.

Popsie's Pantry 2010 to Today

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS THIS OCTOBER

By Julie Sondhelm

Reflecting at the 10-year mark of Popsie's Food Pantry serving the local community, it is clear how we have grown to meet the need surrounding us here at Jewish Family Services (JFS).

Food insecurity is an ongoing part of the landscape. We operate in a school district where 80 percent of students require assistance with lunch, as well as other meals. We serve the elderly, immigrants and refugees, individuals requiring kosher and other specific dietary requirements, families with children, individuals who are working but can't make ends meet, people with disabilities and no access to transportation, and individuals of every race, religion, and gender identity. For 10 years, our doors have been open thanks to the vision and generosity of our own community. Through COVID and beyond, we know that we are and will be needed to provide the most vital and basic necessities- bread, meat, milk, and toilet paper, to name a few.

Popsie's Pantry began after the 2008 economic downturn, when through our one-on-one work with clients we became aware of the choices they were being forced to make. Do I buy medication or food today? Do I pay my rent or keep the lights on? What can I feed my children tonight? These are real questions real people confront every day. We began through the support of the Russell family in a small room the size of a closet to our larger pantry now with space for fresh and frozen items. We allow our clients to choose the food that they want and need and we protect their privacy by scheduling appointments. We keep our barriers low and our practices welcoming to all. We go beyond the provision of these necessities to work with pantry clients on other issues- to connect them to other supports that have the potential to uplift their circumstance.

COVID-19 has been a challenge, but we have risen to it to continue to provide for essential needs. We pack the provisions that our clients choose and assist them to get here to pick up with all safety precautions in place or deliver when necessary. Each pantry visit is a touchpoint where we can check on our clients, many of whom are very isolated and lacking resources of all kinds. It is a "mask-to-mask" contact with a caring professional. Often other needs are revealed during those contacts and addressed.

Popsie's Pantry began and remains a lifeline to the most vulnerable among us. It would not happen without the Jewish community's support and is a powerful way to outreach and impact beyond our campus into the larger community. As we celebrate our growth and ability to maintain and pivot our services in these challenging times, we thank all of you.

Total Families Served through Popsie's Pantry (As of July 24, 2020)

- **2010-2011: Served 40 families**
- **2015** (when the Pantry moved into a bigger space): served about **80 families - doubled in 3 years**
- **2019 (pre-COVID): Served 90 families**
- **2020 (COVID): Currently serving 130 families**
- **Going forward:**
 - JFS is distributing four times the amount of food to each pantry visitor in light of the pandemic. Thanks to additional funding for the pantry, JFS is able to supply families with perishable items, such as meat, cheese, and fresh produce. *This is especially helpful for older adults, who are served through Popsie's Pantry contact-free delivery service who have limited to no access to grocery stores during this pandemic.



Case Worker Julie Sondhelm stays safe with her mask on while working in the Pantry.

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ADOPT-A-FAMILY

**COMING THIS WINTER
MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON**

THANK YOU

Community Relief Donors

In April, the Federation activated a Community Relief Fund (CRF), aimed at helping local institutions manage the economic impact of the pandemic, provide support for a broad array of current and anticipated social services, and offer emergency assistance to those most vulnerable and impacted in the community. To date, over \$830,000 has been donated from more than 130 generous community members. On behalf of everyone who has, and will, benefit from your generosity, THANK YOU!

The impact of the CRF has been deep and wide. With three granting rounds complete, the Federation has allocated more than \$487,000 to local institutions, and continues to review further proposals as they come in. One major grant was made to Jewish

Family Services (JFS), allowing them to provide immediate support for the community's most vulnerable. Over the past several months, Popsie's Pantry visits have increased by 53 percent and emergency financial aid distributions have quadrupled. None of this would be possible without funding from the CRF.

Other grants have supported the JCC, Hooverwood Living, Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, and Hillel, all aimed at supporting their safe and secure reopenings. The CRF also funded a new scholarship program, administered by the Federation, to support families impacted by COVID-19 for tuition costs associated with living Jewishly here in Indianapolis.

To learn more about the impact of



the CRF and view a list of donors, visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/communityrelieffund.



Approximately 400 local donors have made more than 700 future legacy commitments to support the Greater Indianapolis Jewish community. These commitments are part of a collaborative endowment-building effort that includes 13 Jewish organizations and congregations, the Jewish Federation's and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY initiative, the goal of which is to provide future financial stability. The initiative just topped \$1 billion in commitments, including \$32 million in Indianapolis. Read the entire press release at www.jewishindianapolis.org/press-release.

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2020 Legacy Celebration

An Evening to Thank and Honor our Endowment and LIFE & LEGACY Community

Wednesday, Oct. 14 via Zoom

5:30 - 6 p.m. <i>Pre-party Cocktail Reception</i>	6 - 7 p.m. <i>The Main Event</i>
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More details to come!

HEROES



in our Community

Stepping Up During COVID-19

While our world is gripped by the COVID-19 pandemic, heroes are emerging.

It's the synagogue volunteer who gives you a call, just to make sure you're doing okay; your neighbor who includes your shopping list in her weekly grocery store run; the healthcare provider who took your temperature when you thought you might be coming down with the virus; your rabbi who inspires you each week through a meaningful sermon or lesson over zoom; or the teacher who works overtime to make her virtual second grade classroom engaging and meaningful.

During these times of darkness, stars are appearing!



Dr. Amy Kressel

Dr. Amy Kressel, serves as Eskenazi Health's expert in infectious diseases. As outbreaks of the novel coronavirus began to spread, Dr. Kressel immediately took action locally by leading the COVID-19 taskforce at Eskenazi Health. Assembling a team of hospital leaders, Dr. Kressel immediately assisted the organization with development of infection prevention and control strategies for both inpatient and outpatient care settings, aided in allocation and supply management for limited personal protective equipment – ensuring limited product was best utilized to keep both our patients and healthcare workers safe, and developed (and revised) clinical treatment algorithms as new data emerged in the treatment of the novel coronavirus.

Elliott Gold

Elliott Gold took it upon himself to organize the group of men, affectionately known as the ROMEO's, to take the money they would have spent on getting together for lunch and send it to Popsie's Pantry!

Didi Kerler

Didi Kerler, Education Director with Congregation Beth Shalom, hasn't missed a beat in taking care of her community. She has gone above and beyond, taking on mitzvah projects by herself and serving every aspect of the congregation.

Marcia Goldstein

Marcia Goldstein, Founder of Life After Fifty, at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (IHC), offered computer help and organized a buddy system during the pandemic. She is always there for help.

Nancy Koppel

Nancy Koppel, a child advocate volunteer at the Indiana Department of Child Services, is in a high risk COVID-19 class due to age. Even though she is high risk, Nancy continues to work tirelessly at the Indiana Department of Child Services, preparing social histories for children in the DCS system in need of adoptive homes.



Jordan, Eli, and Benji Fisch

Jordan Fisch, along with her sons **Eli** (10) and **Benji** (7), started purchasing reusable face masks in bulk at the beginning of the pandemic to tie-dye and sell. They donated the proceeds to Popsie's Pantry. They delivered a \$400 check on July 2.

Sandy Nachlis

Every week before **Sandy Nachlis** goes to the grocery, she thinks about Popsie's Pantry and all the clients JFS serves. She texts Julie and Rachel to ask what she should buy, knowing that the needs shift day-to-day. It's a huge help and a treat to see her face each week.

Joanie Waldman

Beth El Zedeck's Early Childhood Center is what it is due to the creativity and administrative expertise of **Joanie Waldman**. Widely recognized as a top-notch Jewish program, hundreds of children have received love and learning under her care.

Jennifer Vigran

Jennifer Vigran and her team have been stepping up more than ever to provide food relief to thousands of Hoosiers. Through Jennifer's leadership, Second Helpings adapted their services to meet the new pressing needs of our community.

Rachel Heger and Ross Siegel

Rachel Heger runs the local chapter of I Support The Girls and her cousin, **Ross Siegel**, has volunteered to deliver and donate materials to Popsie's Pantry. The packages included 5,000 liners, 2,000 tampons, 180 bottles of shampoo, and skin serum.

Robert Rising and Peter Cukier

Since the start of this pandemic, **Robert and Peter Cukier** have been delivering fresh meals to front-line workers at St. Vincent Hospital. They are taking care of the professionals who need it and supporting local businesses all at the same time.

Jeff Hagerman

When Evan Lubline realized that Hooverwood's residents needed to connect with their families, he reached out to **Jeff Hagerman** for help. Within 5 minutes, Jeff said YES! and today, residents and their families are enjoying a new visitor window.

Shelley Kahn

Shelley Kahn is a dedicated Hooverwood volunteer serving on the Executive Board, co-chairing the Mezuzah project and chairing the Judaism and Culture Committee. She has a passion for caring for the those who call Hooverwood & Kraft Commons home.

Ari Hodes

Ari Hodes has volunteered with a local organization to help package and distribute food to Hoosiers all over Marion County. He has also brought dozens of boxes to Popsie's Pantry to help support the increased demand for food at the beginning of this pandemic.



Brooke Goldstein

Brooke Goldstein has made thousands of masks in order to help people protect themselves against COVID-19. She has also made special masks for St. Vincent Pediatric speech therapists with clear panels so they could properly communicate with their patients.

David Calderon

David Calderon, who owns Indiana CBD Wellness, donated hundreds of hand sanitizer bottles to Jewish Family Services and Hooverwood Living when there was a shortage in the Indianapolis community. He made the donation in memory of JJ Abrams, a beloved member of the Indianapolis community and the father of Calderon's uncle and mentor.



Help the Indianapolis community recognize above and beyond efforts by nominating a local Jewish hero. Visit <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/community-heroes> for expanded feature stories, more nominations and to nominate a local Jewish hero.



JDC: The Leading Global Jewish Humanitarian Organization

"We don't just place our faith in a better tomorrow — we build it."

For over 100 years, JDC has put the timeless Jewish value of collective responsibility into action when the world needs it most. Today, JDC lifts lives and strengthens communities in 70 countries: We rescue Jews in danger, provide aid to vulnerable Jews, develop innovative solutions to Israel's most complex social challenges, cultivate a Jewish future, and lead the Jewish community's response to crisis.

"We Provide Aid to Vulnerable Jews."

Tens of thousands of elderly Jews and families around the world live in dire poverty. We ensure they never have to choose between essentials like food and medicine, as well as provide something invaluable — the knowledge that they are not forgotten, but remain part of a global Jewish community that will always have their back.

"We Rescue Jews in Danger."

Jews around the world still face threats — anti-Semitism, violence, and social and economic upheaval. While our priority is to help Jewish communities

live safely where they choose, when those threats endanger Jewish lives or Jewish life, we're the 9-1-1 of the Jewish people. We're there with the boots on the ground and know-how to take them out of harm's way. And we will continue to be there at a moment's notice, wherever we are needed.

"We Lead the Jewish Response to Global Crises"

When natural disasters or other calamities strike, we are the Jewish hands who help communities of all backgrounds and faiths rebuild. We're on the ground when disaster hits, and we stay long after it's over to make sure those communities get back on their feet. We also bring our expertise to slow-moving crises, like endemic poverty, food insecurity, and the plight of refugees, because repairing the world means taking action when we see people in need.

This information is shared from JDC.org, one of our international partners whom the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis helps fund through the Annual Campaign each year.

About JDC

JDC (the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee or "The Joint") is the leading Jewish humanitarian organization, working in 70 countries to lift lives and strengthen communities. They rescue Jews in danger, provide aid to vulnerable Jews, develop innovative solutions to Israel's most complex social challenges, cultivate a Jewish future, and lead the Jewish community's response to crises. For over 100 years, their work has put the timeless Jewish value of mutual responsibility into action, making JDC essential to the survival of millions of people and the advancement of Jewish life across the globe.



We R Family – A Partnership Program

Opportunity to connect with a family, or single, in Israel for purposes of getting to know each other and learn about life in the Western Galilee. People will be matched based on age, life cycle, interests, hobbies, etc. Not a structured program, the matched families will create their own agenda and timetable.

Contact Michelle Korin at michelle.korin@gmail.com for more information.

Apply for this program at <https://p2gwg1.wixsite.com/p2g-live/we-are-family>

Sliding Doors: Second Generation Holocaust Survivors Cohort Meeting



7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10
Zoom Link coming soon

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is hosting its first cohort of second-generation Holocaust survivors as part of a new initiative to engage this group in local and Partnership communities.

What does it mean to be a second generation survivor? How has your parents' history impacted you and your decision making? Are there transgenerational traumas? How did your second generation identity affect your children?

Interested second generation Holocaust survivors will come together to share personal histories, hear from engaging speakers, and interact with second generation survivors within our Partnership regions in Israel and Budapest.

Contact Michele Boukai at mboukai@jfgi.org or (317) 475-4274 for more information about these programs.



RETRO FEDERATION CREATING A CAMPUS

By David Kleiman

As our Jewish community continues to plan for a major renovation and expansion of the Campus, it is worth reflecting on the last time we undertook such an effort. For me it started with a breakfast invitation from Estelle Nelson who had just been elected as only the second female President of the Jewish Federation, and she was on a mission. It was time for the Federation to move forward on the much discussed renovation and expansion of the Federation properties on Hoover Road. She asked me to chair the capital campaign and I could not say no.

When the property on Hoover Road was purchased by the Federation in 1948 it was "way out in the country," far from the existing Jewish institutions like the Jewish Community Center (JCC) then located at 24th and Meridian Streets and the Federation's office in the downtown English Foundation building. The first thing built on the property shortly after it was acquired was an outdoor swimming pool, followed by new buildings for the JCC in 1958, the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) in the 1960s, and Hooverwood in 1970.

Those facilities had served the community well but were in need of major renovation and expansion. At that time each of the buildings was on a separate parcel of ground with a separate entrance from Hoover Road. You could not even drive from one building to another without first going back to Hoover Road and using a different entrance.

Estelle enlisted Claudette Einhorn to chair the Campus Development Committee. Claudette's undertaking was enormous and she did a masterful job. To put it in her own words her goal was to "create a place for every member of our community, its children, parents and grandparents...and create a sense of community that is so alive



and sure that it becomes the center of our already proud Jewish identity."

It is sometimes difficult to remember the extent of the changes proposed by Claudette and her committee. At Hooverwood it was a new 42 bed wing, conversion of existing rooms to singles and doubles as well as a new gift shop and physical therapy, dental, medical and day care facilities. At the JCC it included a state of the art physical fitness center, cultural arts facilities, multi-purpose auditorium, expanded kitchen, health club, indoor tennis courts, second gym and early childhood wing for infant and toddler day care. At BJE there would be new classrooms, renovation of existing facilities and an indoor connector to the JCC. And significantly, a new wing was proposed which would allow the Jewish Federation's office to move to the Campus.

Claudette and her committee went to great lengths to seek input from the entire community and as you can imagine there was no shortage of opinions. Serving on Claudette's committee were Sandra Borns, Dan Cantor, Bruce Frank, Susan Jacobs, Marty Kroot, Jerry Kraft, Marks Levy, Benton Marks, Mickey Maurer, Estelle Nelson, Gary Schahet and Stanley Talesnick.

We knew there was great enthusiasm for a capital campaign despite the fact that a professional fundraising firm previously engaged to survey the community concluded that \$2.4 million would be a reasonable goal.

We projected to raise at least \$6 million and exceeded \$15 million. We called the campaign Joining the Generations. It was prophetic. It seemed like everyone wanted to be involved. Irv Katz and Frank Newman agreed to be Honorary Chairs of the campaign. Division Chairs were Marty Kroot, Janie Maurer, Dan Cantor, John Abrams, Brad Bell, and Bruce Frank. The Federation staff was all consumed by the project led by Harry Nadler and Carolyn Leeds. Literally dozens of people volunteered to solicit and people were eager to give and have their names recognized on the Campus along with every other giver.

The Campus was dedicated at a community-wide celebration in September 1997. It had taken four long years to complete the mission. At the dedication Chuck Cohen, then the President of the Federation called it "one of the greatest periods of accomplishment the Indianapolis Jewish community has ever seen."

The accomplishment, however, did not end with the dedication of the new Campus. It was just the beginning as the Campus would become the place where dedicated volunteers and staffs of the Federation and the agencies could create more programs and reach more members of the Jewish and general community than ever before. The Campus truly became the place envisioned by Claudette--it became "the center of our already proud Jewish identity."



Have a past event story? Share it in the magazine.
Contact Andrea Hirsch at ahirsch@jfgi.org

HHAI: A School for Connection to Judaism, Friendships and a Stellar Education

By Nicole Potash

Before my grandfather passed, I made him a promise. I promised him, just as my parents had, that we would provide our children with a Jewish education. My Zeidi and all four of my grandparents survived the Holocaust, they all lived through communism and extreme persecution for being Jews. All four immigrated to Indianapolis to give us a life of opportunity, a life where we could know and practice what it means to be Jewish.

I attended HHA I K-8th grade and attribute my life-long friendships, connection to Judaism and my confidence to these formative years to the school. My husband also attended Jewish day school in Canada. We were nearly certain HHA I would be the right fit; however, we wanted to see for ourselves if we'd feel welcomed and like the program.

We met with Principal Gettinger, where we learned about how diverse the Jewish families were and many have since become our friends. We walked the colorful hallways and learned about how our children would play an active role in their education

through the Reggio learning philosophy. We learned about, and have since experienced, the benefits of a small student to teacher ratio and the personalized education plans. The HHA I was clearly the right choice for our family.

We were happy. And then COVID hit and showed us just how lucky we were to be at HHA I. Our dedicated teachers organized e-learning overnight and connected daily with our children, finding ways to celebrate birthdays, accomplishments and holidays. Teachers drove to our home (20 minutes away) to drop off activities and say hello from a distance. In these uncertain times, HHA I was our constant and affirmed we were at the best school for our family.

Our children are now in first and fourth grades. They are supported and loved; they are confident learners, have strong friendships, speak Hebrew and developed their Jewish identity. Every time they bring home artwork to celebrate a Jewish holiday, I think about how proud Zeidi must be. I'm glad I kept my promise and I'm grateful for our school community.



Nicole, Ari Potash, and two children Evan (9) and Max (6).

Facing History and Ourselves Partner School

HHAI was one of 12 schools to be invited to become a partner in the Facing History and Ourselves Partner School Network this year.

Facing History and Ourselves works with teachers and schools throughout the world to foster empathy and reflection, improve students' academic performance and encourage active civic participation. As a partner school, HHA I will receive professional development, curriculum resources and ongoing coaching in social studies, history, civics, ELA and interdisciplinary Judaic content.

The school's original connection to Facing History and Ourselves came through their design-thinking Holocaust



Museum culminating in a grant for an intergenerational mural of local Holocaust survivor stories. This new partnership propels the school to current events and civic leadership in racial equality.

The Hasten Hebrew Academy Celebrating Five Decades of Exceptional Jewish Education

It is time to celebrate at the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis (HHA)! The 2020-2021 school year marks the Academy's 50th year educating Jewish



Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

children in the Indianapolis community. Since its founding in 1971, thousands of students have walked the halls of HHA. Hundreds of them have traveled to Israel for their capstone trip. And all have continued their education at great high schools throughout Indiana, the U.S., and Israel.

What is even more impressive than the academic impact the school has had on the community's children, is how the graduates of HHA are living the Jewish values of *kavod*, *chesed*, and *kehilla* by giving back to the people and the communities in which they live. From treating COVID-19 patients in New York City, to providing much-needed funding to build multi-family housing across the U.S., and making *aliyah* by moving to Israel to serve in the Israeli army and join the ranks of Israeli society, HHA alumni are changing the world. Over the coming year, HHA plans to share stories about its alumni and their remarkable accomplishments.

"Our Jubilee is more than just a dinner," says Hart Hasten, co-founder of HHA. "It is a year-long celebration of our students, our teachers and administrators, and the many community leaders and members who have supported and shaped the Academy over the past 50 years." Community support has made it possible for HHA to live by its 'no Jewish child left behind' philosophy and achieve its mission of developing the next generation of Jewish leaders who will sustain and strengthen the vitality of our community and the world."

The Academy has already selected its HAI Life Honorees for its Jubilee. Dr. Stephen Rosenfeld and Monica Rosenfeld will be honored for their leadership, contribution, and commitment to the school over the past three decades. Monica has also served as the President of the Academy's Board of Directors since 2007.

The Academy is currently planning the months-long Jubilee celebration which will include "something for everyone" in our community. Look for more details on the many events and activities designed to bring the community together to celebrate Central Indiana's only Jewish Day School. We hope you will join in the celebration.

Hooverwood Living Market: Grocery & Meal Delivery Nutritious Options for Seniors at Home

Groceries, meals & household items delivered to your door or available for curbside pick-up. Skip the lines and leave your worries behind. Pick from a variety of grocery items and easy to cook meal kits. Try numerous "Jack & Olive" options, including breakfast parfaits, fruit cups, artisan salads and sandwiches, hand-crafted wraps, snack boxes and desserts. Whatever you are missing from your cabinets, from household cleaners to hygiene supplies, Hooverwood has you covered.

Free delivery for orders \$20+ and Curbside pickup

Monday - Thursday until 4 p.m.

Fridays until 12 p.m.

Place your order by calling (317) 251-2261 or visit <https://hooverwoodmarket.square.site/> to order online.

Hooverwood Living Tech & Talk: Senior Technology Services



Do you or your loved one need assistance with Video Chatting, Social Media, Email, Amazon Alexa, or anything technology related? Hooverwood's tech experts are here to help.

House call visits are available free of charge on:

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Tuesdays

2 – 4 p.m. Thursdays

Call (317) 956-5661 to set up an appointment.

Hooverwood Tech Trainer will wear proper PPE & N95 Mask during home visit.

Tele-rehabilitation: Virtual Outpatient Therapy & Personal Training Available

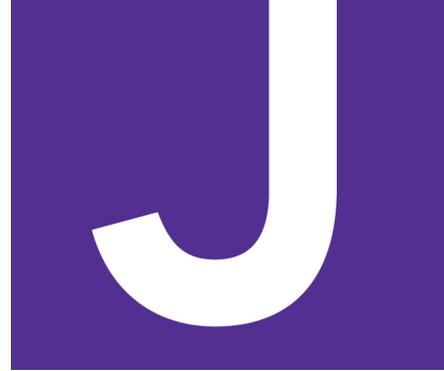
Hooverwood Living is now providing virtual visits that allow you to have your condition assessed and treated from the comfort of your own home through a secure online video chat with one of Hooverwood's physical therapists, occupational therapists, or personal trainers.

Call (317) 956-5661 for more information or to set up a virtual therapy session.

Most insurances accepted.

This year, in lieu of CampJCC, the JCC provided Summer Care for children in grades K-6. Participants were required to pass health screenings and temperature checks, and once they arrived at Summer Care children and counselors remained in their small groups, but everyone still had a blast even with COVID-19 precautions.

The JCC thanks the Federation for allowing the use of their CJEL space so each group could have a separate home base, and for paying for extra cleaning to help the Summer Care program run as safely as possible.



Owen, Saffron and Betsy showing off the bracelets they just made



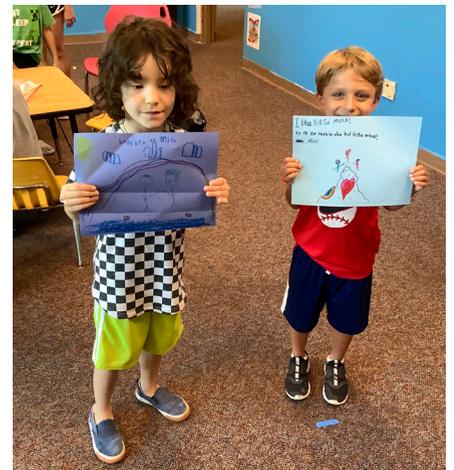
Shep, Ella, Audrey, Stella and Solomon with their finished cat jigsaw puzzle



Stella and Elaine



Ravi, Otto, Aeliana, Bauer, Evan and William masked up



Milo and Leo with the drawings they made for each other



Evan, Amara, Colin, Ravi, Henry and Otto playing with LEGOs



Georgia hanging out on the monkey bars

Indy Jewish Community Adopts Racial Justice & Equity Principles

JCRC heads launch of broad racial justice initiative across the state

Jewish organizations across the State of Indiana have added their names to the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council's (JCRC) Principles on Racial Justice and Equity. In doing so, Jewish communities throughout Indiana are unequivocally recommitting to engaging in the hard work of pursuing racial justice in our communities, cities, state, and country.

The Jewish community has a long history of engaging in the fight for civil rights and advocating for equal justice for all. These Principles serve as a renewed call to proactively and intentionally address the systemic racism that targets the Black community and other communities of color every day in nearly all sectors of society. The Jewish community knows the danger of staying silent in the face of discrimination. Being an ally in the fight for justice means addressing these systems wherever they appear, including within our

own institutions. With this in mind, the adoption of these Principles will launch a larger community-wide Racial Justice Initiative that will not only include advocacy work in the halls of government and relationship building with members of the Black community, but also education, introspection, and experiential learning within our Jewish community's agencies, organizations, and congregations.

"We deplore the fact that racism has been woven into the very fabric of American society, from before our founding as a country to today," said JCRC Executive Director Lindsey Mintz. "It is long past time for the ideals and promises of America to actually be accessible for all those living within our borders. By adding their name to these Principles of Racial Justice & Equity, Jewish organizations throughout Indiana are signifying their commitment to helping to eradicate systemic racism, build equitable communities,



Indianapolis JCRC Assistant Director David Sklar speaks with Civil Rights icon Representative John Lewis

and pursue justice for all."

For the list of signatories and the full text of the Principles on Racial Justice and Equity, visit <https://indyjcrc.org/racial-justice-equity/>. To watch the Community Briefing on the JCRC's Racial Justice & Equity Principles, visit the JFGI YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/JewishInIndy.

COMBATING ANTISEMITISM

The JCRC knows that combating antisemitism and anti-Zionism is vital to the Jewish community, especially as the fight for racial justice continues. Their mission for more than 75 years has been to safeguard Jews. One of the ways they accomplish this is through education, which empowers people to Stand Up! Speak Out! against antisemitism, injustice, and hate. JCRC's Israel and Antisemitism Education Coordinator, Marla Topiol, focuses much of the JCRC's efforts on educating teens on these important topics.

Upcoming programs for the fall:

Student to Student (10th, 11th, and 12th grade)

The JCRC trains Jewish teens to go into classrooms where there is not a Jewish presence and talk about what it is like to be a Jewish teen in Indy. During the presentation, the teen speakers talk about the Jewish life cycle, holidays, kashrut, and other practices. Student to Student is a unique opportunity for teens to teach their peers about Judaism through their eyes.

Apply at <https://bit.ly/studenttostudent20>.

Israel Engagement Fellowship (10th, 11th, and 12th grade)

An extensive fellowship in the fall where teens learn about Israeli history, culture, and politics. JCRC brings in speakers and resources from all over the country to explore the complexities that are Israel. No previous Israel experience is necessary to take part in the Fellowship. Fellows that complete the program receive a \$250 stipend. Apply at <https://bit.ly/israelfellowship20>.

SAVE THE DATE

STATE OF INDIANA HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

12 – 1 p.m. | Tuesday, Nov. 10

Annual State of Indiana Holocaust Remembrance Program
NOW VIRTUAL! More details to come.

*All JCRC programs will be virtual until further notice



Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

WELCOMING SHABBAT WITH RABBI DENNIS & CANTOR MELISSA: 6 P.M., FRIDAYS, SEPT. 4, 11, 25, OCT. 16, 23, AND 30 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/399892776>. Join Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Cantor Melissa Cohen and members of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck (BEZ) for a virtual Shabbat candle lighting and Friday night service.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: 10 A.M., SATURDAYS, SEPT. 5, 12, 26, OCT. 3, 17, 24, 31 via Livestream: <https://bez613.org/watch-live/>. Join for this week's Livestream service, including d'var Torah. Visit www.bez613.org and click "Virtual Shabbat and More" under the "Worship" tab for access to this week's resources to help follow along.

SELIHOT: TOAST TO THE NEW YEAR — THE YEAR THAT WAS, THE YEAR AHEAD: 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93044176030>. Havdalah and a panel discussion with community leaders: Artistic Director Janet Allen, Attorney Detra Mills and Physician Dr. Aaron Carroll.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH A TASTE OF HONEY: A HOME FAMILY CELEBRATION WITH STORY AND SONG: FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 P.M. via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92316027629>. A home family celebration to welcome the new year with candle lighting, music, song and story.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE (DAY 1): 10 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 19 via Livestreaming: <https://bez613.org/watch-live/>.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE (DAY 2): 10 A.M. SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 via Livestreaming: <https://bez613.org/watch-live/>.

KOL NIDRE SERVICE: 7 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 via Livestreaming: <https://bez613.org/watch-live/>.

YOM KIPPUR MORNING AND YIZKOR SERVICE: 10 A.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 28 via Livestreaming: <https://bez613.org/watch-live/>.

YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICE: MONDAY, SEPT. 2 P.M. via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92982251041>

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON CONVERSATION WITH RABBI SANDY SASSO: JONAH IN QUARANTINE — A WHALE OF A TALE: 5 P.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 28 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92982251041>.

NEILAH SERVICE — THE CLOSING SHOFAR BLAST (SHOW OFF YOUR SHOFAR): 6:30 P.M. MONDAY,

SEPT. 28 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92982251041>. Families will have the opportunity to show off their shofars.

EREV SUKKOT: 6 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 2 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91127792486>. A virtual Shabbat Service, candle lighting and celebration of the Eve of Sukkot.

VIRTUAL SUKKAH HOP: 6 P.M. SUNDAY, OCT. 4 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99416222272>. Celebrate Sukkot and take a virtual tour of BEZ members' home Sukkahs, as we virtually hop from home to home.

CONSECRATION & SIMCHAT TORAH: 6 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 9 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93479640521>. A virtual Shabbat and Festival Service, candle lighting and Consecration of our first graders.

SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH & YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE: 10 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 10 via Livestreaming: <https://bez613.org/watch-live/>. A virtual Shabbat and Festival Service.

JUDAISM TO GO: 10 A.M. SUNDAY, OCT. 18, 25 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98131594694>. An Introduction to Judaism series with Rabbi Dennis Sasso. What you need to know; what you need to do; what you need to take on your Jewish journey.

INTRODUCTORY TO HEBREW: 9 A.M. SUNDAY, OCT. 18, 25 via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93829185163>. An introductory/refresher course of the Hebrew language with Dina David. RSVP to ddavid@bez613.org.

All zoom and livestream videos will be uploaded to the Youtube Channel: www.youtube.com/congregationbethelzedeck after the live broadcast.

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

Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) is committed to keeping everyone safe in these abnormal COVID-19 times. Events will be held virtually unless specified otherwise until we deem it safe to resume activities as usual. All online services and programming are open to guests.

SHABBAT SERVICES: 6:30 P.M. SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH FRIDAYS of each month via Zoom. Links and access codes will be provided on the CBS website.

"ELUL ENCOUNTERS: THE PATH OF REFLECTION": Innovative programming during the month of Elul to strengthen

people's spiritual preparation and enhance their experience of the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. All meetings will be online interactive encounters and will last about 30-40 minutes.

- **7 P.M. THURSDAYS, SEPT. 3, 10** with Juliette Nehring
- **9:30 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 12** with Rabbi Justin Kerber

SELICHOT: 7 P.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 12, 7:00 P.M. A meaningful program of poems, prayers and music to prepare for the High Holidays.

VIRTUAL HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

- **EREV ROSH HASHANAH: 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPT. 18**
- **ROSH HASHANAH YOUNG FAMILY SERVICE: 9 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 19**
- **ROSH HASHANA MORNING SERVICE: 10:30 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 19**
- **EREV YOM KIPPUR/KOL NIDREI: 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPT. 27**
- **YOM KIPPUR YOUNG FAMILY SERVICE: 9 A.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 28**
- **YOM KIPPUR MORNING MAIN SERVICE: 10:30 A.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 28**
- **YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON DISCUSSION: 4 P.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 28**
- **YIZKOR FOLLOWED BY NE'ILAH SERVICE: 5:15 P.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 28**
- **SUKKOT** - Activities will be offered throughout the week, beginning **OCT. 3**. Check the website calendar for details.
- **SIMCHAT TORAH - 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 9**

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

Congregation B'Nai Torah

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

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

MINYAN AND SHABBAT SERVICES

- **6:30 P.M. SERVICES ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY** will continue both in person and via Zoom
- Shabbat morning service will be both in person and via Zoom beginning at 10 a.m.
- Call CST office to RSVP for in-person attendance (317) 733-2169

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla (CST) will be holding services for the High Holidays via live stream. The service will be a complete service with a minyan present in the synagogue consisting only of those necessary to lead and/or participate in portions of the service. The Congregation regrets that they will not be able to accommodate others in the synagogue during the service in order to comply with CDC and State recommendations related to COVID-19. Visit the CST webpage for additional details and links to the services at <http://shaareytefilla.org/>.

SELICHOT SERVICE: 11 P.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 via Livestream.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH: 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPT. 18 via Livestream.

ROSH HASHANAH: 9 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 19 AND SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 via Livestream.

KOL NIDRE: 7 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 via Livestream.

YOM KIPPUR: 9 A.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 28 via Livestream.

MINCHA, MAARIV, NEILAH: 6:15 P.M. MONDAY, SEPT. 28 via Livestream.

EREV SUKKOT: FRIDAY, OCT. 2 TBD

SHEMINI ATZERET: SATURDAY, OCT. 10 TBD

- **SIMCHAT TORAH: SUNDAY, OCT. 11** TBD

CST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: No School due to the following Holidays and School Breaks:

- **SEPT. 6: LABOR DAY**
- **SEPT. 20: ROSH HASHANAH**
- **SEPT. 27: YOM KIPPUR**
- **OCT. 18: FALL BREAK**

CST SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB: 7:15 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23. The book is Stay by Catherine Ryan Hyde

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

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

Etz Chaim is pleased to announce their attractively updated website! You can now make donations and payments easily, apply for membership, view the calendar, register for virtual events, and find out more about the congregation. Visit www.etzchaimindy.org.

SHABBAT SHAHARIT SERVICE: 9 A.M.

SUNDAY SHAHARIT SERVICE: 10 A.M. at Chabad

WEEKLY ARVIT +COMMUNITY HOUR: 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS via Livestream. Email Etz Chaim for the link or subscribe to receive emails.

PIRKEI AVOT: ETHICS OF OUR FATHERS: 8 P.M. SUNDAYS. Learn the Jewish Classic Text from a Sephardic View, Rabbi David Gingold-Altchek, Etz Chaim

2016-2019. Hosted by Sephardic Digital Academy, sponsored by Etz Chaim. Register through the calendar link on the website or at www.sephardicbrotherhood.com/sephardicdigitalacademy.

HIGH HOLIDAYS: Check the website for more information.

Please contact the office at (317) 251-6220 or office@etzchaimindy.org, visit etzchaimindy.org to subscribe/donate/research or visit @EtzChaimIndy and @EtzChaimtheSisterhood on Facebook for more information.

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

HIGH HOLIDAYS: For a complete listing of IHC's High Holiday offerings and how to join virtually, visit ihcindy.org/HighHolyDays. IHC welcomes everyone to attend our virtual services and programs.

VIRTUAL TORAH TALK: 9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAYS via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/932421731>. Join Rabbi Brett Krichiver to learn and discuss topical and timely text in a casual way. No experience necessary.

VIRTUAL SHABBAT: 6:15 P.M. FRIDAYS via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/137184528>. A weekly online service bringing the peace of Shabbat into our homes. Nefesh Shabbat, a musical Shabbat experience, is every third Friday.

TORAH STUDY ONLINE: 9 a.m. Saturdays via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/693688640>. Study this week's Torah portion with fellow scholars, led by IHC Clergy. No experience necessary.

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

In response to COVID-19, each synagogue has tailored their services and programming differently – whether in-person, virtually, or a mixture - to fit individual needs. Some are offering in-person worship that requires an RSVP. Call or visit each organization's website or social media platforms for the most up-to-date information. The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis thanks the Indianapolis synagogues for their thoughtful leadership during this difficult time.

HIGH HOLIDAYS *at Home*

Through the month of Elul leading up to the High Holidays, the Jewish community is here to support you as 5871 begins. Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) begins this year on the evening of Friday, Sept. 18, and the greater Indianapolis Jewish community has you covered throughout the High Holiday season.

For a comprehensive listing of local religious services, learning opportunities, and resources for celebrating the High Holidays at home, visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/highholidays. The webpage includes up-to-date offerings and resources to help enhance your at-home High Holiday celebrations. From recipes to crafts to connections, JFGI's High Holidays Hub has resources for any and all ages.

Be sure to also follow JFGI's Facebook page for additional opportunities and program announcements.

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DURING COVID-19



Our partner agencies, organizations, and synagogues across Indiana are coming together to create opportunities for our entire community in new, dynamic, and innovative ways. Visit www.jewishindianapolis.org/connect-with-purpose for ways to continue to engage and thrive Jewishly online, and connect through virtual spaces.