



Historical News

Indiana Jewish Historical Society

The Mission of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society is to collect, preserve, publish and share the history of the Indiana Jewish experience.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 42ND IJHS ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, October 26, 2014 in Indianapolis, Indiana

APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING:

President **Sheila Greenwald** announced that the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were mailed to all IJHS members in the November 2013 newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes was unanimously passed.

2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Rosalie Gussow, V.P. of Membership reported that the following members were elected by mail ballot to serve on the Board of Directors: **Kelly Farkas**, **Brandon Roger**, **Carolyn Leeds**, each serving a three-year term ending in 2017; **Stephanie Dlatt**, serving a one-year term ending in 2015; and **Ali Slocum**, who was voted on unanimously by the board of directors to serve a three year term. Earlier that morning the Board of Directors elected the executive officers for 2014-2015 fiscal year. (See listing on back page.)

2014 Annual Report by Executive Director **Eileen Baitcher**. (See page 2)



PROGRAM:

Paul Brockman, Director, Manuscript and Visual Collections at the Indiana Historical Society presented a guide to accessing our archive collection. **Adam Cantor** was a GUCI song leader from 2006-2008. He shared his experiences during those three summers and discussed how it has enhanced his life. He performed camp songs and explained how the songs help build the sense of community that is instilled in GUCI campers. Adam also performed two original compositions from his CD. His performance highlighted the article in the 2014 issue of *Indiana Jewish History*, "The Singing Camp: The Musical Tradition of Myron S. Goldman Union Camp Institute" by **Cantor Janice** and **Brandon Roger**.



*Top Right: Eileen Baitcher
Right: Adam Cantor
Far Right: Paul Brockman*

EXCERPTS FROM THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

By Executive Director Eileen Baitcher

Membership

At the end of our fiscal year on September 30, the Society had 227 paid members with a complimentary networking membership consisting of libraries, universities, historical societies, and other Jewish historical societies around the country.

Support

We acknowledge the following foundations and Jewish Federations for their generous support: The Vigran Family Foundation, The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, The Levine Family of LaPorte Foundation, The Rifkin Family Foundation and The Schoenstadt Family Foundation.

Endowment Fund

The IJHS Endowment Fund continues under the umbrella of Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. All donations to the endowment are tax deductible. Donations can be made directly to the Indianapolis Jewish Federation, earmarked for the IJHS Endowment or contributions can be sent to us.

Archive Collection

Alyssa Boge was the summer intern from IUPUI and she worked 3 months processing new material for our archive collections at the Indiana Historical Society, finishing the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council's large collection. **Sheila Greenwald** and **Carolyn Leeds** also worked on processing our collections. **Stephanie Dlatt** from Butler University helped process the Indianapolis Bureau of Jewish Education's collection and is receiving college credit for working in our archive 3 days a week.

2014 Spring Meeting

IJHS members and guests enjoyed the 2014 Spring Meeting on Sunday April 27th at Congregation Beth Israel in Munster. Three local speakers were featured: **Ernest Fruehauf**, presented a history of Congregation Beth Israel; **Leonard Dreyfus**, presented a history of Northwest Indiana's Jewish Federation, and **Michael Katz**, whose father **Martin Katz** was the Mayor of Gary from 1963-1968, told interested stories about his father's rise in the Northwest Indiana political scene.

IHS Relationship

Our board has been working with **Cynthia Capers**, Director of Education and Community Engagement at the Indiana Historical Society. Together, we are exploring ideas to help grow our archives and create programming centered around our collections. Our first joint program will be the IJHS Family Research Day with the tentative date of Thursday, July 16, 2015.

Website

IJHS member **Shelly Greenwald Malmon** continues to update our website. Please take a look and email your comments/suggestions. We need to know if the website is easy to navigate. We also want to know what you would like us to add. Our Facebook page has 194 likes. We are looking to have more communication with our membership through email, so please make sure we have your email address.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our 40th publication has been sent to your homes and I hope you are enjoying the stories. When I was elected president the first priority was to have a new publication. I knew how to run a meeting. I knew how to work with board members and write an agenda. But what did I know about collecting stories, getting people to write their stories, working with a publisher, editing, proofing, funding and finally printing a book on Indiana Jewish History? It took us 11 months from start to finish with the help of many, including The Dog Ear Publishing Co., who were all very patient with the process. I have gained so much from this that I know it will be easier the next time. We have begun working on Bonds of Steel #2 about more scrap dealers from Indiana.

The society has begun work on bringing the state of Indiana's Jewish organizations, congregations and federations together to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial in 2016. More information will be on our website and in our newsletters.

Please think about giving our new publication as a gift this Chanukah. The cost is \$12.50 plus postage. Look for information in this newsletter on where and how to order more copies.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Sheila Greenwald
President

2014 ISSUE OF *INDIANA JEWISH HISTORY*

The 2014 issue of *Indiana Jewish History* was mailed to our membership in September. This issue highlights the following stories:

- Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, Inc.: The History of the Jewish Funeral Home of Indianapolis
by Max Nelson
- Werner Leo Loewenstein, M.D.
by Miriam (Lowenstein) Zimmerman
- The Singing Camp: The Musical Tradition of Myron S. Goldman Union Camp Institute
by Cantor Janice and Brandon Roger
- Abe Silverstein: Father of the U.S. Space Program
by Norm Winski

Copies are available for \$12.50. (Shipping charges will be added)

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WORTH MENSCHENING

We welcome the following new members and look forward to their participation:

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