



Indiana's Jewish Communities Celebrate the Hoosier Bicentennial Through Worship, Study, and Celebration

The **Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS)** would like to invite you to share in this year's Indiana Bicentennial celebration by participating in a series of unique, state-wide bicentennial programs to honour, commemorate, engage and celebrate Hoosier Jewish communities.

Our packet of recommended programs is provided by the IJHS whose mission is to collect, preserve, and publish information on the 250 years of Jewish life in Indiana. We are the only organization in Indiana which focuses exclusively on the history of the Jewish experience. IJHS serve as the primary resource for state-wide, Jewish community-based activities and programs related to Indiana Jewish history.

The purposes behind these programs are to recognize the contributions to Indiana made by Jewish individuals, organizations, synagogues, and institutions. Our hope is that programs provide a vehicle of collaboration between and within partnering Jewish institutions and communities throughout Indiana. The following pages provide program outlines. Programs may be scheduled at your discretion during 2016.

1) The Hoosier Jewish Community Snapshot in Time

Programs that provide Jewish people throughout the State to gather and preserve pictures, documents, video clips, and other digital and/or hands-on materials that tell their story, their family story, and their Jewish community story for future generations. All materials will be archived through IJHS in the Indiana Historical Society.

2) Bicentennial Shabbat & Celebration

Programs that engage synagogues and Jewish organizations state-wide to designate one Shabbat or special event as their observance of Indiana's Jewish Bicentennial. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the contributions and legacy of Hoosiers within the Jewish and secular communities through prayer and celebration.

3) The Hoosier Jewish Legends – A Hall of Fame

This program recognizes Jewish and non-Jewish Hoosiers who have made a significant and lasting impact to their profession, community, and the fabric of our cultural heritage in Indiana. Inductees will be recognized in conjunction with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Annual Meeting in October.

The Bicentennial offers a venue to ensure our Hoosier Jewish story, and those of you and your local Jewish community to remain alive for future generations. If you have specific questions regarding the Hoosier Jewish Bicentennial or the IJHS, please email Mark Roger, Jewish Bicentennial Commemoration Chair, at mroger@frannet.com. If you have questions about specific Bicentennial programming, contact the individual noted on the Program Fact Sheet. Further information at the IJHS office at 260.459.6862 or visit www.ijhs.org.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this most worthwhile endeavor - sharing and celebrating our Jewish heritage and collective Hoosier past in Indiana.

B'shalom,

Mark A. Roger
Chair, Indiana Jewish Historical Society Indiana Bicentennial Commemoration



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A celebration of the Jewish experience in Indiana, and recognizing and honouring the Jewish legacy in Indiana history.

The IJHS is coordinating three state-wide projects in conjunction with the Indiana Bicentennial:

(a) creation of the **Hoosier Jewish Legends – A Hall of Fame**

recognizing Hoosiers who have made significant contributions through business, cultural arts, clergy, education, sports and volunteer; (b)

Bicentennial Shabbats & Celebrations celebrating our Jewish legacy and individual stories in conjunction with community synagogues and Jewish institutions; and (c) **Hoosier Jewish Snapshot in Time**

sharing your Hoosier Jewish story with future generations.

When

Events to occur thru December 2016.

Why

Indiana's Jewish communities have and will continue to be an integral part of the Hoosier story. Indiana's Bicentennial is an opportunity to recognize and document this legacy for future generations.

Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial and its Jewish Communities Celebrate a Legacy of Tradition, Faith, and Community Through the Hoosier Jewish Community Snapshot in Time

Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial Celebration aims to honour the state's 200 years of history. Since the creation of the Indiana Territory in 1800 and statehood in 1816, the Jewish community has been an integral part of its history. The **Indiana Jewish Historical Society** and Jewish communities throughout Indiana will join other Hoosiers in honouring and celebrating a lasting legacy for future generations.

The Hoosier Jewish Community Snapshot in Time project is targeted to all Jewish people in Indiana. The project is an opportunity for Jewish people throughout the State to collect pictures, documents, video clips, and other digital and/or hands-on materials that tell their story, their family story, and their Jewish community story for future generations.

Submissions will be accepted through December 31, 2016. Submission ideas include:

- Family pictures from life cycle events taking place during 2016 (i.e. brit, bar/bar mitzvah, wedding).
- Interviews with your parents, grandparents, or someone of accomplishment.
- Invitations from Jewish lifecycle events in 2016.
- Report card, consecration certificates and confirmation announcements.
- Ner Tamid awards from Scouting.

A complete inventory will be made of the submissions and items from the Snapshot in Time will be achieved at the Indiana Historical Society. All members of the Indiana Jewish Community are encouraged to participate. All submissions must include name, date, age, and local community. **All submittals should be mailed to IJHS Snapshot in Time, c/o Lori Moss, 6905 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46260 no later than December 31, 2016.**

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society serves as a coordinating body for Bicentennial events within the Jewish community. Founded in 1972, the mission of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society is to collect, preserves, publish and share the history of the Jewish experience in Indiana.

If you have any specific questions regarding the Hoosier Jewish Snapshot in Time, please email Mark Roger, Jewish Bicentennial Commemoration Chair, at mroger@frannet.com. Arrangements for larger submissions and all questions regarding the Hoosier Jewish Bicentennial should be directed to the IJHS office at 260.459.6862 or visit www.ijhs.org.



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The Jewish Bicentennial Shabbats & Celebrations programs are targeted to Jewish communities in Indiana. Programs engage synagogues and Jewish organizations state-wide to designate one Shabbat or special event as their observance of Indiana's Jewish Bicentennial. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the contributions and legacy of Hoosiers within the Jewish and secular communities through prayer and celebration.

Programs invite synagogues, Jewish organizations and Jewish institutions to honour, commemorate, and recognize their founding members and share their Jewish history in special celebrations recognizing their Hoosier past. Event ideas include:

- Synagogues designate an erev Shabbat, Kabbalat Shabbat, or Shabbat morning service as a "Bicentennial Shabbat" or focus a Sunday School session on the synagogues' founders and history.
- Jewish organizations showcase their contribution to the local Jewish community.
- Commemorate and recognize those Jewish institutions no longer in existence.
- Celebrate Jewish institutions history by celebrating founding members or incorporating a historical narrative about Jewish contributions to Indiana at an annual meeting or special event.

We recommend taking pictures of bicentennial celebrations and submitting to the Jewish Bicentennial Snapshot in Time Program so that events can be incorporated into the bicentennial archives for future generations. All bicentennial events and celebrations are to be scheduled by December 31, 2016.

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Selected by a panel of independent judges, the Hoosier Jewish Legends Hall of Fame Committee will induct its first class of Hoosier Legends in conjunction with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Annual Meeting in October 2016. A state-wide, blue-ribbon panel will select five individuals, living or deceased, who have made significant contributions to faith-based and civic life in Indiana in the categories of Professional, Cultural Arts, Clergy, Educator, Athletic/Sports and Volunteer or Community Benefactor. **Nominations will be accepted between March 15, 2016 and May 31, 2016.** Self-nominations are not permitted.

The Hoosier Jewish Legends is designed to honour and recognize Hoosiers who are members of the Jewish and secular community who have made a significant impact through their personal and professional lives in the Indiana Jewish community, their secular community, and life in local Jewish communities throughout Indiana.

Nominations for consideration are meant to reflect Indiana history beginning with the founding of the State in 1816 until the present day. All nominations will be retained for a five-year period and will be considered on an annual basis for selection. The selection committee will make every effort to include in each class of honourees, individuals of significance both past and present.

If you wish to nominate someone and help tell their story, please download the brief nomination form at www.ijhs.org. A \$36 – double Chai – donation should accompany each nomination to cover processing costs. If for any reason you or your organization is unable to submit this fee, please send in your nomination anyway, as arrangements will be made for the donation to be covered. **All nominations forms should be mailed to the IJHS Hoosier Jewish Legends, c/o Sheila Greenwald, 1839 Box Elder Court, Indianapolis, IN, 46260 no later than May 31, 2016.**

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