

WELCOME BACK!

A New Year at the BJE



Aug. 2015

BJE STUDENTS ENJOY FIRST DAY

BJE students filled the halls of the historic Smulyan-Stolkin Education Center on Tue. Aug. 18, 2015 for the 105th time. Not only was the air filled with excitement, but students hit the ground running in their first classes reviewing last year's learned material, conversational Hebrew and how to describe the weather in Hebrew.

Teachers Reflect on First Day

Now entering her thirty-second year, teaching at the BJE, Kitah Alef Teacher, **Shoshi Roland**, says she's elated that parents and students feel so strongly about their Hebrew education, that they decide to continue it with the BJE.

Shai Wallach, a Kitah Bet Teacher, beginning his first full year as a teacher, was also excited to have his classroom full on his and the students' first day. "We are excited to build a strong foundation together and will definitely have fun", Wallach said. Mr. Wallach is a student, soccer coach and is enjoying getting to know Indianapolis.

Founder's Grandson Visits BJE

The founder of United Talmud Torah, (now the Bureau of Jewish Education), Rabbi I.E. Neustadt (1871-1913) started the school with the vision of giving a quality Hebrew education to all of Indianapolis' Jewish youth. Today, the BJE is the oldest continually operating, trans-denominational community Hebrew school in the country.

Rabbi Neustadt's grandson, **Charles A. Neustadt's** wife, Sally, surprised him for his 80th birthday with a visit to the BJE to see his grandfather's legacy in action. Mr. Neustadt said he was happy to see his grandfather's vision lives on in Indianapolis at the BJE. The family also visited Rabbi Neustadt's grave. In honor of Mr. Neustadt's visit, BJE family and friends celebrated with cake and ice cream. This was his first trip to Indianapolis.

"I know some Hebrew already, so I am excited to be able to help my classmates who need help with their Hebrew..."

- Ari Herold, Kitah Aleph

רק עברית

This year at the BJE, from the time students enter the building until the time they leave, we are going to speak, רק עברית "rak Ivrit" (only Hebrew). This fun play on words was created by our own Rabbi Paula Winnig. The Hebrew word for *only* "rak" sounds like the

רק עברית



English word "rock" and rocks symbolize the firm foundation for building a Jewish life which our BJE students receive through their education here. Our designer also made the rock pattern resemble the *Kotel*, (the Western Wall), which connects our students to the State of Israel. You'll be hearing a lot more modern Hebrew this year at the BJE.



BJE Founder's Grandson Charles Neustadt with Friends, Family and BJE Students

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Holocaust Education Center of Indiana

On Mon. Aug. 10, at the BJE Annual Meeting, we inaugurated the new format of our Holocaust Education program. Attendees were elated to participate in designing our new logo, which can be seen above. While we have been a leader in Holocaust education for many years, we are expanding our reach and impact through the Holocaust Education Center of Indiana.

Our Mission

The Holocaust Education Center of Indiana strives to provide education about the Holocaust, to honor the memories of those who perished and those who survived while promoting human rights, dignity and justice. We do this through the distribution of educational materials, teacher resources, teacher training, workshops and speakers.

What We Offer

We have five programs at the **Holocaust Education Center of Indiana**:

Holocaust Education Trunks provide educators with prepared curricula, teacher guidelines for commonly taught literature, DVDs, posters and visual aids. All trunks are free to use and are delivered at no cost to public libraries throughout the State, and can be checked out for up to one month.

Holocaust Teacher Training Workshops

We hold teacher training workshops here at the BJE and throughout the State at the nine Indiana Teacher Education Centers. With the assistance of State Superintendent Glenda Ritz and a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., we provide training in general Holocaust pedagogy, introduction to Jewish life and culture and special in depth topics related to the Holocaust for teachers throughout Indiana. Teachers receive professional development points and become well-trained advocates for making the lessons of the Holocaust meaningful for today's students.

Holocaust Speakers' Bureau

We provide Holocaust, second and third generation survivors to schools and other civic groups who share their stories with students and other civic groups. Our volunteer speakers speak at nearly one hundred events annually. We can also use our technology to provide virtual meetings if groups are too far away for our speakers to travel.

Albert and Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial Garden tours are offered throughout the year to showcase the memorial that was sculpted and designed by Holocaust survivor Alfred Tibor.

Community Holocaust Education Planning and Consultancy

We work with other organizations to plan community education and observance programs including the Statehouse Youth Summit, and the Jewish Community Youth Education Program. We are educational consultants to the Dance Kaleidoscope "Remembrances" ballet, the Kluturband movie and other projects. We are grateful to the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Human Rights Commission, the Jewish Educational Directors' Council, the Anti Defamation League, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Hasten Hebrew Academy, the Skokie Holocaust Museum and our Synagogue partners for joining us in this important work. We educate students and teachers about the Holocaust so that we can fulfill our motto: **Never forget. Never again. Never anywhere.**

The Holocaust Education Center of Indiana is planning a study mission for teachers from the entire State of Indiana, to Poland and Israel in the Summer of 2017. Details available soon!



Dina David-Smith, Holocaust Education Center of Indiana, Program Director

Dina David-Smith has been a part of the BJE family since 1992. Originally from B'nai Brak, she earned her bachelor's degree in English linguistics & Literature from Seminar HaKibutzim in 1989.

She then earned her masters in telecommunication arts from Butler University in 1996.

She started off as a Hebrew School Teacher and quickly realized her passion for education extended beyond that of educating Jewish youth, becoming an adjunct professor of Communications at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis. David-Smith was appointed to her role earlier this year to lead the expansion of our program. We are excited for the forward momentum she's bringing to the organization.

For additional information
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THIS ROSH HASHANAH,
MAKE THIS YEAR COUNT
FOR YEARS TO COME...



HOW WILL YOU ASSURE
JEWISH TOMORROWS?



A legacy gift to the BJE is your opportunity to help to build the Jewish community of the future. For 105 years the BJE has provided the educational foundation for the Jewish community of greater Indianapolis.

To make your legacy gift contact:
Zev Winicur, Sheila Greenwald, Mary Smith, or Rabbi Paula Winnig. The future generations of our people.

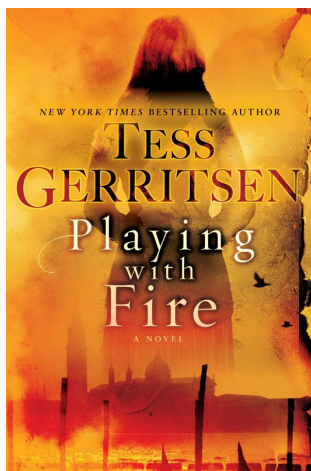


Italian Jewry & the Holocaust

Join us on Mon., **Nov. 2, 2015**, from **4:30-8** for dinner in the BJE-Domont Auditorium and a chat with acclaimed author **Tess Gerritson** who will discuss her new book *Playing With Fire*.

The cost is \$30 and includes dinner and admission to Ms. Gerritson's 7 p.m. lecture. From 4:30-5:15 p.m. we will cover the History of Italian Jewry; 5:30-6:15 Ms. Gerritson will give a private talk to registered participants; 6:15-6:50 will be dinner and a book signing; at 7 p.m., Ms. Gerritson will speak publicly at the Ann Katz Festival of Arts & Books in the Laikin Auditorium.

Participants will receive 4 PGP and books will be available for purchase.



**We Need YOU to Help Build the BJE Sukkah
Sun. Sept. 20, 9 a.m.**

It's time to build the BJE Sukkah. Again!!!! Please bring electric screw-drivers, hammers and a great attitude! It is always fun to see it come together.

During Sukkot, please bring your breakfast, lunch or dinner and enjoy dwelling in the Sukkah as our ancestors did. Past years have been a blast, so come out and make this one just as exceptional. Chag Sameach.



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**Adult Hebrew Education at the BJE
Classes October 12-December 14
Students may attend in person
or through our distance-learning platform**

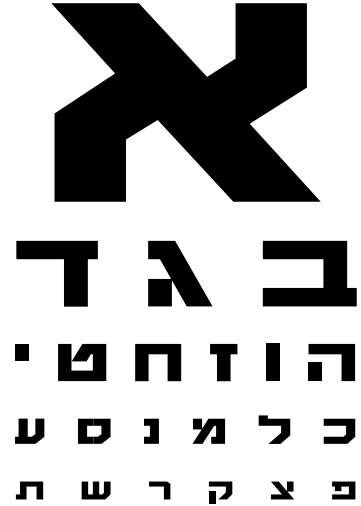
**Beginning Hebrew with Shoshi Roland
Mon. 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Understanding the Siddur with Shoshi Roland
Sun. 9-10:30 a.m.**

**Intermediate Modern Hebrew with Yossi Cohen
Wed. 7:15-8:45 p.m.**

Cost \$135 (includes all books and materials)

To register for classes email: admin@bjeindy.org or call 317-255-3124



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