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Highlights from the 41th IJHS Annual Meeting Sunday, October 27, 2013 in Indianapolis, IN

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2013 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Judy Koor, Nominating Committee Chair reported that the following members were elected by mail ballot to serve on the Board of Directors: Steve Bulloff, Ron Cohen, Jim Mulis, Stanley Steiner and Mary Tilden, each serving a three-year term ending in 2016; and Ron Cohen serving a one-year term ending in 2014. Earlier that morning the Board of Directors elected the executive officers for 2013-2014 fiscal year. (See listing on back page)

PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION: President Sheila Greenwald honored all IJHS past presidents: Max Einsteadig, Mary Fink, Charles Fine, Martin Schwartz, David Kleiman, David Fogle, Earl Brenn, Wynn Robin, Arthur Meyers, Richard Friedman, Paul Bloomberg, Judy Koor, Trent Pendley, and Alan Gilbert. IJHS Original Board Members were also recognized: David Bucove, Leah Cassell, Armand Cohodes, Mary Fink, Betty Fleck, Arthur Friedman, Melvin Goodman, David Kleiman, Bertha Lichtenstein, Frank Maidenber, Flo Mary Mantel, Illene Maurer, Louis Pearlman, Jr., Morris Polis, Irvin Rose, Meyer Ruchman, Maurice Schankerman, Marty Schwartz, Ervin Weil and Rose Weinraub. Sheila announced that the IJHS website at ijhs.org was updated.



*Isaiah Kuperstein at the podium discussing the Temple Heritage Center project.
Kevin Krulewitch is standing on the right.*

PROGRAM BY GUEST SPEAKER: Isaiah Kuperstein presented a history of the old Temple Beth-El at 34th and Ruckle, starting with its dedication, on December 11, 1925. After Beth-El moved to its current location in 1958, B'nai Torah used the facility until 1967, and from the late sixties until about 4 years ago, the building was used by several Christian churches until the building was abandoned. The original bimah is still intact with the ark and podium for the Rabbi and Cantor. The original chandeliers, pews in the balcony, wall designs and some of the stained glass windows also still remain.

He expressed "that this building cannot be destroyed and must be preserved and shared by everyone. The heritage that this building represents must be remembered, celebrated, and passed on to future generations." Isaiah and others have organized a non-profit organization called the Temple Heritage Center to preserve and reuse the historic Beth-El Temple. He asked for the community's participation and support in this important project.

The IJHS Annual Meeting is held every fall in Indianapolis.

The 2014 IJHS Spring Meeting will be held in April. The date and location will be announced in the next newsletter.