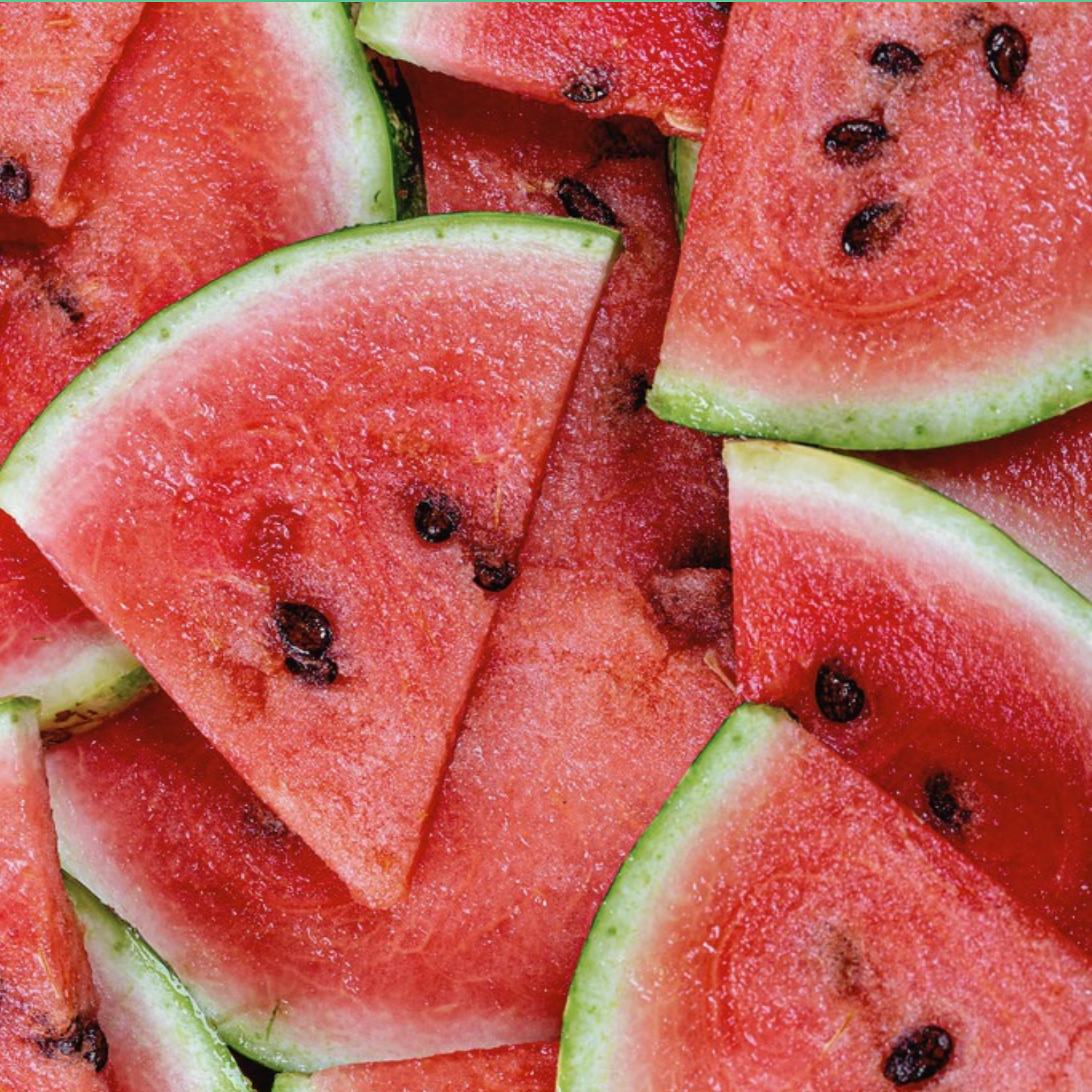


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The President's Corner

WITH MARK SPERLING & JUDY KATZ

The Federation Staff, Board and its Committees have been very busy through the past few months presenting several interesting and important programs for our community. Of great interest was Israel Solidarity Day, chaired by Israel Awareness Committee Co-chairs, Judy Katz and Miriam Marcus, where our large meeting room was full of people who listened thoughtfully to the group of retired Israeli officers, and Shinshinim (Youth) from Israel. Some of our rabbis and local congregational vocalists charmed us with beautiful songs celebrating the 75 th anniversary of the State of Israel. The brunch we shared was very nice along with the conversations at the tables. We also had the pleasure of presenting a program on Antisemitism through the Jewish Community Relations Committee chaired by Rosalie Levinson and presented by the American Jewish Committee. This program brought together High School and University Educators, Police Officers, and Politicians for an excellent series of discussions. It was very interactive which made the discussions conducted fascinating to learn. A follow up program was presented by the Anti-Defamation League at Temple Israel-Miller Beach.

In the very recent past, all the congregations celebrated Purim and Passover with services and seders for their memberships. And, many community members purchased delicious meals for their seders from the Federation! Shavuot services celebrating the Torah were also well attended at local congregations. All of our board members participated at their local congregations.

The Culture Committee chaired by Carol Culberg has brought several very interesting and thoughtful books forward for group discussions, including "The Last Kings of Shanghai". The Committee has plans for several other books, films, and lectures to be presented in the near future.



JUDY & MARK

Another program conducted was Cooking with Debbie Herszberg, a great learning opportunity about excellent food. Our Prime Timers group is looking forward to the trip to the Chicago Botanical Gardens in late June. Our 7th Annual Community Picnic with live music by Jodi and Steve takes place (hopefully without any interference from the weather) at the Federation on Sunday, June 25 at 11:30 am. Planning has begun for the August 20th Campaign Kick-off dinner featuring musician Lazer Lloyd. This is always an outstanding event to attend which assists in the support of the many Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana programs which benefit the entire Northwest Indiana Community.

We look forward to seeing you at many of our future events!

-Judy Katz
&
Mark Sperling

JFNWI Co-Presidents



EMILY BENEDIX

From Our Executive Director

To Enrich Jewish life in Northwest Indiana, Israel, and around the world through service, programming, advocacy and fundraising.

Our mission isn't just a guide for what we do. Our mission is a challenge. A challenge to the staff, a challenge to our lay leadership a challenge to our community and our members. When I say challenge, some might think of a competition. For me, a challenge is a puzzle. Something that you have to put thought into, something that makes your brain twitch in healthy and exciting ways. It's something to strive for that is not always easy, but the reward at the end brings a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment.

The goal is to enrich lives. Enrichment is a very broad category and it looks different for everyone. We narrow it down though, specifically saying that it is through service, programming, advocacy and fundraising that we enrich lives. Although that does narrow the mission a bit, the possibilities could be endless given the right resources. Where would you even begin?

Whenever we plan something new, or rethink an existing program for revitalization, have to take into consideration factors, both known and unknown. Picking a date alone lends to factors such as holidays, avoiding Shabbat, driving in the dark or potential bad weather, is it a weekend when people frequently travel? Is there a wedding or Mitzvah celebration that will draw from our attendance? Does it conflict with a congregational event? With only 52 Sundays a year, would hosting during the week be a better option? When is the speaker and entertainment even available? And it's not only the Federation who faces these challenges, but the congregations as well.

And that's just picking a date. So, when I say a lot of thought and energy goes into programming throughout our community, I am not exaggerating. And I think it's safe to say that regardless of whether synagogue or Federation, we all want our programs to be successful, impactful, and engaging. How we determine success is from community member feedback.

Last summer we asked you to share with us what our community needs were in terms of Jewish Community Services. The response was encouraging and helped us see where our needs had changed over the last few years. That information is used both in short term response and long-term planning.

This summer we are asking again, but this time with a new focus. Programming.

The best tool available for us to connect with our members and engage with those in our community who are not currently active is programming. The impact of a program has the potential to be almost tangible in potential changes, not only felt by the community but the individual as well. Whether you are attending as a guest or helping plan the event as a volunteer, the effects of your presence and involvement is beyond measure. However, attendance depends entirely on providing meaningful and accessible programming.

Throughout the month of July, our Federation is running a survey for all community members to learn what programming would be most meaningful to you. Whether it's an increase in wellness programs, or more opportunities for your child to engage with Jewish peers, we want to know what you are looking for when you think of Jewish programming. The responses will help us determine where to focus our energy and resources as we begin to plan for our 5784 calendar.

Please consider filling out our survey online by visiting our website. If you wish to fill out a paper version, contact our office at 219-301-0960 and we will be happy to mail you a survey with a return envelope.

Our staff and leadership greatly appreciate your participation and look forward to continuing to bring relevant and meaningful programs to our community!

-Emily Benedix

JFNWI Executive Director

Meet Our New Staff!

Your Federation is growing! Discover more about our two newest staff members and how they're working to support the community and to learn everyone's names!



LINDSAY WEISS

Programming Coordinator

I grew up in Munster and graduated college at Indiana University. For the past 13 years, I have been living and teaching elementary school in Chicago. I was in need of a change of direction in my life, so moving back to my hometown was very appealing to me. I'm very excited for this new job opportunity. I am looking forward to planning some engaging events and reconnecting with the NWI community!



SAMANTHA MEYER

Marketing Associate

Growing up in Hobart and earning my Bachelor's degree in Advertising at Indiana University in 2022, I jumped into my post-grad career in Chicago in sales. After commuting and working in the city for 8 months, I found myself yearning for a career that was more meaningful to me. I stumbled on a job posting for Jewish Federation of NWI and was hopeful this would be a better position for me. After meeting the team, I knew this position was the perfect fit!

Are you ready for the summer?!

JCY IS BACK!

June 19th-July 28th, 2023

You can expect a busier/fuller parking lot at the Federation while camp is in session.

CHAIR YOGA

EVERY
FRIDAY
AT 11AM



\$5 PER
CLASS



PRIME TIMERS

MUNSTER HISTORY MUSEUM TOUR OF THE 1910 KASKE HOUSE



1154 Ridge Road (Corner of Ridge Rd & Columbia Ave)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

10-11:30AM

Lunch after the tour will be at 12pm at Congregation
Beth Israel. (535 Progress Ave)

Cost: \$10

Menu: Summer salad w/chicken, croissant, & brownie

RSVP ONLINE OR CALL THE OFFICE FOR
TOUR AND LUNCH BY **JULY 10**

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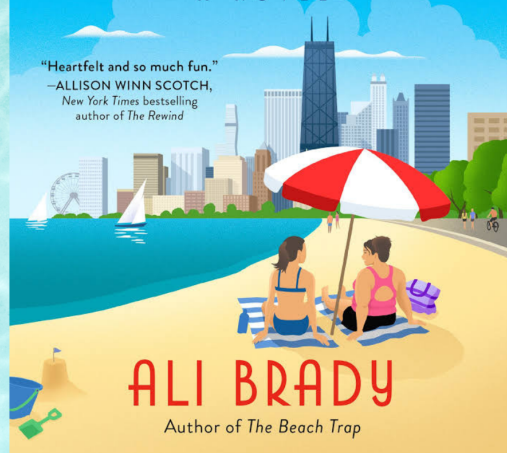
EXTRA INFORMATION

- Tour & presentation are free but donations to the museum are appreciated.
- The museum is not wheelchair accessible.
- There is limited parking at Heritage Park so carpooling is recommended.

THE COMEBACK SUMMER

A NOVEL

"Heartfelt and so much fun."
—ALLISON WINN SCOTCH,
New York Times bestselling
author of *The Rewind*



ALI BRADY

Author of *The Beach Trap*

Next Book Club

Monday, July 10th

7pm via Zoom

RSVP at www.federationonline.org/upcomingevents

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

CAMPAIGN

Kickoff

WITH MUSICIAN

LAZER LLOYD



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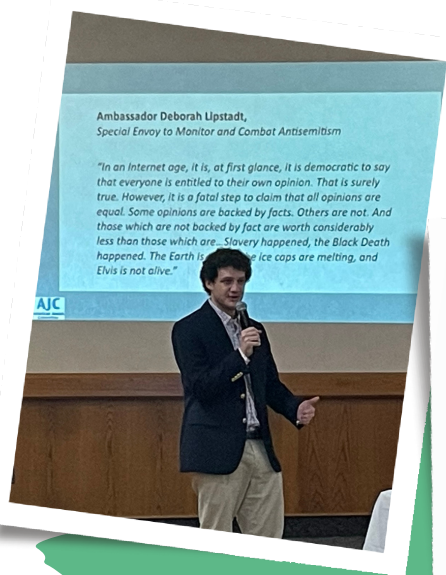
Jewish Community Relations (JCRC)

with **Rosalie Levinson** JCRC, Committee Chair

On May 11, JCRC brought the American Jewish Committee to our Federation to train Northwest Indiana educational and civic leaders on understanding and combating contemporary antisemitism in their communities. There was over 40 people in attendance. Among the civic leaders, four were Indiana state representatives and two were state senators, representatives of our U.S. legislators, mayors, Council persons from Gary and Crown Point, the Munster Chief of Police, PNW Director of Security, Porter County Prosecutor, and East Chicago Police and Fire Department heads. Educational leaders from IUN and Calumet College St. Joseph, the school superintendent of Union Township, several principals and assistant principals, and school board members from Lake and Porter County school corporations also attended.

AJC's National Director of High School Affairs and an AJC Chicago Associate conducted a plenary session for the entire group, followed by separate breakout sessions for the educators and civic leaders. They focused on historic and current forms of antisemitism and how local community leaders can actively work to respond to the recent surge in Jewish hate. All attendees received an excellent AJC publication, TRANSLATE HATE, Stopping Antisemitism Starts With Understanding It. Also, a 5-year Jewish holiday calendar with Jewish Holidays and explanations prepared by our Federation was distributed.

Post-program surveys suggest that those in attendance learned quite a bit about Jews and antisemitism. Hopefully, knowing what antisemitism is and why it is so dangerous will make local leaders more sensitive to the problem. IUN's School of Public & Environmental Affairs has already contacted me to help them plan annual Holocaust/Antisemitism programming at the University. I will be meeting with them this summer.



How Passover To Go Went

with **Emily Benedix** JFED, Director

The Federation was proud to once again offer Passover Bags for our community members. On April 5th, staff and volunteers assembled 92 Passover meals for our community. Each meal included a fresh dinner, matzah, juice, and all the fresh items needed to fill a Seder plate. Thanks to your ongoing support, we were able to make sure Passover meals were available to every community member who needed one.

Special thanks are due for Debbie Herszberg, Ifrain Cruz, and Rabbi Zalmanov for their time and support. Thanks to their hard work we were able to provide individual kosher for Pesach meals for our community.



INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING AT JFED?

Everyone here at the Federation wants to know what programs our members are interested in! Our new Programming Coordinator, Lindsay, has created a survey that you can complete on Survey Monkey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/TLNLYWH

You can also find the survey on the homepage of our website! If you would like a paper copy of the survey please feel free to come into the office and pick one up! Your feedback is very much appreciated to improve programming!



News & Announcements

with Rabbi Gindlin



We had a very stimulating study session for Shavout. We were inspired as we learned about the scroll of Ruth, a convert, and about how important it is also for those who were born Jewish to mindfully choose to embrace Judaism and practice it. Of course, we also ate delicious cheesecake...

On Fridays we learn the Torah portion of the week. We laugh, we learn, we suffer, we grow, as we look at our sidrah of the week and investigate together: What is the Torah trying to teach us? We figure together what Judaism means to us, as a group and as individuals, and resolve in what way we can relate to it as we choose to embrace this way of life, striving for sacredness.

On Wednesdays I teach a dedicated and talented group of congregants how to play the guitar, as we build our Jewish repertoire. We have so much fun! We have children as well as adults. It's been such a pleasure for me to facilitate their connection to Judaism through the study of Jewish music and this

beloved instrument, which I started playing it since I was 6 years old.

The guitar has a special place in my heart, and although I don't consider myself a professional guitarist, I've been accompanying myself and others making music for years.

We are working on a program we call "Defying Stereotypes: How to Coexist in a Loving Manner." In a world where religion seems to divide us, we will have the opportunity to learn every month from religious leaders of different faiths, what each faith is about. We will understand how religious prejudices damage our society, and what we can do to challenge them, united. The program will start soon. Look for more information to follow.

We are excited to be improving our sound system, which will be top of the line! And to test it, we are preparing for our first cantorial concert. I can't wait to sing breathtaking melodies together with other cantorial guests at CBI, utilizing our music to bring our community together and inspire us.

I'll tell you more later, but now I want to end this note highlighting an event we just held honoring our wonderful "Kidush Ladies," who week after week prepare an amazing Kiddush lunch for our congregation to enjoy on Shabbat. They are smart, amazing cooks, generous, creative and have the biggest heart. We are lucky to have them and do not take them for granted. At CBI our volunteers are passionate and hard working.

The CBI community is vibrating at a high frequency, can you feel it?



News & Announcements

After almost 6 years of service, Sinai temple will bid farewell to Rabbi Suzanne Griffel at the end of June. Rabbi Griffel has chosen to move on in a different direction in the field of chaplaincy and spiritual support for those in need. A final good-bye will take place at our June 25th Congregational Annual Meeting and a brunch in honor of Rabbi Griffel.

Our new rabbi, Frederick Reeves, comes to us from KAM Isaiah Israel congregation in Chicago, where he served for the past 10 years. He is bringing with him new ideas and a lot of positive energy, and we look forward to welcoming him on July 7th, for Shabbat Services and a Pot luck dinner.

Service Info

Shabbat Services at Sinai Temple are conducted every Friday evening at 7 pm CT, September-June, (except on the Friday after Thanksgiving) and at 6:00 pm in July and August. Rabbi conducts services twice a month and our lay leaders fill in on the other 2 or 3 Friday nights of each month.

Shabbat morning Study class with Rabbi meets on Saturday mornings, twice a month, following the Friday night he is here to conduct our Service. It is open to anyone who is interested in learning and engage in discussion. The class meets in person at the temple, and a zoom option is available for those who prefer to join virtually. For information call the office at 219-874-4477.



RABBI REEVES

*This event is made possible by the
Bud Ruby Special Projects Fund
of Sinai Temple*

Join us..

Mimosas & Masterpieces

Create your own masterpiece and take your painting home!

Sunday, July 9, 2023
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$25 per person (21 and older/Non-refundable)

Includes:
All supplies and canvas (please bring a cell phone)

And...
A menu of Mimosas and refreshments, a variety of brunch bites, fresh fruit, and gluten-free options!

Please send your check
BY July 2nd
to Sinai Temple (address below)
Attn: Judy Jacobi 219-873-4560

**Space is limited.
Pre-registration
is required!**

Sinai Temple . 2800 Franklin Street . Michigan City, IN 46360

Upcoming Events

June 9th 11am: Mimosas & Masterpieces



News & Announcements

As of July 1, we will be Temple Beit Shalom. Temple Beth-El and Temple Anshe Sholom will be no more.

Our Summer Events

June 9th

- 5:45pm: CJC BBQ & Shabbat

June 11th

- 9:15am: Journey's Into Torah
- 11am: D'Var Torah and Leading Service Teaching
- 1pm: Sisterhood's Closing Tea

June 14th

- 7:30pm: Healing Service

June 25th

- 10am: Congregational Annual Meeting

June 30th

- TBE/TAS: Special Shabbat Closing & Welcoming TBS

July 3rd

- Parking Spots for Sale to view Munster Fireworks

July 15th

- Fine Bat Mitzvah

August 26th

- 5pm: Kelly Webb & James Hughes Wedding



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Finding Faith in Your Bread

with Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov

We often associate a committed religious life with greater spirituality and devotion to a higher power. Within the religious community, individuals who devoutly pray and study ancient texts are typically considered to have a heightened sense of the divine, as they perceive G-dliness in everything they do. A rabbi, for example, is often viewed as the most religious person in the community due to their deep involvement in religious practices.

However, this assumption may not always hold true. In fact, one could argue that individuals who lead regular lives, have regular jobs, and do not outwardly display their religion have more opportunities to experience the presence of G-d. When spirituality permeates every aspect of one's existence, it is easy to lose sight of its true essence and how to fully connect with G-d. On the other hand, those who are not as attuned to religion often find G-dliness in the ordinary aspects of life.



In Talmudic terms, this concept is referred to as "pat besalo," which literally means "one has bread in his basket." When someone's needs are consistently met, they may have a diminished appreciation for what they have, whereas someone who doesn't always have their every need fulfilled will likely feel more gratitude. In spiritual terms, this difference also means that individuals whose lives revolve solely around religion may not always be as aware of the presence of G-d as those who encounter G-dliness beyond religious settings.

Although all Jews are obligated to incorporate G-d into their lives and strengthen their connection with Him, the methods employed to achieve this goal will vary from person to person based on their individual spiritual needs. Someone who is already spiritually attuned will require less effort to find G-d in their lives, whereas someone who does not consistently contemplate G-d may need a little more encouragement.

Hence, based on the argument above, individuals who outwardly display greater religious devotion may actually have fewer encounters with G-d. Consequently, they are the ones who Require more reminders and encouragement to bring G-d into their lives.

An example illustrating this concept can be found in the mitzvah of "challah," which requires setting aside a small piece of dough before baking bread and bringing it to the Temple. Unlike other mitzvahs, particularly those related to offerings, the Torah does not specify the exact quantity of dough required to fulfill this commandment. Halachic codifiers provide clarification based on the person baking: if it is done at home, one must separate 1/24 of the batter, whereas if it is done by a professional baker, only 1/48 of the dough needs to be set aside for G-d.

The reason for this discrepancy is that someone who bakes for a living, engaging in commerce, is subject to economic factors, market fluctuations, and raw material costs. When they achieve success, they recognize the presence of G-d in their accomplishments, acknowledging that they are able to thrive despite external uncertainties. Conversely, an individual who prepares food at home in smaller quantities may not perceive the presence of G-d at every step of the process. While they understand that their sustenance comes from above, this awareness is not as prominent as it is for someone who bakes professionally.

Therefore, the home baker is required to make a larger donation to enhance their awareness of the divine in their everyday lives. In contrast, the obligation of the professional baker, who already recognizes and experiences G-d's presence throughout their work, is smaller, as they are already well on their way to spiritual connection.

Similarly, outwardly devout individuals may actually need more reminders and encouragement to incorporate G-d into their lives, while those who go about their daily routines with a keen awareness of G-d's presence are, in fact, spiritually superior.

Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov is co-director of Chabad of Northwest Indiana. To read and comment on this and his other columns, visit www.chabadnwind.com/blog.

Service Info

Shabbat services are held every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM, Torah reading at 11:00, and are always followed by a delicious kiddush (at around noon).

Cooking with Debbie



INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1:

Combine chickpeas, garlic, onion, cumin, paprika, salt, cilantro, parsley, jalapeno, and baking soda (optional) in a food processor.

Step 2:

Heat oil over medium heat (Ideally 360-375 degrees F)

Step 3:

Form Falafel mixture into balls or patties.

Step 4:

Fry Falafel for 2-3 minutes per side or until golden brown. It's recommended you start with a single falafel ball to test your oil temp.

Step 5:

Remove falafels from oil using a slotted spoon and let them drain on paper towels.

Step 6:

Enjoy! Serve fresh.

ISRAELI FALAFEL

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups dried chickpeas that have been soaked in water overnight and drained
- 5 garlic cloves chopped
- 1/2 small onion
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 cup parsley, chopped
- 1 jalapeño (take out the seeds
- 1 teaspoon baking soda (optional)
- neutral oil for frying like canola



Cooking with Debbie



ISRAELI SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tomatoes, very finely diced
- 2 cucumbers, very finely diced
- 1 small red onion, very finely diced
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ⅓ teaspoon salt or to taste
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1:

Finely dice tomatoes, cucumbers, and red onions.

Combine in large bowl with lemon Juice, olive oil, salt and black pepper.

Step 2:

Stir until evenly mixed.

Step 3:

Enjoy! Best served fresh.

ISRAELI HUMMUS

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups cooked chickpeas
- 1 to 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ⅓ cup (79 grams) tahini paste
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Ice water
- Cumin

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1:

In a food processor, mix tahini and lemon juice.

Step 2:

Add Chickpeas, garlic, cumin, and salt, blending in food processor until smooth.

Step 3:

Once smooth, slowly add in cold water while mixing until hummus is a smooth creamy texture.



Photos from Cooking with Debbie



Photos from Cooking with Debbie



DEBBIE DISPLAYING
HUMMUS



ISRAEL SOLIDARITY DAY *with Miriam Marcus*



Federation held our annual Israel Solidarity Day event on April 30th .

The event was hosted by our Israel Awareness Committee. We spent the day commemorating Yom Hazikaron and celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut together as a community, with approximately 110 attendees.

Photos of Israel taken by community members during their visits there were displayed on the walls of the social hall and definitely helped make the event more festive.



We were honored to have four retired IDF officers from our Partnership region in the Western Galilee join us for the weekend. They each spoke about their IDF careers during our Yom Hazikaron commemoration. Two young Israeli Shinshinim from Chicago's I Center also joined us for the weekend, spending their time with our teens and our religious school kids before joining us for the Yom Ha'atzmaut program. Vocalists from three of our congregations performed songs celebrating Israel and the audience sang along. And to finish off the day, we screened the film "Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference."

Todah Rabah to our host families Rick and Judy Katz, Francie and Jay Gerson, Miriam Marcus and Michael Nirenberg, Cheryl and Michael Brody and Liraz and Eyal Tenenbaume for showing our Israeli guests top-notch NW Indiana hospitality!

We are always looking for host families to provide home hospitality to our Israeli visitors. Please let us know if you're interested in hosting a delegation member in the future.

Stay tuned for details about our fall program discussing the current status of the Abraham Accords, which will be held just before the High Holy Days.





What's New at



K'Ton Ton with Bailey Hoffman

It's hard to believe we've wrapped up another school year! We had a beautiful day for an outdoor graduation! There were 20 K'Ton Ton graduates and families gathered together to celebrate. We sang our favorite song "We're off to Kindergarten" as we said goodbye to families that have been here for years. We wish them well as they embark on their new adventure in Kindergarten!



CAMP K'TON TON BEGINS JUNE 20TH!

There are very limited spaces remaining for the 2023-2024 school year! Call (219) 301-0960 for more information!

You can expect a busier/fuller parking lot at the Federation!

CATCH UP WITH *Adult Friendship Club*

AFC will be having their lunches at Congregation Beth Israel from June 28-July 26 unless otherwise noted.

UPCOMING



June 28th

First day at Congregation Beth Israel



July 5

Hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad & birthday cake lunch

If you want to be a part of this social group, please send your dues of \$10 to the Federation to be added to the mailing list.



LUNCH AT THEO'S



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PRIME TIMERS
MUNSTER HISTORY
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MANNY'S DELI
IN CHICAGO

WHAT'S NEW WITH *Prime Timers*

If you want to be a part of this fun group,
please send your dues of \$10 to the
Federation to be added to the mailing list.

UPCOMING



June 29th

Chicago Botanical Gardens Trip



July 19th

Munster History Museum Tour



August 2nd

Broken Wagon Bison Ranch Tour in
Hobart



November 1st

Docent Guided Tour of the "I'll Have
What She's Having" The Jewish Deli
Exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust
Museum & Education Center



Noar & Atid has finished the school year. We had a great year filled with friends and fun. We congratulate the Noar seniors on graduating and we wish them best of luck on their next adventures after high school.

We want to recognize Simon Nirenberg (Noar Board President). He received High Honors in the National Chemistry Olympiad! For those who don't know, only 1 of 50 kids nationwide score at that level, and only 1 of 3 in the entire Chicago region.

We are looking forward to meeting up again in August. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

We are looking for teens who would like to take on leadership roles on the Noar Board. For those who are interested, contact Rachel Saller at rachel@federationonline.org.



SHABBAT WITH
SHINSHINIM



MAKING
HAMANTASCHENS

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JUNE

June 19th
JCY Camp begins!

June 20th
Camp K'Ton Ton begins!

June 25th
7th Annual Community
Picnic

June 29th
Prime Timers Visit Chicago
Botanic Gardens

JULY

July 10th
Book Club

July 19th
Prime Timers Munster
History Museum

July 28th
JCY Camp ends!

AUGUST

August 2nd
Prime Timers Broken
Wagon Bison

August 20th
Campaign Kickoff with
Lazer Lloyd

SAVE THE DATE

September 4th
Office closed

September 10th
JCRC Program

September 15th
Erev Rosh Hashana /High
Holiday Begins

October 29th
Funny Old Broads

November 1st
Prime Timers Docent Guide
Tour

November 5th
JCRC Program

December 17th
Annual Meeting

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TRIBUTE DONATIONS

Annual Campaign Fund

*In memory of Jodi Hoffman
Mark & Sandy Sperling*

Barbara Waxman Fund

*In honor of Barry Levin for a
speedy recovery
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In honor of Jodi Hoffman
Staff & Board of Directors*

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*In honor of Syler
Steven & Becky Handler*

JCS Fund

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Dean & Janine Rothschild*

JFED Food Pantry

*In memory of Allen Kohen
Jack & Andrea Lieser
In memory of Miriam Ruffalo
Joe & Sandra Shapiro
In memory of Brenda Richter's
father
Gus & Rebecca Galante*

General Fund

*In memory of Jerry Shapiro
Richard & Judy Katz
In memory of Jerry Shapiro
Joe & Sandra Zacharias
In memory of Jerry Shapiro
Susan Kaplan*

Prime Timers

*In memory of Joyce Rabel
Michael & Lisa Giglio*

Senior Programming Fund

*In memory of Jerry Shapiro
Steve & Debbie Gray
In memory of Jerry Shapiro
Tamas & Beth Kutas*

CONGRATULATIONS

*A heartfelt congratulations to Adam Lahn who has become a Certified
Public Accountant (CPA)!*

Rosalie Lahn

Congrats to Emily Gold for graduating from the University of Minnesota!

Jane Barron

Mazel Tov to all of those in our community celebrating & our thoughts and prayers to those going through hardships in their lives.

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