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Religious school students from CBI and TBE, ready to celebrate Israel at the Federation on April 29. For more pictures from Israel Solidarity Day, see pp. 8-9!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Springing Into Connection

by **SEAN EGAN**

Finally. After weeks of indecision, Spring has decided to announce itself completely. We are lucky to have a full complement of seasons here in Northwest Indiana. But we are especially fortunate to have Spring to bring us outside after months of grey skies and cold weather.

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana is an umbrella agency, working with our five member congregations to provide services for our community, both Jewish and non-Jewish. One of my personal goals for the organization is to bring our member congregations closer together, especially as we find ourselves trying to maintain and expand what we offer, while our human and financial resources stagnate or decrease.

In just the last weeks alone, I have personally witnessed a number of

examples of just how vibrant our little community truly is. We hosted not just one but two delegations from our partnership region in Israel. Thank you to those who came out to Federation to meet with Judy Yuda and Bracha Zuriel, the amazing women who organize and coordinate our partnership activities from the Israeli side. Thank you to Temple Beth El for hosting an amazing Federation Shabbat service. The dynamic duo of doctors from the Galilee Medical Center, Dr. Arie Eisenman and Dr. Khaled Atalla, provided an inspiring and beautiful presentation of their work in Israel's most diverse region at that service. During their brief visit to our region, these two doctors crisscrossed our region, reaching out to nearly all of our member congregations.

Thank you also to Temple Israel Valparaiso for bringing Judy Katz and myself out to hear the shlichah from the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley (South Bend), Karin Wasserman, present her personal story. Valparaiso might seem like a far-off destination, but

it is worthwhile to take the trip on a Friday evening, to hear the beautiful voices joined in song at the beautiful temple on Evans Street!

If all that weren't enough, our Federation continues to provide interesting workshops and events. Turn the pages of this publication to learn more! We progress on Progress! 🌍

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Upcoming Events



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! federationonline.org/mission

Explore Israel in a fully immersive trip that will take you from the mystical city of Safed, and the beautiful hills of the Golan Heights to the historic city of Jerusalem and the mesmerizing Judean desert, where you'll climb Masada and take a dip in the Dead Sea. Party in Tel Aviv to celebrate 70 years of Israeli independence with great beaches, diverse culture and world-class cuisine. Learn about Israel as a start-up nation. Enjoy Israel's rich, diverse and colorful culture. Travel with fellow community members and friends from the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP WILL INCLUDE:

- Explore Tel Aviv: Visit the historic Independence Hall, the exciting and cutting-edge Innovation Center, and tour the Old City of Jaffa.
- Travel to the Western Galilee Partnership Region: Tour the Galilee Medical Center, the port city of Acco and the Ghetto Fighters Museum.
- Voyage to Safed: Explore the quaint alleyways, art galleries and synagogues of the mystical city.
- Tour Beit Shean: See the ancient remains of the city the Talmud mentions as the "entrance to paradise."
- Stay in Jerusalem: Enjoy the colors, smells and unique atmosphere of Machane Yehuda Market and experience Shabbat at the Western Wall.
- Adventure to Masada: Relax and float in the Dead Sea.
- Wander the Petra Ruins: See the world famous Roman Theater and Royal Tombs.
- Experience the Negev: Take a unique agricultural tour of the Salad Trail.

Informational Meeting Tuesday, May 22 at 7pm

RSVP online at www.federationonline.org/mission

Questions? Contact Mission Chair Carol Culberg at cculberg@gmail.com or Executive Director Aida Nozick at aida@federationonline.org or by phone at (219) 301-0960.

MAZEL TOV...

To Robert Vodnoy, who officially retired as Professor of Strings and Orchestra Conductor from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. On to his next adventure now that he and his wife, Kayla are both retired!



To Matt & Carolyn Yarom on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Brooklyn.

To Dr. David and Arlene Ashbach on becoming great-grandparents to Theodore David Clark.

To Bruce and Suzy Wright on the birth of their first grandchild and to first time parents Nikki Wright and Jon Schultz as they welcome Julian Richard Schultz.



To Danielle DeCesaris on her graduation from Munster High School—and now on to IU!



To Willow Hall on her graduation from Cleveland HS in Los Angeles.



To David and Naomi Balto on the birth of their grandson, Lev.



Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (617) 888-2908 or erica@federationonline.org by June 15. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.



Shown, from left, are Barbara Waxman, Norman Tufford and Jim Ranfranz at Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission offices in July 1985.

To Barbara Waxman, who was recently presented the Norman E. Tufford award for her service to the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and to the region of Northwest Indiana as a whole. (Norman E. Tufford was the first executive director of NIRPC.)



Jewish Community Services

Building Connections

by SUSAN TEPPERMAN

One of the new and exciting things about my job as Casework Coordinator is that I have begun to run groups at The Federation. Recently, we identified a need for people to come together to talk about loss, loneliness, and grief. Therefore, I created a group for seniors, and it is called "Making Connections—From Heart to Heart".

Our group attempts to address these issues, which can be very isolating and painful, by sharing our thoughts and feelings and by building friendships and community in a group setting.

I am currently working on group topics for K'Ton Ton parents, as well as interfaith families. If anyone has a suggestion or an idea for a group, either ongoing or a fixed number of sessions, please contact me at (219) 301-0960 or susan@federationonline.org. I am always eager to find ways to better serve our community.

As always, thank you to those who donate to our food pantry. We have

new visitors each month as word spreads of our wonderful pantry. We are particularly in need of canned pastas and vegetables, canned tuna, breakfast cereals as well as rice and peanut butter. We welcome donations and we are happy to receive them at the front office! ☺

Save the Date
COMMUNITY BBQ
Sunday, August 5

Doctors from Western Galilee Medical Center in Israel

Shared Their Stories with the Northwest Indiana Jewish Community

by JUDY KATZ



Two doctors from the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, Israel shared their stories about **Diverse Faiths Together in Israel: Coexistence at the Galilee Medical Center and Beyond** with our community March 23–27. Their visit was sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and our Partnership in the Western Galilee.

The Galilee Medical Center employs and serves a demographically mixed population of Jews, Muslims, Christians, and Druze.

Dr. Arie Eisenman, a Jewish Israeli, is head of Internal Medicine in the Emergency Department at the Galilee Medical Center.

Dr. Khaled Atalla, a Christian Arab Israeli, is a specialist in Internal Medicine and a resident in Emergency Medicine at the Galilee Medical Center.

Dr. Eisenman and Dr. Atalla spoke about their experiences working as part of a diverse team in the hospital—and about how the Galilee Medical Center is a microcosm of life in this diverse area.

They also discussed how the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya,



Israel, helps care for Syrian patients who are able to make their way over the border into Israel for treatment in another presentation titled **“Hope Through a Hostile Border: Syrian Civil War—The Galilee Medical Center Experience.”** The Galilee Medical Center has provided medical care for more than 2,000 Syrian casualties over the last several years, about a third of whom were women and children.

The Galilee Medical Center, established in 1956 and only six miles

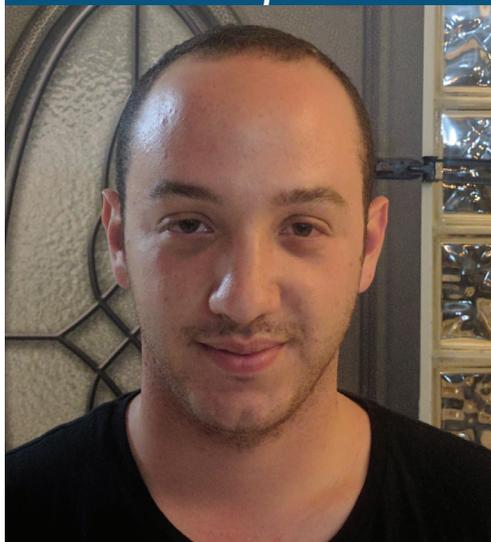
from the Lebanese border, has a long history of being prepared for mass-casualty events. GMC was the first hospital in Israel to build an underground hospital enabling it to provide continuous safe and secure care to patients in the event of warfare. This area was put into action in the summer of 2006.

The doctors gave presentations at Temple Beth El, Chabad of Northwest Indiana, and Congregation Beth Israel in Munster and Temple Israel–Valparaiso. They also had the opportunity to attend and participate in an Interfaith Peace and Justice Seder at Temple Israel–Miller. Additionally, they were given a tour of Community Hospital in Munster’s emergency room.

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana is one of thirteen communities in the central states who are part of the Partnership Together Western Galilee. Budapest, Hungary and Akko and the Matte Asher Region of Israel are also part of the partnership. Speakers, programs, and learning experiences are shared between all of the partnering communities. 🌍



Shaliach Update



EITAN TORZ, 2018-19

Hello NWI community! My name is Eitan Torz, and I am very excited to be your Israeli shaliach starting this upcoming August. In this short bio I will try to introduce myself a bit.

I'm 21 years old, live in Beer Sheva, the capital city of the Negev desert,

which makes me a little worried about the weather differences, but really just a little.

I live with my parents, and I have two younger siblings, one serving in the army and the other still in high school. I finished my service last November, after several instructional posts (mainly as officer's courses staff) and as an Air Defense combatant in the Air Force. Nowadays I work instructing science to high schools and elementary school students. I also work as an instructor for the Karaso science park at Beer Sheva.

So, how did I come to get into the shlichim program? During my service I got the opportunity to be a part of a Birthright trip. Since this trip, I have found that I see the great importance of making connection to other Jewish communities around the

globe. Digging deeper into this world, I found the shlichim program and fell in love with the idea. The main reason I wanted to go on this wild and amazing journey was to create connections with people, strengthen our bond as the Jewish people and Israel. As I see it, connection leads to mutual opportunities in any field—cultural, and social—there is so much to learn from each other!

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and creating as many friendships as we can. And also to having interesting live discussions, trying to answer easy and hard questions regarding our mutual connection to Judaism and Israel, and sharing our knowledge and world perspective. Can't wait!

—Your shaliach,
Eitan Torz

Spotlight On: Your Former Shlichim

OMRI MARKOVITZ

Hello people of NWI,

I was told that it's my turn to share a short update on my life. So here is a summary...

In August 2013, following Shlichut, I returned to Israel to finish my

bachelor's degree in political science (I had completed my first year prior to my year on Shlichut). During this time, as you may know, I kept up a long-distance relationship with Alexandra Cohen, who turned into my wife. We got married in Tel-Aviv, in a beautiful wedding right on the Mediterranean Sea. We were incredibly lucky to have many of you in our wedding!

After the wedding, we moved to Chicago and started our adult life together. We knew that we weren't yet ready to have kids, so we thought that having a dog would be a good start. We drove 6 hours, all the way to Lancaster, Missouri, to meet the little guy you see in the picture. We fell in love IMMEDIATELY. We named him Doobie, which means teddy bear in Hebrew.



Doobie, Alex and I needed a bigger space, so a few months ago, we moved to a beautiful condo in the west side of the city.

I work for the mortgage company Guaranteed Rate (which you may know as the official sponsor of the White Sox).

We hope to move back to Israel soon, to start a family. 😊





K'Ton Ton

Early Childhood Programs

It has been a busy spring at K'Ton Ton!

We celebrated Passover with a visit from Rabbi Levin. Our families joined us for a "Family Game Night" fundraiser event. Nature's Creatures visited us with a number of different animals for us to meet. We had our annual K'Ton Ton tea with music, activities, and fun.

As the school year comes to a close, we'd like to thank Rabbi Levin, Rabbi Zalmanov, and Rabbi Zukrow for the time they've spent with us this year. We'd also like to thank Mrs. Terri Hendrickson for her fun-filled music visits. 🎵



Camp K'Ton Ton starts June 19th and space is available!

There are very limited spaces remaining for the 2018-2019 school year.

Give us a call for more information: (219) 301-0961.

Prime Timers

Hot Shop Valpo: Glass Art Studio Demonstration Thursday, May 24

Demonstration is free

\$30/person to make your own glass flower or paperweight—must reserve by Monday, May 14

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT Sage Italian Café

(separate checks)

Meet at the Federation at 9:00am to carpool.

If you can drive, please let Rachel know.

RSVP to Rachel Saller (219) 301-0960 by Monday, May 14



Thursday, April 26: Primer Timers' Guided Tour of the Garfield Park Conservatory

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Thursday, June 21: Dumpling Making Course in Chinatown

Thursday, July 26: St. Charles River Cruise and Lunch

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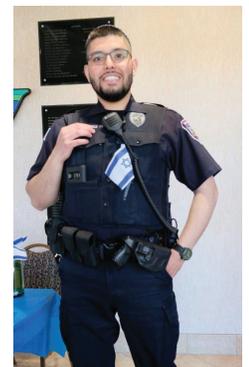
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Israel Solidarity Day

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Community Calendar: May-June 2018 / Iyar-Sivan-Tamuz 5778

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	שבת
MAY 13 28 Iyar	14 29 Iyar	15 1 Sivan	16 2 Sivan	17 3 Sivan	18 4 Sivan	19 5 Sivan	
Mother's Day	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	Rosh Chodesh Sivan	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		6:30 pm Confirmation, Graduation & Family Worship Service	EREV SHAVUOT	
Yom Yerushalayim		10-11am Women's Class	4:30-5:45pm Hebrew School			Armed Forces Day	
10-11am Torah Studies		12-2pm Lunch & Learn/ Dr. Becca Galante				9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
10am-2pm Honor Your Mother		7:30-9:30pm Social Action & Temple Board Mtg				9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services	
						10-11:30am Torah Study	
						8:30-10:15pm Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot (with CBI)	
MAY 20 6 Sivan	21 7 Sivan	22 8 Sivan	23 9 Sivan	24 10 Sivan	25 11 Sivan	26 12 Sivan	
SHAVUOT 1	SHAVUOT 2	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10am Prime Timers to Hot Shop Glass Studio	7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
9am Shavuot Services	9am Shavuot Services	7pm Mission Trip Informational Meeting	7-9pm Board Meeting	5-8pm K'Ton Ton Graduation		9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services	
10am Shavuot Services	10am Shavuot Services						
11:30am Ice Cream & Cheesecake Party							
MAY 27 13 Sivan	28 14 Sivan	29 15 Sivan	30 16 Sivan	31 17 Sivan	JUN 1 18 Sivan	2 19 Sivan	
10-11am Torah Studies	Memorial Day	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		6-8pm First Fridays	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
					7:30pm-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services	
JUN 3 20 Sivan	4 21 Sivan	5 22 Sivan	6 23 Sivan	7 24 Sivan	8 25 Sivan	9 26 Sivan	
10-11am Torah Studies	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		7:30pm-9:30pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Damsky	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
10am Brotherhood Holocaust Museum Trip		11am Brunch & Bingo (Toast & Jam)				9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services	
JUN 10 27 Sivan	11 28 Sivan	12 29 Sivan	13 30 Sivan	14 1 Tamuz	15 2 Tamuz	16 3 Tamuz	
9am "Second Sunday" Tefillin Club/Breakfast	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	Illiana News: July Content Deadline!	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
10-11am Torah Studies			12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	6-8pm JCY Parent Meeting	7:30pm-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services	
11am-6pm Greater Chicago Jewish Festival							
JUN 17 4 Tamuz	18 5 Tamuz	19 6 Tamuz	20 7 Tamuz	21 8 Tamuz	22 9 Tamuz	23 10 Tamuz	
Father's Day	JCY CAMP					9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
10-11am Torah Studies	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	9am-3pm Prime Timers Trip: Dumpling Making Class in Chinatown	7:30pm-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services	
		6-9pm Social Action & Temple Board Mtg	6pm Sisterhood Closing Dinner			10-11am Shabbat Worship	
			7:30-9:30pm Board Meeting				
JUN 24 11 Tamuz	25 12 Tamuz	26 13 Tamuz	27 14 Tamuz	28 15 Tamuz	29 16 Tamuz	30 17 Tamuz	
10-11am Torah Studies	JCY CAMP					9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	9am-3pm Sisterhood Indoor Garage Sale	7:30pm-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services	
			7-9pm Board Meeting				
JUL 1 18 Tamuz	2 19 Tamuz	3 20 Tamuz	4 21 Tamuz	5 22 Tamuz	6 23 Tamuz	7 24 Tamuz	
Fast of Tamuz	JCY CAMP		Independence Day	JCY CAMP		9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
10-11am Torah Studies	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class			6-8pm First Fridays	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services	
		6pm Tailgate at Temple					

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Mazal Tov to Us All

by RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV

In a recent conversation with a friend, he mentioned to me, almost boastfully, that his grandfather was very religious. My response was that I hope that my great-grandchildren will be able to say the same. The implication being that my goal is for my children to be as religious as your grandfather, so that THEIR grandchildren will be able to boast about their lineage. And of course, if each generation concerns itself with just the next generation's Jewish future, we can essentially guarantee the Jewish commitment of the future.



The reason this is on my mind today is because last month we celebrated our son Mendy's bar mitzvah.

As we all know, a bar mitzvah is the point in a boy's life that he becomes responsible for his own actions and obligated to observe all the commandments—the mitzvahs—in the Torah. That's where the term "bar mitzvah" comes from; the young man is now technically an adult. And the same goes for a girl when she turns twelve and becomes a bat mitzvah.

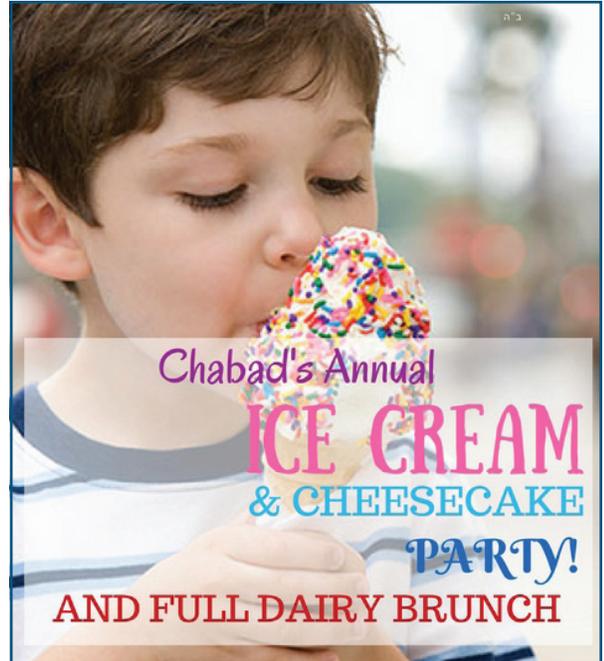
Much has been written about how a bar mitzvah marks the beginning of Jewish life, not the end; about Jewish education not concluding with the bar mitzvah but should just be getting started; and of course, the fact that the bar mitzvah boy can now be counted towards a minyan.

But perhaps a slightly overlooked component of the bar mitzvah is its significance in framing the future; not only of this specific boy but of the entire Jewish nation. Promoting to our children the values we hold so dear, and encouraging them to take an active part in Jewish life every single day of the year, is what ensures a Jewish future. We should not suffice with our children simply knowing that they're Jewish, they need to live it. And by living it I mean every part of their lives should be imbued with Torah and mitzvahs.

As the old saying goes, "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime." Of course, pushing a child to perform well at his bar mitzvah is nice, for the moment, but once the moment passes, there is little impact on the future. But train children to live like Jews, provide him or her with the tools to live wholesome Jewish lives, and you have ensured a Jewish future for them and their children.

The same message is present in the holiday of Shavuot, which commemorates G-d giving the Torah to the Jewish people. The

Shabbat services at Chabad are held on Saturday morning, starting at 10:00 AM, always followed by a full kiddush lunch.



FOR ALL AGES!
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 11:30 AM
At Chabad, 1113 Ridge Road, Munster
LISTEN TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND RELIVE
THE GIVING OF THE TORAH AT MT. SINAI

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 20
Morning Services: 10:00 AM
Ice Cream and Cheesecake Party:
11:30 AM
Monday, May 21
Morning Services: 10:00 AM
Yizkor: 11:00 AM

Midrash says that before the events at Mt. Sinai, G-d requested a "guarantor" that the Torah would be treated properly, and we responded that our children will be our guarantors. They will not only ensure that we observe Torah and mitzvahs today, but it is through them that we know there will be a future. By putting our children first, we can be certain that everything we believe will be passed on to coming generations.

It's a work in progress, and even the most religious families have their challenges in this area, but my hope is that with time and effort on our part, and a lot of help from G-d, we are on the right track. ☺



CBI hosted a moving annual community Yom Hashoah--Holocaust Remembrance Service. Congregations from Northwest Indiana and the South Suburbs participated.



CBI Sisterhood and Federation organized a very interesting presentation about the Galilee Medical Center in Israel.

ISRAEL AT 70

We celebrated the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish state with a Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner, a Shabbat morning service with special prayers, and on Sunday we watched Israeli Ambassador Ron Dermer in conversation with Thane Rosenbaum, from 92Y in New York City. In addition, copies were provided of the front pages of American, Israeli, and Argentinian newspapers, from May 15, 1948.

SHAVUOT STUDY NIGHT

Saturday, May 19, 8:30-10:15 pm (at TBE): Once again this year, we will be gathering as a community to celebrate Shavuot all together with learning, singing, and food. This year



A fun and fabulous painting party was organized by CBI's Sisterhood.

CBI will have a joint study session with TBE. Short classes with Rabbis Mordechai Levin, Raphael Ostrovsky, and Len Zukrow. All are welcome!

SISTERHOOD CLOSING DINNER

Wednesday, June 20, 6pm: Join the CBI Sisterhood in the CBI Social Hall for the closing dinner, as another season comes to an end. Come for the program, stay for the food and camaraderie. You will enjoy every moment.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Thursday, June 28, 9am-3pm: Take a look around your house, basement, garage, and if you see anything you would like to part company with—donate it to the CBI indoor garage sale. We will be selling everything except clothing. We would love to have artwork, baby furnishings, children's toys, collectibles, costume jewelry, kitchen items, purses, old records, etc. Donations may be dropped off at CBI starting Monday, June 25.

TISHA B'AV SERVICES

Saturday, July 21, 9:00pm; Sunday, July 22, 9:00 am: Tisha B'Av, the ninth of Av, commemorates the destruction of Jerusalem and the loss of

Jewish independence in the land of Israel. A day of fasting and national mourning. Tisha B'Av has also become a time to recognize other catastrophic events in the life of the Jewish people.

THINK SPRING: THINK MOTHER'S DAY; THINK PLANTS!

Make Mom happy and help raise funds for CBI Sisterhood all at one time by purchasing Zandstra's Vouchers for \$15.00 each from the CBI Office. Vouchers can be redeemed for beautiful plants, flowers and other items sure to be a must for anyone on your special list and their flower garden.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Monday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
Saturday at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Tikkun Leil Shavuot (at TBE):
Saturday, May 19,
8:30-10:15 pm
Sunday, May 20 at 9:00 am
Monday, May 21 at
9:00 am (Yizkor)
Shavuot ends at 8:57 pm



► Rabbi Griffel at Purim celebration

▼ Julius Rosenwald's grandson, Peter Ascoli, shares his grandfather's history with members & the local community.



▲ Yom HaShoah with the Czech torah recovered from a Prague warehouse

▼ 1st night Pesach Seder at Sinai Temple



WEEKLY FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

All are welcome to join us in prayer. Every Friday evening we conduct services welcoming Shabbat. Sinai Temple has been known as the "musical congregation" with 2 guitars and much singing. Rabbi Suzanne Griffel leads services twice a month, with lay-led services the alternative weeks. Friday evening services start at 7:00 pm, followed by a social Oneg of wine, challah and home-baked treats.

SATURDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Rabbi Suzanne Griffel's 9:30 Saturday Study Group sessions address a wide variety of religious topics. Attendees contribute to the study selections as we investigate areas of interest to all. Enjoy informal religious exploration with other curious adults. All are welcome.

MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, May 18: To honor Shavuot (receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai) the Rabbi will incorporate Shavuot-themed materials into the evening's Shabbat service.

Saturday, May 19: A celebration is planned along with traditional dairy snacks for all.

Sunday, May 20: The religious schoolers are treated to special lessons honoring Shavuot.

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, June 1: Sisterhood hosts "Sisterhood Shabbat" with special bimah readings from members.

Thursday, June 7: "Up-Beat Off-Beat Film Club" shares popcorn, soda pop & an exceptional example of Jewish humor.

Friday, June 15: 6:00 Pot Luck dinner before Shabbat services at 7:00.

Saturday, June 16: Temple members relocate worship from the sanctuary to the local beach for Havdalah services.

Sunday, June 17: Rabbi Griffel offers a "bimah workshop" for members interested in lay-led Shabbat services training.

JULY SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday, July 8: Annual Temple Membership Meeting to review the current year's events, share the coming year's goals & welcome new board members.

Friday, July 20: Annual "Sunset Shabbat at Streibel Pond" with 6:00 pot luck, guitars, singing & all during Shabbat services.

Saturday, July 21: The Rabbi's Saturday Study Group will review & discuss materials dealing with Tisha B'Av.



As the weather has warmed up and spring has arrived, we continue to devote ourselves to our members, Temple and community. Here are some of our events **which are open to all and we welcome you to join us.**

Gan Shalom—Our Garden of Peace has toiled the land and the seeds have been planted. We have a community garden with plots from temple members, neighbors, the Veteran's Home in Gary, and even the children have a special one. If you have never seen the garden, come visit anytime, but we will show it off during the Miller Garden Club's Annual Garden walk July 21 and 22 from 10am-3pm. Not only does it produce food, but it is also a meditative space.

The Membership & Marketing Committee recently sponsored a day trip to Shipshewana for some

shopping, sightseeing, and of course, eating. They are also planning to attend the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival on June 10. "Take me out to the ballgame!" A date has not been selected, but we will be cheering on the Gary SouthShore RailCats for a wonderful time at the park.

Sisterhood has many events planned such as our annual BBQ on Saturday, July 28. This is a wonderful evening of food, friends, food, music, and of course, more food!! We will also be going to Whiting to see the Symphony in the Park conducted by music director and Temple member Robert Vodnoy. These dates are: July 14, August 4, August 18 and September 2. Join us for a picnic dinner and to hear the beautiful music.

The Social Action Committee has participated in several protests both in demonstrations and with written appeals. Temple Israel has always believed in standing up for social injustices and being a voice to those who need assistance. We may not all agree on the issue, but we do agree on tikkum olam (repair of the world).



Jonathan Radnor and Liz Rice delivering our Ashkenazi Torah for minor repairs to scribe Yochanan Nathan.

Our Ritual Committee had our 4 Torahs evaluated and realized that some repairs needed to be done. Just like humans who need to take care of ourselves, so do our Torahs. We welcome back our Ashkenazi Torah on July 15 and invite our members to help us scribe the remaining letters to complete the Torah. Torah scribe, Yochanan Nathan will assist us and if you have never seen this process, please join us at 10:30 am for this very interesting and rare event.

And there is more to come!! ☺



Dr. Eisenman and Dr. Atalla from the Western Galilee Medical Center joined the Interfaith Peace & Justice Seder at Temple Israel, seated at a table with a few Temple members and a few people from St. Mary Catholic Church. Front (left to right): Dr. Atalla, Robin Rich, Dr. Eisenman, Lisa Giglio, Jane Callies; back: Jonathan Radnor, Sharon & Ron Russell, Sean Egan.

Hadassah



HOT DOG/SALAMI SALE

Illiana Hadassah had another successful Hot Dog/Salami Sale in March of this year. There are now lots of freezers stocked with goodies until our next sale in February 2019.

MATANAH CAMPAIGN

Our fundraising continues in May with our Matanah mailing. It's always a big success and we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

BINGO AND BRUNCH—JUNE 5

Heading into the end of our year, we are planning a very different Hadassah closer. Join us for "Bingo and Brunch" on Tuesday, June 5, 11:00AM, at Toast and Jam, 7311 Mallard Lane, Schererville. We'll order from the menu, pay for our own check, and then play bingo for prizes (for a donation of \$18). Everyone is welcome to this fun/fundraiser. Make your reservation soon. Hope to see you there!



Temple Beth El – Adult Choir.



Members of the Jr. Choir with Cantor Jeff Klepper (right) and Michael Heimlich (left).



Jr. Choir Director Terri Hendrickson (left) and TBE Music Director Kristin Stern.

A Joyful Noise

by RABBI LEONARD ZUKROW

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.”
—Psalm 100:1-2

The most well-known case of song in the Bible is the Song at the Sea when the Children of Israel celebrated their freedom after crossing through the waters to dry land. What a celebration it must have been! And to imagine the music?!

At Temple Beth El, we pride ourselves in the quality and quantity of our music. Every week at Shabbat

worship, Sunday mornings with our Religious School and Monday evenings at adult choir practice, our space is filled with song.

Clearly, music and song as evidenced in the Bible are an important element of our connection to Holiness. Song and music help us rise up, and as we read concerning King David as poet and harpist, it can calm the troubled soul. The benefits of music therapy are well documented and support the value of music as a means to bring comfort, healing and joy to those who suffer, as well as those who seek to move beyond the mundane to the holy.

Music at Temple Beth El is robust and diverse. Each week we connect with “old favorites” and encounter new melodies with new messages to inspire and enrich us in the unique way music can and does lift us up.

We have special occasions to celebrate our music such as Shabbat Shira. We also celebrate our music weekly at Shabbat and during the week in preparations for worship and in our school.

If you love music, if you seek to hear new Jewish music, if you love the “old-time” Jewish music—we invite you to join us weekly for Shabbat worship as we “Sing a New Song to God” at Temple Beth El. 🕊



Riley Knestrict



Lilah Kreis

CONFIRMATION

We celebrate the Confirmation of Lilah Kreis and Riley Knestrict who have completed their formal course of study at Temple Beth El Religious School and will participate in the Service of Confirmation on Friday, May 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Erev Shabbat Services every Friday evening, beginning at 7:30pm, except the first Friday of the month, when services begin at 6:00pm, with a “PrOneg” (pre-service Oneg) at 5:30pm.

MAY

Saturday, May 19, 8:30–10:15 pm: Shavuot Study Night with learning, singing, and food! All are welcome.

JUNE

Friday, June 1: 6:00pm early service (with PrOneg at 5:30pm)

Saturday, June 2: Shabbat Morning Worship and Torah Study 10:00am

Friday June 8: 6:00pm Shabbat Dinner—Family Friendly Erev Shabbat Service honoring our teachers

Sunday, June 3: 8:45am Brotherhood car caravan to Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, with lunch at The Bagel in Skokie. Call the Temple office for details at 219-934-9600.

JULY

Tuesday, July 3: Tailgate at Temple! Beginning at 6:00 p.m, park and watch the Munster Fireworks from the Temple parking lot. There is a \$5 parking charge and you can bring a tailgate-friendly dish to share.

Israel at 70: The Power of Hope

by **BOB FEFERMAN**

This month, as Israel celebrates the 70th anniversary of its founding, I asked myself: What is the secret of its extraordinary success in the face of tremendous difficulties that have included six major wars and countless acts of terrorism? Israel's story provides an inspiring example of the power of hope.

In 1973, I was a student on overseas study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. On Oct. 6, 1973, the combined forces of Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack that threatened the survival of the country. Israel survived the war but at a huge cost. And the situation did not improve.

In the spring of 1974, PLO terrorists crossed Israel's northern border and carried out two massacres in Maalot and Kiryat Shmona, killing 42 civilians.

**Friday, May 11,
7:00pm: Yiftach Ofek
will speak on "The
New Jew: Then and
Now".** Yiftach Ofek is



a PhD Student at the University of Chicago, working on issues relating to the modern Jewish experience. He holds an MA in Political Philosophy from the University of Chicago, and an MA in Modern Jewish Thought from Harvard. Before starting graduate school, he served as an officer in the IDF Spokesperson's Unit, and later as Head of the NATO and European Union Desk at the IDF Strategic Division.

Yet the Israelis I met that year never gave up the hope that one day, things will be better. As they repeatedly told me, "It will be OK."

And they were right. Things did get better. Eventually, Israel signed peace treaties with two Arab neighbors: Egypt and Jordan.

However, the threats to Israel's existence have never disappeared. If you are an Israeli born in 1993, you and your country have been the target of 164 suicide bombings, 4,000 rockets from Hezbollah in the summer of 2006 and more than 10,000 rockets from Hamas in Gaza since 2005. And all this in a country that is one-fourth the size of Indiana.

Today, Israel continues to face serious threats from Iran and its loyal proxy, Hezbollah, based in Lebanon.

Yet Israelis have never allowed conflict to define who they are. Here's a surprising fact: According to the United Nations' annual "World Happiness Report," Israel is the 11th happiest country in the world.

How can this be?

Given everything they have been through, Israelis could have easily become dejected and pessimistic. Instead, I've learned that the secret to Israel's success is an incredible optimism about life based on the hope for a better future.

Israeli optimism has created a vibrant economy that is recognized as a world leader in high tech and cybersecurity and earned Israel the title, "Startup Nation."

And Israeli optimism has inspired the Jewish state to send humanitarian aid missions to natural disaster zones around the world including to Mexico following the recent earthquake.

Since the outbreak of the brutal civil war in Syria, Israel has reached out to its former enemies by providing

life-saving surgery to over 5,000 Syrians and massive amounts of aid including clothing, food and medicine.

In the meantime, Israel continues to strive toward peace with its Palestinians neighbors while working to build bridges of understanding with the Arab countries of the wider Middle East. In fact, today Israel and its Arab neighbors are working together to confront the common threats of extremism represented by ISIS and Iran that are a danger to all.

Israel at 70 is a tribute to the triumph of the human spirit. This spirit has been passed down through generations.

In a speech given by the Arab-Israeli diplomat, George Deek, he tells about a survivor of the Holocaust named Avraham who became his music teacher in his hometown of Jaffa near Tel Aviv. Avraham was the only member of his family to survive the war.

Deek explained, "When the war was over and he was left alone, Avraham could have easily sat, and wept and cried over the greatest crime of man against man in history, and over the fact that he was left alone. But he didn't, he looked forward not backwards; he chose life, not death; hope, rather than despair."

Avraham's spirit is the spirit of Israel. And "Hatikvah," the hope, is the name of Israel's national anthem.

As Israel celebrates its 70th year, we look forward to the next 70 years with hope and optimism for prosperity for Israel and for peace with its neighbors.

Bob Feferman is Community Relations Director of the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley in South Bend. This essay was originally published in the South Bend Tribune. ☺

IRWIN B. JANOVSKY

CHICAGO, IL—Irwin B. Janovsky, age 82, formerly of Gary and Munster, IN; former owner of Guarantee Supply Co. of Gary and Hobart, IN; beloved husband for 58 years of Judith, nee Smith; loving father of Sarah (Shelly) Bender, Rebecca Janovsky, and Barry (Megan) Janovsky; adored Papa of Brandon, Susan, Eric, Hannah, Alex and Drew; dear brother-in-law of the late Mayer (Donna) Smith; special cousin of Barbara (Marvin) Goldstein. Life-long Cubs fan. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Seasons Hospice, 606 Potter Rd, DesPlaines, IL 60016 / www.seasons.org.

MARGARET "MARGE" (SUTKOWSKI) ROSE

CALUMET CITY, IL—Margaret "Marge" S. Rose (nee Sutkowski), age 81, of Calumet City, Illinois passed away April 6, 2018. She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 60 years, Eugene; cherished children: Michael (Ruth) Rose, Jane (Mike) McGing, Daniel Rose, Mark (Lori) Rose and Mary Fefferman; adored

grandchildren: Christopher, Cynthia, Teresa and Kathryn Rose, Keith and Marlene McGing, Shawn Falstrom, Bradley and Ryan Rose, Mira, Naomi and Ava Fefferman; dear siblings: James (Martha) Sutkowski, Catherine Sutkowski and sister-in-law Norene Rose; many special nieces and nephews. Margaret was preceded in death by her infant son Christopher Eugene; parents Julius and Marie Sutkowski; brother Frank Sutkowski.

Marge was a loving mother and homemaker who took pride in caring for her family and raising her children. With five children, she was an accomplished cook, baker and seamstress. When her children were young she was a Cub Scout den leader and room mother. After her children were grown, she worked as a tax preparer for H&R Block for many years. Most recently, she was employed at the Calumet City Library as a circulation clerk for 15 years. Marge especially loved time spent at the lake cottage fishing with her husband, children, grandchildren and family. She gave her family many, many wonderful and blessed memories.

HERBERT B. WEISSMAN, O.D.

GARY, IN—Herbert Weissman, age 92, beloved husband of Gloria Gray Weissman and the late Elaine (nee Goodman); loving father of Nancy Weissman-White (Craig White), Linda Bradley (Roderick); cherished Papa of Rachael White, Joel Bradley (Natalie), Erika White (Alex Grab), and Sarah Dundas (Mike). Fond step father to Larry Gray (Ruth), Steven Gray (Debbie), Karen Gray-Keeler (Thomas Keeler), Jeffrey Gray (Kendra Gallagher), and Wendy Raven (Marc) and will be missed by all of their children and grandchildren.

Herbert practiced as an optometrist for over 50 years in Gary and Merrillville until retiring at the age of 80. He served in the Army Air Corp in World War II, and was proud to participate in Honor Flight Chicago. Herbert was active and served on various boards and held numerous officer positions for Temple Israel in Gary, and Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. He will be missed by many, especially his fellow golfers and ROMEO group. In lieu of flowers, donations in his loving memory can be made to: Honor Flight-Chicago, Federation of Northwest Indiana, and Temple Israel-Gary.

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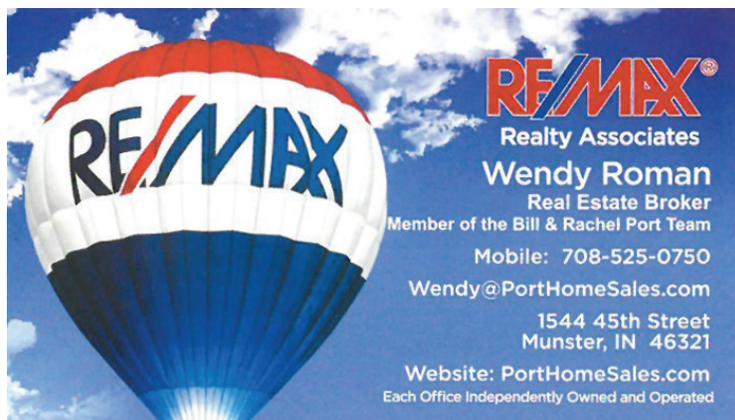
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shows each year for corporate events, educational entities, and especially for charity galas across the country. Sidney is also a national best-selling author with his book YOUR MIND KNOWS MORE THAN YOU DO which reached #8 on AMAZON.

Hoda Kotb of the TODAY SHOW says, "We love Sidney!" The CHICAGO TRIBUNE states Sidney is "the master of all things psychic." FORBES calls him "the mentalist to the stars." You will say the same thing too. Save the date for the evening of August 26, 2018 at the Federation!



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