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## Right in Our Backyard

by SEAN EGAN

Lake Michigan has finally thawed. Rains are falling. Daffodils are rising. Spring is here.

Just a few weeks ago, Federation hosted a "Joyously Jewish" evening of spirits and song. Musicians from five congregations here in Northwest Indiana entertained a crowd of nearly 100 with songs both sacred and secular. Thanks to our Partnership program with the Western Galilee, we also had a guest from Israel who provided a guided tasting of fine Israeli beverages. Between the spirits, the songs, and the participants, we were able to unite members of our Northwest Indiana Jewish community for an evening of celebration.

Looking at the Community
Calendar, I see so many more such

opportunities, both at Federation and our member congregations, for study, for worship, for solidarity. Purim celebrations, Adult Friendship Club, Mah Jongg, Book Club, Canasta, Israel Solidarity Day, Pesach. March, April, and May are very busy months.

Something else that I hope will bring us together is our community's response to the hate crime bill that our state senators have authored and passed. Senate Bill 12, in its present form, is an extremely watered down version of an effective hate crime bill. While Indiana has theoretically made strides by finally passing a hate crime bill into law, it has done so in such a way as to render it nearly meaningless. We have seen a surge in hate crimes in recent years, many of which have greatly impacted the Jewish community. It is our duty to speak out and speak up.

Be involved. Be active. Be a part of all that we have to offer!

Happy Passover. 4

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PART OF A GLOBAL SCREENING EVENT FOR YOM HASHOAH

## Film Screening & Discussion: Who Will Write Our History

Thursday, May 2 • 7:00-9:00pm

In honor of Yom HaShoah, the Federation is pleased to host a special screening of this important documentary about a group of spiritual resisters who risked their lives so that the truth would survive, even if they did not.

In November 1940, days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars and community leaders decided to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum and known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, this clandestine group vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda not with guns or fists but with pen and paper.

Now, for the first time, their story is told as a feature documentary. Written, produced and directed by Roberta Grossman and executive produced by Nancy Spielberg, Who Will Write Our History mixes the writings of the Oyneg Shabes archive with new interviews, rarely seen footage and stunning dramatizations to transport us inside the Ghetto and the lives of these courageous resistance fighters. They defied their murderous enemy with the ultimate weapon—the truth—and risked everything so that their archive would survive the war, even if they did not.

A discussion will follow, facilitated by Carol Culberg.

Admission is FREE, but seating is limited. RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at **federationonline.org/upcoming-events#WhoWillWrite**For more about the film, please visit: whowillwriteourhistory.com

























## Upcoming Events

Experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of 6 cities around Israel! Join the whole community for...

## Israel Solidarity Day

## Sunday, May 5, 2019 9:30am-1:30pm





With special Partnership guests from the Western Galilee!



9:30am Registration

**10:00am** Yom HaZikaron Memorial Service

10:00am Children's Activities (ages 2–10) at CBI

535 Progress Ave., across the parking lot

**10:45am** Yom HaAtzma'ut Family Celebration

NEW—an interactive trip around 6 cities in Israel. Spices!
Olive oil and wine tasting!
Crafts for kids at every station!

#### **12:00pm** Lunch

falafel, Israeli salad, hummus, kosher hot dogs, chips & brownies

12:45pm Israeli Dancing



## \$5 per person • \$20 max per family

RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at federationonline.org/upcoming-events#ISD

## Upcoming Events

## Gardening Make & Take Class with Master Gardener Miki Katz Sunday, April 28 • 1:00–4:00pm

Learn how to properly plant and care for your flowers and herbs with Master Gardener Miki Katz.

Bring home your project of potted spring flowers and/or an herb garden!

Materials fee: \$18 per garden



RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at federationonline.org/upcoming-events#Gardening



The Purdue Master Gardener Program trains gardening enthusiasts as volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in Indiana communities.

### Low Impact Chair Yoga

Fridays 11:00am–12:00pm Continuing through May!

> April 12 & 19 (no April 26); May 3, 10, 24, 31 (no May 17)

Instructor Joanna Sypudt has been teaching yoga for 18 years. **Cost: \$18** for 4 sessions in advance; **\$5 per session** at the door.

RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at www.federationonline.org/upcoming-events#Yoga



#### 2019 FEDERATION BOOK CLUB



## Session 3: Inheritance by Dani Shapiro

Tuesday, May 21 · 7pm

In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had whimsically submitted her DNA for analysis, Dani Shapiro received the stunning news that her father was not her biological father. She woke up one morning and her entire history, the life she had lived, crumbled beneath her. *Inheritance* is a book about secrets—secrets within families, kept out of shame or self-protectiveness; secrets we keep from one another in the name of love.

Please read the book in advance and come prepared for lively discussion facilitated by Carol Culberg. RSVP at federationonline.org/upcoming-events#inheritance or call (219) 301-0960.

## SAVE THE DATE **2019 Adult Retreat!**

September 8-11

Back and better than ever in an all-new location! Watch for details in the next issue.











Four Israeli guests from the organization Ma'ase (maase.org.il) joined us on April 4 to talk about the amazing work they do with underprivileged youth in Israel—providing volunteer-year programs that help integrate young people from the periphery into Israeli society. Speakers included CEO Yossi Malka and two program alumnae: Aya Fares, who is Druze, and Rachel Yaskias, an Ethiopian Jew. We loved getting to meet and hear them!



### Simchas

Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (219) 301-0960 or erica@federationonline. org by May 13. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

#### MAZEL TOV...

To **Jane Barron** on singing the National Anthem at Hammond's 33rd Annual Disabilities Awards Breakfast on March 28.

To **Ernest Fruehauf** on celebrating his 90th birthday with a special kiddush at Congregation Beth Israel.

To past shlicha **Maya Koren** and **Tim Boer** on their April 11 marriage in Israel! See p. 13 for more details.

To **Barry Levin**, whose Levin Tire & Service Center was honored on March 21 by Gov. Eric Holcomb with the Governor's Century Business Award. This award honors Hoosier businesses that have remained in operation for a minimum of 100 consecutive years and have demonstrated a commitment to community service. "Through a strong dedication to their employees, their businesses



Barry Levin (center) at the Century & Half Century Awards Ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse, with Governor Eric Holcomb and Elaine Bedel, President of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

and their communities, these companies exemplify the pioneering spirit and perseverance that will push our state forward for years to come," said Gov. Holcomb.

Levin Tire & Service Center, founded by Henry Levin in 1918, is a third-generation, family-owned business offering automotive maintenance and repair services, new tires and tire-related services across its six locations in Northwest Indiana.

To **Roseanne & Ed Sopher** on the March 3 wedding of their daughter Michelle to Adam Cooper.

## Community News

#### Good Deeds Day, April 7





Thanks to everyone who participated in our Mitzvah Fair for Good Deeds Day!



We repurposed old t-shirts into DIY dog toys to donate to the Humane Society...



... planted seeds to help start Federation's Community Garden this spring...



... and packed toiletry kits to donate to homeless men at the Hammond City Rescue Mission. We also made greeting cards for first responders and hospital patients, and added to our Gratitude Wall!

## FCG Day Camp

#### Just 2 Months Away! June 17–July 26, 2019



#### **NEW: CHOOSE YOUR WEEKS!**

You asked, we listened. Register for as few as 2 weeks, up to a full 6-week session. For pricing, see the website:

#### federationonline.org/jcy

Online registration is now open!

Reserve this summer's spots now for your campers ages 5–12 by registering online at **federationonline.org/ jcy**. You may also request a mail-in registration form by calling (219) 301-0960. A nonrefundable \$100 deposit per camper is required at registration.

**Scholarships are available.** For information and eligibility, please email susan@federationonline.org. **\*\*** 

## Community News



#### Callout Meeting! Monday, April 29, 7:00pm

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana is launching JWRP's Momentum Year-Long Journey this summer! The JWRP's Momentum trip—run in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana—brings mothers to Israel with children at home under the age of 18. For more information, including eligibility requirements, contact Susan Tepperman at susan@federationonline.org or (219) 301-0960, or visit federationonline.org/jwrp.

## Community Garden Update: Fresh Food for the Manna Cabana

#### by LILY YALOWITZ

Our Federation's "Manna Cabana" Food Pantry is a judgment-free place where people in need of food can come for a bag of groceries. While providing canned and boxed food is an enormous help, we are also looking to implement fresh produce. With the community's help, we hope to get our aboveground garden into action soon so we can begin providing a wider and healthier variety to the food pantry. We appreciate all of your nonperishable food donations immensely, but also believe providing fresh produce will improve the

health and general well-being of our grateful recipients.

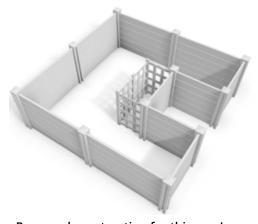
Having fresh fruits and vegetables at our homes seems like a staple for most of us, but some people do not have the luxury at this point in their lives. We encourage you to consider the food inside of your homes and realize how incredibly lucky we all are to have the abundant amount of food available to us at any hour of the day. With that said, any contribution to the garden is one step closer to providing the people who visit the Federation food pantry with fresh produce to bring home with them.



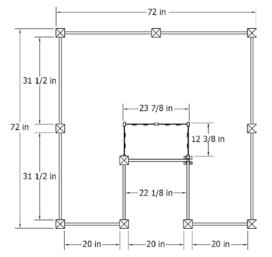
Sunday afternoon, May 19. 2019

Schedule TBD Weather Permitting

To RSVP. contact erica@federationonline.org or call (219) 301-0960 for more information.



Proposed construction for this year's initial build includes two 6'x6' raised beds with built-in composting inserts.



#### Calling all interested gardeners!

To make the Community Garden project a reality, we will need many hands to build, plant, weed, water, and eventually harvest.

Can you help out? Let us know! We will plan work shifts throughout the spring, summer and fall based on interest. All ages welcome.

Visit federationonline.org/garden to fill out the interest form online, or call (219) 301-0960 for details.

#### Community Garden Pledge Form 2019

Our goal is to raise \$1800 by May 1, 2019, to launch the garden.

Any funds collected in excess of our garden expenditures will be allocated toward Food Pantry operations.

Name: \_

Pledge:

☐ Harvest—\$180

☐ Vine—\$108

□ Patch—\$54

☐ Sprout—\$36

☐ Seedling—\$18

☐ Other—\$

☐ Check enclosed (payable to **Jewish Federation**)

☐ Please bill me

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### KTon Ton Preschool







We love celebrating Purim! We made graggors and Hamantaschen. Sang songs and read books. And of course, we had our Costume Parade!

We'd like to thank Mrs. Terri Hendrickson for singing Purim songs with us. We always love your visits!

Our families all had a great time at our Ralph's World concert during our Fundraising night. There was much singing, dancing, and fun together! It's hard to believe that this school year is winding down, but the next time you hear from us, it will be time for graduation! As we look forward to next year, there are very limited spaces remaining in all of our programs. If you know of anyone who might be interested in any of our Early Childhood programs, please have them call Erin at (219)301-0961 or email erin@federationonline.org.

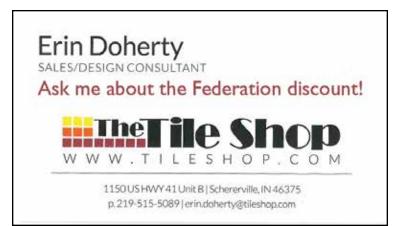












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#### Maot Chitim Food Delivery Sunday, April 14

Depart at 8am from Federation; return approx. 1:30pm (can vary). Bring \$10 for breakfast at the Golden Pancake House. RSVP to Rabbi Len Zukrow (rabbilen@zukrow.com).

#### Israeli Teen Delegation Visit May 2-5

Nine Israeli teens from the Western Galilee (our Partnership region) will be visiting Northwest Indiana the first weekend in May. Noar has a funfilled weekend planned, including volunteering together for Federation's Israel Solidarity Day and at the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. Contact Eitan (shaliachnwi@federationonline. org) for more details.

#### JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUPS!

For information, please contact Rachel Saller, Jewish Youth Advisor, at rachel@federationonline.org or (219) 301-0960.



Skating at Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena, February 24.



In honor of Disability Awareness Month, Eitan, our community shaliach, put on an "Eating Blind" dinner on March 19 where each participant got to experience what it is like to eat without being able to see. Featured special guest: disability advocate Sandra Johnson (top center).

## FewEL (Fewish Emerging Leaders)

JewEL brings together young Jewish adults in their 20s-40s from across Northwest Indiana. Don't miss out on upcoming events... join our group on Facebook! facebook.com/groups/jewelnwi



#### End-of-Passover Pizza Outing Saturday, April 27 • 8:30–10pm

Location: Giordano's (625 W. Lincoln Hwy, Schererville)

Pesach ends on a Saturday night, and you know you want pizza! Meet up with your JewEL pals at Giordano's in Schererville for a late-night chametz fix. Enjoy some vegetarian appetizers courtesy of Federation. Separate checks for pizza and beverages (full bar available). RSVP by 4pm on Thursday, April 25, so we can make a reservation.

#### Lag Ba'Omer Bonfire Night Wednesday, May 22 • 8-9:30pm



**RAIN DATE: Thursday, May 23** 

Location: Yakovetz Home, 3210 Harms Road, Merrillville

Nestled between Pesach and Shavuot is the minor Jewish holiday of Lag BaOmer, which traditionally gets celebrated with blazing bonfires. Come out to the wilds of Merrillville (okay, a mile from Southlake Mall) to toast kosher marshmallows and enjoy the early summer night. Anyone is welcome, including those under 21, so bring your kids and feel free to share and invite! RSVP by May 21 so we have enough marshmallows.

**RSVP** to Erica Yakovetz:

(219) 301-0960 or erica@federationonline.org or online at federationonline.org/jewel

## Prime Timers

**TUESDAY. APRIL 16** 

## at Foodie's Café

Address: 151 Joliet St, Dyer

**Time:** 11:00am Separate checks

**RSVP** to Erica Yakovetz. (219) 301-0960.



THURSDAY, MAY 30

## Brunch Out Northside Chicago at Foodie's Café Bus Tour

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

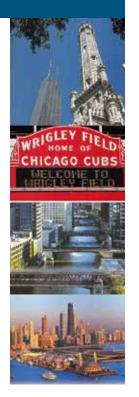
Cost: \$40 / non-members \$45

Sights include: Chicago River • Wacker Drive • Ft. Dearborn • Magnificent Mile • Water Tower • Wrigley Field • North Lake Shore Drive • Much

more!

Lunch on your own at Navy Pier. RSVP by May 25 to Rachel Saller, (219) 301-0960.

Your payment is your reservation.\*





**THURSDAY, JUNE 27** 

## Tai Chi Course & Lunch

## in Chinatown Square

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm

Cost: \$48 / non-members \$53

includes roundtrip bus, 30-min. Tai Chi course (weather permitting), & lunch at the Chicago Chinese Cultural Institute

There will be time to look around at shops & bakeries.

#### **ONLY 23 SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

Must RSVP by June 17 to Rachel Saller, (219) 301-0960. Your payment is your reservation.\*

\*Your payment is your reservation. Make checks payable to Prime Timers and mail or bring to: Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, 585 Progress Ave., Munster, IN 46321.



Local personality Konnie Kuiper gave Prime Timers a personal tour of his private historical auto museum in Griffith on Thursday, February 21.



AFC enjoyed beading with buddies from K'Ton Ton on Monday, March 25.

## Adult Friendship Club

#### Trio from the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band

Wednesday, May 15

12:00pm lunch 1:00pm performance

\$7 AFC members (\$8 nonmembers & guests) includes a hot kosher lunch in addition to the musical program.



Maxwell Street Klezmer Band embodies the colorful spirit of immigrant America.

In 1983, Lori Lippitz founded the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, named for Chicago's old Sunday morning Jewish marketplace. In the years since, Maxwell Street has become the Midwest's most popular klezmer band, touring seven times in Europe and performing throughout the U.S., including Carnegie Hall. Audiences of all backgrounds have been delighted by Maxwell Street's high-energy performances that glow with warmth and humor. @

#### SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, July 17

12pm Lunchtime Cabaret: Songs of the Silver Screen Memorial Opera House, **Valparaiso** 

Reserve your tickets now!

\$10 (\$12 non-members) Brunch before show TBD

Wednesday, August 7

Lunch (12pm) & Play (2pm): Over the Tayern Theatre@theCenter, Munster \$45 (\$55 non-members)

RSVP to Rachel Saller: (219) 301-0960 or rachel@ federationonline.org



## New for May: AFC Mondays Move to Afternoons!

This year, Adult Friendship Club's Monday programs are FREE and include coffee & nosh. Starting May 6, our Monday programs will take place 2-3pm, with the social hour continuing until 4pm... so come on down after lunch!

Wednesday programs include a hot kosher lunch at noon, plus an entertaining program at 1pm, all for \$7 (guests and non-members \$8).

We even offer rides if you need transportation! Just call the office at 219-301-0960 (24 hours notice requested) for this free service.

AFC membership is only \$10 per year and includes monthly mailings. Contact Rachel Saller at 219-301-0960 to join AFC for 2019.

See the calendar at left for a sneak peek (subject to change) at AFC's May! 🕸

Adı	the Jewish Federation Ut Friendship Club		May	12	20/	19
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>April 29</b> 10am Social Hour / Coffee & Nosh 11am Bingo with K'Ton Ton		1 11:30am Lunch Out Bakers Square, 3545 Ridge Road, Lansing Separate checks	2	3	4
<b>5</b> Israel Solidarity Day, 10am	<b>6</b> 2pm AFC "Page Turners" Book Club: <i>Garden Spells</i> by Sarah Addison Allen 3pm Social Hour / Coffee & Nosh	7	8 12pm Pasta, Garlic Bread, Salad, Vegetable, Birthday Cake 1pm Program TBA	9	10	11
<b>12</b> Mothers Day	<b>13</b> 2pm Program TBA 3pm Social Hour / Coffee & Nosh	14	15 12pm Grilled BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Pie 1pm Trio from the Maxwell St. Klezmer Band!	16	17	18
19	<b>20</b> 2pm <i>Downton Abbey,</i> Season 1 Episode 4 3pm Social Hour / Coffee & Nosh	21	22 12pm Fish, Rice, Vegetable, Pudding/Cookies 1pm Cooking with Eitan (Community Shaliach/Israeli Emissary)	23	24	25
26	<b>27</b> NO AFC Memorial Day	28	12pm Hamburgers on the Grill, Potato Salad, Chips, Coleslaw, Watermelon 1pm Program TBA	30	31	

## From Our Shaliach

## Journey to the Past and Present

by EITAN TORZ

November of 2013. A group of high school seniors walking in this



The air is cold, colder than we are used to. The forest is huge, seems endless. And there we stand, looking down on these graves. The first question that comes to mind is, whose graves are those? And the second question: why there are graves here?

Followed by many more questions, our instructor starts explaining. We are standing in the midst of a forest where over 70 years ago 800 kids were executed by gunshots.

Quiet. The goosebumps of what we have just realized to be not such a charming place spread through our bodies and skin. "Forest of the Children." In that very place 10,000 people were buried after being shot. The kids were murdered cruelly. The soldiers would put them inside bags and beat the bags with bats until it stopped moving. Those massive pits of death were dug in that forest. Silently, we walked around the graves, listened to stories about people who lived and people who died. And in no time we had to get a hold of ourselves and continue our trip to the next stop.

A big part of our education in Israel is devoted to history. In a country where history was made not so long ago, yet where the people's context of history goes back thousands of years, it is hard to choose what students should learn and when. Yet there is one thing which is never disputed: learning and remembering the Holocaust. When we get to our junior or senior year of high school, many students choose to take part in a special journey to Poland where we face and meet the past for its cruelty,

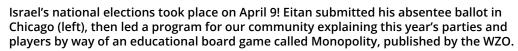
bravery, violence, compassion, hatred and love. Now ask yourself, is that such a good idea, to bring a bunch of 16-17 year olds to such a terrible place? To where their people were weak, hated, hunted and killed? What kind of narrative are we taught? What is educational about that—and is there any other way to learn?

To this kind of educational experience, you have to come prepared. Therefore all the participants of the journey to Poland start by taking a special class in Israel. Parents are involved in the process, and each group of students had a teacher to counsel them. For many Israeli parents, this trip is controversial.

My family was lucky; they did not experience the horrors of this war themselves. My grandparents did not go through the Holocaust. As a child, I never had this personal connection as other people have. For some of my friends and classmates, this was a part of who they are. They could appreciate better than me the fact that their family is still here, not taking it for granted. And for many others like me, whose grandparents are not from Europe, our way to connect to this Jewish story is different.

At times in the history of Israel, Jews who experienced the Holocaust and Jews who did not naturally felt differently about it. For one group it was a personal disaster, family members lost, loss of faith and humanity. For the other it was history, tragedy, a horrible story. For many students, the Holocaust was this one day a year when we stand and hear an alarm, when we have classes with people giving testimony, when we have to wear our white school T-shirts. We go home and that is it. But since the trip there, Yom ha-Shoah will never be the same for

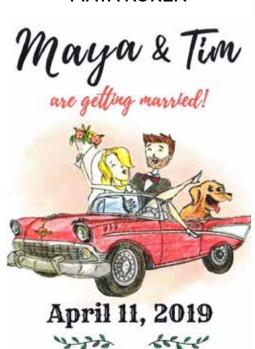
The way there are graves here.



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## Past Shlichim: Where Are They Now?

**MAYA KOREN** 







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+972-50-385-1993

Tim: timscottboer@gmail.com
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If you would like their mailing address in Israel, please request it from the Federation office.

## Shaliach (continued)

me. The trip to Poland opened my eyes and connected me in a way to the bigger story of our people. There we were dealing 24/7 with a storm of emotions, turning this from a field trip into a journey. Turning friends into family. Sometimes we had to support and cheer each other, sometimes we were just sad together. Those sharp movements between happiness and sadness, and for all that is in between, forged us to be better friends, better persons and better Israelis, beginning the process of understanding where we stand with our relationship to Israel.

Notice that International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on January 27. This is not the same day that the Shoah is commemorated in Israel. It marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz by the Red army and the Allied nations. In Israel, our remembrance day was set as the day when the rebellion at the Warsaw Ghetto started: empowering the image of Jewish resistance, bravery, the people that fight back and own their narrative.

Thinking about it, the approaches of the international day and the Israeli day are quite different. One commemorates the fact that we were saved by others, the other the fact that we tried to save ourselves. Two different narratives to one horrible stain over history. This is not the first time we can see that, nor the last. Today, now that the state of Israel is established, I would like to think that maybe our narrative has changed. Now we have our homeland. Our base and our own "island". Now our narrative can perhaps be different: not hunted anymore,

not executed without a fight. Even though hate is still there—and from time to time an event occurs to remind us that there are people who would like to shift our narrative back to darker days—we have to see the connection with Israel as a way to write a new narrative. Our story as the lewish people has always been the best story there is to tell, inspiring other nations to help us. Today the situation is different. From once being victims, and in need of help, today we are the ones to be successful, strong and help others. Today the media likes to portray Israel in a demonized, "David and Goliath" way. And as far from perfect as my homeland is, apologies for our narrative cannot be made. We earned the success, the strength and the ability to stand for ourselves.

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## Partnership in the Western Galilee

## Joyously Jewish: Song & Spirits

Israeli distiller Yuval Hargil visited us on March 16 to present a tasting flight from his artisan distillery, Jullius Craft Distillery in Kibbutz Hanita, courtesy of Partnership2Gether Western Galilee. Musicians from our member congregations all over the region came together to perform Jewish and secular favorites. A great time was had by all! Many thanks to Dr. Rick Katz for taking and sharing these photos.





















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Meetings will commence at 12 pm on Sunday, July 14 with a welcome lunch and conclude after lunch on Wednesday, July 16.

#### Come to the Summit-Everyone is Invited!

This is your opportunity to connect with old friends and make new ones from our 15 U.S. communities. Budapest and the Western Galilee. We've got lots of fun items on the schedule: Sunday night Lazar Lloyd concert, a continuation of the "Lets Talk" GA conversation about srael-Chaspora relations, PZG community experiences discussion, brainstorm new ideas for our P2G activities, explore our 'virtual communities,' and enjoy South Bend hospitality!

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\$250 (Summit Only) — First Timers Receive a \$100 Discount!

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## Book Except: Indiana Fewish History

## The Jewish History of the Indiana Dunes Country, 1830-1950

by TRENT D. PENDLEY

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## PART ONE: EARLY PEOPLES, CONQUERORS AND IMMIGRANTS

The Calumet Region today is geographically bound on the North by Lake Michigan and the old industrial shoreline; on the East by the naturalistic Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; on the West by the Illinois state line and the residential congestion of the Chicago metropolitan area, to which it is a bedroom community; on the South by U.S. Route 30, a neon lighted strip of suburban commercial activity; and further to the South by the provincial or aloof former farm towns, now suburban hamlets, and also the Kankakee River basin.

The Calumet Region was earlier known as Indiana's last frontier because of the area's very late Anglo settlement. However, this area was not an unexplored wilderness for the Potawatomie, whose trails, burials, hunting grounds, and camps crisscrossed and speckled all of northern Indiana and neighboring Illinois and Michigan. The natives were still to be found throughout the area when the early Yankee settlers began to arrive from the east during the 1830's, as some Potawatomie escaped their forced eviction on the "Trail of Tears" to the Kansas territory, to remain recluses in the numerous marshes through the Calumet Region. The few runaway Potawatomie who remained in the Calumet Region did so even though

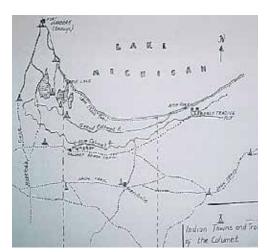
most traces of their civilization had been destroyed, and while the majority of their tribe had been removed to the West. The American government purposely destroyed the Potawatomie villages and burials to discourage the return of these natives from their new homes in Kansas and Oklahoma. At Lakes of the Red Cedars, today the town of Cedar Lake, a burial was plowed over and made into farmland. Later in 1840 when General Hugh Brady, with eleven hundred Potawatomie from Michigan, passed through northwest Indiana en route to the West, many of the natives visited the graves along the inland lake. Timothy Ball, Lake County's first historian wrote of the event: "Some of the squaws groaned...and even wept as they saw the fate of their ancient cemetery." Other traces of the natives' civilization such as their trails and portages proved too useful to destroy or abandon, and the Sauk Trail, which later became the Lincoln Highway, and the Calumet Beach Trail—later Ridge Road—are still

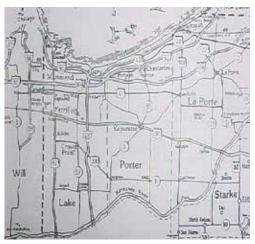
major east-to-west arteries through the Calumet Region.

Another well-trodden native trail was a path along the Lake Michigan shore, which for many years was the only overland route connecting Fort Dearborn at the mouth of the Chicago River to Fort Detroit. The last indigenous-native sighted in the Calumet Region was at Kelly (the Glen Park area of Gary) during the 1890s.

Not only did the indigenous tribes once claim title to the land, but several European countries had flown their national flags over the Calumet Region prior to the American's establishment here. During the colonial period, France claimed the Calumet Region until 1763, and French explorers; fur traders and Priests often canoed and portaged through the present-day northwestern Indiana. Among the more well known travelers was Father Jacques Marquette, who when dying passed through the dunes while en route from the Illinois country to his home mission at Saint Ignace on Lake Superior. The "Peace of Paris" in 1763 ceded the Calumet Region as well as all of New France, east of the Mississippi River, to the British and the English Crown held claims to the area until the "Jay Treaty" of 1794. The

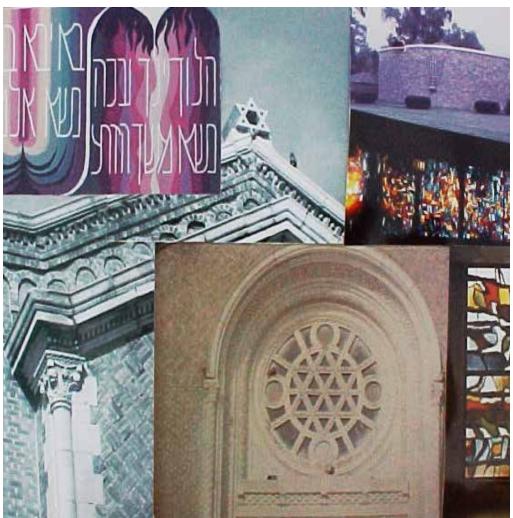
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Details of two maps of northwest Indiana. Lance Trusty's (on the left) illustrates early indigenous trails: the Lake Shore Trail, the Calumet Beach Trail and the Sauk Trail. The contemporary tourist map by Dave Sander of the "Dunes Country" (on the right) illustrates the three upper northwest counties of Indiana (west to east: Lake, Porter and LaPorte), which had all originally been LaPorte County, and maps the modern highways and municipalities.

## Book Excerpt (continued)



Spanish also held a brief and shaky claim to the Calumet Region after Captain Don Eugenio Pierrot led an expedition of thirty-five men from St. Louis to St. Joseph, where he captured and burned the British fort on February 12, 1781.

The French who were the original Europeans to explore the Calumet Region built Fort Petite, a small stockade at the present site of Tremont in the 1750s which was abandoned in 1780. Thereafter, the only Anglos to inhabit the area besides the occasional military troops were transient fur traders who bartered with the Potawatomie. One of the last of these transient traders was Joseph Bailly and his family, who became known as the area's first permanent settlers in 1822 when they established a trading post along the Little Calumet River, north of the present-day city of Chesterton. The Bailly Homestead is now a tourist attraction within the boundaries of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

During the early years of the 19th century, the bountiful hunting grounds of northwestern Indiana remained barren of yeoman settlers, while land cessions by various Miami and Delaware tribes terminated their rights to southern and central Indiana. The first of the downstate land cessions occurred in 1783, and opened a small area of the Indiana Territory for legal settlement to land-hungry Kentuckians-turned-Hoosiers. At first, American settlement at Indiana was slow to progress because of the constant threat of hostile Indians. However, following the defeat of the pro-British northwestern Indians in the War of 1812, the floodgates for settlement in the Indiana Territory were forced wide open. By 1816, enough

Detail from a photographic collage of Edifices of Hammond's Synagogues and objects of Judaica from the Indiana Dunes Country; Collection of the author.

inhabitants had settled in the Indiana Territory to create the sixteenth state, and a new state capital, first at Corydon and then Indianapolis, was subsequently laid out in 1821 after the central part of the state became available for settlement.

The reasons for the late settling in the State's northwest corner are two-fold: first, the land was not legally available until after the "Treaties of Mississinewa" in 1826 and the "Treaty of Tippecanoe" in 1832; second and perhaps more importantly, the marshes and sand dunes surrounding the Little and Grand Calumet Rivers were considered waste lands and often impassable in winter, thus avoided. Not until the 1830s, after most of downstate Indiana had become established, did northwestern Indiana attract its first permanent settlers. Those who did settle in northern Indiana were Yankees from the East, predominantly from New York and New England, who checked the cultural dominancy of the downstate settlers, which had arrived much earlier from Kentucky and the Carolinas.7 The bi-cultural state was given an added dimension later in the 19th century, when various eastern and southern Europeans mostly populated the Calumet Region.

7. Indiana would, nevertheless, remain the most southern of the northern industrial states because of its original southern settlers.

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## Why So Late?

#### by RABBI BEREL LEVERTOV

The following column was written by Rabbi Zalmanov's friend and colleague, Rabbi Berel Levertov, director of Chabad of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and is reprinted with his permission:

Why does it start so late?

The world-renowned Santa Fe Opera is gearing up for their Summer season. The shows usually begin at 8:30pm and end at 11:30 or even 12:30. That's really late at night. Why does it start so late?

Then there are the New Year's celebrations at midnight. Isn't that kind of late to be out celebrating? Why don't they just move the celebration to 8:00pm and have a fun evening at home, or an early New Year's morning? Yes, yes, these are kind of silly questions.

The Santa Fe Opera has an open stage, where we get to experience the awesome Santa Fe sunsets as a backdrop to the show, and you can't really move sunset to an earlier time. Thousands of people move their schedules around to participate in these shows. And they don't leave after act IV to get to bed early. So we get to sleep a bit later. No big deal.

And of course, we can't really move New Year's from midnight (well, actually we can, but that would be kind of boring).

So, why is it that when we hear that the Passover Seder begins at 8:00pm and goes till 11:00, we think (or say...) "Oh, that's very late"? Why can't we just accept that the Seder begins at night and takes a few hours? It's no later than the opera. It's not longer than *Romeo et Juliette*.

As kids, we would come to synagogue the day after the Seder and brag about how late our Seder went. "Our Seder went till 12:00! And I stayed awake for all of it!" "Well, ours lasted till 2:00 in the morning, and Uncle Moish fell asleep in his soup!" "Ours lasted till daylight! And I didn't even get to sleep yet!"

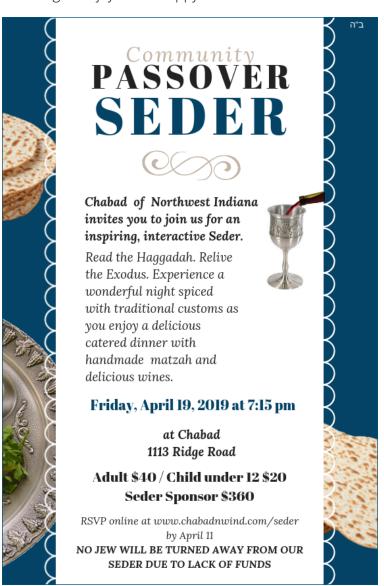
So let's approach this upcoming Passover with the attitude that tradition and rituals are the bedrock of who we are. They are the unmovable, unshakable essence of our being. They don't move; we accommodate them.

The Seder must begin after nightfall. In Anchorage, Alaska, this means 10:34pm. In Santa Fe we are lucky

Shabbat services at Chabad are held on Saturday morning, starting at 10:00am, always followed by a full kiddush lunch. that it's only 8:11pm. Sure, we can have some snacks and schmooze before (at Chabad we will begin the pre-Seder at 7:00pm), we can nap during the day. It's a Friday night, so there's nowhere to go (except to shul) the next day.

Let's free ourselves and embrace the evening of freedom, tradition, ancestry, matzah, wine, brisket and family. Let's make or join a Seder with Kosher wine, Shmurah Matzah and the rest, in the way our ancestors have been doing it for 3,300 years. After nightfall. Both nights of the Seder.

And, let's savor our time together and not rush out after act IV, but wait till the end. That will allow us to get into the experience, and into our own self, the neshama within that is waiting to enjoy a true happy and kosher Passover!



Please visit www.chabadnwind.com/passover-2019 for all your local Passover information.

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#### SIYUM B'CHORIM

Friday, April 19, 8:00am: Because the first-born of the Israelites were saved from the 10th plague, tradition requires all first-born Jewish males to fast on the Eve of Pesach until the Seder. The requirement, however, may be superseded if these males participate in a religious service and feast; a Seudat Mitzvah, which is held on the morning of the Eve of Pesach. Thus the first-born male is exempt from his obligation to fast.

### PESACH: SONGS, GUIDE, AND SELLING OF HAMETZ

Visit cbi-nwi.org/worship/pesach to hear audio clips of the major portions of the Haggadah, and to download the Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide, which explains the laws and customs regarding the dietary restrictions of Pesach. Here you can also download the Selling of Hametz form and mail it or bring it to CBI before Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

#### PESACH AT CBI'S GIFT SHOP

Whether you're looking for a Seder Plate, matzah cover, Kiddush cup, or gifts, you will find everything you want right here. You won't leave without a gift once you glance over

the new inventory. Shop hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

#### YOM HASHOAH—HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

**Wednesday, May 1, 7:00pm:** Join us for a community-wide observance. Congregations from Northwest Indiana and the South Suburbs will participate.

### YOM HAATZMA'UT—ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Saturday, May 4, 9:45am:** Join us for a morning service with special prayers celebrating Israel at 71.

#### GREAT JEWISH MINDS: DENNIS PRAGER

Sunday, May 19, 11:00am-12:00pm: Join Rabbi Levin to watch and discuss Dennis

Prager speaking about why the Bible is powerfully relevant to today's issues, and completely consistent with rational thought.

Prager is a national bestselling author, columnist, and nationally syndicated radio talk show host. He is the author of many books, including *The Ten Commandments: Still the Best Moral Code* and *Happiness Is a* 

#### **WEEKLY SERVICES**

Monday & Thursday at 8:00am Saturday at 9:45am Sunday at 9:00am

#### **PESACH SERVICES**

Saturday, April 20 at 9:45 am Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 am Monday, April 22 at 8:00 am Thursday, April 25 at 8:00 am Friday, April 26 at 9:00 am Saturday, April 27 at 9:45 am (Yizkor)

Pesach ends Saturday at 8:25 pm

Serious Problem: A Human Nature Repair Manual, and the co-founder of Prager University.

#### **KABBALAT SHABBAT & DINNER**

*Friday, May 17, 6:00 pm:* Come enjoy our service and delicious dinner! \$10.00 per person; children 12 and under, \$5.00. Reservations required by Tuesday, May 14.

#### YOM YERUSHALAYIM— JERUSALEM DAY

**Saturday, June 1, 9:45am:** Join us for a morning service with special prayers.





PURIM CELEBRATION—CBI's Religious School students presented an enjoyable play depicting the story of Purim, followed by the Megillah reading, Purim songs, and a delicious dinner.

## Temple Israel-Miller

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## The View Onto Montgomery Street

by MARK B. SPERLING, Ed.D.

The winds of winter, instead of blowing snow down the street, are now starting to give way to spring rains. I have been waiting to see green sprouts in a small garden area in front of my house. I was delighted to see the top of what will become day lilies beginning to grow. This is usually a good sign that Spring is not far behind.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with those who were killed by Hate at the Mosque in New Zealand. Violence has no place anywhere, yet we have seen it displayed at both a Synagogue and Mosque in the past months. We will pay homage to the victims of Hate at our upcoming Peace and Justice Interfaith Seder on April 28th. I hope that you will be able to be part of this outstanding annual event. The Ritual Committee and Rabbi Damsky have been hard at work putting together an excellent program for the Seder that everyone will be able to be part of.

During March, the Chai Mitzvah program was presented by the Rabbi to the group that continues to grow each session. Please consider coming in April to the next installation of this 10-lesson curriculum. All are welcome.

Temple Israel was honored by having Sean Egan, Michael Greenwald, Robin Rich, and Rabbi Damsky sing in the 'Joyously Jewish' program at the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana.

#### Enjoy Friday Night Shabbat Service Inside America's 61st National Park!

Temple Israel in Miller Beach warmly welcomes everyone to our Friday Night Shabbat Service, happening every week at 7:30pm.

Come early and enjoy the beauty of the Indiana Dunes National Park with a hike on the nearby
Paul H. Douglas Trail or a sunset stroll on the beach.



Questions? Please call 219-938-5232 or email templeisraelmiller@gmail.com.

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Our Social Action committee led by Steve Tallackson has been hard at work during these end of Winter months by holding and attending programs about the NIPSCO rate increase. On March 24th, a very successful seminar was held on the Hate Crimes Bill being considered by the Indiana Legislature, with over 100 people from all over NWI attending. David Sklar from Indiana Forward was the keynote speaker. The removal of the teeth in the bill is of concern to all of us, and the attendance at the workshop is a clear signal to the legislature that the current bill is inadequate to stop Hate crimes from occurring in Indiana. We are delighted to be joined by the Social Justice committee of St. Mary's of the Lake in this and future endeavors.

I look forward to seeing you at our weekly Friday at 7:30 pm Shabbat Services and all of our Temple activities. Many thanks to all who have attended services and worked on behalf of the Temple during the past and current month.

TEMPLE ISRAEL INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

### Interfaith Leace & Justice Seder

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m. 601 N. Montgomery St., Gary, IN 46403

Featuring Rabbi Robin Damsky, musicians from several community congregations, a participatory Seder, and a Passover meal designed to teach, explore, and find shared meaning in the Exodus from Egypt.

#### The traditional festive meal includes:

From the Seder plate: Hard boiled eggs, bitter herb (horseradish), parsley to be dipped in salt water, and charoset (fruit and nut compote)

For the meal: Matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, choice of chicken/brisket/vegetarian entrée, vegetables and an array of delicious desserts.

Gluten free options will be available.





Adults \$20 Students \$10 Children 6 & under FREE

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Please specify choice of entrée when making reservation

Cash, check or credit card accepted Tables of 8 and 10 are available



We will be accepting donations of canned goods for the St. Mary of the Lake and the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana food pantries.



## Temple Beth-El-Munster

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Friday, April 12:* 6:30pm Shabbat Dinner; 7:30pm Family Worship Service celebrating Grandparents.

**Saturday, April 20:** Temple Passover Seder.

*Friday, April 26:* Annual Marriage Reconsecration Service, celebrating special wedding anniversaries.

*Friday, May 17:* 6:30pm Shabbat Dinner; 7:30pm Family Worship Service celebrating our teachers.





◀▲ Hamentaschen for Purim Bags—
Purim Mishloach Manot Project, creating
Purim Bags for all members of Temple
Beth-El; all items prepared by TBE
members.



## Caryn Bark: A Night of Comedy

Saturday, April 13:

Doors open at 7:00pm for Cocktails and Appetizers.



The creator/performer of the critically acclaimed one-woman show *Diary of a Skokie Girl*, which has played to sold-out audiences in Chicago, Kansas City, Little Rock, Phoenix, and Canada's Winnipeg Jewish Theater. She has appeared on Lifetime Channel's *Girls' Nite Out*, opened for Joel Grey, and worked for HBO and Comedy Central.

Cash Bar. 50/50 Raffle. Tickets \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

Visit http://bit.ly/CarynBark to purchase advance tickets.



▼ Adult & Jr. Choirs celebrate Purim

►► Disney Purim at Temple Beth-El







**◄** ▼ Sisterhood Wine & Canvas Event

## Sinai Temple-Michigan City

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Please be sure to contact the Temple office to confirm specifics of date, time, location & reservations: 219-874-4477

#### 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 7:00pm, followed by a social Oneg of wine, challah and home-baked treats.

#### SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES

When Rabbi Griffel is in town she schedules 2 Saturday morning classes. All are welcome:

9:00am: Short Shabbat Morning Service & Discussion

10:00am: Shabbat Study Group with attendees reviewing the current Torah portion and contributing to topical selections, investigating wide areas of interest. Enjoy informal religious exploration with other curious adults.

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS**

Sinai Temple and Valpo's Temple Israel have joined their religious schools this year. Iill Edwards of Temple Israel heads up the joint program, along with Rabbis Shoshana Feferman & Suzanne Griffel. Students met in Valpo for the first half of the school year and are meeting in Michigan City for the second half of the school year.

#### **ADULT BAR & BAT MITZVAH TRAINING**

Rabbi Griffel offers training for adults interested in "finally" celebrating their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Contact the temple office for details.





■ Judy Shroyer, President of the Michiana Jewish Historical Society, joined the Shabbat Study Group on March 16 to discuss the area's history.







▲ Mazal tov to bat mitzvah Sylvia Coslow and family!



#### APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, April 19: On this special Friday evening, we come together to share the 1st night of Pesach & Shabbat combined into a meaningful evening's Seder.

#### MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, May 17, & Saturday, May **18:** Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikkaron & Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrated at Shabbat evening & Saturday morning services. The Shabbat Study Group discusses the meaningfulness of these holidays.

Friday, May 24: Lag Ba'Omer celebrated at Shabbat evening services.

> Thursday, May **30:** The "Up-Beat Off-Beat Film Club" offers a spring POP-UP movie at 6:00pm. A friendly event offering a film, popcorn & soda pop, all for \$3. @

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### Maccabi Tel Aviv: More than a Soccer Club

with Yuval Shaham

Friday, May 3 • 7pm

Following services on Friday night, May 3rd, Temple Israel of Valparaiso will be honored to host the former Shaliach to the Jewish Federation in South Bend, Yuval Shaham, now Executive Director of the Maccabi Tel Aviv Soccer Club Foundation. His talk is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana.

In his presentation, titled "Maccabi Tel Aviv: More than a Soccer Club", Yuval will share the exciting story



of Maccabi Tel Aviv both on and off the field. The Maccabi Tel Aviv Foundation, now headed by Yuval, is building bridges and changing lives in Israel society. Through its support for survivors of the Holocaust, soccer clinics that bring Arab and Jewish children together, and its work with new immigrant IDF soldiers, Maccabi Tel Aviv is truly making a difference in the lives of many Israelis.

## A Message from Rabbi Feferman

In anticipation of Passover which the Jewish world will celebrate on Friday night, April 19th, I would like to talk about getting rid of Chametz before the holiday begins.

Chametz is the ingredient that causes the dough to rise. Just before the Exodus from Egypt, the Israelites didn't have time to wait for the dough to rise before baking bread for the journey. For that historic reason we all stay away from any food and drinks made from wheat, barley, rye, oats, rice and legumes, which are forbidden on Passover because they are leavened, for the duration of the entire holiday.

Getting rid of chametz involves thorough cleaning and searching the entire house, including closets and even the pockets of clothes. However, there is a larger spiritual significance for this "spring cleaning". By cleaning our house of chametz we are also nullifying the "chametz" in our heart and burning it the day before. The Torah says that it can't even be seen in our possession!

It is interesting that Passover comes about 6 months after Yom Kippur during which we examine our behavior, our hearts, and our relationship with God, and try to become better human beings.

I guess once a year is not enough for self-examination, so 6 months later we get rid of "chametz" which symbolizes our ego. When we do that we recognize God for our good fortune in life.

Instead we thank God for the blessings of freedom He bestowed on us, which we remember every year.

Bob and I wish you and yours a happy and meaningful Passover.

### Obituaries

#### **GLORIA DAXE**

VALPARAISO—Gloria J. E. Daxe, 77, passed away March 10, 2019, with her family and friends by her side. Born Gloria June



Endsley, on Flag Day, June 14, 1941, to the late Roy and Marguerite Endsley (nee Erickson), she was a bright light in the lives of all who knew her.

A lifetime resident of Valpo, she graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1959. She worked her way through college as a waitress at Strongbow Inn, where she met her husband of 55 years, Jeff Daxe. They were married at Sinai Temple in Michigan City, on March 21,1964. Gloria was a lifelong learner, teacher and leader. She graduated with a BA in Education from Valparaiso University and later accomplished her MA. She enjoyed a career in teaching for almost 40 years in Hobart and Valparaiso, at George Earle, Hayes Leonard and Cooks Corner Elementary Schools. Everyday she shared her love of learning and endeavor for knowledge, not only with her colleagues (so many of them close friends) and students, but also with her family, friends and passersby. She was active within the sisterhood of Alpha Delta Kappa, PTA, Valparaiso Teachers/Retired Teachers Associations and the women's group of Temple Israel. Her participation on every level was always with the intent of enriching the lives of others.

#### JEFFREY DAXE

VALPARAISO—Jeffrey Daxe, 92, passed away March 30, 2019, surrounded by love, with his children at his side.



## Obituaries (continued)

He was born to the late Milton H. and Lily Elise Daxe (nee Latine), on April 12, 1926, in The Bronx. Known by family, friends, and colleagues as Jeff, Dad, Papu, Uncle Jeff and 'Jeff Daxe.' His smile and handshake were unmistakeable and his lovalty was unmatched.

Gloria and Jeff are survived by their daughter, Elise (Alex Demkovich) of Chesterton, their son, Jeffrey (Jennifer LaMont) of Beavercreek, OH, and five grandchildren: Jake Elliott, Dillon Jeffrey, Lily Katherine, Charles Henry, and Luke LaMont. Gloria is also survived by her brother Burton and predeceased by her sisters, Marge and Royann, and her brother, Butch. Jeff is predeceased by his parents and his older brother, Elliot, as well as by his loving wife Gloria.

A joint memorial service for Gloria and Jeff Daxe was held at Temple Israel of Valparaiso, on Sunday, April 7. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Indiana Dunes Learning Center at duneslearningcenter.org/give, to The Kiwanis Club of Valparaiso, to Dunes Hospice, or to Temple Israel. A celebration of life will take place this summer with close friends and family.

#### **LEONA LEVIN**

MUNSTER—Leona Lucille Levin (née Reiff), formerly of Whiting, passed away on March 3, 2019, at age 99.

Mrs. Levin was preceded in death by her husband Harry Levin of Whiting. She is survived by her three sons, Leslie Levin and Tracy Levin of El Paso, Texas, and Daniel (Beth) Levin of Glenview, Illinois and three grandchildren, Hope Levin, Anthony Reyes, and Adriana Reyes.

Mrs. Levin was born in Newark, New Jersey. She was a member of B'nai Judah synagogue in Whiting, Temple Beth-El in Munster, the

Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana (having edited the obituary section of the Federation newsletter for many years), and the Council of Jewish Women. She was a life member of Hadassah.

She served as past president of the League of Women Voters, the Clark-Franklin Mothers' Club, the Hammond Clark PTA, and Friends of the Hammond Public Library. She was an active volunteer with the Rupp Branch Public Library, the Hammond Area Reading Council, the Whiting Community Showcase Theatre, and the Hammond Public Schools. For many years, Mrs. Levin worked in the Hammond Public Schools as a Title I reading paraprofessional and later as a library aide.

Memorial services were held Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Burns-Kish Funeral Home in Munster, with Rabbi Leonard Zukrow officiating. Private burial was held in Elmwood Cemetery, Hammond.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Beth-El (Munster) or the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana.

#### MICHAEL MISELMAN

CHICAGO—Michael David Miselman passed away on March 8, 2019. Beloved son of the late Reuben Miselman and Frances Migatz.

Adored brother of the late Devorah Miselman, Dedicated uncle of H. Joshua (Katie Durick) Kotin, Jeremy L. (Evan Jacobs) Kotin, Bradley (Barrie Bloom) Levy, Ethan (Erin Coy) Levy, Jeremy Levy, Jonathan (Nina) Grossberg, and Samuel Grossberg.

Michael was an outstanding real estate lawyer with D'Ancona & Pflaum and Seyfarth Shaw LLP, until his retirement. He was a former

member of of Congregration Beth Israel, and more recently a devoted member and director of the Chicago Loop Synagogue.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, March 10, at Beth-El Cemetery in Portage. A memorial service was held Monday, March 11, at Chicago Loop Synagogue.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Michael's memory to Chicago Loop Synagogue, 16 S. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60603.

#### ANN PEKARSKY

MUNSTER—Ann Pekarsky, age 82, beloved daughter of Morris C. and C. Rebecca Pekarsky, passed away on March 9, 2019. She is survived by her beloved sister, Judith E. (nee Pekarsky) Goodman and



A graveside service was held on Tuesday, March 12, at Beth-El Cemetery in Portage. Donations in Ann's name should be made to Hadassah Medical Center (Kiryat Hadassah, POB 12000, Jerusalem 91120, Israel) or to Congregation Beth Israel (Munster).

brother-in-law Gary M. Goodman.

#### DEBBIE ROTHSCHILD

MUNSTER—Debbie Lucile Rothschild, age 63, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2019. She is survived by her brothers and sister-in-laws, Dean and Janine Rothschild and Rick and Kathy Rothschild; nieces and nephews, Kelly (Andy), Robert (Dori), Adam (Jamie), Beth (Nate) and Katie; and great nieces and nephews, Jack, Cole, Scarlett, Remi, Livi, Annie and Teresa. Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, Bettie and Alfred Rothschild. Debbie attended Horace Mann, Andrean and Munster high

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## Obituaries (continued)

schools, as well as Indiana University. She was employed for the past 30 years at Rothschild Agency.

Debbie, often known as "Aunt Debbie," was a one-of-a-kind giver and lover of life. Never one to take it all too seriously, Debbie had the best laugh, could make any situation a little lighter and gave selflessly, always making everyone around her feel special, comforted and at ease. She was kindness personified, with a caring heart and genuineness that was unmatched. The consummate helper who would go to great lengths to ensure everyone else's happiness, Debbie lived for her family, especially her nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews who felt her tremendous love and incredible generosity of spirit until her final days. Debbie was a bright light and all those who knew and loved her were lucky enough to bask in her ever-present glow. She will be missed beyond measure.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Kish Funeral Home in Munster, with Rabbi Raphael Ostrovsky officiating. Interment followed at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.org) or to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana.

#### **ESTELLE SCHWARTZ**

HIGHLAND BEACH, FL—Estelle Bernice Schwartz, 72, wife of the late Alan L. Schwartz, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 22, 2019.

Estelle was born July 3, 1946, in the Bronx and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. A top student in high school, she majored in Speech at Brooklyn College. Later, she pursued a Nursing degree, earning her R.N. while being an amazing wife and mother. Estelle is survived by her children: Hal Schwartz of Homer Glen, IL; Gayle (Jeffrey) Belenzon of Boca Raton, FL; and Jeff (Shelley) Schwartz of Chicago. Estelle is survived by 6 deeply loved grandchildren: Griffin Schwartz, Avery Schwartz, Kim Belenzon, Michelle Robichaux, Rachel Belenzon, and Marc Belenzon.

Estelle was a devoted wife, a life-saving nurse, an endlessly loving mother and grandmother, a loyal and compassionate friend and a true blessing to all that knew her. She loved being a Patron and Screening Committee member of the Judy Levis Markhoff Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival, a member of the Contemporary Glass Art Society, and a subscriber of The Palm Beach Drama Works.

A graveside service was held on Friday, March 29, at Kneseth Israel Cemetery in Hammond, where she was laid to rest beside her late husband, Alan L. Schwartz.

#### MAURICE SCHWARTZ

MUNSTER— Maurice M. Schwartz, age 75, passed away on February 25, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. Beloved father of Margo (Joel) Schwartz-Newton and Eric (Kim) Schwartz; devoted grandfather of Oliver Schwartz-Newton; loving brother of Marlene (Harry) Hemleben; and loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Alan.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 27, at Burns-Kish Funeral Home in Munster. Interment followed at Kneseth Israel Cemetery in Hammond.

#### MARJORIE E. SHARMAT

MUNSTER—Marjorie E. Sharmat, 90, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. She is survived by her sons

Craig (Colleen) Sharmat of Santa Barbara, CA, and Andrew (Lisa) Sharmat of Munster, and grandchildren Nathan and Madeline. Marjorie was preceded



in death by her parents Nathan and Anna Weinman, husband Mitchell, and sister Rosalind.

Marjorie was an author of over 130 children's books, including the "Nate the Great" series. Generations of children grew up reading her books. In addition, she was a member of the Harvard Book Club and a beloved resident of Hartsfield Village in Munster for many years.

Private services and burial took place in Massachusetts. Memorial contributions can be made to Congregation Beth Israel, Munster, IN, or to Kids Need To Read (www. kidsneedtoread.org).

#### MARJORIE ZUCKER

MILLER—Marjorie
Zucker passed away
at home on February
28, 2019, at the age of
92. She was a longtime
Gary resident and a



member of Temple Israel. She was a committed mother to her children David, Richard and Carol, Rich's wife of 27 years, and her daughter, Barbara. Marjie and her husband, Johnny, were dedicated to their kids and friends. She worked for the city of Gary for almost 20 years and for Temple Israel from 1985-1988. Marjie loved her work and being active in the community.

A memorial service was held March 10 at Temple Israel (Miller) to celebrate her life and love, led by Rabbi Carmit Harari of Shir Tikvah in Homewood, IL.

## Tribute Cards

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In memory of Ann Pekarsky.

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FRUEHAUF FAMILY HONORARY ENDOWMENT

In honor of Ernest Fruehauf's 90th birthday.

Bill Nelson

Michael, Lisa, Moe and Elaine Giglio

Thank you everyone for the birthday wishes.

Ernest & Ursula Fruehauf

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Mazal tov to Maya Koren and Tim Boer on their wedding.

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In memory of Debbie Rothschild.

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Michael Kaim

In memory of Ann Pekarsky.

Judy and Rick Katz and Family Joann and Bill Braman

Linda and Daniel Dunn

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Debbie Rothschild.

David, Carolyn, Josh and Leo Culberg

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In memory of Debbie Rothschild.

Wendy Turry

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## Donor Appreciation Evening: March 2, 2019

Federation threw a party in honor of all those who supported our 2018 Campaign. Local fan faves the unPROFESSIONALS kept the party going with over a 2-hour set!



The unPROFESSIONALS rock out.



Erin Nowakowski and Eitan Torz tend bar.



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Myrna & Sy Sarowitz (center) with Adriana & Sam Front



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2018 Campaign Chair Dana Graves greets Bill & Joann Braman and Lou Kaplan.



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