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# The Power of Change Looking Back to Move Forward

by AIDA NOZICK

Perhaps because I was a history major, I find history fascinating. My Netflix recommendations are packed with history-related documentaries on all kinds of topics. Studying history, from the large global scale to the small local community level, allows us to make sense of our past, which in turn helps us understand our present and future.

In particular, I find Northwest Indiana Jewish history fascinating. We have all heard the tired lament of how large our community *used to be*; but more often, what we need is to appreciate our active vibrancy and continued presence.

On both a large and a small scale, the American Jewish community began to seriously organize and develop in the 1840s. Immigration increased, and the first European-trained rabbis started leading major congregations. What would those early Jewish settlers think of our community today? Shifting, shrinking and disengagement are not developments unique to our community; they are the emerging reality of Jewish communities across the country. Other faiths are experiencing the same challenges.

I hope you have been enjoying our series of articles published in the Illiana News this year on Northwest Indiana Jewish history. These articles are excerpted from a book written by Trent Pendley chronicling Jewish migration and settlement in

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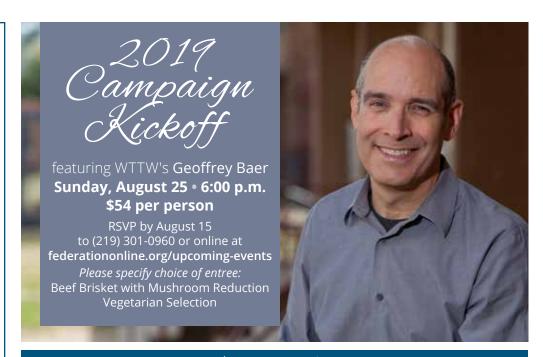
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## From the Executive Director (continued)

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Northwest Indiana from 1830 to 1950. These articles are both illustrative and inspiring in detailing how our Jewish community has continually adapted to new and challenging circumstances. It has always been a part of our DNA.

Over the last several months, part of my personal focus has been supporting a newly created committee tasked with combining two of our local religious schools into one. Between Temple Beth-El and Congregation Beth Israel, there are a total of fifty-two (52) students in our community's new religious school, to be named Masa B'Yachad, "Journey Together" (see page 7 of this issue to learn more about the school). This new school is the result of accepting, and adapting to, our community's current circumstances. Consolidation into one school ensures that our children will have more classmates, yielding a richer educational environment, even as it conserves resources. Positive cultural and fiscal outcomes will emerge out of this collaboration. Parents and children from both congregations

will naturally join in friendship, learn from each other's services, and share Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations together.

Change is adaptation, harnessing the radical and transformative potential of difference. Throughout history, for the Jewish community, survival has meant change—and then, thriving in a new way. The result of change is longevity and a continually evolving common identity. Of course, the process of change takes effort, compromise, and above all respect. As my husband often remarks, "It's not all puppy dogs and ice cream." But when we can come together and agree on these components, anything is possible.

Furthering our historical theme, on **Sunday evening**, **August 25th**, the Federation will host **Geoffrey Baer** as our guest speaker for the 2019 **Campaign Kickoff Dinner**. Mr. Baer, WTTW's wildly popular host, producer and writer, is an expert on all things in and around Chicago and Northwest Indiana. He will speak about our Jewish history in Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Please see above for ticketing information, and plan to join us at 6pm.



Rain or Shine • Lunch will be served at noon

## MUSIC · GAMES · FRIENDS · FUN!

Grades PreK-10:
Register for the new
Masa B'Yachad
Religious School

See p. 7 of this issue for more details MENU: hot dogs, hamburgers, Israeli salad, coleslaw, chips, beer & wine \*Veggie burgers available upon request with your RSVP.

## **FREE ADMISSION**

with donation of food pantry items (minimum 1 bag per family please)

Plan ahead:
NOAR teens will be selling \$1 popsicles to raise funds for their Israel trip in December. Cash only please!

RSVP by August 12 to (219) 301-0960 or online at federationonline.org/upcoming-events#BBQ

SAVE THE DATES!

# Good for Chought

FALL/WINTER 2019
BRUNCH SERIES
SUNDAYS 11:30AM-1PM



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

"The Power of Language: Interfaith Families & Our Thriving Jewish Future"

Rabbi Reni Dickman



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

"The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel"

Howard Reich, Author



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

"The Rising Tide of Antisemitism in Europe and the U.S. Today"

Dr. Günther Jikeli, Visiting Professor at IU-Bloomington

More details to come! RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at federationonline.org/ upcoming-events 2019 FEDERATION BOOK CLUB: SESSION 5

Prisoner of Her Past: A Son's Memoir by Howard Reich

Tuesday, August 6

6:00pm film • 7:00pm discussion

A moving memoir about growing up as the child of Holocaust survivors and finding refuge from silence and fear in the world of jazz. Until February 15, 2001, Howard Reich's mother, Sonia, had managed to keep almost everything about her experience of the Holocaust from her son. It is only when Sonia's memories overwhelm her and Howard begins to piece together her story that he comes to understand how his parents' lives shaped his own.



Copies of the book are available from the Federation office for \$6.

Howard Reich has been an award-winning Chicago office for \$6. Tribune arts critic and writer since 1983. His most recent book, *The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel,* was released in May 2019.

Please read the book in advance and come prepared for lively discussion facilitated by Carol Culberg. NEW: Join us at 6pm to watch Howard Reich's one-hour documentary film of the same name, before the regular 7pm discussion.

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



Believe it or not, we are now harvesting produce from Lily's Community Garden each Thursday before our Food Pantry opens at 1pm. Are you free any Thursday morning? Come and help!

Picking and packing takes about 45 minutes. (If you can spend extra time, feel free to do weeding or additional maintenance.)

You may arrive anytime between 9am and noon. Enter through the front door and check in at the Federation office. *Please wear shoes that can get muddy.* 

Sign up with a friend! All ages welcome. Call (219) 301-0960 to reserve your week, or fill out the NEW signup form online at:

federationonline.org/garden



## Community News

## **NEW FOR 2019:**

## Rosh Hashanah Kosher Catering!

Holiday meals by Debbie Herszberg & Ifrain Cruz, prepared in the Federation's kosher kitchen.

#### Reservation deadline:

Friday, September 6

#### Pickup at Federation:

Sunday, September 29, 1–3pm



## Chair Yoga

Fridays 11:15am–12:15pm

Note new time due to construction traffic. July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 23, 30 (no August 16)

Instructor Joanna Sypudt has been teaching yoga for 18 years.

**Cost: \$5 per session** at the door.

Your RSVP helps us keep you informed of changes or cancellations. RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at:

federationonline.org/ upcoming-events#Yoga



## Rosh Hashanah 2019 Catering Order Form

**ORDERING: Each (1) half-sheet pan serves 6 to 8 people.** *Serving suggestions based on 1/2 lb. meat and 1/2 cup vegetables/sides per person.* 

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Chicken with apricot chutney		\$79.00				
AMAZING homemade gefilte fish		\$59.00				
Moroccan fish balls in tomato sauce		\$59.00				
Basmati rice with almonds, pine nuts, sautéed onions & dill		\$36.00				
Rice pilaf		\$30.00				
Roasted potatoes with rosemary		\$30.00				
Grilled vegetable plate		\$36.00				
Grilled asparagus plate		\$36.00				
Sweet roasted yams with pecans & raisins		\$30.00				
String beans sautéed with tomatoes		\$30.00				
Waldorf salad		\$18.00				
Quinoa salad		\$18.00				
Beets with balsamic vinaigrette & shaved almonds		\$18.00				
Apple pie crumble		\$12.00				
Peach cobbler		\$12.00				
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## Simchas

Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (219) 301-0960 or erica@federationonline. org by August 16. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

#### MAZEL TOV...

To Iris Greenbaum on the birth of her newest grandson, William Philip Greenbaum. Proud parents are Evan & Elizabeth Greenbaum.

To Allie Hurwich on her July 4 wedding to Brett Dresner, Proud mom is **Karyn Hurwich**.

To Lucas Katona on celebrating his bar mitzvah at Congregation Beth Israel on May 11. Proud parents are David & Kim Katona.

To **Jessica Serber** on her graduation with honors from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and begins her career as a registered nurse at the University of Virginia hospital in Charlottesville, VA the end of July. Proud parents are Laurie & Mitchell Serber.

To Mark & Mona Stern on their 60th wedding anniversary.



To **Eli Stricker** on his graduation from Munster High School. Now on to Purdue School of Engineering. Proud parents are Randi & Lou Stricker. Proud grandparents are Bobbye & Sonny Schatz.

To **Ceil & Michael Tristano** on the naming of their granddaughter June Martinez Tristano at Temple Israel (Valparaiso) on Friday, June 21.

## Supporting Your Federation

## Rosh Hashanah Greetings

For less than the cost of 8 cards and postage, you can send a New Year's greeting to over 850 member households in the September 2019/High Holiday 5780 issue of the Illiana News. Estimated in-home date is Monday, September 9. Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday night, September 29.

Complete the form below and return it to the Federation office by Friday, August 16. You can also submit your greeting online at federationonline. org/greetings until Monday, August 19.











## Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5780

## **CHOOSE YOUR LEVEL**

- ☐ Shofar (Blue) \$18
- ☐ Honey (Brown) \$36
- ☐ Apple (Red) \$54
- ☐ Pomegranate (Gold) \$72

#### YOUR NAME

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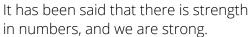
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## Masa B' Jachad Religious School

## A New Religious School

## Masa B'Yachad—Journey Together

by LISA GIGLIO, Chair, School Board



We are very pleased to announce the formation of a combined religious school of Congregation Beth Israel and Temple Beth-El students, although any family who is a member of a congregation in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties (the area served by the lewish Federation of Northwest Indiana) may attend this year. A committee has been formed and has been very busy. Special thanks to the following people who have volunteered their time, ideas and energy: Jeremy Friedberg, Francie Gerson, Michael Gideon, Marilyn Hirsch, Jessie Jury, and Richard Marks, along with the guidance of Aida Nozick and the Jewish Federation's support.

We welcome our new principal, Mindy Miller, to the community. Although Mindy currently lives in



Munster, she and her husband raised their sons in the South Suburbs of Illinois and in Northwest Indiana. Mindy has immense experience with religious schools, from being a teacher to serving as principal, and including the process of merging Conservative and Reform religious schools into one student body.

When you meet Mindy, you cannot help but smile. She has an infectious and warm smile which easily provides comfort and makes you feel relaxed. We are very fortunate to have Mindy's expertise and willingness to help us on this incredible journey together.

We hope you will all join us on Sunday, August 18 from 11am–2pm at the Federation for the 4th Annual Community BBQ and religious school registration. For those who do not yet know Mindy, this will be a chance to introduce yourself. The BBQ will also provide an opportunity to mingle with other parents and students as well as the extended community, all while eating delicious food and listening to wonderful music. Although this event is free to all community members, we ask that you bring a bag of non-perishable groceries for the Federation Food Pantry.

Masa B'Yachad will officially begin on Wednesday, August 21 for those attending Hebrew school (grades 3-7), and then for all students (grades Pre-K through 10) on Sunday, August 25. Classes for the year 2019 will be held at Temple Beth-El, and then the second half of the school year beginning in January will be at Congregation Beth Israel.

And away we go..... ON OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER!! 🏶

## **Introducing Mindy**

by MINDY MILLER, Incoming Principal, Masa B'Yachad

My name is Mindy Miller and I am so excited to be the principal of the new community school, Masa B' Yachad, which literally means *journey together*. I am honored to be a part of this journey as both Congregation Beth Israel and Temple Beth-El schools become one.

For the last twenty-one years I have worked for Temple Anshe Sholom in Olympia Fields. In 2005 I became their religious school principal, and in 2014 Temple Anshe Sholom's religious school

joined with another Reform and Conservative school to form Beit AmiChai School of Jewish Education. I am sure that the experience I gained from that transition will serve me well and help me guide CBI and TBE on their transition to Masa B' Yachad.

I can't wait to meet all the families and begin our journey together.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, August 18
Community BBQ and
Religious School Registration
11:00am at Federation

Wednesday, August 21
First Day of Hebrew School
(Grades 3-7)
4:30-6:00pm
at Temple Beth-El

Sunday, August 25
First Day of Sunday School
9:00am (Grades 3-7)
9:30-11:30am (Gr. Pre-K-10)
at Temple Beth-El

## KTon Ton Preschool



It has been a summer full of sun and fun at Camp K'Ton Ton!

As sad as we are for summer to end, we anxiously await the start of school! We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Christina Ankenbruck to the KTon Ton staff. Ms. Christina will be teaching a new preschool class—our 3-days preschoolers. Ms. Christina comes to us after spending 5 years teaching preschool in Pennsylvania. She has a background in Music Education and is excited to expand our musical offerings!

As we prepare for next school year, the teachers are thrilled to be attending a 2-day training with Conscious Discipline. We are starting our second year working with Conscious Discipline. Conscious Discipline (consciousdiscipline.com) is a comprehensive, research based emotional intelligence program which strives to develop self-discipline within the child instead of seeing discipline as something we must do to the child. Developed by Dr. Becky Bailey, an internationally renowned expert in child psychology, it is based on current brain research, child development information, and developmentally appropriate practices.

We are always looking for substitute teachers! If you'd be interested in filling in when needed at K'Ton Ton, please contact Erin at (219) 301-0961 or erin@federationonline.org.

We wish you well! @













## JCY 2019 Is In Full Swing

## Camp Enrollment Up Over 35% From 2018

by RACHEL SIEFFERT, JCY Camp Director

JCY Day Camp, widely known as one of the most popular and trusted summer camps in Northwest Indiana, has started its 16th year with some new and exciting changes. I'm thrilled to tell you that some of those changes have helped increase enrollment and attract new campers. This year our enrollment is up to 92 campers, compared to 67 last year.

JCY's Traditional Day Camp runs from 8:30am-3:00pm Monday through Friday, which helps campers ease into a summer routine similar to that of a typical school day. Aftercare is available until 5:00pm to accommodate the needs of working parents. New this year are flexible weekly options, which allow families to choose weeks that best work with their family travel and summer schedules. Parents asked, and we listened! We chose to offer a minimum enrollment option of two weeks, as we believe we need sufficient time to get to know the child and the child to get to know us for a successful camp experience.

At JCY, campers continue to participate in swimming and golf lessons at Briar Ridge Country Club three times a week. Daily crafts, outdoor games, and entertainment are offered as well. Also carefully planned into the camp's six themed weeks are DJ parties, bowling on rainy days, and various other activities. In addition, JCY will also take field trips to Oak Ridge Prairie, Zig-E's Funland, and Lincoln Park Zoo this summer. We also continue to offer lunches five days a week.

I'm both excited and fortunate to be able to say that I've been at JCY for thirteen of its sixteen years. This year, I started my ninth year as director alongside my trusted Assistant Directors Brooke Burczyk and Heather Olson. Every year I tell our counselors, "If you're having fun, the kids are having fun". One of the ways



I measure our camp's success is by the number of staff members that return year after year. I am happy to say 8 counselors have returned this year to be part of our JCY family.

I'm more than excited to continue the JCY tradition of providing some good old-fashioned summer fun. Here's to another great year at MIGHTY, MIGHTY, MIGHTY, MIGHTY, MIGHTY, MIGHTY, WIGHTY, W







## Noarl Atio







#### JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUPS!

NOAR is a youth group for grades 9-12. ATID is a youth group for grades 6-8. For information, contact Rachel Saller, Youth Programming Advisor, at rachel@federationonline.org or (219) 301-0960.



Noar enjoyed an end-of-year BBQ on May 29. It was our last event with the Class of 2019, as well as with our shaliach Eitan, who is likewise heading off to college in the fall! Best wishes to all.

# Trivia Night for Noar/Atid PARENTS!

Wednesday, July 31 · 7:00pm

Region Ale House (1080 U.S. 41, Schererville)

It's summer and it's time for the parents to have some fun! Come out on Wednesday, July 31, to Region Ale House for trivia night! Trivia starts at 7pm and light appetizers will be provided.

RSVP by Monday, July 29 to Rachel Saller: rachel@federationonline.org or (219) 301-0960

## SAVE THE DATE!

## Noar/Atid Hiking At the Dunes

Sunday, October 6 • Indiana Dunes State Park

Carpool from Federation or meet us there

Watch your email for details!



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## Prime Timers



**THURSDAY, JULY 25** 

# Michigan City Boat Cruise

Time: 9:15am-4:00pm

Cost: \$45 / non-members \$50

Includes 2-hour cruise and roundtrip bus transportation.

Lunch (separate checks) will follow the cruise:

Panini Panini Euro Bistro (1720 Franklin Street, Michigan City)
NAMED #7 IN YELP'S TOP 50 RESTAURANTS IN INDIANA

## **SOLD OUT!**



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

# Challenger Learning Center

**Cost:** FREE! This great learning experience is subsidized by Prime Timers. Includes planetarium show and custom science lab demonstration.

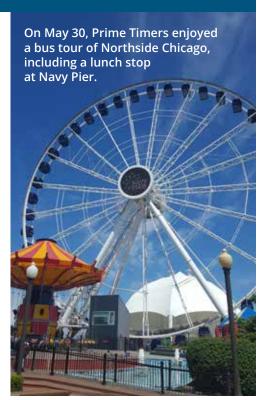
**Time:** Meet at the Challenger Learning Center (2300 173rd St, Hammond) at **9:45am**.

Lunch (separate checks) will follow at 12pm: House of Pizza (7008 Indianapolis Blvd, Hammond) Must RSVP by Monday, August 12 to Rachel Saller, (219) 301-0960.

ALL RETURN TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. \*Your payment is your reservation.

No refunds. Make checks payable to **Prime Timers** and mail or bring to:

Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, 585 Progress Ave., Munster, IN 46321.





## Save the Dates!

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

Lunch @ Livio's Restaurant

8267 Wicker Ave, St. John

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 Morton Arboretum

Coach bus trip to Lisle, Illinois, with an hour-long tram ride tour.



## Adult Friendship Club

#### **AFC JULY EVENTS**

Wednesday, July 24 (at CBI): 12:00pm Sloppy joes, chips, veggie sticks & hummus, fruit salad • 1:00pm The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, Season 2 Episode 7

Wednesday, July 31 (at Federation):
12:00pm Pasta primavera, caesar salad, garlic bread, strawberry shortcake •
1:00pm Sit Down & Dance! Movement Program with Ms. Katie

#### **COMING IN AUGUST**

Monday, August 5: 1:00pm "Page Turners" Book Club: Bee Season by Myla Goldberg

Wednesday, August 7: Over the Tavern
Wednesday, August 28: 12:00pm Lunch
(menu TBD) • 1:00pm Singer/Guitarist
Adam Gawlikowski







## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7—RSVP BY JULY 29!

# AFC Goes to Theatre at the Center:

## Over the Tavern

12pm Lunch • 2pm Play Theatre at the Center (1040 Ridge Road, Munster) \$45 AFC members/\$55 non-members

#### Space is limited—Reservations required by July 29.

Indicate Lunch Choice On Your Check: Baked Cod OR Baked Chicken

\*\*\*Your payment is your reservation\*\*\*

Please make your check payable to Adult Friendship Club and bring or mail to: Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, 585

Progress Ave., Munster, IN 46321

## Friendship Day Luncheon at Teibel's: June 12, 2019



Marilyn Goldfarb, Corinne Keleher, and Ellamarie Boersma



Nancy Bunn, Shirlee Grish, Betty Bryan, and Shirley Basta



Sandi Sherman, Pat Jacobson, Judy Geller, and Helene Elias



Myrna & Sy Sarowitz, Chuck & Donna Gross



Judie Sidenbender, Gloria Walton, Carrie Morris, and Barbara Bard



Shirley Krugman and Sylvia Strick



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# Submit Nominations for Federation's Board of Directors

#### by BARBARA WAXMAN

Members of the Jewish community are invited to suggest names of qualified individuals to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana.

Qualities sought in board members include a concern and understanding of the needs of the Jewish community; a record of Jewish Federation campaign contributions in accordance with the individual's

abilities; knowledge of and activity in Jewish life; experience and ability necessary for Federation work; and a commitment to devote the time necessary to board meetings, committee work, and campaign responsibilities.

The twenty member board meets nine times a year. Various committees monitor and recommend programs for Jewish Community Services and Jewish Community Relations, strengthen our relationship to Israel including our partnership with the Western Galilee, and plan and execute the annual campaign. Other committees focus on finance, board governance, communications and the Federation building.

New directors will be elected for two-year terms at Federation's Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Suggestions for nominees should be submitted to Aida Nozick (aida@federationonline. org) no later than September 6 on the nomination form below.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM NAME HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY \_\_\_\_ BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_ PAST HISTORY/ACTIVITIES WITH IEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Board affiliations, Volunteer activities, Clubs, Professional Assns., etc.) EXPERTISE/SKILLS THAT CAN BE PROVIDED TO FEDERATION \_\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER BOARD MEMBERS KNOWN BY CANDIDATE\_\_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

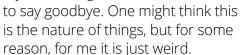
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## From Our Shaliach

## Goodbye, Northwest Indiana!

by EITAN TORZ

After almost 52 weeks in Northwest Indiana, I find myself looking for words



Often, while driving from Munster to Miller or Valparaiso or Chicago, I would listen to this podcast called "The Moth"—a storytelling podcast with people from all over the world telling their stories. A big part of my job here in the community is to tell my story, and with this story, try to connect people to Israel, more so than to myself. It is almost as if my whole world depends on what stories I tell and how. I would listen carefully to the podcast, trying to think what makes a story unique and good. I started wondering how I will tell the story of my "shlichut", my experience in NWI. Apparently this task is not that simple. There are so many people to include, so many experiences to laugh about, so many things to discuss and think about.

Some stories in these podcasts, I remember more clearly than others.

I could not help but ask myself how I can make my story with the community in Northwest Indiana memorable. I figure it has to have had some impact on me, some meaning or something that touched me. This has been my mission in my shlichut: making meaningful connections here.

For the past 52 weeks I have dealt with the fact that I was a stranger in a strange land. It means that at times you are alone, at times you are surrounded with so many people, at times you miss home, and at times you are just thankful for having this opportunity. At times you hate the snow, and—well, you always love the sun. One of the things that we shlichim experience is a constant doubt of "What am I doing here?", "Am I doing enough?", and "Where is this going?" I can't tell you that I knew all the answers to those questions, but this is what makes my story here a good story. And if I were to tell it back in Israel, I would tell it this way:

I was once a shaliach who made a home, 5,000 miles away from his home. I made a home where they speak English, and where they have dinners a little earlier than what I am used to. I made home a place which not too many Israelis can say that they have. I made amazing friends who taught me the culture, and the challenges they face, choosing to

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share the same faith as I but far from my home. I was not sure at first how I was going to make this feel like home. I did speak the language but did not speak "American" yet. I knew I wanted to build a community around Israel. I knew that to do so, I would have to get as personal and as open as I can. I opened myself up and talked about my family. I cooked my family recipes together with them. I gave lectures and made tons of activities with the community, sharing my point of view about this place I come from. I was not always sure what effect it would have. I met dozens of kids who knew what a "Shaliach" is,

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On June 11, Eitan gave a talk about Israel at the Dyer-Schererville branch of the Lake County Public Library, The program was cosponsored by the American Association of University Women–Calumet Branch.

## Book Except: Indiana Fewish History

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

by TRENT D. PENDLEY

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# PART THREE THE ANTEBELLUM AND VICTORIAN ERAS: EARLY JEWS IN SMALL DEVELOPING TOWNS

The 6,200<sup>1</sup> Jews who make up the contemporary Jewish communities of northwestern Indiana trace their historical origins to nameless fur traders and travelers who probably passed along the local pioneer routes and aborigine portages after 1763. It is unlikely that any practicing Jews visited the Calumet Region during the French period or before the year 1763 when they were banned entry to New France. No Jews were known anywhere in New France throughout its history, according to the Encyclopaedia Judaica. 18 However, David Eichhorn's article in Jewish Folklore in America notes Jewish fur traders having been evicted from the Mississippi valley in 1724 and two of them burned at the

1 This number reflects the demographics when this paper was researched from 1978-1982; however, by the time of its initial publication in 2004, the Jewish population had dropped to 3,000 in Lake and Porter Counties.

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stake in present-day Indiana.19 When New France became a possession of the British, colonial English Jews, such as the fur trader Isaac Levy<sup>2</sup> of the well-known trading firm Trent, Franks, and Levy, had probably bartered furs about the local marshes during the latter part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>20</sup> By 1773, three years prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution, a large tract of land had been acquired from the Indians by the Illinois and Wabash Land Companies, in which eight lewish fur traders were important shareholders.<sup>21</sup> Thus, as Bernard Postal and Lionel Koppman wrote in *A Jewish* Tourist Guide:

"Few Jewish Hoosiers know that the title of their state song 'On the Banks of the Wabash Far Away' describes the site of the earliest Jewish link with Indiana."<sup>22</sup>

After the American Revolution and during the early 1800's when American settlements emerged about the dunes country, Jewish transients and settlers also arrived from the East as peddlers and merchants. The nineteenth century pioneer Jews of what was then considered America's West, gravitated to hamlets with promising futures; among these were the local ports of Chicago and Michigan City. Chicago ultimately triumphed over Michigan City as a major lake port after securing a larger harbor, which enhanced its trade and population to the point that the Fort Dearborn

2 Isaac Levy, a Sephardic Jew with English roots, is known to have been at Fort Wayne in 1764. Indiana's first known Jewish resident was John Jacob Hays (1770-1836) who was at Fort Wayne as early as 1790. He was the son of Revolutionary War Lieutenant Baruch Hays and of English-Sephardic ancestry.

#### 21 Ibid.

22 Postal, Bernard and Lionel Koppman, *Jewish Tourist Guide to the U.S.A.*; 1954; Pages 161-162.

town became the 'Gateway to the American West.' Juxtaposed to Chicago's rapid growth was its burgeoning Jewish community, which had commenced in 1832 or one year before the village was incorporated as a town.<sup>23</sup>

Michigan City, Indiana, despite its early successes, remained a relatively small city, and unfortunately due to the lack of historical resource material its early Jewish history prior to 1851 is presently unknown. Nevertheless, it is undoubtedly presumed that during Michigan City's early years of rapid growth, Jews temporarily lived there too, as they did at Chicago. Some of the earliest known Jews at Michigan City were Hannah (neé Simon) and Jacob Meyer, 1855 immigrants from Russia. Jacob had peddled dry goods until he was able to open a store. In time he served as an Alderman and also on the Michigan City Council. The Meyers and Bernhard Moritz lived in Michigan City without any Jewish communal organizations, but three such organizations had been established in the county seat at LaPorte, and a congregation as early as 1854.24 More distant Jewish congregations could be found at Chicago as early as 1840 and at Fort Wayne by 1848; Lafayette in 1849; both Evansville and Madison in 1853; and Indianapolis by 1856.

The Jews of LaPorte are hereto known as having established the first Jewish community in all of northwestern Indiana because of the communal organizations that arose there during the 1850s. LaPorte Jewry established a Hebrew Congregational Society in 1854 and dedicated the B'nai Zion synagogue in 1868 on the corner of Indiana Avenue and First Street.<sup>25</sup> This Reform congregation included most of LaPorte's Jews and also members from Chicago, Valparaiso, Plymouth, Kokomo, Shelbyville and Michigan City. Jacob Wile, born in Bavaria

23 Encyclopaedia Judaica; 1978; Vol. 5, Page 411.

24 History of LaPorte County; Chas. C. Chapman, Co.; 1880; Page 776; and Richter, Karl. *History of Sinai Temple*; 1963.

25 Stern, History of B'ne Zion; Page 1.

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in 1828 and proprietor of the Citizen's Bank in LaPorte established in 1857, was an early president of the congregation. He had arrived in LaPorte in 1854. Jacob Wile and Jacob Meyer of Michigan City were the only local Jews prominent enough by 1880 to be featured in the History of LaPorte County published in that year. A subsequent county history published in 1904 also included Isadore Spiro, Samuel Fox and J. Guggenheim. In 1864 Fox and Guggenheim, along with Simon Wile (Jacob Wile's brother), established the Fox Woolen Mills, an important industry in LaPorte.

Another early Jewish institution at LaPorte was the Hebrew Relief Society, which administered aid to Jewish families in times of sickness and death.<sup>29</sup> The B'nai Zion congregation sold its temple circa 1898, and for a while services were held in private homes. The B'nai Zion Cemetery Association established in 1867 is the only remaining Jewish organization in LaPorte.<sup>30</sup>

Most telling about the early history of the Jews of the Indiana Dunes country are old gravestones dating back to 1837 in what was once the Walker Cemetery in LaPorte and that pre-date the B'nai Zion gardens, and what are believed to be those of Jewish peddlers;<sup>31</sup> Alas, their inscriptions are illegible.

Michigan City Jewry became predominant in LaPorte County only after 1890, when numbers of Eastern European Jews began to arrive and form communal organizations. An Orthodox congregation, Adath Israel, was founded near the turn of the century and later built a

26 Chapman; History of LaPorte County; Page 666.

27 Ibid; Pages 666, 766.

28 Daniels, Rev. E.D.; A Twentieth Century History and Biographical Record of LaPorte County, Indiana; 1904; Pages 691-692; 668-669.

29 Wimberly II, W. William. Jewish Experience in Indiana Before the Civil War; An Introduction; 1976; Page 10.

30 Ibid.

31 The LaPorte Herald-Argus; August 15, 1991; as in The Historical News; Indiana Jewish Historical Society; August 2001.

synagogue in 1907 on Seventh Street. Meanwhile, "the first Reform Jewish services observed in Michigan City were held in a rented hall during the high holidays of 1904."32 Sinai Congregation was organized in 1912 and dedicated Sinai Temple on Pine Street in 1930. Other Jewish organizations in Michigan City were the Oheb Shalom Cemetery Association, founded in 1900 and superceded in 1941 by the Sinai Temple Cemetery, and the Jewish Ladies Aid Society, organized in 1920 and superceded by the Sinai Temple Sisterhood.33 Michigan City also indirectly hosted a large seasonal crowd that came to the nearby summer beach resorts along the shore and up to New Buffalo, across the state line in Michigan and Michiana on the Indiana side of the state line. Meyer Levin's 1937 novel *The Old Bunch*, written while he was residing in a shack near Valparaiso, chronicles the adventures of Chicago youth making the Indiana dunes a summertime playground early in the century.3 Nevertheless, the resident community continued to grow, and in 1953 a new Sinai Temple was dedicated at 2800 Franklin Street, facing a main throughway in this lakeside community.4 Sinai Temple became affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in 1945.34 The sister congregation, Adath Israel, no longer exists, nor does the former congregation at nearby LaPorte. LaPorte's Jews largely affiliate with the community organizations in Michigan City, the latter which is also largely synonymous with Sinai Temple.

3 See *The Old Bunch* (New York: Viking Press, 1937) A self-portrait on the overleaf the author wrote the shack he wrote this novel in was in a nudist colony, near Valparaiso, the only place he could find quiet and privacy.

4 This synagogue was designed by Loebl, Schlossman and Bennett who also designed the Chicago Loop Synagogue and the Richard J. Daley Center.

32 Richter, Page 1. 33 Ibid. 34 Ibid. Trent D. Pendley is a fine jeweler, writer, historian and an advocate for social justice. He is also a gardener, avid reader and collector of fine arts. He is responsible for an Indiana Historical Marker for Pulitzer-winning author Edwin Way Teale in Furnessville.

Crown Point was another early northwestern Indiana town which attracted lewish settlers before the massive wave of Eastern European immigration. H.H. Levis in 1864 opened a Tobacco and Cigar Store, located three doors west of the original Crown Point Post Office. Levis advertised in the Crown Point Register newspaper: "That he will always keep a full stock on hand Cash paid for rags, old iron, copper, etc."35 Timothy Ball, Lake County's first historian, wrote that there were lewish students enrolled at the Crown Point (Teacher's) Institute while it existed from 1865 to 1880, about the same time as Levis' settlement in the hub city of Lake County.36 In later years, Isaac Lowenburg, owner of one Chicago Leader Store, which was advertised in the Crown Point weekly newspapers, often visited the town for monthly horse auctions.37 He also owned a couple of farms near the county seat. 38 Morris Levine, a Russian-born merchant of LaPorte, opened the Boston Store on Crown Point's courthouse square in 1897.39 This establishment remained as one of the primary hallmarks of the Crown Point business community for nearly a century. Several more Jewish families arrived by the turn-of-the-century and established textile factories and businesses. Most of these merchants were prominent advertisers in the local weekly newspapers, The Lake County Star

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35 Crown Point Register; May 11, 1865.

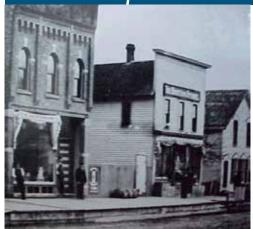
36 Ball, Timothy; Lake County from 1832 to 1872; 1873; Page 130.

37 Crown Point Register; November 18, 1892.

38 Interview with Erna Schleuter; 1976.

39 Interview with Morrie Levine.

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Morris Levine's Boston Store (middle building) on the west side of the courthouse square in Crown Point before the turn of the 20th century. A later day store would grace the east side of the square.

and the *Crown Point Register*. Among the turn-of-the-century Jewish families at Crown Point were the Auerbachs, Goots, Pozars, Wallersteins, Weinbergs, and Westermans. Later following the Russian Boshevik Revolution came the Valdmans, who operated a large dairy farm<sup>6</sup>.

Louis Sonnenschein of Chicago with two other investors filed for the corporation papers of the Crown Brewing Company on May 17, 1895, with the capital of \$1,000,000.<sup>7</sup> The brewery remained until 1910 when it was moved to Hammond and then subsequently closed with the onset of Prohibition.<sup>40</sup> Ben Arnstein was the company's bookkeeper, but it is unknown if he ever resided in Crown Point or only visited from Chicago.<sup>41</sup>

Beginning in 1903, Orthodox services were held in the home of Meyer I. Winer

5 Pozar's grandson, attorney A. Martin Katz, would become the Mayor of Gary in 1964-67 and attend President Lyndon B. Johnson's Inauguration in Washington, DC.

6 Valdman Drive would be named after this family and Taft Junior High School would be built on their former dairy.

7 It is not known if Louis was related to Hugo and his brother who founded the Sonnenschein Law firm in the Loop, or their brother who was the President of the University of Illinois.

40 Crown Point 125th Anniversary Committee; Souvenir of Crown Point's Anniversary; Lake County Star Press; 1959; Page 81. 41 Ibid. (1866-1937). The Winers' Queen Anne residence at 426 South Court Street had been built in 1884 for Sheriff Rodman H. Wells (1838-1906).<sup>42</sup> Wells at one time had been the wealthiest man in the county, and the house he had built rests along Ruffle Shirt Hill, the town's most prominent area, supposedly named after the nineteenth century residents who wore ruffled shirts. Meyer Winer possessed a Torah, and on the lewish High Holidays a Chicago cantor visited the family to conduct services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.<sup>43</sup> The Winers, who had moved to Crown Point in 1903, eventually moved their business and home to Hammond in 19168. Thereafter services were held for some time in the Pozar home on West Street.44

At Lowell, Indiana, the German-born Westerman family maintained a store during the 1870s. Another Westerman family later moved to Crown Point before the turn of the 20th century. Later at Lowell in 1896, H. Gershman, a Russian Jewish immigrant, opened a tailor shop and resided there for many years.<sup>45</sup>

8 Louis Winer (1904-1994) was the only Winer child born in Crown Point. He moved with his family to Hammond in 1916. He later became president of Winer Manufacturing Company and also helped found Camp Ramah in Wisconsin in 1947. In 1949 he was the president and founder of the Jewish Conservative Men's Club of Chicago. He served as president of Congregation Rodfei-Zedek of Chicago from 1961 to 1963. Louis was also the founder of the Solomon Schechter Day Schools of Chicago and served as vice-president. He was also a member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America from 1952 to 1981. From 1952 to 1955 he was a vice-president of the United Synagogue of America. He helped to found the Conservative/Masorti movement in Israel, and assisted the founding of Kibbutz Hanaton, the Tali school system, and NOAM (a Masorti youth movement).

42 Pendley, Trent D. *The First Walk: Crown Point Chamber of Commerce Walking Tour;* 1998
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At Porter County, the only hereto known 19th century Jewish community was in Valparaiso, the county seat. Jacob Lowenstine has been accredited as being one of the earliest lews in Valparaiso, an inland town located on the Sauk Trail. Jacob and his brother Moe Lowenstine were two lewish peddlers of northern Indiana who traded in the rural communities during the 1880s. "Moe, the younger of the two, opened a store at Brenmen in Marshall County. Jacob, the elder, set up shopkeeping in Valparaiso."46 Lowenstine's Department Store, a hallmark of the Valparaiso town square, dominated nearly the whole block. Early in the 20th century, Lowenstine's attracted shoppers from as far away as Crown Point, where it advertised weekly in that town's newspapers.

A Jewish congregation in Valparaiso was founded in 1920 when Adas Israel was organized. Services were held in private homes, and High Holiday services were held in the Knights of Columbus Hall from 1930 through 1946. In 1946 the local community purchased a building on Washington Street and founded Temple Israel, a Reform congregation. A Jewish garden at the local Graceland Cemetery was dedicated in 1952.47

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by MARK B. SPERLING, Ed.D.

On June 23, I attended the dedication of our new interfaith bench in Marquette Park. The clergy from Marquette Park Methodist Church, St. Barnabas, Bethel Lutheran, St. Mary's of the Lake, and Temple Israel all prayed that the bench would be a symbol of the community's commitment to interfaith partnership and would be a long-lasting place along the lake for all of us to enjoy the beauty, not only of the bench, but of the view it commands.

It struck me that our Temple's interfaith activities are probably our most important activity in this community. From Trivia Night in January, to the Peace and Justice Seder in March/April, to the Interfaith Thanksgiving service in November at St. Mary's of the Lake, we have the opportunity to interact with the

richness of all of the religions that make up Northwest Indiana.

The new Haggadah for our Peace and Justice Seder was redesigned to reflect the interfaith quality of the Seder. Members of the Catholic. Baptist, Lutheran, Sikh, Christian and Jewish communities came together at our Temple at the end of Passover to pray for peace and justice for our community, country, and world. Passover, one of our most sacred holidays, recalls the Lord's liberation of the Jewish People from Egypt. This event complements our Social Action Committee's ongoing partnership with the Social Justice Committee of St. Mary's of the Lake. Among other important social action topics, the joint committees have embarked on outreach activities to bring attention to the plight of the children and adult

immigrants who want to enter the United States for the freedom that it brings them.

Throughout the past year, we have grown in our interfaith efforts to pay tribute to the richness that it brings to each of us and how each of us shares our own richness with this community.

Please join with us each Friday at 7:30 as we join together for peace, justice, and harmony in the community, the country, and the world through prayer and discussion. I also invite all of you to participate in the numerous Federation activities that bring together the entire lewish and interfaith community on a regular basis, and in the activities that our fellow congregations put on to support our mission to the Northwest Indiana community. All of these provide a foundation for us as Jews to celebrate the richness of Judaism and all the religions that surround us on a daily basis.

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## What I Learned from the Rebbe

#### by RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV

This article originally appeared in The Times of Israel (blog.timesofisrael.com).

Countless articles and stories have been written about the Lubavitcher Rebbe, of righteous memory; about his life, his global impact, his teachings, and his concern for every single Jew. But more than anything else, if you knew the Rebbe, or are in any way connected to him, there will be something from the Rebbe's life that you can apply to your own, especially in our collective mission to make the world a better place.

With that in mind, and in honor of the Rebbe's yahrtzeit on the 3rd of Tammuz (July 6), here is some of what I've learned from the Rebbe and how I try to apply it to my life. To be sure, this is but a drop in the bucket of how the Rebbe impacted me, but for the sake of this column, I've limited it to three specific items.

#### **YOU MATTER**

Anyone that ever had a conversation with the Rebbe will attest that at that moment you felt that for him there was nothing else in the world but you. The Rebbe held you in his gaze and nothing else mattered to him. These conversations and interactions

could have been as brief as several seconds or as long as a few hours.

I remember once receiving a dollar from the Rebbe (which he would distribute on occasion—with a blessing—in order for the recipient to later give to charity) and being the well-mannered child my parents raised me to be, I said "A dank" (thank you, in Yiddish). I was already being moved along by the Rebbe's attendants, but as I was leaving he looked at me and responded, "Tzu gezunt" (lit: to health, a Yiddish expression for "you're welcome"). It may seem like no big deal, but at that moment, I was ecstatic. Not only did the Rebbe give me a dollar, but he actually acknowledged me!

To the Rebbe every single person was important, and he made sure you knew it.

#### **DON'T STOP**

Someone was once given a task by the Rebbe, and he told the Rebbe he would do his best to fulfill it, adding, "Im yirtze Hashem" (G-d willing). The Rebbe responded, "G-d wants it, but you need to want it too..."

The Rebbe was not one to slack off, and he expected no less from

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

his followers. While nobody is perfect, the Rebbe demanded that we strive to always do just a bit more than before. Life is a steady climb to the top and you will only get there one step at a time, without giving up. Just being better than yesterday is already an accomplishment, but don't stop there; there is always something more to be done.

#### **OPPOSITES ATTRACT**

The Rebbe did not believe in paradoxes. He felt that everything that G-d created in this world must be streamlined, even if on the surface things are meant to be opposites. This was evident in the way he fused the various elements of Torah in his teachings. But most importantly, while so many religious thinkers are of the opinion that in order to maintain their religious identity, communities must remain insular, the Rebbe believed that the way to change the world is to be involved in it.

You can't escape progressiveness or modernism, but you can utilize them for appropriate goals. Chabad today is testament to the Rebbe's foresight in this area. Whether it was technology or current fads, the Rebbe encouraged their use—granted, within the limitations of halacha—for the greater good. If G-d placed it in this world, there must be a way to put it to use.

As I said, this is but a snippet of how the Rebbe influenced me. I encourage you to read more about the Rebbe at www.therebbe.org.



Chabad's pre-Shavuot "Flowers & Cheesecake" women's event.

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## Summer: A Time of Opportunity

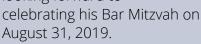
#### by RABBI LEN ZUKROW

Summer offers a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the leisure time this time of year provides. It has been my practice over the years to offer suggestions to add a Jewish dimension to our summer leisure time.

Many of us may engage in Torah or Bible study during the year, which is worth celebrating; however, many of us due to demands of work and family life may not have the occasion to engage in such learning. While learning in a group is desirable for the benefit of interchange and "raising" our understanding of the material, one can surely advance their own learning with self-study. Better yet, follow the ancient practice of finding a study partner: a "chaver", a friend, to enter "chavruta" learning.

MEET OUR NEWEST BAR MITZVAH: JACK SKLAR

Jack is a 7th grader at Wilbur Wright Middle School. Along with his older brother, Henry, and proud parents Anna and Jay, Jack is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mit



When not studying his Torah and Haftorah portions, Jack enjoys playing golf and baseball, playing PS4, reading books, playing drums and percussion, and drinking coffee. At Temple, in addition to singing with the junior choir, Jack is 1st chair in the bongos section.

One of the best examples of this practice can be found in Barbara Streisand's film *Yentl*, which I strongly recommend.

The Internet is replete with resources for Torah/Bible learning. My "go to" list includes:

- Rabbi Rick Jacobs' podcast "On The Other Hand: Ten Minutes of Torah" provided by the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ.org).
- Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks was the chief rabbi of the United Kingdom from 1991 to 2013. His "Covenant & Conversation" weekly reflections on the Torah reading are insightful and enlightening (rabbisacks.org).
- Should you want to challenge yourself, Dr. Avivah Zornberg offers an in-depth analysis of the weekly Torah reading through the lens of literature, philosophy, psychology and art.

If text study is not of interest, a plethora of Jewish works can be accessed at the Jewish Book Council's annual National Jewish Book Awards (jewishbookcouncil.org). Novels, books on Jewish history, or biographies... the options are endless.

Many of us will travel this summer: nearby, in the region, throughout the United States, in Israel or Europe. Wherever we may be, we can find a Jewish dimension to our visits. Seek out Jewish sites and their history—I have never been disappointed. In fact, more often than not, such visits are not only enlightening and enriching, they may lead to meeting native members of the Jewish community, fulfilling the text "all of Israel are friends one to another."

Perhaps you are a gardener, of vegetables or flowers. Each connects us to the land and our awareness that the food or flowers we grow are the result of a shared covenant with God, who provides what we need to meet our food needs and provide beauty in our world. We learn to connect to the land and in so doing develop a sense of gratitude for what the land provides. Perhaps, with this recognition of appreciation, we can extend ourselves to support those who need food through active support of local food pantries, our local regional food banks and, of course, our own food pantry and community garden through the Federation.

Summer is indeed a time filled with opportunity. All that we need to do is what we hear in Torah: "na'aseh"—do it! Enjoy.



## Congregation Beth Israel-Munster



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# ISRAEL TODAY: A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR RON DERMER

Sunday, August 4, 11am–12:10pm: Join Rabbi Levin to watch and discuss Ron Dermer, the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, in a conversation about Israel with David Harris, the CEO of AJC. Join us for this wide-ranging and timely conversation about Iran, Israel and Arab countries, and much more.

#### **TISHA B'AV SERVICES**

August 10–11: Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, commemorates the destruction of Jerusalem and the loss of Jewish independence in the land of Israel. Tisha B'Av has also become a time to recognize other catastrophic events in the life of the Jewish people. See the box above right for our schedule of Tisha B'Av services.

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

*Friday, August 16, 6:00pm:* Come enjoy our service and delicious

dinner! \$10.00 per person; children 12 and under, \$5.00. RSVP to the CBI office by Tuesday, August 13.



## ADDRESSING THE RISE OF GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITISM

Sunday, September 8, 11:am-12pm: Join Rabbi Levin to watch and discuss a panel discussion of government leaders discussing whether enough is being done to combat growing anti-Semitism. This conversation, features Elan Carr, the U.S. State Department's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism; John Mann, British Member of Parliament for the Labour Party; and Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the European Union's Fundamental Rights Agency.

#### SELICHOT PROGRAM/SERVICE

Saturday, September 21, 7:30–9:15pm: Ever wondered what Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are really about? Puzzled by the complexity of the High Holy Days services? Interested in making the holiday

#### **WEEKLY SERVICES**

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

#### **TISHA B'AV SERVICES**

Saturday, August 10, 8:40–9:45pm (Eicha) Sunday, August 11, 9–10am

experience more memorable, both for yourself and your loved ones? If so, join Rabbi Mordechai Levin as he leads a special class, "Understanding and Appreciating the High Holy Days."

We will begin with Havdalah, followed by the class, refreshments, and the Selichot service.

Selichot are a series of penitential prayers that are designed to prepare the worshiper for the High Holy Days. A cycle of prayers, hymns and reflections are recited that employ Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur themes and music in an effort to aid our preparation for the holy days ahead.

#### **5780 CALENDAR**

Looking for a free Hebrew Calendar for 2019-2020? Visit cbi-nwi.org/worship/holidays to download CBI's printable Hebrew calendar.



In the series Great Jewish Minds, we watched and discussed Dennis Prager's talk on why the Bible is powerfully relevant to today's issues, and completely consistent with rational thought.



On Monday evening, June 24, Sisterhood had a wonderful closing dinner with Lauren Margolin, the "Good Book Fairy".

## 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



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.

During July & August, Friday evening services start at 6:00 pm, followed by an informal "out to a local restaurant." In September we return to 7:00 pm Shabbat services with a social Oneg of wine, challah & 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**

School is out for the summer. Sinai Temple & Valpo's Temple Israel have joined their religious schools. Jill Edwards of Temple Israel heads up the joint program, along with Rabbis Shoshana Feferman & Suzanne Griffel. Students will meet in Valpo for the first half of the 2019-2020 school year, and in Michigan City for the second half of the 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.

#### AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, August 4: The 8th Annual Pet Prayer Service recognizes our members' pets: dogs, cats, snakes, fish, etc. We bring along the pets, say a few prayers, and tell a few anecdotes.

Friday, August 9: Once more, the annual Golf Outing brings together temple members with locals for a day on the links followed by a terrific luncheon.

#### SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, September 5: The "Up-Beat Off-Beat Film Club" offers a POP-UP movie at 6:00pm. A friendly event offering a film, popcorn & soda pop, all for \$3. @



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## Hadassah

















Illiana Hadassah's 2nd Annual Bingo and Brunch at Toast and Jam in Schererville.

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and I was happy to try and add to their idea of what that is. I was constantly working on my Google calendar, as every day was full around the clock and felt sometimes endless, though greatly satisfying. I saw the paper calendar getting thinner and thinner—and I had all of a sudden this déjà vu feeling I had a year ago when I realized I was moving from Israel. I started to miss this place even though I am still here. And as I was speaking about it at shul, I knew that this year has been meaningful, because the people of this community who have helped me build this feeling of home here, will now also have a real home for themselves in Israel, with me.

I've had these thoughts of how to start saying my "goodbyes" for a long while. What can I say that will maybe stick with people? Some mark, a quote or is it enough to have someone read this and smile and that's it? Maybe they say goodbye differently in America? There are so many things I would like to say still, it could probably take up a whole issue of the *Illiana News*. But here I am.

One could say that in Hebrew the whole concept of saying goodbye lies within two words. *Le'hitraot* means I will see you again in the future, either far or close. "Bye" just means goodbye, meaning I do not expect to see you again. To this community I would like to say "Le'hitraot". I will see you all again.

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Deadline for the High Holiday issue is August 16, 2019!

#### **GEORGE L. FELDMAN**

MUNSTER—George L. Feldman, age 80, passed away on Wednesday, June 5. He is survived by his wife, Sue Feldman; daughter, Dawn (Michael) Lehker; grandson; Evan Lehker; brother, Dr. Howard Feldman; motherin-law, Betha Ungurait; sisters-in-law, Meribeth (John) Adams, Kathe (Dean) Farrand, Diane (Dennis) Emerick and Marva (Dennis) Kray; brother-in-law, John B. (Rosa) Ungurait; niece and nephew, Alex and Deborah; and many other nieces, nephews, caring cousins and friends. George was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Eva Feldman; first wife, Sandra Feldman; sister-in-law, Karen Feldman; and niece, Jordan Feldman.

George was an avid golfer and supporter of the Theatre at Munster. He was a doting grandfather and will be dearly missed.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 7, at Kish Funeral Home in Munster, with Rabbi Mordechai Levin officiating. Interment followed at Kneseth Israel Cemetery in Hammond.

#### GLORIA GALANTE, M.D.

CHICAGO—Gloria Galante, M.D., age 84, passed away on June 13. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Galante, M.D. and her parents,



Moises and Raquel (Bensadon) Losoviz. She is survived by her brother, Jorge Losoviz; her children, Gus (Becca) Galante, Pat Galante (Charles Zivancev), and Sylvia (Craig) Miller; and grandchildren, Alex, Sara, Eric, Gabriel, Max, and Mia.

Gloria was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and received her medical degree from the University of Buenos Aires. She emigrated with her husband and young son from

Buenos Aires to Chicago in 1961. She served her internship at Michael Reese Hospital and completed her training in psychiatry at the Illinois State Psychiatric Institute. She was boarded in both psychiatry and neurology. Gloria had her private practice in psychiatry in Munster for over 45 years. She initiated and developed the eating disorders unit at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer. In addition, she was an active staff member at the Community Hospital in Munster and St. Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago. She was past president of the Argentine Medical Association, whose mission is to promote health and encourage scientific research. She helped to ease the struggles of so many patients in our Northwest Indiana community.

Gloria was the matriarch of the family: strong, independent, protective, and generous, caring, and loving. Her children and grandchildren were the beneficiaries of her strength, passions for cooking, movies, art, music, travel, clever wit, contagious laughter and lifelong learning. She was blessed to be among a warm and compassionate group of friends.

A memorial service was held on Friday, June 14, at Congregation Beth Israel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Food Pantry of the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, and/or to Camp Ramah in Ojai, California.

#### STUART STEINHARDT

OAKLAND, CA—Stuart Steinhardt passed away of natural causes on Sunday, June 23, 2019. He had just turned 70 on June 12 and is greatly missed. He is survived by his beautiful wife Sandra Sonnenfelt, his loving sister Kayla Carr, and brother Mitchell Steinhardt. He is also leaving behind his nephew Trevor Carr

and nieces Stella Carr and Zoe Steinhardt. He was preceded in death by parents Steve and Sylvia Steinhardt.

Born on June 12, 1949, he graduated from Wirt High school and IU Bloomington. He survived Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was a craftsman and artist at many things. He was a musician and a music fan. He was loved by many. He was a free spirit in life and now his soul is free.

A memorial will be scheduled in the near future in his hometown of Oakland, CA. Donations may be made locally to the Continuity Fund of Temple Israel (Miller).

#### LEONARD N. SULLIVAN

CHESTERTON—
Leonard N. Sullivan,
age 89, passed away
on Thursday, June 13.
A longtime member of
Temple Israel (Miller),
he was born in Chicago



on July 12, 1929, to James and Goldie (Shapiro) Sullivan.

Leonard is survived by his sons; Terry (Cydney) Sullivan, John (Marilou) Sullivan and William (Roxanne) Ortiz; daughters, Michele (Hank) Ysaguirre, Kathi May and Dolores Ortiz; brother, Donald (Lynette) Sullivan; sisters, Beverly Crawford and Lois Sullivan; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Helen (Piersing) Sullivan.

Leonard was a Social Worker/ Administrator of the Food Stamp Department for Lake County, IN, for many years. He was very active in the DAV program for disabled veterans. Leonard was also a very active advocate for many needy families and civic issues. He was one of the early pioneers for championing the

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rights of the handicapped population. Leonard would often travel to the state capitol and to Washington, DC, to help expand awareness of the needs of all handicapped individuals. He was known all around town for driving his golf cart to Leonard's almost every day. He loved his family

and especially loved spending time with his grandkids. Leonard was a very generous man who was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 18, at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, Chesterton, with Pastor Craig Forwalter officiating.

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