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A Farewell to Arms

by SEAN EGAN

If you read my last column, you would recall that I had subconscious anxieties about high holiday services. I am very happy to report that services went off without a hitch, more or less. As my dream predicted, a few people were absent and unable to perform their high holiday honors. We found replacements quickly. What my dreams didn't predict: Rabbi's microphone headset didn't work. People came late. But aren't such happenings par for the course?

To all congregations and Federation members who used the holidays to gather donations for our

Manna Cabana food pantry, we thank you! This service is invaluable to the larger community. Its popularity and need grow each year, as more and more individuals and families find themselves unable to meet all their needs through their own means. If you still have food donations at your home or your congregation, please bring them in!

It has been my pleasure to serve as the president of our Federation's board of directors for the past two years. I thank my many predecessors who provided their wisdom,



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Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (219) 301-0960 or erica@federationonline.org by November 15. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

MAZEL TOV...

To **Amy Clites**, whose article "Buyer Beware: The Case Against Getting an MFA in Acting" was awarded 9th place in the Print/Online category in the 88th Annual Writer's Digest Writing Competition. Her article "Are Regional Theatre Actors Third Rate?" also received an Honorable Mention in the same category.

To **Naomi Cohen** and **Chaim Cohen** on the birth of a grandson, Pace Bennett Cohen. Proud parents are Adam & Lindsay Cohen.

To **Debbie & Steve Gray** on the birth of a granddaughter, Maya Gray.

To **Steve & Diana Langer** on the engagement of their son, **Rob Langer**.

To **Esther Mandel** on celebrating her 100th birthday.

To **Dr. Ruth Needleman** on being named a "Gary Great" at the 5th annual Gary Greats Awards Program on Saturday, October 5.



To **Ceil & Michael Tristano** on the recent engagement of their daughter **Jenny** to Eugene Novikov. The couple got engaged on the promenade overlooking the city of Haifa, Israel. An end-of-the-year wedding is planned.

To **David Young**, son of **Laurie & Rick Young**, on winning a 2019 Emmy (Outstanding Short Form Variety Series) for CBS/Apple Music's *Carpool Karaoke*. 🎵



The 2017-2018 Noar board was recognized at the 2018 annual meeting.

Federation's 2019 Annual Meeting & Luncheon Sunday, November 17 • 12:00-2:00pm

Join us for a complimentary luncheon as we welcome our new board members, recognize our outgoing board members, and honor our community and special service award recipients. Read our 2019 Annual Report and hear about the great things Federation has accomplished in the past year—and where Federation will go in the future!

No charge to attend! RSVP now at
[federationonline.org/upcoming-events#Annual](https://www.federationonline.org/upcoming-events#Annual)

Food for Thought

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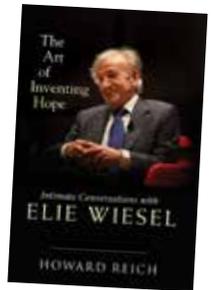
Howard Reich • *The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel*

Event Chair: Carol Culberg • Moderator: Rosalie Levinson, Senior Professor of Law at Valparaiso University and child of Holocaust survivors

The Art of Inventing Hope (Chicago Review Press, 2019) offers an unprecedented, in-depth conversation between the world's most revered Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel, and a son of survivors, Howard Reich. The insights on life, ethics, and memory that Wiesel offers and Reich illuminates will not only help the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors understand their painful inheritance, but will benefit everyone, young or old.

The program will be structured as a conversation between Howard Reich and our own Rosalie Levinson. This is sure to be a don't-miss, dynamic presentation with meaningful insights for all.

Howard Reich has covered the arts for the *Chicago Tribune* since 1978. He is the author of five other books, including *Prisoner of Her Past: A Son's Memoir* (Federation's Book Club selection from August 2019).



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 10:30am

Dr. Günther Jikeli • *The Rising Tide of Antisemitism in Europe and the US Today*

Event Chair: Barry Levin

Dr. Jikeli conducts what may be some of the most crucial research of the post-WWII era on the persistence of antisemitism. Through a rapidly growing database of one-on-one interviews, as well as thousands of social media posts collected by his research team, Jikeli assembles his raw material directly from antisemites. He is then able to study the formation, evolution, and influence of these attitudes—a mission of particular import today, as the world experiences an uptick in animus toward Jews.

Dr. Günther Jikeli, born and educated in Germany, was recently named the inaugural Ena B. Rosenfeld Professor at Indiana University (Bloomington)'s Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism. In 2013 he received the Raoul Wallenberg Prize in Human Rights and Holocaust Studies. In 2019 he was named to the *Algemeiner's* "J100" list of the top 100 individuals who have positively influenced Jewish life this year.

Plus—
Save the
Dates in
2020



JANUARY 19
Ben Mollin • *The Empowerment Project*



FEBRUARY 23
Dr. Michael Gideon • *Discovering My Jewish Roots in Germany*

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



Chair Yoga

Fridays

11:15am–12:15pm

November 8, 15, 22 (no 11/29);
Dec. 6, 13, 20 (no 12/27)

Instructor Joanna Syputd 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](http://federationonline.org/upcoming-events#Yoga)

R.O.M.E.O. Retired Old Men Eating Out

Fridays at 11:30am

Location:

Cheers Food and Drink
(1942 45th St, Munster)

Questions?

Contact Lou Kaplan
at (219) 922-6757



2019 FEDERATION BOOK CLUB: SESSION 7

The Syrian's Story by Zahara Schara

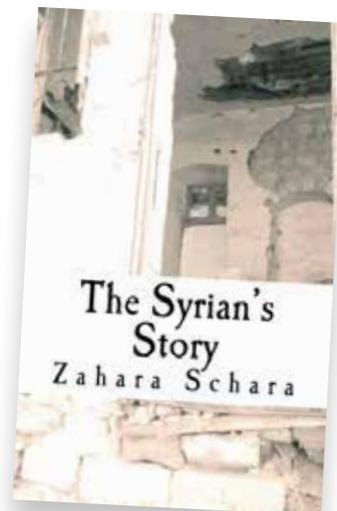
Wednesday, November 20
7:00pm

For our next evening book club meeting in November, read the debut novel by one of our own book club members, **Zahara Schara!**

Amir and his family are among the 3 million Syrian refugees stuck in a situation beyond their control. Amir wants his very young daughter to know the truth about the Syria he knew and the reason they fled, so despite being mocked for it, he begins to write his story. After a strange sequence of events, his personal account of life before and during the war becomes a worldwide phenomenon, climbing the bestseller charts. As such, the world wants to know: is it a true story, and more importantly, what happened to Amir and his family? Jacqueline, a journalist from the United States, sets out to find one refugee among millions. What she finds causes her to rethink what she thought she knew about Syria... and people in general.

Please read the book in advance and come prepared for lively discussion facilitated by Carol Culberg. **Loaner copies are available from the Federation office.** Call (219) 301-0960 for availability or to reserve. 📞

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PRE-CHANUKAH FESTIVITIES!

Sunday, December 15

Community Chanukah Celebration

9:30–11:30am

The entire community is invited to a Chanukah Celebration at Federation. Fun for all ages: crafts, food, a holiday singalong, and more! Free admission for families enrolled at Masa B'Yachad Religious School.

PJ Library

Chanukah Storytime

2:00–5:00pm

Barnes & Noble

150 Silhavy Road, Valparaiso

Join the Federation at Barnes & Noble in Valpo for an afternoon of Chanukah stories, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and more!



Left to right: Moran Birman, Judy Katz, Aviv Ezra, Aida Nozick, and Miriam Marcus.

JFNWI Visits the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest in Chicago

by JUDY KATZ

Aida Nozick, Miriam Marcus, and I recently visited the office of Aviv Ezra, Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, at his office in Chicago. In addition to Mr. Ezra, we met other Consulate directors including the Director of Cultural Affairs, the Consul for Academic and Community Affairs, the Director of Academic and Community Affairs, a Senior Policy Advisor, and the Press Officer/Jewish Outreach Director. We also had the opportunity to meet up again with Moran Birman, Consul for Public Diplomacy, who visited our Federation last fall.

Discussions were great, and many ideas were shared on how our Federation can make more use of Consulate programs. The Consul General was very impressed with the number of community members from our Federation who visit Israel. He extended an invitation for our teen group to visit his office prior to their Israel trip in December. The visit is now planned for November 5th. 🌍

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER WESTERN GALILEE PRESENTS: A Global Virtual Book Club!

Partnership2Gether Western Galilee connects 16 Jewish communities across the USA, Budapest, Akko, and Matte Asher. Let's get acquainted over some good books in Hebrew and/or English!

The first book we will read together is *Someone to Run With* by David Grossman. A runaway bestseller in Israel: the story of a lost dog, and the discovery of first love on the streets of Jerusalem are portrayed here with a gritty realism that is as fresh as it is compelling. When awkward and painfully shy sixteen-year-old Assaf is asked to find the owner of a stray yellow lab, he begins a quest that will bring him into contact with street kids and criminals, and a talented young singer, Tamar, engaged on her own mission: to rescue a teenage drug addict.

Readers will be connected by an open WhatsApp Group. The first Virtual Gathering of our Book Club will be on **Sunday, January 5, 2020**, at 10:00am CST. To register with the Northwest Indiana community, or to borrow a copy of the book, please contact the Federation office. 🌍






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**FIGHTING OVER THE IMAGE:
CONFLICTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE.**

MORAN YARCHI, PHD
Head of the Public Diplomacy Program in IDC, Herzliya.

NOV. 17

10:00am CST

Please RSVP:
bit.ly/globalP2G

Join online via Zoom video conference at <https://zoom.us/j/410043155>





K'Ton Ton Preschool



It has been a fun-filled few weeks at K'Ton Ton!

We had visits from Rabbi Zalmanov for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and Mrs. Terri Hendrickson for Holiday music. We also visited with Rabbi Levin in the sukkah. We dipped apples in honey, practiced saying sorry and thinking of things we can be better at, and made our own sukkot!

Our after-school programs have now begun! This year, we are excited to offer: Young Explorers, Music Makers, Creative Movement, Language Learners, and Kitchen Creations to our preschool and pre-kindergarten families.

Our two-year-olds are loving their first experiences at K'Ton Ton. They are ready to play every day!

We are thrilled to now be offering Playgroup on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 to our littlest learners—from around 9 months and up!



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▲ Noar teens and 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders from Masa B'Yachad Religious School got together on Sunday, September 22 to deliver food boxes for Rosh Hashanah with Maot Chitim of Chicago. We also enjoyed breakfast at the Golden House Restaurant, and later, snacks and games at the Nirenberg home.

UPCOMING NOAR/ATID EVENTS

Bowling!

Sunday, December 8

Stardust Bowl

1330 Sheffield Ave., Dyer

Carpools depart from Temple Beth-El at 12pm.



Pretzel Decorating

Wednesday, December 11

7-8:30pm at Federation

We will be decorating chocolate-covered pretzels to sell as a Noar fundraiser at the Community Chanukah Celebration on Sunday, December 15.

****Then save the date to help us sell pretzels Dec. 15!***

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. 🌐



▲ October 6 marked the 4th Annual Noar/Atid Hike at the Dunes.



◀▲ Thursday, October 24, was Prime Timers' long-awaited trip to Morton Arboretum! This event, sold out months in advance, delivered a splendid time amid the fall foliage.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Inside *Jewish Chicago*



Accompanied by Chanie and Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov! Tour a *mikvah* (ritual bath), meet and observe a *sofer* (scribe) at work, and enjoy a kosher lunch. **All are welcome** on this fun and educational excursion.

Time: 9:00am–4:00pm (approx.)

Cost: \$50 (non-members \$55) includes roundtrip bus transportation from Federation, all tours and gratuities, and lunch at Taboun Grill.

Spaces may still be available. Contact Rachel Saller at (219) 301-0960 for information and to specify your lunch order.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Lunch at *Dante's House of Pizza*

1514 U.S. 41, Schererville

Time: 12:00pm

Celebrate the holidays with Prime Timers! *Separate checks.* Featured Lunch Special: Lunch Buffet with Broasted Chicken, \$9.95.
RSVP by Monday, December 2 to Rachel Saller at (219) 301-0960.

Save the Dates in 2020

Thursday, February 13: Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana

Thursday, March 12: Orchid Show at the Chicago Botanical Garden

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.

Monday Lunches Are Back!

By popular demand, AFC is now meeting for lunch again each Monday starting November 4.

AFC NOVEMBER EVENTS

Mon. 11/4 12pm Stuffed Pepper Soup, Salad Bar • 1pm "Page Turners" Book Club: Discussion of *Run* & distribution of December book: *Be Frank With Me*

Wed. 11/6 11:30am Veteran's Day Luncheon: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Rolls, Birthday Cake. Posting of Colors by American Legion Post 180; Guest Speaker: Larry Weiss. FREE admission for veterans!

Mon. 11/11 12pm Lunch Out at Bergstein's Deli (Chicago Heights). Separate checks.

Wed. 11/13 12pm Battered Cod, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Rolls, Cheesecake • 1pm Movie: *In the Shadow of Suribachi: Sammy's Story* followed by Q&A with Larry Gill

Mon. 11/18 12pm Lunch Out at Round the Clock (Highland). Separate checks.

Wed. 11/20 11:30am Thanksgiving Luncheon at Teibel's. Choice of Chicken, Beef Tips, or Fish (Perch). \$20 for AFC members (\$22 non-members). Payment due with reservation by Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Mon. 11/25 12pm Roasted Cauliflower Soup, Potato Bar • 1pm Movement Program with Ms. Katie

Wed. 11/27 NO AFC—Happy Thanksgiving!

COMING IN DECEMBER

Mon. 12/2 12pm Lunch • 1pm "Page Turners" Book Club: Discussion of *Be Frank With Me* (led by Debby Walker)

Wed. 12/4 12pm Chicken Pot Pie, Harvest Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler • 1pm Schmoozin' with Susan

Mon. 12/9 12pm Lunch Out (TBD)

Wed. 12/11 11:30am AFC Hanukkah Party at Briar Ridge Country Club (123 Country Club Drive, Schererville). \$25 for AFC members / \$30 non-members & guests. Payment due with reservation by Friday, Nov. 29. Questions? Please contact Rachel at (219) 301-0960. 🌐

SAVE THE DATES IN 2020
Theatre@theCenter
Lunch & Play Outings
 February 19: *Almost Heaven*
 May 6: *Talley's Folly*



▲ AFC's Rosh Hashanah luncheon on September 25, with special guest Rabbi Mordechai Levin.



November 4



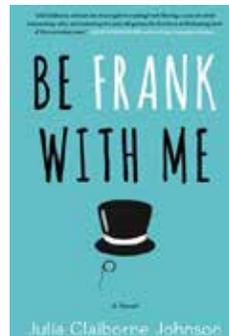
November 6



November 20



November 25



December 2



December 11

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

by TRENT D. PENDLEY

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PART FOUR: HAMMOND

The oldest Jewry of the four industrial cities, Hammond, emerged before the pogroms on East Europe European Jewry forced many of its millions to flee to the Americas, Palestine and South Africa. Thus Hammond's Jewry—unlike those of Gary, Indiana Harbor and Whiting, which were basically Eastern European Jews and their descendants—grew from a handful of German Jews who had begun arriving in America during Northwest Indiana's pioneer era, sometime after 1848.

Hammond was laid out as a village in 1870, became a town in 1883, and was incorporated as a city in 1884. One local history notes, "two years after the founding of the G.H. Hammond Packing Company, [in 1869] the Jewish community started worship in private homes in the city of Hammond."⁹⁰ However, William Howatt's *History of the Calumet Region* dates the arrival of Jews in Hammond to 1881 when Nathan Levi, Morris Wise, Julius Taussig, Joseph Handle, William Elsner and Jonas Lautman settled there.⁹¹ The first city directory of 1889-1890 lists William Elsner, 92 South Hohman, a clothier; Henry Levi, a secretary for the C&A Railroad, and his wife, a fish and poultry merchant; Charles Handel, a resident of Chicago but a local cattle and horse dealer; Jonas M. Lautman, a dry goods

SOURCES

90 Hoosier State Bank Calendar 1975.

91 Howatt; Op. Cit.; Page 371.

merchant, 104 & 106 South Hohman; and Julius Taussig, a watchmaker with a shop at 92 South Hohman. Isaac Silverman about the same time operated a saloon at 90 South Hohman.

When the first Jews arrived at the meat packing community, it was a frontier village in the midst of surrounding swamps, and access was only possible by rail or via the Calumet River. The village was unincorporated and without protection of local law enforcement; the county Sheriff was many rough-riding miles away at the County Seat in Crown Point. In 1882 the editor of the *Lake County Star* wrote of a visit to Hammond: "The town needs a government. It should be incorporated. Strangers from the rural districts do not like to see men dragged out and knocked down and pounded within an inch of their lives by bullies of the corner. A free fight, and nobody to interfere on the side of law and order."⁹²

Another traveler to the burgeoning hamlet at the Indiana State line later wrote of his visit in 1883:

"On the 20th day of April I bought a ticket for the Indiana State line, which is now the city of Hammond. And at The time was not even an incorporated village. There were nine vessels tied up at the Hohman Street Bridge. I thought I had struck a seaport town. They were unloading ties, timber and telegraph poles for the building of the Nickel Plate and Erie Railroads which were being constructed at that time. These boats were wooden and light draught, which enabled them to pass up the shallow river...At the lumber yard, where the schooners unloaded, having come up the river from South Chicago, 11 vessels of considerable size have been seen at one time."⁹³

92 *Lake County Star*; September 1, 1882 as in Moore; Page 155.

93 Gostlin, William H. as in *Hammond Bicentennial Yearbook*; 1976; Pages 52-53.

The interior of Henry L. Newhouse's stained glass window of the 1918 Kneseth Israel Synagogue, Hammond. Photograph by the author, circa 1978.



An early Jewish merchant, Moses Rothschild, arrived at Hammond in 1892 and became proprietor of a men's store named Model Clothiers, originally located on State Street and later in the Majestic Hotel building on Hohman Street. Several years later, Rothschild encouraged his brother-in-law Adolph Hirsch of Chicago to relocate in Hammond. Hirsch, a survivor of the great Chicago fire, opened his own ready-to-wear store in the Majestic Building, but later teamed up with Rothschild.⁹⁴ Other members of the Hirsch and Rothschild families arrived at Hammond in later years, and then came the Meyer Nagdeman's, their chief competitors and also their cousins the Jacob Foxes, who both opened ready-to-wear stores.⁹⁵

Another 19th century Jewish merchant was Abe Ottenheimer¹ of Chicago, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, who was engaged in the furniture business at Hammond from 1893 to 1897.⁹⁶ Abe later became a prominent attorney, as did his son and grandson. Other early German Jewish merchants at Hammond were Carl Kaufmann and his brother-in-law Leo Wolf², proprietors of the Lion Store, which was established on the corner of Hohman and Rimbach Streets about 1892. The Lion Store, also known as Kaufmann and Wolf's, became one of the largest department stores in the Calumet

1 Abe Ottenheimer's parents, Daniel and Sally Ottenheimer were immigrants from Germany.

2 Carl Kaufmann (b.1869) immigrated to the United States in 1892, from his native German; his wife and business partner Leo Wolf also immigrated the same year from Germany.

94 Hirsch, Joe; Hammond Historical Society; Recording.

95 Winer, Sara; Interview February 27, 1982.

96 Howatt; Page 635.

Book Excerpt (continued)

The original Kaufmann & Wolf department store in downtown Hammond: The Lion Store. Note the dark tower of the old courthouse in the background. Jewish Sabbath services were hosted in a second floor room of this store. *Vintage picture postcard, collection of the author.*



Region, and when gravel roads had been built connecting Hammond to all points throughout the county, they ran horse drawn coaches twice daily to Cedar Lake and Crown Point, to attract shoppers.⁹⁷ Then in 1908, the Interurban electric railroad known locally as the South Shore arrived at Hammond, and connected the communities of Hammond, East Chicago, Gary and all the way to South Bend with a commuter service. Eventually the line connected with tracks in Illinois and commuters could travel to Pullman and switch to other trains heading to and from Chicago's Loop. The Interurban though being the end of the line for all passengers traveling from as far away as South Bend brought more shoppers to Hammond's thriving markets. In 1906, at the end of the German Press era at Hammond, an English newspaper, *The Lake County Times*, was established and crushed all local competition to the point that Hammond's advertising became the drawing card for trade from throughout the Calumet Region for several decades.⁹⁸ Historian Powell A. Moore wrote: "Since it costs a resident of East Chicago no more to go to Hammond than to the local business section, people were drawn to Hammond by its merchant's advertisements in the *Lake County Times*."⁹⁹ As a result, Hammond became a city of large department stores while small retail outlets predominated in East Chicago.¹⁰⁰

The Lion Store was the most prominent Jewish owned business in Hammond, and in 1909 the proprietors

97 Hammond Bicentennial Yearbook; P. 66.

98 Hirsch, Joe;

99 Moore; Page 419.

100 Ibid.

signed a 99-year lease with the owners of the land, at \$2,000 for each frontage foot on Hohman Street.¹⁰¹ Kaufmann and Wolf's successes placed them among the local elite, and they each built large homes in Hammond's most affluent neighborhoods. Carl Kaufmann's neighbor Moses Rothschild built his house at 5713 South Hohman in 1914, which included a third floor ballroom, an elevator and an adjoining tennis court. In 1916 they hired architect Henry L. Newhouse to design a 100-foot building at 631 Hohman, the Straube Music Hall³. Kaufmann and Wolf were also active in local civic affairs, and in 1927 they put up the necessary funds (along with fourteen other families) to secure the land for North Township's Wicker Park.¹⁰² This was the same year they hired the firm H.B. Olney to construct a new building, designed by architect Henry L. Newhouse of Chicago, that was for a while the largest department store in the state of Indiana. Two years later, Kaufmann and Wolf sold their store to the Chicago-based Goldblatt brothers. The landmark store then became known for its bargain prices and fully stocked delicatessen in the basement. Jean Shepherd (1921-1999), a native of Hammond, wrote of Goldblatt's and its famous holiday calling card in his book *In God We Trust; All Others Pay Cash*: "For several days the windows of Goldblatt's department store had been curtained and dark. Their corner window was traditionally a major high water mark of the pre-Christmas season. It set the tone, the motif of their giant Yuletide jubilee. Kids were brought in from miles around just to see the window. Old codgers would recall vintage years when the window had flowered more fulsomely than in ordinary times. This was one of those years. The magnificent display was officially unveiled on a crowded Saturday night. It was an instant smash hit. First nighter packed earmuff to earmuff, their steamy breath clouding up the

3 The *Lake County Times* of April 22, 1916 reported that Martin Nelson of Hammond was the contractor.

101 Hammond Bicentennial Yearbook.

102 Ibid; Page 118.



The Kaufmann and Wolf Department store in downtown Hammond, constructed in 1927, became the largest such store in Indiana. Designed by Henry L. Newhouse of Chicago. *Vintage picture postcard, collection of the author.*

sparkling plate glass, jostled in rapt admiration before a golden, tinkling, panoply of mechanized, electronic joy.^{103,4}

This Hammond store and memories of local author Shepherd were the genesis of the motion picture *A Christmas Story*.

David Sander (1923-2000), the Jewish editor and publisher of the *Dunes Country Magazine*, wrote in a memoir, "I Remember Goldblatts":

*"I once took a visitor from Lithuania to the downtown Goldblatts... when he had bemoaned that there are no European-type markets here. We stood at the top of the staircase looking down on what seemed like a teeming throng of thousands, with food counters as far as the eye could see. He smiled, he laughed, he rejoiced: He was home."*¹⁰⁴

The Goldblatt's basement deli was one Hammond location where local Jews could always count on finding fresh halvah (a sweet Middle Eastern delicacy), bagels (before they could be found in markets everywhere), kosher salami, corned beef and pickles—and above the deli-restaurant were four floors of bargains. There one might find the Goldblatt brothers visiting, or any number of sales

4 Jean Shepherd would also produce a motion picture of *A Christmas Story* based on this Hammond institution; however, in the film, a fictitious setting was created.

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103 Shepherd, Jean; *In God We Trust; All Others Pay Cash*; 1972; Page 28.

104 Sander, Dave; *Dunes Country*; Vol. 5 No. 2; Page 62.

introduced insulation to their products, an instant success. The Winer Company became nationally known after introducing their famous 'Stratojac' line of men's lightweight jackets. This manufacturer employed as many as 300 people at its Hammond plant at one time.¹¹⁴

Hammond's Jewry also had several notable individuals in the theatre, banking, and construction, lumber and real estate businesses. In 1921 the Hammond Merchants Improvement Association was founded by David Posner, a Russian immigrant who stopped in Hammond ca. 1894 while en route to Chicago from New York but remained indefinitely.¹¹⁵ Samuel A. Schlesinger, son of Hungarian immigrants, arrived in Hammond in 1911 from New York, and was another founder of the Merchants Improvement Association, serving as the organization's president.¹¹⁶ Samuel Silver, a jeweler, was the Association's first vice president.¹¹⁷ The greatest achievement of this trio was the financing and the building of the State Theatre, the largest in Indiana, which opened in March of 1925.¹¹⁸ The State Theatre was built at a cost of \$1,650,000.00 and seated 3,165 people.¹¹⁹ The architect was Walter Ahlschlager.^(?)¹²⁰ Balaban and Katz of Chicago, who in 1926 had built their own theatre in Hammond, The Paramount, at a cost of \$500,000, also rented the new State Theatre.¹²¹ Unfortunately for the Merchant Improvement Association, their grand theatre and emporium success was short-lived, because the building was dynamited during the early hours of

7 A second-generation architect, Walter Ahlschlager also designed the *Medinah Athletic Club* (Inter-Continental Hotel) in 1929 at 505 North Michigan Avenue and the *Jewish Covenant Club* in 1923 at 10 N. Dearborn in Chicago.

114 Sara B. Winer; Interview.

115 Cannon; Page 585.

116 Ibid; Page 683.

117 Ibid; Page 683.

118 *Hammond Bicentennial Yearbook*; 1876; P. 111.

119 Ibid; Page 115; and Cannon; Page 683.

120 Joseph R. DuciBella, Telephone Interview, Chicago, September 18, 2003.

121 *Hammond Bicentennial Yearbook*; P. 119.

November 8, 1927.¹²² It was later learned that jealous Hohman Avenue merchants—who disliked the fierce competition, the new building spree along West State Street, which the new theatre had enhanced—had hired the culprit. The Ballroom and emporium were completely destroyed and not rebuilt. However, the cinema-theatre reopened and served the community for several decades thereafter without further incident.⁸

David Posner, founder of the Merchants Improvement Association, was also president of Posner & Throop Corporation, which constructed many homes and businesses in Hammond. "He was one of the organizers of the People's Building and Loan Association, and on his acquisition of the stock formerly held by Moses Rothschild, Adolph Hirsch and J.K. Stinson, he became a dominant factor in the First Trust and Savings Bank of Calumet City and was chosen president of that institution."¹²³ Another landmark at Hammond was the Southmoor Hotel, constructed by the Jewish-owned Deutch Construction Company of Chicago.¹²⁴ The year 1925 saw the erection at 5246 Hohman of the Hirsch Building, a pet project for many years of Adolph Hirsch.

Arthur J. Weiss was another early 20th century realtor and developer at Hammond. Weiss, a native of New York, arrived in Hammond in 1908 at age thirteen. His original job in 1908, as assistant manager of the Hammond Distilling Company, expired during 1922 with Prohibition; thereafter he became a partner in the realty firm of Gostlin, Meyn and Weiss. Early accounts note his premature developments in the Hessville area of Hammond and the Hollywood neighborhood in Munster.¹²⁵ "Weiss was

8 The Hammond Public Library on State Street was erected where the State Theatre, once Indiana's largest, had stood.

122 *The Calumet City Times*; November 8, 1927; Page 1; as reprinted in *The Times*; April 24, 1999, Page B2.

123 Cannon; Page 586.

124 Stan Hess; Interview.

125 Chayken, Irving; *The Hammond Times*; February 1, 1965.

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.

among the city's most prominent citizens who worked to attract new industry to Hammond."¹²⁶ He was also vice president of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce in 1927 and headed the Hammond Real Estate Board.

Industries continued to develop in Hammond, much for the same reason that the Hammond Meat Packing Company had come here originally. A fine furniture company founded by J.L. Metz in Chicago in 1898 moved its operations into a closed piano manufacturing business in Hammond in 1932. J.L. Metz Furniture operated a 200,000-square-foot manufacturing plant and hired as many as two hundred employees, half of them women.¹²⁷

By the 1920s, Hammond was a community of 64,000-plus, with over 4,000 private homes.¹²⁸ The Jewish community was relatively sizeable, numbering close to 1,000 persons, and played a significant role in the economic and mercantile life of the new city. Hammond's Jewry was divided between an older German elite, who had arrived during the city's pioneer days and had time to prosper with the town's growth, and that of working-class greenhorns from Eastern Europe whose socioeconomic status was still quite inferior to that of their German co-religionists. Thus, they each formed their own organizations excluding one another, and frowned upon their children marrying each other.¹²⁹ 🌐

126 Ibid.

127 Metz, Jerry; *My Life in the Furniture Trade*; Wood & Wood Products; December 1995.

128 *Hammond Bicentennial Yearbook*; 1976; Page 111.

129 *American Jewish Yearbook 1928-29*; Vol. 30; Pages 183-185.

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—Mindy, Ben, Alex, Sam & Henry



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—2018 Mission Trip Participant



Israel Programming

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—A 2019 Attendee



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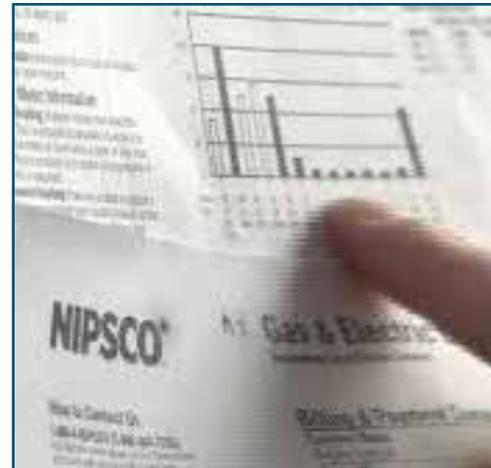
—Mira Fefferman



Camp Scholarships

“The community at [Jewish sleepaway] camp was so much more nurturing because we all shared at least one common attribute that not many others share. We were all Jewish. At school, people used to walk up to me and say, “Why don’t you guys believe in God?” or “Why don’t you pray in English?” I got these questions constantly from people who clearly weren’t informed about Judaism, and though I understood why, it was very annoying. I learned at summer camp that Jewish people all over the country have the same experiences and feel the same way. Camp Young Judaea was a second family to me because we all had similar upbringings, because Judaism has had an impact on all of our lives.”

—D.R.N.



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by JONATHAN RADNOR, Chair, Endowments Committee

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Community Calendar: November-December 2019 / Cheshvan-Kislev 5780

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	שבת	
NOV 3	5 Cheshvan	4 6 Cheshvan	5 7 Cheshvan	6 8 Cheshvan	7 9 Cheshvan	8 10 Cheshvan	9 11 Cheshvan	
	Partnership Discovery Trip — Israel & Budapest			12-2pm AFC	9am-4pm Prime Timers: "Inside Jewish Chicago" Tour	11:15am Chair Yoga	9:30am Shabbat Svcs	
	10am Maimonides Class	12-2pm AFC Lunch and "Page Turners" Book Club: <i>Run</i>	NO GROUP	1-4pm Mah Jongg		7:30pm Shabbat Svcs	9:45am Shabbat Svcs	
	11:30am Documentary Screening: <i>12th and Clairmount</i>		7pm Sisterhood Crafts with Pat		1-4pm Mah Jongg	7:30pm Shabbat Svcs		
NOV 10	12 Cheshvan	11 13 Cheshvan	12 14 Cheshvan	13 15 Cheshvan	14 16 Cheshvan	15 17 Cheshvan	16 18 Cheshvan	
	9am "Second Sunday" Tefillin Club & Breakfast	VETERAN'S DAY	NO GROUP	12-2pm AFC	1-4pm Mah Jongg	Illiana News: Chanukah Issue Content Deadline	9:30am Shabbat Svcs	
	10am Maimonides Class	12-2pm AFC	6:30pm Brotherhood Pizza & Movie	1-4pm Mah Jongg		11:15am Chair Yoga	9:45am Shabbat Svcs	
	10:30am Food for Thought Brunch: Howard Reich, "The Art of Inventing Hope" (NOTE NEW TIME)					6pm Family Shabbat Service & Dinner (Masa B'Yachad)	10am Torah Study	
						7:30pm Shabbat Svcs	10am Chai Mitzvah #10	
							12pm Sisterhood NICU Baby Shower Benefit	
							12:30pm Rabbi Levin's Class: Synagogue Skills	
							6-10pm Trivia Night Fundraiser	
NOV 17	19 Cheshvan	18 20 Cheshvan	19 21 Cheshvan	20 22 Cheshvan	21 23 Cheshvan	22 24 Cheshvan	23 25 Cheshvan	
	10am Maimonides Class	12-2pm AFC	1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan	11:30am AFC Thanksgiving Luncheon (RSVP by Nov. 16)	1-4pm Mah Jongg	11:15am Chair Yoga	9:30am Shabbat Svcs	
	12-2pm Federation Annual Meeting		7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	1-4pm Mah Jongg		7:30pm Shabbat Svcs	9:45am Shabbat Svcs	
	Sisterhood Luncheon with Trent Pendley		7:30pm Board Meeting	7pm Federation Book Club: <i>The Syrian's Story</i>		7:30pm Shabbat Svcs		
	4-5pm TBE Annual Meeting							
NOV 24	26 Cheshvan	25 27 Cheshvan	26 28 Cheshvan	27 29 Cheshvan	28 30 Cheshvan	29 1 Kislev	30 2 Kislev	
	10am Maimonides Class	12-2pm AFC	1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan	NO AFC	Rosh Ch. Kislev	Rosh Ch. Kislev	9:30am Shabbat Svcs	
					THANKSGIVING DAY	FEDERATION CLOSED—NO ACTIVITIES	9:45am Shabbat Svcs	
					FEDERATION CLOSED—NO ACTIVITIES	7:30pm Shabbat Svcs		
						7:30pm Shabbat Svcs		
DEC 1	3 Kislev	2 4 Kislev	3 5 Kislev	4 6 Kislev	5 7 Kislev	6 8 Kislev	7 9 Kislev	
	10am Maimonides Class	12-2pm AFC	1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan	9:30am Illiana News Mailing Party	12pm Prime Timers: Lunch Out @ Dante's	11:15am Chair Yoga	9:30am Shabbat Svcs	
	11am Rabbi Levin's Class: "Jewish-Catholic Relations"		7:30pm Board Meeting	12-2pm AFC	1-4pm Mah Jongg	7:30pm Shabbat Svcs	9:45am Shabbat Svcs	
	2-4pm Sisterhood Ice Cream Social			1-4pm Mah Jongg		7:30pm Shabbat Svcs		
DEC 8	10 Kislev	9 11 Kislev	10 12 Kislev	11 13 Kislev	12 14 Kislev	13 15 Kislev	14 16 Kislev	
	9am "Second Sunday" Tefillin Club & Breakfast	12-2pm AFC	MOMentum Women's Mission Trip to Israel					
	10am Maimonides Class		NO GROUP	URJ Biennial 2019				
	10:30am Food for Thought Brunch: Dr. Gunther Jikeli (NOTE NEW TIME)			11:30am AFC Chanukah Party @ Briar Ridge	1-4pm Mah Jongg	11:15am Chair Yoga	9:30am Shabbat Svcs	
	12-2pm The Movies with Andrew Tallackson			1-4pm Mah Jongg	7:30pm Board Meeting	7:30pm Shabbat Svcs	9:45am Shabbat Svcs	
	12-4pm Noar/Atid Bowling			7-8:30pm Noar/Atid Pretzel Making		7:30pm Shabbat Svcs		
DEC 15	17 Kislev	16 18 Kislev	17 19 Kislev	18 20 Kislev	19 21 Kislev	20 22 Kislev	21 23 Kislev	
	MOMentum Women's Mission Trip to Israel			12-2pm AFC	1-4pm Mah Jongg	11:15am Chair Yoga	9:30am Shabbat Svcs	
	9:30-11:30am Community Chanukah Celebration	12-2pm AFC	NO GROUP	1-4pm Mah Jongg	7:30pm Sisterhood Business Meeting	6pm Chanukah Supper & Shabbat Service	9:45am Shabbat Svcs	
	10am Maimonides Class		7:30pm Board Meeting			7:30pm Shabbat Svcs	10am Torah Study	
	2-5pm PJ Library Chanukah Storytime						NWI Teen Trip to Israel	

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Trivia Night Fundraiser

Saturday, November 16
6:00pm

Reservations are now being taken! Sign up as an individual player, couple or as part of a team. "Teams" will be limited to 8 people per table. Call all your friends and family to come play and join your team!!! Prizes will be awarded to the top team.

Admission: \$15 per person for those registered by November 11; \$20 per person for reservations after that date or at the door.

Dinner menu will be a choice of a beef sandwich or chicken wings along with chips, a soft drink and dessert for a cost of \$10 per person. Additional soft drinks, sweets, beer and wine will be available for an additional cost. A silent auction and raffle will also be part of the fun.

All proceeds from this event will go towards increasing the Temple Israel Endowment Fund. All funds raised will be matched by an anonymous donor.

Please mail your checks to: Temple Israel, PO Box 2051, Valparaiso, IN 46384. Please indicate that it is for Trivia Night. If you are putting together a team, please advise who your team members will be so we can seat you together.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jill Heichler at ladychow@gmail.com or 219-613-7697. 🌐



After our meaningful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services we enjoyed the festival of Sukkot with a wonderful “Sips in the Sukkah” program, as well as with a Shabbat lunch.



▲ On September 8, we watched and discussed a very interesting panel about the rise of global antisemitism with the CEOs of the ADL, AJC, and B’nai Brith.

CRAFTS WITH PAT: PAPER FLOWERS

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7:00pm: Come enjoy good company while making beautiful paper flowers. Our own Pat Jacobson will be leading this project. No previous crafting experience is required.

A UNIQUE FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Friday, Nov. 15, 6:00pm: We are excited to share that the students from both CBI and TBE will lead the Friday night service, which will include a prepared program and a lively review of the Torah portion from that week. The service will begin at 6:00pm, followed by dinner at 7:00pm. We hope to see all of you there to help support the wonderful students of Masa B’Yachad. Please



▲ CBI’s Sisterhood opened their season on September 19 with a fun, musical evening featuring the band “Cuttin’ Up” and a delicious dinner.

RSVP and make your reservation for dinner by Monday, November 11.

SYNAGOGUE SKILLS 101

Saturday, Nov. 16, 12:30–1:00pm: Getting called up to the Torah, or having an aliyah, is not difficult. Rabbi Mordechai Levin will explain what to say and how to do it. Come to the morning service, enjoy lunch at CBI, and learn: How to have an Aliyah, how to lift the Torah (Hagbah), and how to wrap the Torah (Gelilah).



JEWISH-CATHOLIC RELATIONS IN THE FRANCIS ERA: ACHIEVEMENTS & CHALLENGES

Sunday, Dec. 1, 11:00am–12:15pm: Join Rabbi Levin to watch and discuss a panel discussion about the transformation of Catholic-Jewish relations over the past 50 years. This conversation features:

- Rabbi David Rosen, International Director of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee

- Cardinal Kurt Koch, President, Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews
- Moderator: Prof. Etienne Veto, Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies/Pontifical Gregorian Univ.

TORAH FUND FUNDRAISER—ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2:00pm: Sisterhood will host a fun and delicious 1950’s themed ice cream social to support the Torah Fund of Women’s League of Conservative Judaism. Open to all ages.

BOXES OF LOVE

Sisterhood will be sending out their famous “Boxes of Love” to students, family and friends that are chock full of homemade goodies lovingly made by our Sisterhood members. The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 2. The price is \$25.00 which includes shipping. Boxes are limited to the first 45 orders, so order early! 🍪

WEEKLY SERVICES

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



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 2, 4:00pm:

B'nei Mitzvah of Annie & Michael Harris.



Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30pm:

Brotherhood's Pizza & Movie Night: *In the Shadow of Suribachi: Sammy's Story* is the tale of two battles fought by WWII Marine Sammy Bernstein. The first was the horror of Iwo Jima, the Marine Corps' bloodiest battle; the second was his struggle with anti-Semitism in the World War II military. Please RSVP to the Temple office by Nov. 8.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 12:00pm:

Sisterhood's baby shower to benefit the NICU at Methodist Hospital in Gary. See invitation at right.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 4:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting.



Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:00pm:

Community Thanksgiving Service (Ridge United Methodist Church, 8607 Columbia Ave., Munster). Featuring Combined Community Choirs; address by Rev. Quincy Worthington. Participating congregations include Temple Beth-El as well as Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ridge United Methodist Church, St. Maria Goretti, First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, Illiana Islamic Association (Highland), Congregation Beth Israel, St Nicholas Byzantine Parish, and the Interfaith Clergy Council of Gary.

SAVE THE DATES IN DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 20, 6pm: Chanukah supper.

Sat., Dec. 21, 10am-12pm: Torah study.

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- sleepers
- socks
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◀▲ Students from the combined Masa B'Yachad Religious School enlivened our October 18 Sukkot Family Worship Service.

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ISRAEL TRIP: JUNE 13-26, 2020

Have you been to Israel? Want to visit again? Rabbi Zukrow is leading a trip in June. We will spend three days in Berlin and eight days in Israel.

Some highlights of the Israel portion of the trip are Safed (Tsfat), Caesarea, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv, as well as our Partnership region in the Western Galilee.

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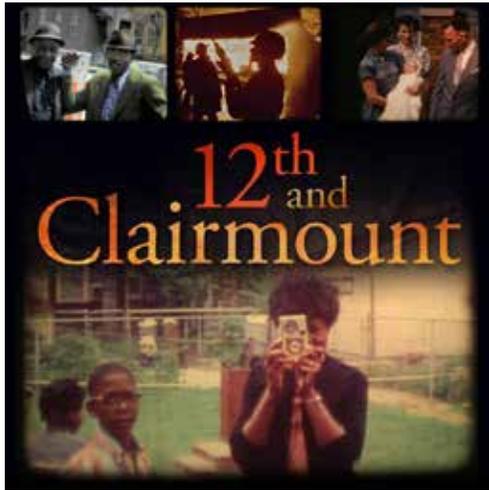


Upcoming Events in November and December

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: *12TH AND CLAIRMOUNT*

Sunday, November 3, 12:30pm:

The Temple Israel Social Action Committee and the St. Mary of the Lake Peace & Justice Committee are co-hosting a screening of the documentary *12th and Clairmount* at the



Marshall J. Gardener Center for the Arts in Miller Beach. The event is free to attend and lunch will be served. The Gardener Center is located at 540 S. Lake Street in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Don't let the road construction confuse you—the detour that leads around the construction area will take you right to the parking lot for the building. Just follow the signs.

Synopsis: In 1967, Detroit's mostly white police department was known for its harsh treatment of black citizens. When police raided an after-hours party at the intersection of 12th St. and Clairmount, the streets erupted in what's been called a riot by some, a rebellion by others. It lasted five days and left 43 dead. This compelling documentary uses more than 400 reels of home movies,

archival footage, illustrations and new oral histories to explore what happened from multiple viewpoints.

SISTERHOOD PRESENTS: *THE MOVIES WITH ANDREW TALLACKSON*

Sunday, December 8, 12:00pm:

Andrew Tallackson, the movie critic and editor of *The Beacher* in Michigan City, will be discussing the upcoming Christmas movies, possible Oscar nominees, and forgotten movies of this season we should see. Please join Sisterhood at noon for a bagel brunch, featuring lox, veggies, fruit, juice, blintz souffle, sweet rolls, coffee, and tea. There is a \$10 suggested donation for adults, \$5 for children under 7. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, December 4, to templeisraelmiller@gmail.com. 🌱

My View Onto Montgomery Street

by MARK SPERLING, Ed.D.

Reflecting on the past year as President of Temple Israel, I can honestly say that if not for the wonderful people who make up our leadership, volunteer force, and membership, it would be an impossible task. However, since Robin Rich handed over the reins of the Temple, I have navigated the waters pretty well with the assistance of many. No Temple or religious organization survives without the many giving so much to the Temple Community and the community at large.

This is where I pay homage to our Social Action Committee (led by Steve Tallackson), which has worked together with St. Mary's of the Lake

Church Social Justice Committee to confront some of today's most difficult issues, such as immigration, the treatment of children, and how politics plays into the big picture. Upcoming in November is a movie presentation, *12th and Clairmount*, the story of the 1967 Detroit Riots. I am looking forward to seeing this movie, as I was a resident of Detroit's northwest side, working at a local bowling center and attending school in Detroit when the riots broke out. It should be a most interesting and insightful opportunity to view the riots through the lens of Detroiters. The riots there impacted our community and our nation as well.

We just completed our 2019 Annual Meeting. My thanks to all who attended and heard from our committee chairs on the fine programs and progress we have made during the past year. Most of you know how busy the year has been, but to name a few examples:

- Our vigil service commemorating the victims of the massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. As Lisa Giglio, who led the Shabbat service, noted: "We're here to remember the 11, but also show support for all ... Our foundation is social justice and we will continue this mission. We are survivors."
- Our outstanding Peace and Justice Interfaith Seder led by Rabbi Damsky and Michael Greenwald.

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▲ The Chabad sukkah offered a little something for everyone over the week of Sukkot: a “Brunch Under the Branches” women’s gathering on Thursday morning, Scotch & cigars on Thursday evening, and a make-your-own “Pizza in the Hut” kids’ party on Sunday.

Jewish Life Starts After the Holidays

by RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV

The Jewish new year came upon us in a whirlwind, and at Chabad it was celebrated with many events over the last month—starting with my 40th birthday celebration, then Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, several Sukkot celebrations, and of course tying it all up with

Simchat Torah. Hundreds of community members came to Chabad or were visited by Chabad volunteers during these last few weeks, ensuring that the true spirit of the Jewish holidays was enjoyed by as many people as possible.

But just because it’s all behind us does not mean that it’s all over. The inspiration, the joy, and the sense of community that are revitalized during the month of Tishrei continue on throughout the year. Keeping the Jewish spark alive is an endeavor every single one of us must strive for by living Jewishly every day of the year and by including our children and grandchildren in every aspect of Jewish life.

The month of Cheshvan, the second month of the year, is the only month on the Jewish calendar without any holidays. And that is precisely the time of year that we can be the most Jewish. Of course having a Jewish holiday every other day helps, but that’s just to give us the boost needed for the rest of the year.

Celebrating Jewish life on a daily basis without any holidays is how we show ourselves and the world that Judaism is alive and well, even in this modern world. Whether you take the time to pray with your children before bedtime, light Shabbat candles every Friday before sunset, give tzedakah regularly, or lend a helping hand to someone in need—you don’t need to wait for another holiday to do something Jewish.

Shanah tovah to you all! 🌍



One of the highlights of Rabbi Zalmanov’s birthday celebration was the surprise arrival of this historic Torah scroll, donated by Congregation B’nai Jacob in Fort Wayne, facilitated by Rabbi Mitchell and Penny Kornspan.

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

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WEEKLY FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

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. In September we returned 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

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 are meeting in Michigan City for the first half of the 2019-2020 school year, and will meet in Valpo 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.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, November 17: The Temple Sisterhood sponsors local Northwest Indiana author, Trent Pendley, who will address local Jewish history in the area. Pendley is a multitasking individual who has written articles and books (*see pp. 10-13 of this issue!—Ed.*) and also works as an expert jeweler. A luncheon is provided. All are welcome; contact the temple office for specifics & reservations. 🕍



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Obituaries

ARETA GALATEANU

MUNSTER—Areta Andrei Galateanu, 74, peacefully passed away Saturday, September 14, in the arms of her loving son. She is survived by her husband, Marcu; only child, Michael; granddaughter, Ashley Galateanu; sisters: Valeria Psenisnic, Natalia Andrei, Corina Andrei, Aurelia Andrei, Marina Marchidan, and Nora Berler; nieces and nephews: Danuti Pfenifnic, Manuela Reagan, Christy Verdet, Laura Tanase, and Marian Marchidan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pastor Augustin Andrei & Miss Valeria Andrei; sister, Dorina Verdet; and sister-in-law, Livia Galateanu.



As a veterinary graduate from the University of Bucharest, she was the proud daughter of an 11th generation Romanian orthodox priest, lineage dating back to 1706.

Funeral services took place on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at Hillside Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Highland. Burial followed at Concordia Cemetery in Hammond.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New St. George Romanian Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 613, Schererville, IN 46375.

BOB KAPLAN

MUNSTER—Robert J. "Bob" Kaplan passed away on September 21, 2019. Loving father of Susan Kaplan and Steven (Nancy) Kaplan. Caring grandfather of Brian (Courtney) Kaplan and Michael Kaplan, and affectionate great grandfather of Lucas Kaplan. Dear brother of Roie Goldman. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 40 years,

Helen, and his parents, Etta and Ralph Kaplan.

Following his retirement from the wholesale tobacco and candy business, Bob was an extraordinary volunteer at Community Hospital, Munster, and the Cancer Resource Centre, Munster. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the infantry, a POW, and was awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his service. His family and his many friends will miss his warmth, compassion and humor.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 24, at Kish Funeral Home in Munster. Interment took place at Beth El Cemetery in Portage. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory may be made to Community Hospital Auxiliary, 901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster, IN 46321, or the Cancer Resource Centre, 926 Ridge Road, Suite J, Munster, IN 46321.

GAIL MITZENMACHER

VALPARAISO—Gail Mitzenmacher, 80, passed away suddenly on Thursday, October 17. The funeral took place on Sunday, October 20, at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso.

SANDRA L. GOODMAN SANDSTEDT

BARRINGTON, IL—Sandra Sandstedt (nee Goodman) has passed away. Preceded in death by her parents, Saul and Esther Goodman, and her brother Irv Goodman. She is survived by husband William Sandstedt, and by her brother Gary (Judy) Goodman. Donations may be made to Congregation Beth Israel (535 Progress Ave., Munster) or to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. 🕯️

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Keeping Faith: Sisters of Story Thursday, February 6

Storytellers Susan Stone, Rohina Malik and Kim Schultz each tell 3 stories inspired by their personal faith journeys. Join us at Federation for this inspirational, multi-faith evening.

More about the group: sistersofstory.weebly.com



SEAN EGAN • CONTINUED FROM P. 1

counsel, and precedents. I thank my successor, Judy Katz, and wish her luck as she adds this role to her list of myriad volunteer activities. I thank the members of the board who have tolerated my concise approach to running board meetings. But, as I say every time, I especially thank the staff of the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana for their service, their successes, and their smiles. It has been a pleasure to assist this wonderful team of hard-working and dedicated individuals to

accomplish the many goals they set for themselves.

If you have not made your gift to this year's campaign, please do so. And please consider increasing your pledge by whatever amount possible, as we see rising costs and expanding programs for our community.

Finally, we hope to see you at Federation's Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 17, at 12pm. We look forward to sharing another year's joys. 🌍

MARK SPERLING • CONTINUED FROM P. 22

- Our Gan Shalom, Garden of Peace, coordinated by Rebecca Hanscom and Robin Rich.
- Our High Holiday Services led by Rabbi Damsky and our awesome choir, Michael Greenwald, Jordy Blitz-Novak, and Sean Egan.
- All of the Sisterhood programs led by Kelly Farkas.

These programs—along with baby naming ceremonies, a wedding and a wedding reception, and other events too numerous to name—made the past year, one for the record books.

Over the past month I had the opportunity to visit the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Tolerance

in Los Angeles, California. Both visits reminded me of how blessed we have been, and how that blessing can be destroyed in a moment. It's so important to work for a better tomorrow every day. Our Temple and all of its families provide for that better tomorrow by all of the services and support we give to the local and broader community today.

Thanks to all for the great year we've had and the wonderful year ahead. I invite everyone to attend our weekly Shabbat services on Fridays at 7:30 to support our Temple and all that it stands for.

Shana Tova u'Metuka, Have a Good and Sweet Year! 🌍



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2019 Community Retreat

Our 30+ community members had a great 4 days together on Stone Lake in Cassopolis, Michigan! Learning, schmoozing, boating, movies, and food (so much food). Special thanks go to our Scholar-in-Residence Professor Rosalie Levinson, to Don Levinson, and to Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov for presenting us with stimulating talks and discussions each day; to Barry Levin for leading our morning prayer services; and to our Beading Ladies, Shirley Jacobs and Joyce Radbel, for generously sharing their talents and materials with us. 🌲



Opening night talk with local astronomer Robert Parrish. Breakfast on the deck.



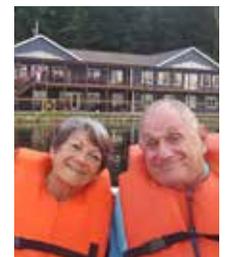
Chair Yoga overlooking the lake. L'chaim! Susan Tepperman's mixology session.



Esther and Pat.



Boating on Stone Lake (with Erica Y at the helm).



Cheryl and Joel.



After-dinner crafting with the Beading Ladies.



Arts in the afternoon: Paint the Lake!



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