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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Embracing The Chaos

by AIDA NOZICK

On Friday, June 19, 2020, the staff and I met for our quarterly in-depth planning session. We close the office, order lunch and get to work reviewing past events, planning future programming and my favorite—brainstorming. Mainly, we meet as a staff to ensure that we're all on the same page with the goals we established together at the beginning of the year. Needless to say, the last time we met in January was before Covid-19 disrupted everyone's lives. I was happy

to realize that we were still on point with the goals we established at the beginning of the year—working towards building and strengthening the Jewish community and providing meaningful services to our members.

The last major decision we made collectively on June 19, after much consideration and discussion, was to refrain from any in-person programming for the remainder of the year. This sad but necessary decision

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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 October 12, 2020. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

## MAZEL TOV...

To **Danny Ackerman** on celebrating his bar mitzvah (via Zoom) at Temple Beth-El on August 8.

To **Vicky Tritsch** on the July 2 birth of a granddaughter, Lily Jordan Hayes. Proud parents are Jenna Tritsch & Kevin Hayes.

To **Dr. Alex Galante** on completing his Urology Residency at the University of Florida. Proud parents are Drs. Rebecca & Gus Galante.

To **Justin Galler**, son of Sam Galler and grandson of Larry & Bobbi Galler, on graduating from Waubonsie Valley High School.

To **Lisa & Rex Gilman** on the July 29 birth of their new grandson Leo Isaac. Proud parents are Corey & Marissa Gilman.



To Officer **Jonathan Hernandez** for being recognized by the Munster Police Department with Life Saving Awards for incidents involving the

locating of and immediate care for a suicidal person and for assisting with the evacuation of a family during a structure fire. His Exemplary Service Award was presented for his outstanding service during the past year

as a patrol officer, field training officer, and evidence technician along with his professionalism and helpful attitude towards his fellow officers and his involvement in community events.

To **Mikayla Higgins** on her recent marriage to Nathaniel Steeves.

To **Brandon & Andrea Kassof** and big sister **Joanna** on the August 18 birth of Penelope Rose.

To **J. Michael & Miki Katz** on the engagement of their daughter **Whitney** to Sam Dardick, son of Joann & Nate Dardick of Evanston, IL.

To **Jessica Kubert** on graduating from Emory University in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Proud grandparents are Barbara & Richard Waxman.

To **Alex & Bianca Passo** on the July 16 birth of their son, Isaac. Proud grandparents are Herb & Evelyn Passo.

To **Ron Primack** on his daughter Ilana's acceptance for residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

To **Dean & Janine Rothschild** on the marriage of their son Adam to Jamie Schiller, daughter of Greg Schiller and Cindy Lude.

To **Danielle Sipp**, daughter of Gretchen Sipp, for receiving Save the Dunes' second annual Dorothy Buell Youth Environmental Award from. The award recognizes individuals ages 13-24 who have shown outstanding commitment to our region's environment. 

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FEDERATION'S 2020 Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 13 • 11:00am • via Zoom

Help us celebrate our volunteers and all that Federation has accomplished in 2020... a year unlike any other.



# Elul Virtual Jewish Learning Series

Via Zoom—Three Sessions Remaining in September!

## Session 3: "Teshuva Within, Teshuva Without"

Thursday, September 3  
4:30-5:30pm CT

Rabbi Robin Damsky  
Temple Israel—Miller

## Session 4: "Major Prayers of the High Holy Days"

Sunday, September 6,  
11:00am-12:00pm CT

Rabbi Mordechai Levin  
Congregation Beth Israel

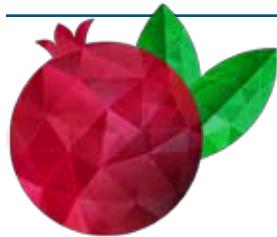
## Session 5: "Gateway to a New Year"

Thursday, September 10  
4:30-5:30pm CT

Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov  
Chabad of Northwest Indiana

This FREE educational series is offered through Federation to the Northwest Indiana Jewish community, via Zoom, with five sessions each taught by one of our community rabbis. RSVP for individual sessions or all five.

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



## Rosh Hashanah Home Meal Service

**Reservation Deadline:** Friday, September 11

**Curbside Pickup at Federation:** Friday, September 18, 11:30am-1:30pm

**Limited Home Delivery** is available for free to those unable to pick up. Contact the office for details.

### MENU:

**Roasted Chicken with a Pomegranate Reduction & Grilled Peaches** • Seasoned Fingerling Potatoes • Roasted Root Vegetables • Matzah Ball Soup • Apple Cake • Individual Round Raisin Challah • Kosher Grape Juice • Apple and Honey

**\$18 per meal.** Pay what you can or sponsor a neighbor.

Submit by Friday, September 11 to:

**Jewish Federation, 585 Progress Ave., Munster, IN 46321**

**Questions?** Call the Federation office at (219) 301-0960.

### YOUR ORDER: # meals

x \$18 = \$

Additional sponsorship donation \$

**Total** \$

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Name on Card

Signature



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2020 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN EVENT

### Comedian Benji Lovitt Live from Israel

Sunday, November 15, 2020  
4:00 p.m. CT • via Zoom • RSVP

Since making aliyah in 2006, comedian **Benji Lovitt** has performed for audiences around the world including Birthright Israel, Jewish Federations, synagogues, Hillels, and more. His perspectives have been featured on Israeli television and radio and in outlets such as *USA Today*, *Time Magazine*, BBC Radio, *The Atlantic*, and the *Times of Israel*. Benji has worked as a cross-cultural trainer with groups including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; during 2014's Operation Protective Edge, his humorous observations on the war led to his being called in Israel "the only reason to go on Facebook." [benjilovitt.com](http://benjilovitt.com)

More info & RSVP: [federationonline.org/campaign2020](http://federationonline.org/campaign2020)

# Thank You

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# Outdoor Movie Night: *Heading Home* was a Home Run!



On Thursday evening, July 16, almost 60 community members enjoyed a socially distanced outdoor movie. *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel* is the David-and-Goliath story of Israel's national baseball team as it competed for the first time in the 2016 World Baseball Classic.

Many thanks to **Richard & Barbara Waxman** for sponsoring this heartwarming event for our community. ☺



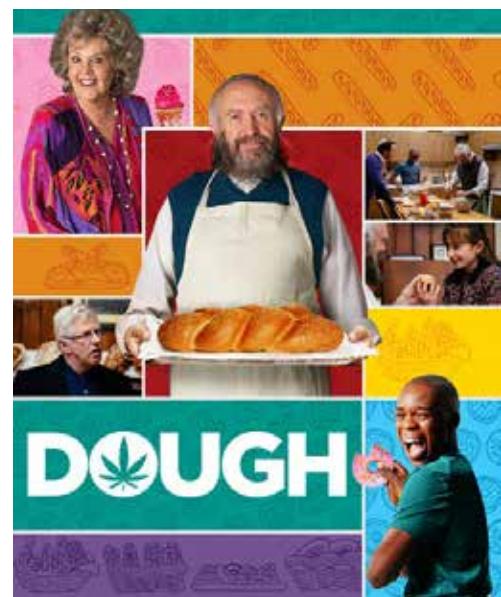
## Next Community Outdoor Movie Night: *Dough*

Thursday, September 24 • 7:00pm (weather permitting)

Generously sponsored by **Myrna & Sy Sarowitz**

Join us on the Federation lawn for a socially distanced fall movie night outdoors. Public health guidelines will be observed. We'll supply the individually wrapped snacks—and patio heaters! Bring your own masks (or we'll provide extras), lawn chairs and blankets.

Jonathan Pryce (*Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Game of Thrones*) and Pauline Collins (*Shirley Valentine*) star in this hilarious comedy that shows you don't have to be baked to make some Dough! Curmudgeonly widower Nat Dayan (Jonathan Pryce) clings to his way of life as a Kosher bakery shop owner in London's East End. Understaffed, Nat reluctantly enlists the help of teenager Ayyash (Jerome Holder), who has a secret side gig selling marijuana to help his immigrant mother make ends meet. When Ayyash accidentally drops his stash into the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves and an unlikely friendship forms between the old Jewish baker and his young Muslim apprentice. *Dough* is a warmhearted and humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places. (2016; 94 minutes) ☺



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SOCIAL DISTANCING: We had plenty of room for outdoor fun at Federation this summer.

## Summer Youth Activities

While most camps were out of session, we arranged some safe summer fun at Federation for our Jewish youth in grades 1-4.



Tuesday, July 14, was our "Camp Day": DIY ice cream, water balloons, and tie-dyeing.



On Thursday, July 23, we made Shabbat candle holders and other crafts. We also picked vegetables from our Community Garden for the Federation food pantry.



On Thursday, July 30, we made Challah-in-a-Bag and braided it ourselves!

# Thank You, Munster Police Department!



On July 2, we brought homemade lunches from Federation to our friends at the Munster Police Department in an effort to express our gratitude and recognize the good that they do and the safety they provide to our community every day. Thank you! 🌟



Rachel Saller (Federation staff) and Judy Katz (Board President) with Lt. Dan Broelmann at the Munster Police Dept.

August 27, 2020

Dear Law Enforcement Officials

During this unprecedented time of the coronavirus pandemic, economic disruption and social unrest, we want to thank all law enforcement agencies in Lake, LaPorte, and Porter Counties for your relentless dedication to safeguarding Northwest Indiana.

We greatly appreciate the vigilance, responsiveness and highest professional standards exemplified by local officers and your state and federal partners, and we want you to know that we value your service.

Our relatively small Jewish community maintains houses of worship in Gary, Michigan City, Munster, and Valparaiso. Jews live and work in cities, towns, and rural areas across this three-county region. In recent years, as Jewish communities throughout the nation have been increasingly targeted by anti-Semitic individuals and groups, local law enforcement agencies have assisted our temples and synagogues, schools and community centers in the development of plans and procedures to greatly increase security at our buildings and events. Off-duty officers are frequently hired to protect our members at various religious and social gatherings. And, when problems do occur, law enforcement officials are quick to respond and provide the needed assistance.

We send our heartfelt thanks to you for all of these efforts and wish you continued success in all that you do.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors  
Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana

## Making the Difference

### A Conversation with Eric Fingerhut, CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America

Mr. Eric D. Fingerhut, President and CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), will be addressing our major donors August 30 in a private Zoom conversation by invitation only.

Prior to his appointment at JFNA, Mr. Fingerhut served as the President and CEO of Hillel International from 2013-19. At Hillel, he led the organization's Drive to Excellence, which doubled the number of students engaged by Hillel each year to over 130,000.

Mr. Fingerhut has also had a varied and distinguished career in public service and higher education. He served as Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents from early 2007 to 2011, leading Ohio's system of public universities and colleges; as Ohio state senator from 1997 to 2006; and represented Ohio's 19th congressional district in the U.S. Congress from 1993 to 1994.

"I didn't realize it at the time, but my early life was shaped by Federation. I went to preschool at the JCC. I vividly remember carrying signs in the walkathons standing up for Israel during the 1967 and 1973 wars," Fingerhut recounts. "Never did I imagine that nearly a half century later, I would have the opportunity to lead a Movement that has impacted



Eric D. Fingerhut. Photo courtesy of JFNA.

my life and so many others. It has a rich history, and I believe it can have an even more impactful future."

JFNA represents 147 Jewish Federations and over 300 Network communities, raising and distributing more than \$2 billion annually and through planned giving and endowment programs. In support of social welfare, social services and educational needs, JFNA protects and enhances the well-being of Jews worldwide, and leads in the fields of caregiving, aging, philanthropy, disability, foreign policy, homeland security and health care. ☰



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## Donor Spotlight: MCP USA

On August 23, Federation received a shipment from MCP USA of 750 oven-safe plastic trays and lids to support our home meal service program. Thank you!

Based in Israel, MCP Performance Plastic Ltd. ([mcpusainc.com](http://mcpusainc.com)) manufactures a wide range of thermoplastic packaging solutions for the food and ready-meals industries. In 2019, they completed their expansion into the United States with a foothold in Northwest Indiana: their new 91,000-square-foot manufacturing facility, located in Portage.

Many thanks to Eyal Tenenbaum, CEO of MCP USA, for arranging the



generous donation. Eyal lives in Munster with his wife Liraz and children Shira and Ori. ☰

## 5th Annual Community BBQ

Though the pre-boxed lunches and hand sanitizer were a change from past years, we enjoyed beautiful weather, friends and fun!



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# Food for Thought

VIRTUAL BRUNCH SERIES  
FALL 2020 • VIA ZOOM



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM  
& EDUCATION CENTER

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center—Virtual Exhibition Tour

## "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg"

Sunday, October 18 • 11:00am • via Zoom

Introduction by Rosalie Levinson • Sponsored by Prime Timers

**Since we can't bring you to the museum, we're bringing the museum to you!** Our private virtual tour begins with a video presentation: exhibit curator Arielle Weininger will discuss the history of RBG and the exhibition, complete with embedded audio, video, and photographs of artifacts as seen in the exhibition. After the video is a live Q&A session with a Museum docent.

Based on the New York Times bestselling book and Tumblr page of the same name, *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* is the first-ever museum exhibition focused solely on this judicial icon, whose image graces mugs, t-shirts, posters, and bobbleheads. The exhibit is a vibrant exploration of Justice Ginsburg's life and her numerous, often simultaneous roles as a student, wife, mother, lawyer, judge, women's rights pioneer, and Internet phenomenon. Briefs and other writings by RBG, including some of her famously searing dissents, are woven throughout the exhibit.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Chanukah Cooking with Jamie Geller

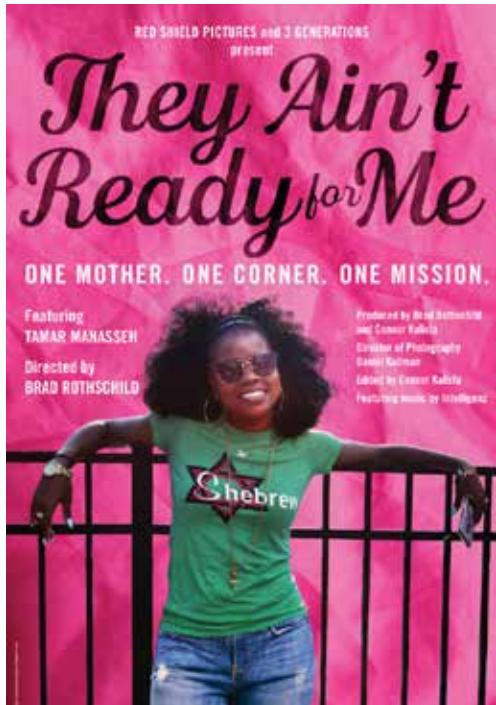
Sunday, December 6 • 11:00am • via Zoom

**Let's put the Food back in Food for Thought!** Join us December 6 for a private cooking demo live from Israel with food & lifestyle expert Jamie Geller, who will present a Chanukah-themed menu and demonstrate three favorite recipes. We'll send out the menu and ingredients list in advance so you can cook along!

**Jamie Geller** is a *Today Show* regular, 7-time bestselling cookbook author and mother of 6—known as the “Jewish Rachael Ray” (*New York Times*) and “Queen of Kosher” (CBS). Find [@jamiegeller](#) on Instagram and check out [JamieGeller.com](#) for over 10,000 recipes and how-to videos.

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

# Educational Programming



## Virtual Film Program: *They Ain't Ready For Me*

Generously sponsored by **Carol Culberg**

### Virtual Screening (on your own)

Available to watch online October 4-7

Link will be sent out via email closer to the date. RSVP for information.

### Talkback with Tamar Manasseh & Filmmaker Brad Rothschild

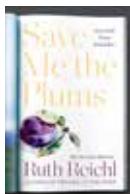
Thursday, October 8 • 7:00pm • via Zoom

*They Ain't Ready For Me* is the feature-length documentary about Tamar Manasseh, the vivacious African American rabbinical student who is leading the fight against senseless killings on the south side of Chicago. Tired of waiting for politicians to do something, Tamar took the situation into her own hands. She did something simple yet revolutionary: she sat down on the corner and hasn't left since. Tamar and the organization she founded, MASK, Mothers and Men Against Senseless Killings, are proving that something can be done, the situation is not hopeless. *They Ain't Ready For Me* explores the challenges and motivations of this fearless community leader as she works to prevent more people from being killed by gun violence. It also highlights how her Judaism influences her activism. [theyaintreadyforme.com](http://theyaintreadyforme.com)

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

## Fall 2020 Federation Book Club—Via Zoom

Please read the books in advance, then tune in for lively discussion facilitated by Carol Culberg. To get the Zoom information, RSVP online at [federationonline.org/upcoming-events](http://federationonline.org/upcoming-events) or call the office at (219) 301-0960. Copies of the books are available to purchase or borrow (1 week loan) from the Federation office; call for availability or to reserve.

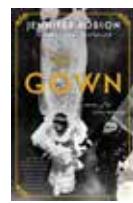


**MONDAY, SEPT. 14 • 7PM**

### *Save Me The Plums: My Gourmet Memoir*

**by Ruth Reichl:** Trailblazing food writer and beloved restaurant critic Ruth Reichl took the job (and the risk) of a lifetime when she entered the glamorous, high-stakes world of

magazine publishing. Now, for the first time, she chronicles her groundbreaking tenure as editor-in-chief of *Gourmet*, during which she spearheaded a revolution in the way we think about food.



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 • 7PM**

### *The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding* by Jennifer Robson:

This enthralling historical novel takes us inside the postwar workrooms where one of the most famous wedding gowns in history—Queen Elizabeth's—was created. The lives of three unforgettable heroines are woven together by the pain of survival, the bonds of friendship, and the redemptive power of love. 

## Mensch in the Making: Elizabeth Graves

On August 16, at Federation's Community BBQ, **Elizabeth Graves** of Munster brought \$14 of her lemonade stand earnings to benefit the Food Pantry. Elizabeth is a 4th grader at Eads Elementary.

The *Illiana News* followed up with Elizabeth to ask a few questions.

**IN: How old are you?**

EG:

**IN: How long have you been in the lemonade business?**

EG:

**IN: What made you decide to give to the Federation food pantry?**

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**IN: What else do you like to do over the summer?**

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**IN: What's it like being back in school now?**

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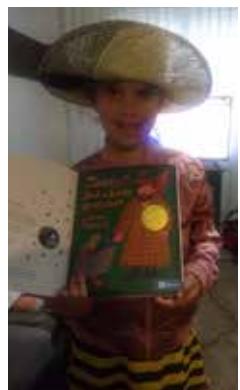
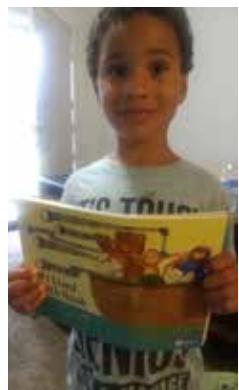
**IN: What are you looking forward to doing when the pandemic is over?**

EG:



Elizabeth Graves, age 9, brought \$14 of her lemonade stand earnings to benefit the Federation Food Pantry. Thank you!

## PJ Library



Temple Israel (Miller) member Carmen McKee writes, "It is an absolute joy sharing Jewish history and culture via the selected books gifted by PJ Library to Ellis and August. They love receiving mail, reading to one another and learning another language (their sixth). Ellis and August sends lots of thanks and hugs to you and the PJ Library staff."

## Bringing Jewish Families Together—One Book at a Time

Jewish futures start with us. At the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, we connect young families to the programs and people that help them not only launch, but continue, their Jewish journeys.

PJ Library® is a unique program that seeks to encourage Jewish families with young children to explore Jewish literature. Each month, PJ Library sends enrolled children an age-appropriate Jewish content book or CD—free of charge. PJ Library is funded by our local Federation

and supporters like you, in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana sponsors PJ Library enrollments for children residing in Lake, Porter, or LaPorte County, from birth to 7½ years old, who have at least one Jewish parent or grandparent (interfaith families are encouraged). If you have a qualifying child or grandchild, visit [federationonline.org/pj-library](http://federationonline.org/pj-library) to enroll them today.

## Journey Together: Year 2

by LISA GIGLIO, School Board Committee Chair

Masa B'Yachad's second school year, which began via Zoom on Sunday, August 23, is off to a good start. We have approximately 31 students registered at this time, which is a few less than last year, but hopefully more will be joining us. The school is open to any family in good standing belonging to a congregation under the boundaries of the Federation of Northwest Indiana. We are pleased to welcome several families from Temple Anshe Sholom.

Principal Mindy Miller has been coordinating the teachers, students, parents, curriculum, and Zoom logistics. We welcome Rabbi Gidon Isaacs to the staff and send our thoughts of better health to teacher Kristin Stern. We also give our appreciation for the returning teachers: Nina Blumberg, Shelley Gurevitz, Terri Hendrickson,

Rabbi Mordechai Levin, Cynthia Ostrovsky, and Marsha Weiner. In addition to serving as Principal, Mindy Miller will also be teaching the 5th, 6th and 7th graders.

We realize that as a new school, we still have challenges—some anticipated and a few unexpected. The school board committee of 3 representatives from CBI and 3 from Temple Beth-El have come together working very well.

We appreciate that Federation realizes the best interest of the community is to be One, and we are very grateful for Federation's tremendous support, financially, administratively and socially. We look forward to the continued success of the school which will benefit not only each student and family, but also our greater community. ☸



▲ Federation's Community BBQ on August 16 included registration and a socially distanced, outdoor parent meeting for Masa B'Yachad.

## Welcome Parents & Students!

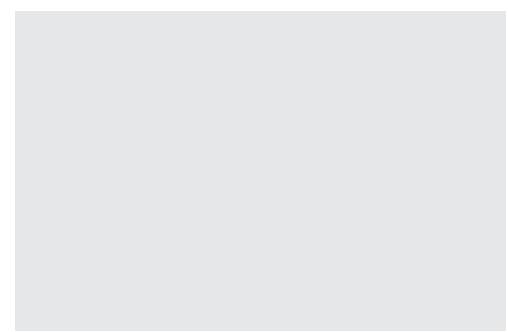
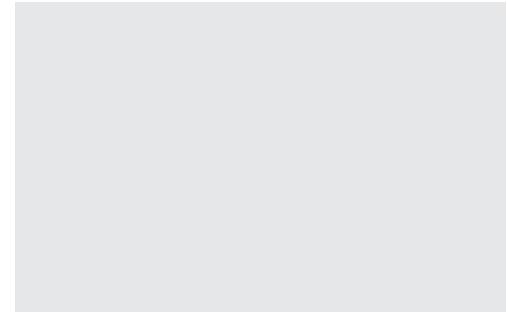
by MINDY MILLER, Principal

Plans are underway for an exciting year! We are all very excited to begin another year of learning.

Due to the Covid-19 virus, we will be holding classes online for the first semester. We have worked hard during the summer to make our curriculum strong. Even though we cannot meet in person at this time, we are committed to providing the best possible Jewish learning experience. Our teachers look forward

to working with your children, and our rabbis and the school board committee are also prepared to support your family education experience.

Please know that we are here to help in any way. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to contact me, either at [mindy@federationonline.org](mailto:mindy@federationonline.org) or by calling me at (708) 466-1031. ☸



▲ Our first Hebrew School session of the year took place Wednesday, August 26 over Zoom.

## News from JCRC

by ROSALIE LEVINSON, JCRC Co-Chair

In January 2020, Federation's Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) was reinvigorated with new members dedicated to carrying out the goal of fighting anti-semitism by fostering interfaith communication and understanding through educational programs, including the important task of teaching about the Holocaust. Our new members include Miriam Marcus, Alan Lahn, Robin Rich, Francie Gerson, Michael Greenwald, Barbara Waxman, and Myrna Sarowitz.

Our first project was to create an interfaith listserv of leaders of the various faith groups in Northwest Indiana. We now have, in addition to our 6 Jewish congregations, 40 organizations which represent 17 different denominations of 5 different religions. The "Sisters of Story" program we sponsored last February helped jump start this project.

Although the pandemic has made in-person programs impossible, we do plan to have a second interfaith Zoom program on October 1. Ariella Rada, an Ethiopian Jew who serves as a Junior Deputy at the Israel Consulate

General's Office in Chicago, will be our guest speaker. See details below.

As for Holocaust education, we had to cancel the Workshop for teachers that was scheduled for this fall due to COVID, but we plan to resume this important program for the fall of 2021.

A second Holocaust project involves a new initiative of our Partnership 2Gether Western Galilee Central Area Consortium called Sliding Dors [*dor* is the Hebrew word for generation]. See the facing page for more details.

Because I am a child of two survivors, I agreed to serve as our representative. I joined 15 participants, two from the Western Galilee, 2 from Budapest and 11 from various communities in Indiana, Ohio, Texas, New York and Nebraska, for 3 Zoom sessions over the summer to learn about this new project. The goal is to reach out to children of survivors so they can share their stories and learn from each other, just as I personally found that meeting and talking to fellow child survivor Howard Reich at Federation's program last November was very cathartic.

In addition, the hope is that some of these children of survivors might be willing to tell their stories to the public. I learned that several communities already have programs in place, and they have even developed

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JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (JCRC) PRESENTS:

## Women In Israel: A Model of Diversity

with Ariella Rada, Israeli Consul for Academic and Community Affairs



Thursday, Oct. 1 • 7:00pm • via Zoom

Join us October 1 for this inspiring and engaging talk!

**Ariella Rada** is the Consul for Academic and Community Affairs, Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest. Ms Rada joined the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2015. In 2016 she was appointed as the deputy chief of mission (DCM) of the Israeli embassy to Peru, where she was responsible for politics, press, culture and international aid.

Ms. Rada was born to a Jewish family in Ethiopia and immigrated to Israel with her family in 1984. In addition to English and Hebrew, she also speaks Spanish and Amharic. She grew up most of her life in the southern city of Beer-Sheba. In the army she served as a commander of soldiers and trained new recruits. She holds an M.A. in Conflict Resolution from the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC). 

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training kits to help willing speakers prepare their talks. The first step is to identify children of survivors in our area. Agreeing to be a part of this group in no way compels you to become a public speaker. Our first goal is to provide a venue for communicating with each other. Eventually, the hope is that we can come up with a panel of speakers whose names we will list in a Resource Brochure to send out to schools who are under a state mandate to teach the Holocaust, as well as churches who want to sponsor a

Holocaust Remembrance Program. If you are a child—or even a grandchild—of survivors, please email me at [rosalie.levinson@valpo.edu](mailto:rosalie.levinson@valpo.edu).

Finally, my co-chair/husband Don Levinson is serving on the Lake County Memorial Commission, which is creating a Holocaust Memorial in Crown Point as part of an exhibit on World Wars I and II. An Israeli architectural firm has been hired to plan and manage the project. This will serve as a wonderful venue for taking school students, among others, to learn about anti-Semitism. ☺



**“Memory is the lifeline to our Jewish souls.”**

~ Fagie Bernstein  
(Toledo, Ohio USA)



## SlidingDors: Voices of the Second Generation

SlidingDors is a play on words. In the film, “Sliding Doors”, a woman’s career and life is determined on whether or not she catches a train. Our program, SlidingDors replaces “door” with the Hebrew word for generation, דור “dor” and evokes a similar determination that many families had to make for their future; to stay in Hungary or immigrate to the US or Israel.

### SlidingDors

- Connects US, Hungarian and Israeli P2G second-generation Holocaust survivors to discuss and share their unique Jewish identity in their own communities and with other P2G communities.
- Inspires participants to tell their stories using a variety of creative outlets including group discussion, one-on-one conversation, storytelling, visual arts, writing, and other possibilities.
- Provides opportunity for optional trip to Budapest, Poland, and Israel

“We are telling the **stories** of our parents and grandparents and their **courage** of **survival** and revival that shaped our world.”

~ *Tanja Ronen, SlidingDors co-chair (Moshav Regba, Israel)*

“We have inherited **silent traumas** from our parents, and we can only get rid of them if we **speak them out**.”

~ *Erszi Sándor, SlidingDors co-chair (Budapest, Hungary)*

If you are a Second Generation (2G) family member of a Holocaust Survivor and interested in participating or learning more about SlidingDors, let us know. We want to get started soon!

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## Zooming into 5781

by JUDY KATZ

Who would have imagined a year ago that we would all be learning how to communicate in a whole new way! I have been impressed with the way our Federation has kept programs going via the internet. I hope that our community members have had a chance to join in on one of the many Zoom calls and programs.

Our Federation’s Board of Directors and committees have been meeting regularly. Aida Nozick and I met again with our congregations’ Rabbis and Presidents for another successful meeting (via Zoom, of course). Rachel Saller has been doing a great job Zooming with our Adult Friendship Club members weekly. Our Book Club led by Carol Culberg continues to meet online every 6 weeks with great attendance. Thank you, Carol!

I know we will all be so happy to be together in person again. Thank you to Barbara and Richard Waxman who sponsored our outdoor movie *Heading Home* in July. It was wonderful to see many of you, albeit from a safe distance wearing masks. I hear there will be another outdoor movie night in September (see p. 00 for details). Meanwhile, Aida and the Federation staff continue to explore ways for us to meet and learn via Zoom. Even our upcoming campaign events will take place via Zoom! Please make sure to join us.

Our Federation has continued providing delicious lunches to AFC members and others every Monday and Wednesday. My husband and I

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# Saying Sorry: Yom Kippur

by ERIN NOWAKOWSKI, Director, K'Ton Ton Early Childhood Programs

All of us at K'Ton Ton would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and a meaningful Yom Kippur.

For many, Rosh Hashanah is the favorite of the High Holidays with its festive nature. For others, it's Sukkot and its focus on nature and dining under the stars. Still others await the jubilant celebrations of Simchat Torah. For me, Yom Kippur has always been where my heart lies. Maybe it's because I've always had a growth mindset; the thoughtfulness and intention that is Yom Kippur has always spoken to me.

We, as adults, are well aware that Yom Kippur revolves around atoning for mistakes made the previous year and committing to do better in the upcoming year. With a focus on child development, I often turn to how we explain that to children, and what it really means to say "I'm sorry."

It is time we as parents, grandparents, and caregivers think about the practice we tend to have of forcing children to say "I'm sorry." In our well-meaning effort, we may be doing more harm than good. Those words, "I'm sorry," when forced to be said not only teach the wrong lesson, but don't actually solve the problem.

Saying "I'm sorry" appears to be magic to kids, letting them off the hook for mistakes made. Step on a picture? Hit someone? Push someone? Just say sorry and you can go on with your day. In reality, forcing apologies does not teach accountability or responsibility. The thing is, young children can repeat our "sorry" quite well, but many aren't truly ready to be sorry for their actions. Most children simply lack the necessary

development to be remorseful. Being able to see things from another's perspective and understanding cause and effect (both crucial to a true apology) are skills which are still emerging in young children.

But we want to raise children who are caring, empathetic people, right? Those who grow to mean it when they issue an apology. So how do we do it?

Children are hardwired to be empathetic, understanding, and kind. Insisting on apologies is neither necessary, nor helpful for children to learn to recognize and use these feelings well. When it comes to teaching children how to apologize and make amends, guidance and patience from you, their trusted adult(s), is much more valuable.

Start with a focus on making it right. Help your kids realize what they've done and the response it has caused: "You were swinging around and hit your sister in the arm. Look. It really hurts her. She's crying." Now you model the empathy we're looking for. Together we look at the spot hurt and ask "Are you okay?" Then we take some action to fix it. "She is really sad because you bumped her. Can you get her a tissue? (Or an ice pack?)" Young children naturally want to help—getting a towel, a tissue, an ice pack, a bandage, a special toy, etc. Now everyone involved feels better. One of my favorite quotes by two early childhood experts, Janis Keyser and Laura Davis, is "Children who are given the opportunity to participate in helping the other child feel better often do amazing things." It's about taking action, not words.



The notion of restitution lies in taking action. By helping our children through the act of making amends, we all come out stronger. Through restitution, we stop and think about what went wrong and then how we can fix it. The added step of fixing our mistakes leaves all parties involved feeling stronger. When a child hits another and then stops to fix it, the injured child feels cared for, and the child who hits feels better about themselves.

Another option is a guarantee. Instead of asking for an apology, ask for a guarantee. It's okay to say sorry, but it's even better to commit to a better choice in the future. "I won't knock over your tower again." In addition to this guarantee, helping rebuild the tower would be an act of restitution that would help make it right.

And, of course, the most important way to help your child learn to mean it when they apologize is through modeling. When your child regularly hears you apologize *with a plan to do better*, it shows children what's appropriate, but lets them develop it in their time. "I'm sorry. I promised I would do that for you and I forgot. I am going to write it in my calendar so I will remember from now on."

I encourage you to notice the heartfelt, truly genuine apologies as they happen. They tend to be spontaneous—a smile, a big hug, offering to share a favorite toy. Children often apologize in ways that we as adults don't expect, and that is okay. It takes time, but soon they will be saying and showing "I'm sorry" without prompting, and they'll really mean it. ☺

## Noar & Atid: Hiking at the Dunes

**Date:** Sunday, September 13 (weather permitting)

**Time:** Meet at 2pm; should be done by 4pm

**Meeting Location:** Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center, 1600 N 25 E, Chesterton. \*No carpooling from Federation.

**Food:** Bring your own snacks and a water bottle.

**Gear:** Masks required. Hats & sunscreen recommended.

**RSVP** by Wednesday, Sept. 9 to Rachel Saller, [rachel@federationonline.org](mailto:rachel@federationonline.org)



**Noar** is Federation's youth group for grades 9-12. **Atid** is our youth group for grades 6-8. For more information or to get involved, visit [federationonline.org/noar-atid](http://federationonline.org/noar-atid) or contact Rachel Saller, Jewish Youth Advisor, at (219) 301-0960 or [rachel@federationonline.org](mailto:rachel@federationonline.org).

### SAVE THE DATES!

RSVP for all events to Rachel Saller at (219) 301-0960 or [rachel@federationonline.org](mailto:rachel@federationonline.org).

#### **Noar—Evening Discussion with Susan Tepperman**

Date: Tuesday, September 22

Time: TBD (evening)

Location: VIA ZOOM

Cost: Free!

#### **Atid—Cooking with Chef David Lerner**

Date: Thursday, October 1

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Federation Kitchen

Food: Cook and eat a delicious dinner (menu TBA)

Cost: Free!

#### **Noar—Sukkot Program with Rabbi Zalmanov**

Date: Tuesday, October 6

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Chabad Sukkah (1113 Ridge Road, Munster)

Food: A delicious kosher meal in the sukkah

Cost: Free!

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# Home Delivery Menus



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30	Aug 31 Home Meal Delivery: Vegetable quiche (V), roasted potatoes, roll, pudding parfait	1	2 Home Meal Delivery: Vegetable lasagna (V), garlic bread, fresh fruit		\$8 per meal Pay what you can or sponsor a neighbor	
6	7 NO MEAL SERVICE <i>Labor Day—Office Closed</i>	8	9 Home Meal Delivery: Greek chicken, lemon orzo, Greek style green beans, cake		No-contact curbside pickup or FREE home delivery available <i>Pickup/delivery window: 12-2pm</i>	
13	14 Home Meal Delivery: Spaghetti bolognese, garlic bread, fresh fruit	15	16 NO MEAL SERVICE <i>Order by Sept. 11 for Rosh Hashanah Meal Delivery on Friday, Sept. 18</i>	17	18 Rosh Hashanah Meal Delivery	19 Rosh Hashanah Day 1
20 Rosh Hashanah Day 2	21 Home Meal Delivery: Salisbury steak with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake	22	23 Home Meal Delivery: Chicken pot pie, roll, fresh fruit	24	25	26
27 Kol Nidrei	28 NO MEAL SERVICE <i>Yom Kippur—Office Closed</i>	29	30 Home Meal Delivery: Mushroom moussaka (V), vegetable medley, roll, fresh fruit		Menu, delivery dates and availability subject to change. As an essential human service agency, Federation will continue meal service as long as we are able to remain open. (V) = vegetarian (dairy meal)	

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**ORDER DEADLINES:** To help us serve you better, please place your order by NOON ON FRIDAY for Monday meals;  
NOON ON TUESDAY for Wednesday meals. *Orders received after that time will be fulfilled based on availability, first come first served.*

*Menus and programming are subject to change. Please call (219) 301-0960 or email rachel@federationonline.org to make reservations (24 hours advance notice please).*

## Adult Friendship Club

### AFC Zoom Social Hours

Wednesdays at 1pm:  
September 2, 9, 23, 30

Our 1pm Zoom calls now include special activities!



- Sept. 2: Schmoozin' with Susan
- Sept. 9: Social Hour with special guest, former shaliach Oded Fromovitz
- Sept. 16: No social hour. L'shanah tovah!
- Sept. 23: Jewish Jeopardy
- Sept. 30: Crafts with Pat (details right)

Crafts with Pat:  
Mason Jar Tealight  
Lantern (via Zoom)

Wed., Sept. 30, 1pm

*You will need:* flameless LED tealight  
(not a real one) • clean glass jar  
• cut-out newspaper picture •  
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your request by Sept. 11 to give us  
ample time to deliver it to you.*



then made planning Federation's programs and events much easier to accomplish and significantly reduced our stress levels.

Some of our most frequent buzzwords lately include "nimble", "agile", and "flexible". What else can you do when you're trying to make short- and long-term decisions but the health and safety guidelines keep changing, based on new information that is constantly emerging? It's difficult to admit we don't have all the answers to everything, and more importantly, we don't have control either.

Uncertainty also brings new opportunities. Much of what we've done at the Federation these past five and half months has grown out of necessity. Pretty quickly at the onset of the Covid pandemic in mid-March, we realized there would be a need to provide meals and groceries to vulnerable community members. We already had the structure in place for serving meals and programming twice a week to some of our seniors—that part was easy. But how were we going to deliver these meals, which average weekly to 120 meals? We needed to muster support and volunteers quickly. We started with a small group of drivers making all the deliveries each week. We now have over 000 volunteers driving all over Northwest Indiana and even into Illinois to help out our members and friends in the South Suburbs.

Another interesting idea came from donations we received from Jewel-Osco after the end of Pesach. In addition to the usual post-Pass-over selections—boxes of matzah, matzah meal, duck sauce and whatever else—Jewel donated over 500 Shabbat candles. I don't know why they included Shabbat candles, but we used them as the springboard for a community-wide Shabbat celebration. We baked 186 challot using bored teenagers looking for something to do, and the Federation staff and I put together 186 Shabbat bags which included a pair of the Shabbat candles, a freshly made challah, and a small bottle of grape juice. Our congregational rabbis led us in an inspirational message via Zoom on that Friday. This was my favorite event of the year. The rabbis spoke beautifully, we didn't let anything go to waste, and most importantly we brought our community together for one Shabbat.

I always think "Thank G-d for Zoom" and other modern technologies. While it's not the same as gathering in person, it certainly beats the alternative, which would leave us all feel more isolated and disconnected. This issue of *Illiana News* is full of new programming that we are offering via Zoom. It also includes our Rosh Hashanah meal menu and all the schedules for the High Holidays from our congregations.



▲ Shabbat gift bags awaiting delivery.



▲ Our crack challah-braiding team included Emma Strickers, Lily Yalowitz, Leah Nozick, and Shayna Zalmanov.



▲ The rabbis' inspirational Shabbat Zoom.

As always, please contact me with any needs, concerns or ideas you may have. Additionally, we can use delivery drivers and grocery shoppers, so if you have some free time to do a mitzvah, even once in a while, please do call us. Whether your New Year's wish is to help provide support or to receive it, we are here. ☸

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# JCY Day Camp

## JCY Day Camp Goes Virtual

by RACHEL SIEFFERT, JCY Camp Director

This summer, JCY campers participated in their first (and hopefully only!) Virtual Camp. Campers and parents visited a private Facebook group where fun, at-home summer activities and entertaining videos were offered daily. Campers even got a surprise JCY "play pack" delivered to their homes filled with fun prizes, games, and crafts from staff members.

While this summer wasn't what we had in mind, we are thankful for everyone's health and safety and more than ready to start thinking about JCY 2021! Are you ready for the summer??! ☺



JCY Director Rachel Sieffert and Assistant Directors Heather Olson and Brooke Burczyk kick off Virtual Camp by creating a video message for all of their virtual camp families.



Virtual Camper Sarah enjoyed recreating the "Skittles Experiment" video from JCY staff members.



Virtual Camper Hailey loved the JCY Play Pack she found at her front door!



Assistant Directors Brooke Burczyk and Heather Olson loved making a potato sack race video for our virtual campers!

## Partnership2Gether Western Galilee

### WOMEN'S ROSH HODESH GATHERING

**Sunday, Oct. 18, 12:30pm CT:** Celebrate, learn and connect with women of all ages from across our Partnership communities. For details and RSVP, visit [www.westerngalilee.org.il](http://www.westerngalilee.org.il)—or join the new "P2G Rosh Hodesh Women Community" Facebook group!

### P2G BOOK CLUB

**Sunday, Nov. 15, 12:00pm CT:** The P2G Book Club includes participants from most of our Partnership communities, via a WhatsApp group and video meetings. The quarantine has led to interesting discussions on coping, loneliness, memory and more. Our next book is *The Book of Fathers* by Miklos Vamos from Hungary, who will join us at our video meeting. ☺



Virtual Camper Ella participated in JCY's Sidewalk Chalk Contest and won a Dairy Queen gift card and a huge box of chalk!

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## HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

**Sept. 18** 7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah  
**Sept. 19** 10:00am Rosh Hashanah; 1:30pm Family Service  
**Sept. 20** 10:00am Rosh Hashanah; 2:30pm Tashlich  
**Sept. 27** 7:30pm Kol Nidre  
**Sept. 28** 10:00am Yom Kippur; 1:30pm Family Service; 4:30pm Yizkor, Healing, N'ilah, Havdalah  
*Contact the office for attendance details: (219) 934-9600.*



## A New Start

by RABBI GIDON ISAACS

*On July 1, Rabbi Isaacs began a joint position as rabbi for Temple Beth-El and Temple Anshe Sholom.—Ed.*



What an exciting time! In the midst of this trying historical moment, it's nice to have something to celebrate. I hope that you will join me in facing the challenges of finding new ways to meet and greet, to have meaningful experiences together, to learn, and of course, as Jews we must find ways to

schmooze! I invite you to get involved, to see it as a welcome distraction.

Of course, I also recognize that these are difficult times that we are living through. Together we will also create ways to face the stress, difficulty, and isolation brought on by the pandemic. The spaces we gather in may be virtual, but the underlying bonds of community are real. The powerful sense of real community is what drew me to these two synagogues; the warmth, passion and commitment of all those I met. I have already been so warmly welcomed over Zoom, on social media, through instant messages and email. The reputation of Midwestern friendliness and hospitality has already manifested on my path to joining you.

On behalf of my family I already owe so many a great debt of gratitude for the assistance we have

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## Reflections on 8 Years at Temple Beth-El in Munster

### An Interview with Rabbi Leonard Zukrow

conducted by MIRIAM MARCUS

**Q: Thinking back on the last eight years in our community, can you mention a few events, occasions or interactions that really brought you joy? What were the high points?**

A: I am filled with gratitude for having been a part of this community for these eight years. I would say, without a doubt, engagement with members through lifecycle events were always special for me: preparing kids for B'nai Mitzvah, officiating at weddings and funerals, and performing conversions. All these stand out because these are times when a Rabbi becomes intimately involved in someone's life in a significant way. The Adult B'nai Mitzvah ceremony in particular was one of the most memorable events during my time at Beth-El, closely followed by the Interfaith Thanksgiving services

we have held these past few years. Those had fallen off the radar for a while and we (the Interfaith Clergy Council) got them back on track. That service seems to bring immense joy to those who attend, and the community's perception of "other" has undergone a transformation as the participants and attendees have diversified and grown over the years.

**Q: What work in the community were you proudest of?**

A: I am very proud of my work on social justice issues with the Interfaith Clergy Council, particularly my participation in local memorials, vigils and other similar gatherings. I have enjoyed speaking at St. Timothy's Church for Lent, at the annual Emancipation Proclamation Service in Merrillville, and at the vigils

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The Temple Beth-El Sisterhood held an outdoor Ice Cream Social on the evening of Thursday, August 13. We had 24 people in attendance and also collected a lot of school supplies for Lincoln Elementary School in Hammond.

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## RABBI LEVIN'S CLASS: MAJOR PRAYERS OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

**Sunday, Sept. 6, 11:00am:** What are the most important High Holy Day prayers? We will be learning the spiritual and practical meaning behind the most significant prayers of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

## FREE HEBREW CALENDAR

Looking for a free Hebrew Calendar for 2020-2021? Visit [cbi-nwi.org/worship/holidays/](http://cbi-nwi.org/worship/holidays/) to download CBI's printable Hebrew calendar.

## SELICHOT SERVICE

**Saturday, Sept. 12, 8:00pm:** 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.

Prior to the service we will watch a pre-Selichot talk by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, faith leader, philosopher, and author, about "High Holy Days in An Unforgiving Age."



At the end of our Selichot service, participants will be invited to attend the national Selichot Program of Conservative Judaism.

# We Invite You to Join Us for the High Holy Days 2020—5781



## SELIHOT NIGHT LIVE

**Saturday, Sept. 12, 9:00pm CT:** The Conservative Movement comes together to learn, sing, and connect as a community. Over 60 rabbis and cantors will present, and a variety of Selihot services will be offered throughout the evening. This program is free and open to all. Individual registration will open in September. Full schedules and Zoom links provided to all who register. [www.cjselihot.org](http://www.cjselihot.org)

## ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

**Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, Sept. 18, 6:00pm**  
**Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day: Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:00am**  
**Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day: Sunday, Sept. 20, 10:00am**

## SHABBAT SHUVA

**Friday, Sept. 25, 6:00pm**  
**Saturday, Sept. 26, 10:30am**

The Shabbat that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah, or the Shabbat of return. Teshuvah, or repentance, is a core idea of the High Holy Days. The Haftarah of that day deals with themes of repentance and forgiveness.

## YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

**Kol Nidrei: Sunday, Sept. 27, 6:10pm**  
**Yom Kippur Morning: Monday, Sept. 28, 10:00am**  
**Yom Kippur Evening: Monday, Sept. 28, 6:15pm**

## FAMILY SERVICES

**Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day: Saturday, Sept. 19, 2:00pm**  
**Yom Kippur: Monday, Sept. 28, 4:30pm**

## SUKKOT SERVICES

**Friday, Oct. 2, 6:00pm**  
**Saturday, Oct. 3, 10:30am**  
**Sunday, Oct. 4, 10:30am**

Sukkot is named after the booths or huts (sukkot in Hebrew) in which Jews are supposed to dwell during this week-long celebration. These flimsy sukkot represent the huts in which the Israelites dwelt during their forty years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt.

## SHEMINI ATZERET SERVICES

**Friday, October 9, 6:00pm**  
**Saturday, October 10, 10:30am**

Falling just after Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret means the "Eighth Day of Assembly." Yizkor is recited on this day.

## SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

**Sunday, Oct. 11, 10:30 am:** Simchat Torah is the day that we end the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah, and then immediately begin that cycle all over again. It conveys a clear message about the centrality of Torah in Jewish life. ☸

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▲ Sinai Temple's B'nai Mitzvah: Sharon Goodman, Deenie Kohn, and Lonna Temkin, July 11, 2020.

## EVENTS AT SINAI TEMPLE

Sinai Temple will continue its virtual Shabbat services and Torah study at least through the end of October. Services conducted by Rabbi Suzanne Griffel twice a month will be on Zoom and streamed live on Facebook. Lay-led services will be on our Facebook page only. Our High Holy Days Services will also be mostly virtual this year. Details as to how we will observe them are still being discussed after a number of our member participated in conversation sessions during the month of July.

On Sunday, September 13 at 1:00 pm, Sisterhood invites you to our first program this fiscal year: **What's Newish in Jewish Genetics**. This program had to be cancelled last winter and is now rescheduled to be via Zoom. See flyer at right. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

## HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

All services (except Tashlich) will be held via Zoom.

- Rosh Hashanah evening: Friday, September 18, 7:30 pm
- Rosh Hashanah Morning: Saturday September 19, 10:00 am
- Tashlich: Saturday September 19, 2:00pm - location TBD (weather permitting- or on your own).
- Kol Nidre: Sunday, September 27, 7:30 pm
- Yom Kippur Morning: Monday, September 28, 10:00
- Yom Kippur Afternoon: 4:00 pm

All services will consist of several abbreviated modules. For questions, please call Sinai Temple at 219-874-4477 or check our website after September 10.

## SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH

Our Sukkot Service will be on Friday, October 2nd, 7:00 PM, outdoors, weather permitting, or by Zoom if it rains. Simchat Torah will be observed on Friday, October 9 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. ☀

**Sinai Temple Sisterhood Presents . . .**

**What's Newish in Jewish Genetics?**

How has screening for Jewish genetic disorders advanced since it was first introduced in the 1970s? Genetic technologies continue to reveal more information about Jewish genetic health risks, including recessive genetic disorders such as Tay-Sachs disease and hereditary cancers like those caused by BRCA mutations. Hear from staff at the Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics about how genetic technologies are shaping the Jewish community, from screening to beat Tay-Sachs to shielding ourselves from cancer.

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**  
**Speakers: 1:00**  
**This program will be presented on Zoom.**  
**Please let us know you will be viewing and we will send you the link.**  
**Lonna Temkin - 219-221-3357**

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



▲ Sunset Shabbat at Striebel Pond in Michigan City: July 17, 2020.



## Temple Israel

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020/5781  
VIA ZOOM & FACEBOOK LIVE

*This is an unprecedented year and we want the safest environment for all, so we will be conducting High Holiday services through Zoom and Facebook Live. We know it will not be the same, but perhaps this will give us the opportunity to include more of us together regardless of where we are during the holidays.*

Please join us for services:

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 18 @ 7 pm  
**ROSH HASHANAH**

Saturday, September 19 @ 10 am  
(*Tashlich on our own - prayer service will be sent*)

### KEVER AVOT

Sunday, September 20 @ 10 am  
(*Service at the cemetery*)

### KOL NIDRE

Sunday, September 27 @ 7 pm  
**YOM KIPPUR**

Monday, September 28 @ 10 am  
**YIZKOR, NE'ILAH**

Monday, September 28 @ 5 pm

### EACH SERVICE WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR

*Links will be sent and the sites will be open 30 minutes before each service so we may visit with each other.*

TEMPLEISRAELMILLER@GMAIL.COM  
(219) 938-5232

**Top row:** Chris Toepfer; Deb Weiss with Wendy Roman; Elaine & Jim Spicer; Steve & Judi Tallackson; Liz Rice with Kelly Farkas.

**Bottom row:** Mitch Steinhardt; Barry Rapaport & Tina Rzepnicki; Zack Sperling; Wendy Roman, Kelly Farkas and Lisa Giglio.



JOIN US AS WE  
CONTINUE OUR  
110-YEAR  
TRADITION!

## HIGH HOLIDAY BOOKS

*High Holiday books are available for pick up on:*

**THURS, SEPT 10, 5-6 PM**

**SUN, SEPT 13, 2-4 PM**

*You can also contact the office to schedule a pick-up time.*

*You may also purchase a Kindle ebook or use the free, online flipbook from CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) at <https://www.ccar.net.org/publications/hhd/#>*

## Great Turnout for Sisterhood's "Socially Distant" Penny Harvest

Temple Israel Sisterhood in Miller hosted a "Socially Distant" version of their annual Penny Harvest on May 27 this year. Instead of having the event at the temple, they partnered with Miller Beach eatery and longtime Temple Israel supporter, Arman's Restaurant. Each person who donated at least \$18 to support Sisterhood's causes received a hot dog, fries, and a drink that Sisterhood purchased from Arman's. Everyone who donated was able to stay in their cars and have their food brought out to them. Sisterhood had a great turnout and was able to help one of their favorite local businesses at the same time. Big thanks to everyone who attended! ☺



▲ Jerry Rothenberg with Bill Chipman, the owner of Arman's

## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5781 AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

High Holy Day services will be held in-person at Temple, for Temple members only. We'll also offer live streaming of all the services. Please see our website or Facebook page.

- 9/18:** Rosh Hashanah night, 7:00pm
- 9/19:** Rosh Hashanah day, 10:00am
- 9/27:** Kol Nidrei, 7:00pm
- 9/28:** Yom Kippur Morning, 10:00am
- 9/28:** Yizkor and Neila, 5:00pm

## UPCOMING BNEI MITZVAH AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Noah Lasher—October 3  
Jake Toman—October 17

**MAZAL TOV!**

## Chabad of Northwest Indiana

1113 Ridge Road, Munster, IN • 219-513-0327 • [www.chabadvind.com](http://www.chabadvind.com)



## This Year, Chabad is Offering An In-Person Alternative

by RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV

This year has been a very different one for all of us. COVID-19 changed everything—work, school, entertainment, and certainly synagogue life. We've all had to adjust to the 'new normal' and navigate these uncharted waters.

For the last several months, we have been holding outdoor Shabbat services, which have been very well attended all while observing social distancing. Our weekly classes have been held outdoors as well.

We are excited to offer several options for in-person High Holiday services, all to be held in a tent in Chabad's backyard. We will be adhering to all government guidelines, including social distancing and providing face masks and hand sanitizer. The details are still being finalized, but for now this will be our Rosh Hashanah schedule (see flyer at right). Further information will be forthcoming. Note: Since the first day of Rosh Hashanah is on Shabbat, the shofar is only blown on the second day.

We know that the coming year will be one of continued challenges, but also a year of growth and change, and we are looking forward to this exciting journey! Shanah Tova Umetukah! ☸



**WE GOT YOU  
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**ROSH HASHANAH SCHEDULE**

<b>Friday, September 18</b>	Evening Services	7:00-8:00 PM
<b>Saturday, September 19</b>	Morning Services	10:00 AM-1:00 PM
<b>Sunday, September 20</b>	Morning Services	10:00 AM-1:00 PM
	Shofar on Sunday at approximately 11:30	

**Abridged service — including shofar**  
Sunday, September 20, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**Children and family service — BYOB(lancket)**  
Sunday, September 20, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

All services will be held in a tent in Chabad's backyard  
No charge • Masks provided • Social distance seating

**Reserve your spot: (219) 513-0327 • [info@chabadvind.com](mailto:info@chabadvind.com)**

## JUDY KATZ • CONTINUED FROM P. 1

enjoyed delicious salmon patties recently. Many thanks to the volunteers from our community who help deliver these meals. I know that they are building new friendships. Additionally, our Federation took 50 meals to the Munster Police Department last month to thank them for all they do to keep us and our community safe. See photos on page 00.

My family and I are sending all of you wishes for a safe, healthy, happy, peaceful year. Hopefully, we won't need to "zoom" out of 5781! ☸

## RABBI ZUKROW • CONTINUED FROM P. 00

in Munster in support of Black Lives Matter and against the Muslim travel ban. I am also devoted to my work as a board member of Hospice of the Calumet Area and the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, and that brings me a lot of personal satisfaction.

### **Q: What will you miss most about no longer being a congregational rabbi?**

A: This might sound funny, but I will really miss the routine—preparing for Shabbat, preparing the weekly sermon, determining what should be the focus of the week.

### **Q: Tell us some of your short-term and long-term plans for retirement?**

A: In the short-term, I will be ramping up my volunteer work for Hospice and the Food Bank, doing more reading and spending more time with family and friends. Karen and I will be traveling to Vermont where I will officiate at my niece's wedding. After that, I would like to continue working in some capacity, perhaps a part-time chaplaincy position, an occasional High Holiday pulpit. I'd also like to visit other congregations for Shabbat and hear more of my colleagues preach. I'm looking forward to having more time to do things that are important to me. ☸

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received. We are particularly grateful for the inspired lay leadership that guides both congregations. While I'm on the subject of gratitude, I must thank Rabbi Zukrow and Rabbi Saulson for being so accessible. They have already answered many questions, and their words and actions have shown their eagerness to provide support. I have big shoes to fill knowing that they have led your communities with thoughtfulness and care. Rabbi Saulson will be missed, but I am glad knowing that Rabbi Zukrow will still be part of the community in the respected role of Rabbi Emeritus. His leadership at Beth El and in the greater community has been and will continue to be a blessing!

I would be remiss if I didn't tell you a bit about myself. I come to you from southern NJ, "South Jersey" to the local folks, where I have spent the last three years as the assistant rabbi at Temple Emanuel of Cherry Hill. Before this, I was a lifelong New Yorker. I grew up in the northern suburbs of New York and spent most of my post-college years (aside from three years in Jerusalem) living in New York City. I met my wife, Wendy, while living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, and our sons Yadin and Natan were born while we were living in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. I truly love New York City, but I also pride myself on not being "too New York." There are two great compliments I have received that confirm this. One is, "funny, you don't SOUND like you are from New York." The other I received back in January, during a training in Chicago. A fellow attendee found out that I was from New York and remarked, "I would never have guessed. You are so low-key, not at all pushy, I thought you were a Midwesterner!"

Like Abraham (and Sarah as well), at the beginning of the journey we are all called by a voice that says "Go! Follow your purpose and find your place." Our spiritual journeys are always complex and interesting while the physical journey that accompanies them sometimes never take us much farther than our hometown. Up until now this was my story, a journey with twists and turns, but not much distance. As I now leave the familiar "lands" of the Northeast, I feel fortunate for this next leg of my journey as it brings me to you. I look forward to sharing more of my story, even more importantly, to learning yours and to journeying together on life's road.

...And away we go! ☸

## Hats Off to Eadie Appelsies!

by LAURIE B. SERBER & JUDIE SIDENBENDER

Illiana Hadassah extends a gigantic todah rabah (thank you very much) to Eadie Appelsies! Eadie has been our treasurer for 36 years. After handling hundreds of financial transactions and keeping meticulous records, Eadie is retiring. While we will miss her as treasurer, we know that she will continue to be an active member of our organization. Our gratitude for her double-chai years of service is immeasurable.

Eadie has handed over the reins to our new treasurer, Laurie B. Serber. Please contact Laurie about any monetary matters at

[LBSerber@gmail.com](mailto:LBSerber@gmail.com) or (703) 232-6330. Hadassah is instituting several banking changes. The most important one affecting our chapter is how to make out your check. From now on, **please write your check to just "Hadassah"**. Checks made out to "Illiana Hadassah" can no longer be accepted.

We have all been challenged by these COVID-19 days. Everyone enjoys receiving a card that can be held in one's hand. With e-cards and other tech messages, the handheld card is sent infrequently. Many people do not have access

to technology and may be alone because of the virus. We have get-well, mazel tov and sympathy cards as well as Trees for Israel certificates. Brighten someone's day by sending a card or certificate to a friend or loved one!

When you send a card or certificate, you are not only showing your thoughtfulness, you are also supporting Hadassah and all of its life-saving medical care and research. Contact Judie Sidenbender at (219) 227-9880 for cards (\$3 and \$5) and tree certificates (\$18).

From Illiana Hadassah to you and yours, l'shanah tovah u'metukah, a good and sweet year filled with health and happiness! ☸

## Obituaries

### PEARL BATT

FLORIDA—Past member of Sinai Temple, Pearl Batt, passed away on June 27, 2020. She was 94. Pearl's husband, Sam Batt, passed away just three months earlier.

Beloved mother of Sandra (Terry) Sterling and Ira (Beth) Batt, and devoted daughter to the late Edith and Sol Borr. Grandmother to Rachel (Josh) Barkley, Heidi Sterling, Brian (Maggie) Batt, Jaclyn (Paul) Chernawsky, Jordan (Shanna) Batt, Zachary (Libby) Batt, Brandon Batt. The very proud great-grandmother to 12. Predeceased by her 3 sisters and their husbands: Beverly (Sam) Greenberg, Hermine (Bill) Kuehn, Lois (Speed) Kourakis. Memorial donations can be made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. She will be missed by all who knew her.

### STEVEN ALAN BRENNER



LAKE WORTH, FL—Former CBI member and teacher Steven Alan Brenner, age 61, passed away on July 21, 2020. Loving father of Max Brenner. Devoted son of past CBI members Bernard and Ruth Brenner. Dear brother of Mark (Shanda) Brenner. Private funeral services were held. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### MARILYN GIEDRAITIS



It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of Sinai Temple member Marilyn Giedraitis on Friday night, June 19, 2020, after a battle with cancer. She was 75 years old.

She is survived by her son, Paul, and by her partner, Ralph Kipniss, with whom she shared her life in his puppetry business for many years.

A memorial service was held via Zoom on Wednesday, July 8.

### PHYLLIS GREEN



VALPARAISO—It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Temple Israel (Miller) member Phyllis Green.

Phyllis was born in Chicago to Mary & Harry Levensten. She was raised in a very large extended family with many close cousins, aunts, and uncles. Phyllis grew up on the south side of Chicago, graduated from South Shore High School, and studied at the Institute of Design. In her younger years, Phyllis spent her summers living with her cousins

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# Obituaries (continued)

and aunts in an old farmhouse in the Lake Michigan sand dunes. The rest of the extended family stayed in Chicago tending to their work, joining them on the weekends.

Phyllis met her future husband Sheldon while spending summers in Miller. They married in 1949, and were married 61 years before Sheldon passed. They are survived by their four boys Ricky & wife JoAnn, Brad & wife Debbie, David & wife Robin, and Todd. She has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Phyllis was an active member of Temple Israel and was involved with numerous activities including teaching Sunday school for 30+ years, art classes, fundraising, Hadassah, Temple Israel Sisterhood, and BBQs. Also, Phyllis was active in the Miller community being involved with the Wirt High School PTA, cub scouts, Miller Little League and Pop Warner Football fundraisers.

Phyllis loved her family, friends, and her dogs along with boating, gardening, shopping, cooking, and seeing her four boys and grandchildren grow up. She was always preparing incredible food, collecting new tasty recipes, and finding the latest kitchen gadgets. Phyllis was a great hostess and made all holiday gatherings special for her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Private funeral services were held.

## HARRIET RUBY GROSS

FLORIDA—Harriet Ruby Gross, sister of Dorothy Saxe and aunt of Tom Ruby and Pat Sinervo, passed away on July 12 at the age of 99. She was the daughter of Jack and Fay Ruby z"l and sister of Bud Ruby z"l. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Harold Gross. She leaves her beloved daughter Carol Landwirth

Henning, originally of Michigan City; son-in-law Tony; grandsons Jesse Henning and Alex Henning and wife Rebecca; and great-grandchildren Marlowe and Israel Henning.

## ZAKKARY P. GRAHAM



SCHERERVILLE—It is with sadness we inform you of the May 26 passing of Zakkary Graham, son of CBI member Veronica Graham Diaz and Ramiro Diaz, and brother of Colette Graham.

A limited memorial service with social distancing was held on Friday, May 29, 2020 at Solan Pruzin Funeral Home, Schererville.

## HUETTE MYRA KAPLAN

LANSING, IL—Huette Kaplan (nee Lazan) passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on June 18, 2020. Huette was born in Chicago on July 11, 1933.

Beloved wife of the late Jerrold Kaplan; loving mother of Lawrence (Gina) and Jeffrey (Beth); caring grandmother of Lori, David (Alyssa), Jessica and Jacob; great-grandmother of Kylie. Once her children entered grade school, Huette attended DePaul University, Chicago, graduating with honors with a degree in Business Education in 1971. Her professional career included time as an Instructor of Public Services Careers Program, State of Illinois, Instructor, Director, Patricia Steven Business School, Chicago, ending as Director Training and Development, Zurich-American Insurance Companies, Chicago in 1980; Her passion for teaching led her to Training Director Calumet Area Literacy Council, Hammond, IN, Trainer Chicago Literacy Coordinating Center, Instructor Purdue University

Calumet, Hammond, IN and substitute teacher School District 171, Lansing. Her lifelong commitment to enriching the lives of others over her lifetime included Board of Directors Temple Beth-El, Hammond, IN; Calumet Area Literacy Council, Hammond, member task force Chicago Coalition for Education and Training for Employment, literacy volunteer tutor, member ASTD, national business education association, Kappa Gamma Pi, docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation and ending with donating her body to medical science.

Donations in Huette's memory may be made to Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana or the Chicago Architecture Foundation. A celebration of Huette's life will be planned at a later date.

## RUTH S. MCGRAW

CINCINNATI—Ruth (Schierloh) McGraw, age 94, passed away on August 12, 2020. She was the devoted wife of the late Major Donald C. McGraw (USMA Class of 1948, US Army Ret.), daughter of the late Fred and Estelle Schierloh, loving mother of Judith (Joseph) Steele, Colonel Donald C. McGraw, Jr. (Dr. Alicia Bridgeland), and Jennifer (David) Garfin, proud grandmother of Jonathan, Matthew and Zachary Steele, Patrick (Franni) and Carl McGraw, and five stepchildren, and sister of the late Elizabeth Ann Risch. She and her husband traveled to 126 of the world's 197 countries. Past Regent of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, she was presented the Daughters of Liberty medal by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Private interment at Spring Grove Cemetery.

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# Obituaries (continued)

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the DAR Margaret O'Brien Hall Scholarship Fund, 992 N. Woodlyn Dr Cincinnati, OH 45230.

## ROSLYN LEVENSON PEVAR



MILLER BEACH—Roslyn Levenson Pevar passed away at 5:20am on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, under the care of Dunes

Hospice. Roslyn is survived by her daughter Traci "Cookie" (James) Tamulevicz, and her grandson Ethan, both members of Temple Israel (Miller). She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Fred Pevar, parents Harry (Tilly) Levenson, brothers Steve (Linda) Levenson and Stuart Levenson, and many extended family members.

Funeral Services private. A memorial dinner will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Roslyn's memory to: Temple Israel, 601 N. Montgomery St., Miller Beach, IN 46403.

## JULIA D. POWERS



MILLER—Julia D. Powers (nee Trachtenberg), age 36, formerly of Portage, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. She leaves behind her precious sons: Ryan Powers, Jr. and Andrew Powers; father David

Trachtenberg; two brothers: Michael Rodich and David (Sara) Rodich; grandmother Diana Reardon; nephews Michael Rodich, Jr., River Marquardt and Luka Rodich; niece Maya Marquardt; uncles Michael (Monique) Reardon and Patrick Reardon; and her many cousins and friends. She is preceded in death by

her mother Mary Beth Trachtenberg and grandfather Jim Reardon.

Julia was a graduate of Portage High School, Class of 2002, earned her B.A. in Psychology at Indiana University, where she was voted top student in her class; and then earned her Master's in Social Work at IUPUI. After graduation, Julia worked as a Social Worker for Community Hospital North in Indianapolis and most recently for Fresenius Kidney Care, St. Margaret Mercy Dialysis Center in Hammond. She was highly respected by the staff there and loved by the patients. After just a short time there, she became a mentor to the newer staff. Julia loved her two sons and enjoyed introducing them to new adventures, such as special field trips, snow skiing (which she excelled at and finished 3rd in state competition in the 5-7 age group) and also taking them to the beach to swim and watch the beautiful sunsets.

Private funeral services were held for her immediate family and she was laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery next to her mother. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to her family to help develop an educational fund for her two boys. Please mail donations payable to David Trachtenberg c/o Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service (2700 Willowcreek Rd., Portage, IN 46368) and they will be sent to her family.

## BRANKA SASIC



SCHERERVILLE—Branka Sasic, age 80, passed away Saturday, July 18, 2020. A private funeral service was held Wednesday, July 22. Branka is survived by her three loving daughters; Radmila Sasic, Maria (Nikola) Mileusnic, and Diana (Paul) Cook; her 6 precious grandchildren; Danielle, Michael, Gabrielle, Ivana, Brixton and Delilah. She was preceded in death by her husband, Petar Sasic.

Branka will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ([lls.org](https://lls.org)).

## DAVE ZUCKER



MERRILLVILLE—It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of longtime Temple Israel (Miller) member Dave Zucker. Dave was a member of Temple Israel since his birth, 65 years ago. He died Friday night, August 7, 2020, peacefully and surrounded by family.

Dave is survived by his siblings, Rich (Carol) Zucker of Chicago Heights and Barb Zucker of Colorado. A memorial service over Zoom was led by Rabbi Carmit Harari of Shir Tikvah (Homewood, IL) on Sunday, August 23. ☸

## We Are Here To Help!

If you or someone you know in the Jewish community are ill, immune-compromised, or in need of resources, please let us know how we can help. Contact Susan Tepperman, Jewish Community Services Coordinator, at 219-301-0960 or [susan@federationonline.org](mailto:susan@federationonline.org) with information or updates.

# Tribute Cards

Received through August 21, 2020.

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**In memory of James Caplan.**

Carole Brooker

**In memory of Huette Kaplan.**

Tiby Greenberger

Shirley Jacobs

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**In memory of Debbie Wolinsky.**

Richard & Barbara Waxman

CHUCK ELIAS JCY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**In memory of Howard Chimberoff.**

Helene Elias

**In honor of the bat mitzvah of Emma Stiener.**

Helene Elias

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**In honor of Lou and Marlene Kaplan's 60th wedding anniversary.**

Joann and Bill Braman

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**In honor of Lou Kaplan's 90th birthday.**

Lonnie and Bob Pasquella

**In memory of Rabbi Raphael Ostrovsky.**

Jane Barron

Sue and Marty Batt

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Lou & Marlene Kaplan

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Nastir  
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**In memory of Jonathan Radbel.**  
Shirley Friduss

**In memory of Mickey Sparber.**  
Becca and Gus Galante

**In memory of Paul Weiss.**  
Debby and Alan Walker

**In memory of Debbie Wolinsky.**  
Francie and Jay Gerson  
Beth and Tamas Kutas  
Sandi Sherman

**In honor of Yudi Zalmanov's bar mitzvah.**  
Lou & Marlene Kaplan

FRUEHAUF FAMILY HONORARY ENDOWMENT

**In memory of Mickey Sparber.**  
Judy and Gary Goodman

PERPETUAL ANNUAL CAMPAIGN ENDOWMENT

**In honor of the Jewish Federation.**  
*Thank you for all that you continue to do for our community! Great idea for the Shabbat box!*

Michael & Lisa Giglio

**In memory of Huette Kaplan.**  
Cheryl Goodman & David Wilks

Corinne Keleher

Ruth Young

**In memory of Rabbi Raphael Ostrovsky.**  
Carol Culberg

SAM H. GRAY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

**In honor of the engagement of Allison Greenman to Art Segura.**

Ro & Alan Lahn

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Wishing Joann Braman a speedy recovery.**

Judy and John Williams

**In memory of Huette Kaplan.**  
Tracy and Ruth Kasson

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## UPCOMING AT FEDERATION

**Thursday, September 3, 4:30pm**

Elul Learning Series, Session 3

**Sunday, September 6, 11am**

Elul Learning Series, Session 4

**Thursday, September 10, 4:30pm**

Elul Learning Series, Session 5

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**Monday, September 14, 7pm**

Book Club: *Save Me The Plums*

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**Friday, September 18, 11:30am**

Rosh Hashanah Home Meal Service

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**Thursday, September 24, 6:45pm**

Outdoor Movie Night: *Dough*

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**Thursday, October 1, 7pm**

JCRC Program: "Women In Israel: A Model of Diversity" with Ariella Rada

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**Thursday, October 8, 7pm**

*They Ain't Ready For Me:* Film Talkback with Tamar Manasseh & Filmmaker Brad Rothschild

VIA ZOOM • DETAILS P. 00

**Sunday, October 18, 11am**

Food For Thought Program:  
Illinois Holocaust Museum Virtual Exhibition Tour, "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg"

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**Monday, October 26, 7pm**

Book Club: *The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding*

VIA ZOOM • DETAILS P. 00

**Sunday, November 15, 4pm**

2020 Campaign Event featuring comedian Benji Lovitt live from Israel

VIA ZOOM • DETAILS P. 00

**Sunday, December 6, 11am**

Food For Thought Program: Kosher Chanukah with Jamie Geller

VIA ZOOM • DETAILS P. 00

## Youth Group Summer Fun!



MAY 27: Planting this year's Community Garden to benefit the Food Pantry.



JUNE 23: Strawberry picking (with younger siblings) at Johnson's Farm in Hobart.



JULY 22: Susan Tepperman led a discussion on 2020. Teens participating on-site were masked and distanced in the social hall; several more participated via Zoom.



AUGUST 16: Volunteering at Federation's Community BBQ.



AUGUST 23: Socially distanced icebreakers at the Noar & Atid Fall Kickoff Event.