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The Truest Act of Kindness

by **SUSAN TEPPERMAN, LCSW,**
Jewish Community Services Coordinator

If you wonder about the magic that happens at our Federation, keep reading! This is a story of friendship, loyalty and commitment—the kind of goodness that spans decades and generations. It includes Jews, Gentiles, able-bodied individuals, as well as people with major life challenges.

When Sam and Margie Korshak fled Lithuania, the world was in the throes of World War II. In June

of 1941, German troops invaded Russian controlled Lithuania and immediately began liquidating the entire Jewish population. Nearly 95% of Lithuanian Jews were massacred over the three-year German occupation of that country. Out of approximately 210,000 Jews in Lithuania, nearly 195,000 were murdered before the end of the war, most between June and December

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President's Corner



Federation Proud

by JUDY KATZ

I am continually reminded of why I am proud to support our Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. I'm sure anyone who reads this issue of the *Illiana News* will totally agree with me.

I have witnessed how our Federation has reached out to community members, especially our seniors, during the Covid crisis with hot meals on Mondays and Wednesdays, as well as ongoing Zoom programs for our Adult Friendship Club members. In addition, the Food Pantry has been a welcomed and appreciated resource for those in need. And our Jewish Community Services is always here for our members in Lake, Porter, or LaPorte counties who need our help. We have also continued to facilitate

programs for our Noar and Atid youth groups to keep them connected to their Jewish peers.

In addition to social services, Federation has been offering some wonderful Zoom programs. On October 1 we had a presentation on "Diversity in Israel" with Ariella Rada from the Israel Consulate in Chicago. October 4-8 brought a screening and discussion of the movie *They Ain't Ready for Me* about activist Tamar Manasseh, who is trying to protect children in her south Chicago neighborhood from gun violence. I can't wait for the many other Zoom programs that will be offered in the next few months. Information will be shared in the *Illiana News* and our weekly email updates.

Now it is time for all of us to commit to helping Federation do all the good things that it does. Please join me in making your annual pledge. Remember our theme this year: "We Are Stronger Together"! We need each other now more than ever. 🌍

This Thanksgiving, please share your bounty with neighbors in need.

**From now through November 17, our Food Pantry is in need of
non-perishable items suitable for a Thanksgiving meal:**

CANNED:

- Cranberry sauce
- Corn
- Green beans
- Cream of mushroom soup
- French fried onions
- Gravy (cans, jars, or packets)

BOXED:

- Stuffing mix
- Mashed potatoes
- Cornbread mix

OTHER:

- Foil roasting pans
- \$25 Jewel or Meijer gift cards for perishable items

ALWAYS NEEDED:

- Cleaning supplies
- Paper goods
- Toiletries

Donations may be brought to Federation anytime during office hours.



THANK YOU! 

Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (219) 301-0960 or erica@federationonline.org by December 18, 2020. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

MAZEL TOV...

To **David & Naomi Balto** on the birth of a grandson, Gil Jean Balto. Proud parents are **Sam & Kayci Balto** and big brother Lev.

To **Dr. Sean Egan** on his October 10 marriage to **Dr. Richard Rupp**.



To **Elaine Giglio** on her engagement to Ty Long. The excited and proud family members are parents **Michael & Lisa Giglio** and Zayde **Jerry Rothenberg**.

To **Zachary Green** on his engagement to **Cody Linko**.



To Officer **Jonathan Hernandez** for being named the Munster Police Department's 2019 Officer of the Year during an August 26 ceremony. He is a

patrol officer, field training officer, evidence technician, and a member of the Honor Guard. He also regularly volunteers during community programs and events throughout the year such as Community Readers and the department's annual Cops & Kids holiday shopping program for children in need. The Officer of the Year is chosen each year by the members of the department



To **Yadin Isaacs** on celebrating his "Zoom Mitzvah" September 5 on Facebook Live from Temple Beth-El/ Temple Anshe Sholom.

Proud parents are **Rabbi Gidon & Wendy Isaacs**.



To **Griffin Jury** on celebrating his bar mitzvah at Temple Beth-El on October 17. Proud parents are **Jessie & Tim Jury**.

To **Lou & Marlene Kaplan** on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 17.



▲ To **Noah Lasher** on celebrating his bar mitzvah at Temple Israel (Valparaiso) on October 3. Proud parents are **Efrat Feferman** and **Jeff Lasher**. Proud grandparents are **Rabbi Shoshana** and **Bob Feferman**.

To **Alex & Omri Markovich** on the birth of their son **Aviv Emet**. Proud grandparents are **Naomi Cohen (Barry Weiss)** and **Chaim Cohen**. Proud great-grandparents are **Ernest & Ursula Fruehauf**.

To **Mike & Debbie Miller** and family on the recent engagement of their son **Steve** to **Tamara Scarlett**.



To **Ron Primack** on the birth of a grandson, **Casey Leneve**. Proud parents are **Josh & Emily Primack** and big brother **Dean**.



To **Rachel & Basti Saller** and big sister **Josephine** on the October 16 birth of **Hannah Sophia**. Proud grandparents are **Larry & Sharon Gill**.



To **Jake Toman** on celebrating his bar mitzvah at Temple Israel (Valparaiso) on October 16. Proud parents are **Michelle & Jay Toman**.

To **Ceil & Michael Tristano** on the recent marriage of their daughter **Jenny** to **Eugene Novikov**.



▲ To **Richard & Barbara Waxman** on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on September 28.

To **Terry & Rosalie Zarowny** on the Sept. 13 birth of a grandson, **Oliver Evan**. Proud parents are **Eric Zarowny & Anna Jones** of Indianapolis.

To **Stacy Zuick** on her October 18 marriage to **Brian Levanti**. 🌟

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2020 By The Numbers

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY



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MONTHS UNDER COVID-19

Numbers projected through 12/31/20

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MEMBER CONGREGATIONS



Making Our Facilities & Organizations Safer

by AIDA NOZICK, Executive Director

At the beginning of 2020, Federation and all six of our partner congregations started an in-depth conversation about security measures needing improvement at all of our facilities. Secure Community Network (SCN), a nonprofit working with Jewish organizations on security and safety initiatives, launched the process with an initial community meeting. CEO Michael Masters joined us here at Federation on February 24 to talk about the particular security concerns facing the Jewish community as a whole as well as small Jewish communities like ours. Just a few days earlier, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, Thomas Kirsch, had visited Federation to address an invited group of congregational security committees and board members. The discussions at these meetings were designed to inaugurate an ongoing security and safety discussion, both within individual congregations and collectively as a wider community to learn from each other's experiences and best practices. Importantly, we also needed to establish a process for sharing information with each other

as security incidents occur at our respective organizations.

Around the same time in early 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency released notice of a funding opportunity, the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, available to all faith-based nonprofit organizations to enhance physical security of their buildings. This \$90 million Federal grant became available for application submission in April 2020.

The Jewish Federation disseminated valuable guidelines for successfully completing the grant application to all our congregations. Unfortunately, the announcement and submission timelines for the grant collided with the pandemic outbreak, making the required supporting information difficult to assemble. Fortunately, a few of our local Jewish organizations were able to apply for the security grant and were successfully awarded this past September, 2020.

Temple Israel of Miller and Sinai Temple of Michigan City, along with the Jewish Federation, were all awarded the full amount that was requested and/or the maximum

amount allowed by the grant regulation. The Federation was awarded \$69,150, of which the bulk will be used to upgrade our security cameras, and the rest for enhancing the entryway to the building. Through Federation's support, both Temple Israel (Miller) and Sinai Temple were awarded the maximum amount of \$100,000. Chabad of Northwest Indiana and Temple Israel (Valparaiso) were also awarded grant funding.

It may seem inconsequential to talk about building security when most of us remain quarantined at home. However, the grant funding represents an investment in our collective future. The organizations who were awarded can take advantage of this downtime to get busy using those funds for their intended purposes. We will modernize our security systems, upgrade our outdoor lighting, and secure our entryways and doors. Most importantly, we will be making our synagogues, temples, and Federation as safe and secure as possible for when our communities are able to come back together. 🌍

SlidingDors Brings Together Second-Generation Holocaust Survivors

Our Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Consortium has initiated a new program that seeks to connect children of Holocaust survivors in Israel, Hungary, and several communities in the US. The Partnership will be offering monthly programs with speakers and interactive sessions, culminating in a trip to Hungary, Poland and Israel in 2022. It will also be compiling stories for a PhotoVoice Exhibit to preserve the memories of participants' families.

The first stage of the program is to create local chapters where children

of survivors can meet to share their parents' stories and talk about how being a child of survivors has shaped our Jewish identities and our lives.

The initial meeting of our local Northwest Indiana chapter took place on September 30. "The four who attended shared stories of our parents' past, and we all bonded immediately," said chapter coordinator Rosalie Levinson. "In fact, at our first meeting, Julie Wodarski and Carol Culberg discovered that they were childhood friends who lived across the street from each other in

the South Suburbs of Illinois! It was amazing to see this story unfolding at our meeting. They hadn't seen each other in 60 years. Both were very excited and teary-eyed—actually we all were. Although they had talked to each other at previous Federation events, they both use married names and did not recognize who they were until Julie started telling her family story."

If you are a child of survivors, please consider adding your name to the group roster. Monthly international meetings connecting the Partnership chapters via Zoom will begin on Sunday, December 13. If you have questions or wish to attend future meetings, please contact rosalie.levinson@valpo.edu for further information. 🌍



A second meeting of our local Sliding Dors chapter was held October 21 at Federation. *Left to right:* Rosalie Levinson, Carol Culberg, Marilyn Hirsch, and Julie Wodarski.

Holocaust Education: Professional Development Webinars

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana conducts a bi-annual workshop for teachers on the Holocaust and genocide and/or diversity and tolerance. This program was last offered in Fall 2018. Due to COVID-19, the next workshop will be postponed to Fall 2021.

In the meantime, the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is offering an extensive online menu of professional development webinars for educators. Webinars are free and last 60-90 minutes (1 to 1.5 credit hours). Visit federationonline.org/holocaust for more information and a link to the calendar of upcoming webinars.

2020 Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 13
2:00pm CT • via Zoom

Help us celebrate our volunteers and all that Federation has accomplished in 2020... a year unlike any other. We will also elect our 2021 board and showcase the winning entrants in our "Show Your Gratitude" contest (see p. 28 for details)!

RSVP to get the Zoom info:
[federationonline.org/
upcoming-events](https://federationonline.org/upcoming-events)

Food for Thought

VIRTUAL BRUNCH SERIES
FALL 2020 • VIA ZOOM

Chanukah Cooking with Jamie Geller

Sunday, December 6 • 11:00am CT • 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 two favorite recipes. We'll send out the menu and ingredients list in advance so you can cook along!

One of the most sought-after Jewish food and lifestyle experts worldwide, **Jamie Geller** is a *Today Show* regular, 7-time bestselling cookbook author and mother of 6. Born and raised in Philadelphia, she and her family made aliyah in 2012. Jamie loves nothing more than sharing Jewish comfort food with friends, family and a worldwide community of food enthusiasts. She has been called the "Jewish Rachael Ray" (*New York Times*) and "Queen of Kosher" (CBS). Find [@jamiiegeller](#) 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

DEMO RECIPES WILL INCLUDE:



Pomegranate Sumac Salmon with Seared Lemons

"This 7-minute prep dish is one of those Shabbos/Yom Tov Kodak moments. (OMG, how much did I just date myself with that photo reference?) When you present your side of salmon with pomegranates, seared lemons, mint leaves and all, the entire table will ooh and aah. The best part: it tastes as goood as it looks."



Scallion Dill Sauce

"I recently made this sauce on a Facebook Live and so many of you asked for the recipe, I finally wrote it down so I can share it with you. It is so good with salmon, but you can serve it with chicken or veg too. Always make sure to use a great quality extra virgin olive oil."



Sheet Pan Apple Pie (with Seasonal Fruit)

"This 4-ingredient Sheet Pan Apple Pie is pure genius. This is how to make a gorgeous dessert in minutes. Puff pastry is a delicious time-saver and the sheet pan allows you to make a 'pie' large enough to feed a crowd."

See facing page for ingredients, recipes, and a coordinating Chanukah menu!

RECIPES & INGREDIENTS FOR CHANUKAH COOKING WITH JAMIE GELLER

Pomegranate Sumac Salmon with Seared Lemons

BY JAMIE GELLER

INGREDIENTS

FOR SALMON:

- 2-pound side of salmon, skin on
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 teaspoons sumac
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons pomegranate molasses
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

FOR GARNISH (OPTIONAL):

- 4 lemons, halved
- Pomegranate arils
- Baby mint leaves

PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 350°F.

1. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. Place salmon skin-side down on the prepared pan.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, sumac, garlic, oil, pomegranate molasses, salt, and pepper.
4. Pour and brush glaze all over salmon.
5. Bake at 350°F for 25-30 minutes or until cooked through.
6. Sear lemons cut-side down in a medium sauté pan over high heat for 5 minutes or until nicely browned.



7. Serve salmon warm or at room temperature, garnished with pomegranate arils, mint leaves, and seared lemons.

Scallion Dill Sauce

BY JAMIE GELLER

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup good quality mayonnaise
- 2 bunches scallions (green part only), thinly sliced
- 1 bunch dill, fronds chopped finely
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons good quality extra virgin olive oil, such as Colavita
- 1 ripe avocado, flesh scooped out (optional)
- Good pinch of kosher salt

PREPARATION

In a blender or food processor, blend together mayonnaise, scallions, dill, zest, juice, EVOO, avocado, and salt until smooth and creamy.

Serve with salmon. Refrigerate extra sauce for up to 5 days.

Sheet Pan Apple Pie (with Seasonal Fruit)

BY JAMIE GELLER

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (1-pound) sheet Puff Pastry
- 4 large Granny Smith apples
- ¾ cup premium strawberry preserves
- 2 tablespoons honey

PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 400°F.

1. Roll out puff pastry into a 12-inch rectangle.
2. Core and slice apples in half through the stem.

3. Slice apple halves crosswise in ¼-inch slices.
4. Brush strawberry preserves over puff pastry.
5. Top puff pastry with overlapping sliced apples, leaving a 1½ inch border.
6. Crimp edges of pastry over apples, to seal.
7. Drizzle honey over apples.
8. Bake at 400°F degrees for 25 minutes, until puff pastry is cooked through and golden.
9. Allow to cool about 15 minutes and cut into squares.
10. Serve warm with ice cream or yogurt.

Sample Chanukah Menu from Jamie Geller

Smoked Salmon and Goat Cheese Bruschetta

Greek Salad with Feta, Garlic Croutons, and Lemon Oregano Dressing

Pomegranate Sumac Salmon with Seared Lemons and Scallion Dill Sauce

Roasted Brussels Sprouts in Herb Butter

Perfect Potato Latkes
Zucchini Latkes with a Tzatziki Sauce

Sheet Pan Apple Pie

Visit jamiegeller.com for recipes and directions!

 <p>48 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS <small>Numbers projected through 12/31/20</small></p>	<h1>2020 By The Numbers</h1>		<p>JEWISH LIFE & LEARNING</p>
 <p>16 IN-PERSON EVENTS</p>	<p>209 SHABBAT-IN-A-BAG KITS</p> 	<p>55  Library SUBSCRIPTIONS</p>	

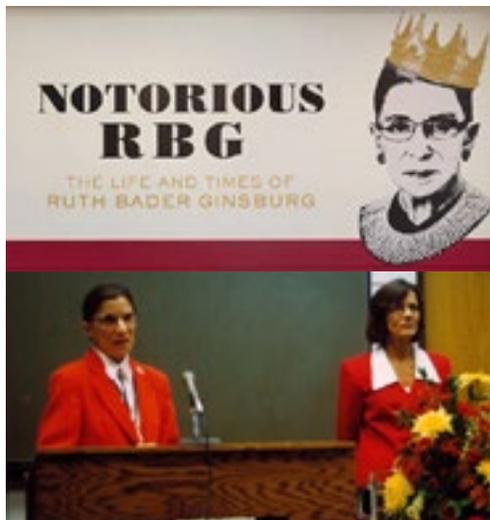
Virtual Programming at Federation: October In Review



Consul Ariella Rada



Tamar Manasseh



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (left), teaching alongside Rosalie Levinson

ARIELLA RADA

On October 1, our Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) and the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest teamed up to present “Women in Israel: A Model of Diversity” with Ariella Rada, the Israeli Consul for Academic and Community Affairs. This was our second inter-faith program of 2020, following on our popular “Keeping Faith: Sisters of Story” evening in February.

TAMAR MANASSEH

October 4–7 saw Federation’s first installment of a Virtual Film Series with an online screening of the recently released documentary *They Ain’t Ready for Me*. On Thursday,

October 8, Carol Culberg moderated a talkback with the film’s subject, Chicago activist and rabbinical student Tamar Manasseh, along with filmmaker Brad Rothschild.

RUTH BADER GINSBURG

On October 18, we kicked off a new virtual season of our Food for Thought series with a video tour of the Illinois Holocaust Museum’s “Notorious RBG” exhibit. Our own Rosalie Levinson gave an introduction drawing on her decades of personal acquaintance with Justice Ginsburg. 🌍

Recordings from all 3 programs are available to view on YouTube or at federationonline.org/virtual.



IN-PERSON, OUTDOORS: September 24 was our second in-person movie night of the year, outdoors and socially distanced. Thanks to our sponsors Myrna & Sy Sarowitz, over 60 attendees enjoyed the film *Dough*, starring Jonathan Pryce as an aging kosher baker in London’s East End, and Jerome Holder as the Muslim immigrant teen from Darfur who becomes his apprentice.

Food for Thought

VIRTUAL BRUNCH SERIES
SPRING 2021 • VIA ZOOM



Talia Carner, "Sex Trafficking: A Multi-Headed Dragon"

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, January 10 • 11:00am CT • via Zoom

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Month. Join us for this enlightening talk! Sex trafficking is not a new phenomenon. What has changed is our understanding of it—and our clear distinction between victims and victimizers. According to the UN Palermo Convention (signed in 2000 by 177 nations), an offender is any person or organization that benefits or is an accomplice to commercial sexual exploitation. Through this prism, author Talia Carner will examine the roles of airlines, schools, businesses, hotels, sports arenas, prisons, Internet and banks in this scourge of our society. In her comprehensive speech, Ms. Carner will discuss the economic paradigm of supply and demand, and will present options for the audience to battle the misery of sexual slavery in their own backyard.

Talia Carner is formerly the publisher of *Savvy Woman* magazine and a lecturer at international women's economic forums. An award-winning author of five novels and numerous stories, essays, and articles, she is also a committed supporter of global human rights. Carner has spearheaded ground-breaking projects centered on female plight and women's activism. A 7th-generation sabra born in Tel Aviv, Ms. Carner served in the Israel Defense Force (IDF). She holds a Master's in Economics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She lives in New York and Florida.

Winter 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 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, DECEMBER 7 • 7PM

Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots by Jessica Soffer:

Lorca spends her life poring over cookbooks, making croissants and chocolat chaud, seeking out rare ingredients, all to earn the love of her distracted chef of a mother. Victoria, grappling with

her husband's death, has been dreaming of the daughter they gave up forty years ago. An Iraqi Jewish immigrant who used to run a restaurant, she starts teaching cooking lessons; Lorca signs up. Together, they make cardamom pistachio cookies, baklava, kubba with squash. They

also begin to suspect they are connected by more than their love of food. Soon they must reckon with the past, the future, and the truth—whatever it might be. *Bukra fil mish mish*, the Arabic saying goes: Tomorrow, apricots may bloom.



SAVE THE DATE—MEET THE AUTHOR! MONDAY, JANUARY 25 • 7PM

The Third Daughter by Talia Carner: A frightening journey into the New World of the late 1800s, told by a trusting young woman lured from Russia and forced into prostitution in Buenos Aires. As she finds

courage in the face of danger and hope in hours of despair, Batya struggles to free herself from bondage while bringing down the powerful pimps' union. A powerful story of finding courage in the face of danger, and hope in the face of despair, *The Third Daughter* brings to life a dark period of Jewish history and gives a voice to victims whose truth deserves to finally be told. 🌟

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What Sets K'Ton Ton Apart

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



Smiles. Laughter. Playdough. Blocks. Paint. Sand. Water. Singing. Challah. The sights and sounds of K'Ton Ton greet you the moment you enter our doors. They draw you in to a world made for children to do what children do best. We inspire children to encounter the world with joy, curiosity and confidence. Clad in backpacks and excited anticipation, children race in to hang up their things, change their shoes, and start a day full of playing to learn.

At the heart of what we do is heart. K'Ton Ton remains the premier preschool in Northwest Indiana because of the emphasis we place on relationships. When families register their child for K'Ton Ton, they become part of our K'Ton Ton family. We embody the notion "It takes a village." Our commitment to supporting one another is seen in staff-to-staff interactions, staff-to-family interactions, and family-to-family interactions. We are not just a school, but a community at its best.

Our level of understanding and application of developmentally appropriate practice truly sets us apart. Children learn in an environment of equipment and materials that are used freely and creatively with adult support and guidance. The goal of facilitating social, emotional,



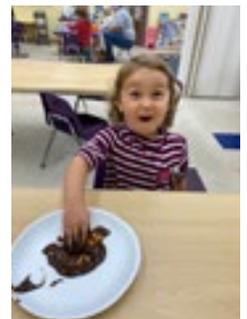
physical, and cognitive abilities underlies all that we do. Our children learn to expect consistency, fairness, affection, and respect from teachers, while discovering the joys of mastering skills. We support and follow the best practices developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and when children graduate from K'Ton Ton, the foundation of their house of learning is strong enough to build an academic mansion as they move on to the "big" school.

The most important piece of the K'Ton Ton curriculum is our focus on Social-Emotional Learning. From brain research, we now know that the strength of our right, "feeling" brain determines the strength of our left, "thinking" brain. For our children to be ready to learn, they have to have a strong foundation of social emotional skills. Our Conscious Discipline program does just that. As the only preschool in the area committed to a brain-based social emotional program, our K'Ton Ton family learns breathing strategies to help us calm, skills and strategies to help grow self-regulation, and solve problems. Our children are taught how to talk to each other, stand up for what they need, and fix things when we have an "oops".

On a daily basis, our teachers guide children through our curriculum with emergent literacy (sharing books, poems, rhymes, awareness of letter sounds and names, dictation, and speaking skills), numeracy (patterns, sorting, counting, graphing, numbers, classifying, measuring, adding and subtracting), creative arts (music, process art, dancing), gross motor skills (big body movement: jumping, skipping, hopping), and fine motor skills (cutting, gluing, squeezing).

It is the strength of our relationships and curriculum that have guided us through the coronavirus pandemic. We made a commitment to supporting each other and our children, making sure we remained connected. Our goal continues to be that our children are happy and safe each day.

The children of K'Ton Ton come through our doors and enter a magical land of wonder and discovery, budding self-sufficiency, first friendships, shrewd negotiations, limitless imagination, delighted giggles, big classroom jobs, small winter slippers, intriguing books, artistic masterpieces, beautiful messes, warm hugs, and the beginning of a lifetime of finding joy in learning. 🌈





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Masa B'Yachad



Family Shabbat Service

Friday, November 20
7:30pm • via Zoom

Join Rabbi Levin, Rabbi Isaacs, and the families of Masa B'Yachad Religious School for our first Family Shabbat service of the year.

For Zoom information, please contact Principal Mindy Miller, mindy@federationonline.org.

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MEET THE OTHER RACHEL!

We are fortunate enough to have Noar alumna **Rachel Front** serving as our Interim Jewish Youth Advisor while Rachel Saller is on maternity leave (see p. 3—Ed.).



When not assisting at Federation, Ms. Front is a senior at DePaul University in Chicago, currently attending remotely from her Schererville home. She is majoring in Communication & Media, with a minor in Illustration. Conveniently, you can continue to contact her at rachel@federationonline.org, or just call (219) 301-0960 and ask for Rachel. 🌍

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

RSVP for all events to Rachel Front at (219) 301-0960 or rachel@federationonline.org.



Noar & Atid—“Create Your Own Superhero!” Comics Event

Date: Tuesday, November 10
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Via Zoom
Cost: Free!

Come and learn about superheroes and comics, their connections to Judaism, and create your own!

Noar—Challah Baking for Masa B’Yachad

Date: Tuesday, November 17
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Location: Federation Kitchen
Cost: Free!

We will bake challah for Masa B’Yachad’s Family-Shabbat-in-a-Bag kits. Kit pickups will be Thursday–Friday, Nov. 19–20, at Federation during normal office hours. 🌍

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 or contact Rachel Front, Interim Jewish Youth Advisor, at (219) 301-0960 or rachel@federationonline.org. 🌍

Adult Friendship Club

AFC Zoom Programming



Lunch & Learn: “Seniors, Security, & Scams” with Brian Miller

Wednesday, November 11, 1pm

Did you know that online scams are more prevalent than ever in 2020—especially targeted at senior citizens? Popular AFC presenter Brian Miller will offer tips for everyone on how to stay safe and secure. Mr. Miller is Director of Public Safety at Purdue Northwest and the former Hammond Chief of Police. In observance of Veteran’s Day, he will also tell us a bit about his military service. *All are welcome to attend. There is no charge for the Zoom program. RSVPs requested.*



Bingo with Prizes
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1pm

Contact the office at (219) 301-0960 to RSVP and receive your Bingo cards.

At 1pm, visit <http://zoom.us/join> or open the Zoom app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone and enter:
Meeting ID: **815 6566 7181**
Web Passcode: **8ugKTx**

OR to join audio-only from **any phone**, no app required, call **(312) 626-6799** and enter:
Meeting ID: **815 6566 7181 #**
Phone Passcode: **924758 #**

October’s Bingo Winners: Jane Barron • Helene Elias • Cynthia Ostrovsky • Esther Rothstein • Cheryl Warshaw

3,916 MEALS-TO-GO

157 Seder Meals



159 Rosh Hashanah Meals



Numbers projected through 12/31/20

2020 By The Numbers

SOCIAL WELFARE & FOOD SECURITY

33 VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

342 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTIONS

Meals-To-Go: November/December 2020

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.

(V) = vegetarian (dairy meal)

Volunteers Needed: Meal Deliveries

Now looking for drivers to LaPorte County! Are you free on Monday or Wednesday afternoons? Would you like to get out of the house in a socially distanced manner while doing a mitzvah for vulnerable seniors? We need one or more new volunteers for our LaPorte route and for deliveries in the Illinois South Suburbs. If you can help, even once in a while, please call the office at (219) 301-0960 or email rachel@federationonline.org.

NOVEMBER MEALS

Mon 11/2: White fish veracruz (tomatoes, capers & olives), orzo, green beans, dessert

Wed 11/4: Coq au vin, roasted potatoes, seasoned carrots, dessert

Mon 11/9: Lemon & honey chicken breast, garlic & rosemary potatoes, vegetable medley, dessert

Wed 11/11: Meatloaf, mashed potato with gravy, peas & carrots, dessert

Mon 11/16: Linguini lentil bolognese (V), garlic bread, dessert

Wed 11/18: Bread bowl with cheddar broccoli soup (V), dessert

Mon 11/23: Beef stew, roll, side salad, dessert

Wed 11/25: NO MEAL SERVICE: Happy Thanksgiving!

Mon 11/30: Chicken tortilla soup, side salad, roll, dessert

DECEMBER MEALS

Wed 12/2: Chicken chop suey, fried rice, dessert

Mon 12/7: Black bean burgers (V), chips, broccoli salad, dessert

Wed 12/9: Cream of potato soup (V), side salad, roll, dessert

Mon 12/14: "Unstuffed" cabbage casserole, roll, dessert

Wed 12/16: Chicken Vesuvio, potatoes, carrots, green beans, dessert

Mon 12/21: Brisket, double baked potato, garlic green beans, dessert

Wed 12/23: Chicken noodle soup, side salad, roll, dessert

Mon 12/28: White fish florentine (with spinach), rice pilaf, dessert

Wed 12/30: Manicotti, garlic bread, side salad, dessert

ORDER ONLINE

For printable menus and to place meal orders, visit our website:

[federationonline.org/upcoming-events#meals](https://www.federationonline.org/upcoming-events#meals)

You may also call (219) 301-0960 to order.

Menu, delivery dates and availability subject to change based on evolving public health recommendations. As an essential human service agency, Federation will continue meal service as long as we are able to remain open.

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Q&A with Benji

The *Illiana News* recently caught up with Benji Lovitt over WhatsApp to ask a few questions.

IN: I understand you are a native Texan. What was your Jewish upbringing like?

BL: As far as I could tell, I was an average Jewish kid. New Yorker parents, public school and Hebrew school in the evenings, summer camp beginning in 5th grade.... that's really what led me here. Camp turned into to my summer Israel trip, then to my gap year in Israel, and the rest is history. We went to a Conservative synagogue, celebrated the holidays, and of course, had a family with "eccentric" characters.

IN: What was the moment you knew you were going to make aliyah?

BL: There wasn't a single moment that I recall. It was a process of realizing I wasn't happy living where I was, wanted to move, was interested in spending at least a year in Israel, and then understanding that going through the official aliyah process made the most logical sense. Like all major life changes—marriage, parenthood, etc.—it's hard to really know what you're getting into beforehand!

IN: Some of our readers may remember you performing for us here in Munster once before, several years back. What's changed for you since then?

BL: Wow—so much. It's been almost 10 years, I think. I got my own place, a car, and a puppy (the latter two in recent months). I was just starting to do standup full-time back then, so I've come a long way. Not only figuring out the business side of things, but becoming so much more



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2020 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN EVENT

Comedian Benji Lovitt

LIVE FROM ISRAEL

Sunday, November 15, 2020
4:00pm 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

More info & RSVP: federationonline.org/campaign2020

comfortable in my own creative skin. My material back then was probably in the voice of a new, kvetching immigrant, whereas now I really get this place a lot more and can make native Israelis laugh with my insights. I enjoy making fun of myself and Americans as much as, if not more than, Israelis.

IN: Tell us more about the new puppy!

BL: He's giving me lots of material! Every new experience is ripe for

jokes, and as an immigrant, even more so. I'm definitely learning lots of new Hebrew words (how surprising I never learned "neutered" in my previous 14 years.)

IN: What's your must-see recommendation in Tel Aviv? (ignoring Covid for the moment)

BL: So much. The beach is obvious. The food scene is blowing up. As

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Consider Your Options for Charitable Giving

by JONATHAN RADNOR, Chair, Endowments Committee

The below information does not constitute financial advice. Please speak with a financial expert about your individual situation when deciding on ways of giving that will work best for you.

When you donate to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, you are helping build a stronger, healthier and more secure Jewish community. This year, we are living through a global pandemic, significant market volatility, and growing social concern and unrest. Despite these uncertain times, we are also witnessing truly historic levels of generosity from individuals. Not only in monetary donations but of their time and of their self.

New tax incentives for charitable giving in 2020 came in March with

passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The law gives donors who plan to take the standard deduction the option to claim an above-the-line deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions to operating charities. The CARES Act also gives donors who will itemize deductions an option to elect a 100% of AGI deduction limit for cash donations, and deduction amounts above this limit may be carried over for up to five years.

Stocks & bonds:

- Avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated stock.
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction.
- Help further the work and mission of the Jewish Federation.

Tax-free rollover gifts from your IRA to Federation:

- Anyone aged 70½ years and older can transfer up to \$100,000 this year directly to the Jewish Federation. Any amount you donate directly to the Jewish Federation from your IRA is nontaxable.
- Reduce your taxable income.
- Help further the work and mission of the Jewish Federation.

Matching gifts from your employer:

- Many companies of all sizes match donations their employees make to nonprofit organizations.
- When making your donation to the Federation, please consider

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100% - \$375,000
75% - \$281,250
50% - \$187,500
25% - \$93,750

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36.7%
= \$137,486

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THANK YOU to all those who have already pledged to our 2020 Annual Campaign! If you haven't, please consider donating to our Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana today by returning the donation envelope inside this issue, calling (219) 301-0960, or pledging your gift online at federationonline.org/campaign2020.

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A Conversation with Nancy Spielberg

Filmmaker and philanthropist Nancy Spielberg (above left) addressed a group of our donors September 13 in a private Zoom conversation by invitation only. The talk was moderated by Susan Tepperman, Jewish Community Services Coordinator (above right).

Ms. Spielberg is an accomplished businesswoman, fundraiser and philanthropist. She produced the documentary feature *Above and Beyond*, executive-produced *Who Will Write Our History* (screened at Federation in 2019) with director Roberta Grossman and *On The Map* with director Dani Menkin, and served as consultant on the Oscar-winning documentary *Chernobyl Heart*.

Spielberg grew up surrounded by the film industry, where she worked on her brother Steven's early films. She attended Arizona State University and UCLA and, after moving to New York, studied film at Sarah Lawrence College and the New School in New York. She is founder and co-founder of several charities including "A Bid for Charity," "Children of Chernobyl," "Project Sunshine" and the American branch of The Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. 🌍

Akko Conservatory Private Performance

Graduates and faculty of the Akko Municipal Conservatory put together a private concert performance to share with a select audience of our donors on October 25. Conservatory director Danny Yaron joined us live from Akko to answer questions and speak about the school.

The Akko Conservatory is a center for music education serving the youth of Akko and its environs, Jews and Arabs alike, from preschool to high school. Located in our

Partnership region of the Western Galilee, Akko is a highly diverse, multicultural city of over 50,000 residents, about a third of which are Arab (Christians and Muslims). The Conservatory promotes social and cultural exchange by forging a community of students whose common language is music. The educators at the music center are inspiring, professional, and respected musicians, making the Conservatory a prime location for educational and artistic activities throughout the region. 🌍

OPTIONS FOR GIVING • CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

requesting a matching gift from your employer, who then makes their own donation to us.

- Oftentimes the process is quick to complete, but you must initiate the process with your company and submit the form provided by your employer or through an electronic submission process.
- To find out whether your employer offers matching gifts for charitable

donations, simply ask your HR department or HR manager.

Please consider any of these methods of donation to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. Your donations help sustain Jewish life in Northwest Indiana.

Any procedural questions can be answered by Federation's bookkeeper, Jennifer Rodriguez, at (219) 301-0960 or jennifer@federationonline.org. 🌍

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JFNA's Human Services Relief Matching Fund

Make your new or increased gift to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana by December 31, and it will be matched by 50%.

THE GOOD YOU DO JUST GOT BETTER

The Jewish Federations of North America (our umbrella organization) have been blessed with some of the most compassionate donors in the world. Due to the current economic crisis, an estimated 1.2 million Jewish adults are worried about paying their next month's housing costs. More than 500,000 are facing food insecurity, not confident they will be able to afford to feed their families—unless we support these unmet needs. That's why JFNA created the Human Services Relief Matching Fund, to raise \$54 million to increase the efforts of local Federations like ours. These funds will go exclusively to meet the critical needs of our Jewish community members most affected by the crisis.

Thanks to generous donors like you, local Jewish Federations have been among the first to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Now we must work together to support the unmet needs.

EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE WILL BE MATCHED BY 50%

Every additional* dollar you give from now until December 31, 2020, will be matched by 50%. This means your new or increased donation of \$100 today becomes \$150. Your donation of \$1,000 today becomes

*The fund is intended only for gifts that are over and above previous donations. The HSMRF funders' intent is to spur and incentivize increased giving for the benefit of human services.

your gift of \$1,500. If you give \$2,000, that gift is worth \$3,000, and so on. That is real, tangible change.

YOUR GIFT WILL GO TO FILL THE MOST CRITICAL HUMAN NEEDS

While the way we work and socialize has changed, the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana continues to operate at full capacity to deliver the services our community needs. A dedicated group of volunteers delivers our freshly cooked meals to senior community members all over NWI and parts of the South Suburbs twice a week. The Federation's Food Pantry has remained opened with extended hours and new health and safety measures in place. We

continue to provide engaging adult programming (virtually), financial assistance, and regular wellness checks.

THIS MATCH IS AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

You have the power to help 50% more people in our community with housing, food, medical care, and assistance with mental health issues—but you must make your gift to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana by December 31.

More information on the matching grant is available from our Campaign webpage. Please visit federationonline.org/campaign2020 to learn more and make your gift today, or call the Federation office at (219) 301-0960 for assistance. 🌍

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SUSAN TEPPERMAN • CONTINUED FROM P. 1

1941. Sam and Margie Korshak knew it was time to go. Sam was able to escape from Lithuania in 1941, and Margie followed with their daughter Charlene in 1942. Charlene, a beautiful four-year-old child with gorgeous dark finger curls and beautiful blue eyes, had been born in 1938. Charlene was a sweet girl but quiet and often seemed younger than her age. Margie worried that years of deprivation and lack of nutrition had interfered with her daughter's development. Furthermore, the Korshaks' escapes were harrowing and emotionally scarring. They had been hidden by compassionate neighbors and had literally run for their lives.

Shortly after arriving at Ellis Island in 1942, the young family left New York and arrived in Crown Point, Indiana, penniless but full of hope. Sam soon started a business selling junk and scrap metal in his yard. His business grew, and by 1950 he had become a successful businessman. Sam and Margie felt safe and no longer worried about starving. They lived in a home near the high school and could even afford a few extras to make life easier. Things were good enough, but Margie's fears were confirmed as they realized that Charlene's development was severely delayed.

During this time, the Dunn family also lived in Crown Point, just outside of town. They didn't know many Jewish families, but they knew that the Korshaks, one of a few Jewish families in Crown Point, were treated poorly by their neighbors. Ruth Dunn Metch, one of three Dunn sisters, remembers meeting the Korshaks in 1950 when she was about 13 years old. She observed with regret and

sadness as she heard her friends being taunted while swastikas were drawn on their property. The Dunns too had a child with developmental delays, and thus began their lifelong friendship with the Korshaks.

In 1950, there were no educational opportunities for children with learning issues. They were simply excluded from school. The Korshaks found a tutor for Charlene and discovered that the Dunns were also searching for ways to educate their daughter Arlene. Charlene and Arlene were both about 14 years old when they began working with a tutor hired by their two families.

Sam Korshak explained to Ruth the importance of providing a Jewish funeral, and he asked Ruth to promise to make sure that Charlene would have a proper Jewish burial when the time came.

Arlene learned to read and write, progressing slowly, while Charlene was not able to learn well at all. As the years passed, the friendship between the families deepened. Mr. Dunn, a truck driver, would pick up scraps he found along the side of the road for Sam Korshak to sell at his junkyard. Charlene Korshak and Arlene Dunn remained friends. Ruth Dunn, who was on the cheer squad at the high school, needed a place to wait after school as her family had no way to transport her back to school for cheer practice. They lived too far from the high school for such extravagances, so she spent her time waiting at the Korshaks' house. During these hours after school, waiting for practice to begin, Ruth played with Charlene. Ruth treated Charlene like a little sister, playing dolls and dress

up, interacting with Charlene at her level. Ruth helped Margie with her chores and often watched Margie prepare dinner. Margie loved teaching Ruth to cook, telling her about old Jewish recipes like borscht, kugel and matzo brei. She taught Ruth how to iron properly and gave her tips about housekeeping. Margie treated Ruth like her own daughter. When Ruth was invited to prom but could not afford a dress, Sam Korshak offered to buy one for her.

Years passed, and Margie's health declined. Depression turned into despair, and she spent the last years of her life in a psychiatric hospital, where she died in 1967. Ruth Dunn Metch accompanied Sam Korshak

to pick out a headstone for Margie's grave. Here he explained to Ruth the importance of providing a Jewish funeral, and he asked Ruth to promise to make sure that Charlene would have a proper Jewish burial when the time came. Ruth was very moved to be asked such a thing. She understood the gravity of what she was being asked and she agreed to do it. Sam grieved the loss of his wife and raised Charlene alone, providing the best care that he could. Ruth and the Dunn family stayed in close contact with the Korshaks.

After several afternoons of being unable to reach Sam by phone, Mrs. Dunn asked her husband to check on Sam in person. Charlene answered the door and said that Sam had been sleeping. It was at this

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Jewish Community Services (continued)

point that Mr. Dunn realized that Sam had been dead for several days. This was in 1970. Sadly, Charlene spent the next five decades in the care of state institutions. Because they were not her actual family, the Dunns struggled to have access to Charlene. Although they were the only "family" she had, it was difficult for them to maintain contact. They followed Charlene to several state-run facilities in Illinois, some better than others. They managed to have her transferred when they discovered unspeakable conditions in one of the homes.

Over the years, Ruth and her sister brought matzoh ball soup to Charlene for Passover and a menorah and gifts for Hanukkah. One year, Ruth brought Charlene a beloved rabbi doll that spoke Yiddish phrases. She attempted to keep the Korshak family traditions alive for Charlene, singing Charlene's favorite songs from *Fiddler on the Roof* for her whenever she had the chance.

This brings us to March 2020. Ruth Dunn Metch is 82; her sister Arlene Dunn and Charlene Korshak are both aged 83. Charlene is in a hospital in Illinois and on a ventilator due to Covid. She is gravely ill. Ruth is attempting to fulfill her 53 year old promise to Sam to provide a proper Jewish funeral for his daughter. She has been given the phone number of our Federation.

In my first conversation with Ruth, she tells me this story. I am moved to tears. Together we set about fulfilling her promise to Sam.

Ruth tells me about Hillside Funeral Home in Highland, IN, owned by Mr. Konnie Kuiper. Mr. Kuiper has friends in the Jewish community and is willing to help us. In short order, we discover that Sam and Margie

Korshak are buried in the CBI section of the cemetery in Portage, Indiana, and that a plot for Charlene has already been set aside and paid for.

Neal Richter, head of Congregation Beth Israel's cemetery committee, arranges for the funeral, and the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana pays for the grave opening as well as the funeral home's services. Mr. Kuiper picks up Charlene's body and prepares her for burial. Ruth Dunn Metch contributes a significant portion of the costs from her own money, and the balance is paid for by your contributions to our Jewish Federation.

When I arrive at the cemetery in Portage the morning of Charlene's graveside service, it is still raining from a fierce overnight storm. By the time her casket is lowered into the ground, the rain has stopped. I hold up my phone, speaker turned up, as Rabbi Mordechai Levin recites prayers and the 23rd Psalm for Charlene. Attendees physically present are Ruth Dunn Metch, her other sister (not Arlene), her niece, Konnie Kuiper, his grandson, and myself. I give a eulogy about the love and devotion that surrounded Charlene, about the kindness shown to a Jewish woman by her non-Jewish neighbors, about the blessings of true friendship. I also talk about the mitzvah of burial, which Judaism calls the truest act of kindness because it is a service that can never be repaid. Each of us shovels three piles of earth onto Charlene's grave. We use the backs of our shovels to signify our reluctance to bury her. Ruth takes her turn with tears in her eyes, and just as she does, the sun breaks through the clouds. We all feel the blessing of the moment, mindful of the love, loyalty, and commitment it took to bring us all together. I thank Ruth for the



Ruth Dunn Metch helps to fill her friend Charlene Korshak's grave, just as the sun breaks through the clouds.

incredible generosity and compassion she has shown to her Jewish friend. I tell her how kind and righteous I think her to be. She thanks me in return for helping her to fulfill her promise to Sam Korshak. We give each other tentative elbow Covid hugs, then become overwhelmed and hug one another in earnest.

Ruth and I continue to keep in touch. She sent me a lovely New Year's card. I feel grateful to her from the bottom of my heart, and I still feel incredible emotion when I think of her.

I'd like to thank each and every member of our Jewish Federation who helped make this kind of love and humanity possible through generous contributions to our agency. This is the stuff that makes us all feel good.

I wish everyone a beautiful 5781, filled with good health and many blessings! 🌻

SAVE THE DATE! CELEBRATE HANUKKAH WITH TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Dec. 10-18, time TBA: We will be hosting a Zoom Hanukkah candle lighting and singing every night during Hanukkah beginning on December 10th and ending on the 18th. Each evening a different family will host, and everyone is invited to attend! Please contact templeisraelmiller@gmail.com or 219-938-5232 for information.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD'S POP-UP HANUKKAH SHOP

Tues. Nov. 10, 10am-1pm
Sunday, Nov. 22, 1pm-3pm
Wed., Dec. 9, 10am-1pm

Get a jump on your Hanukkah shopping at Temple Israel Sisterhood's Pop-Up Hanukkah Shop! We will be selling a great selection of new and gently used Hanukkah gifts and supplies and other Judaica items for all your upcoming holiday needs. Visit templeisraelmiller.org to get a sneak peek of what's on sale in our online catalog!

Masks are required and tables are spread out for easy social distancing. If you can't make it on those dates, please contact templeisraelmiller@gmail.com or 219-938-5232 to schedule a private appointment.



CELEBRATING SUKKOT IN THE AGE OF COVID

As we continue to adjust our services and events in the age of COVID, Temple Israel has begun to shift our focus away from what we can't do and instead focus on what we can do. In the spirit of finding new ways to celebrate together, volunteers built our congregational sukkah outside of Temple Israel this year. The sukkah was constructed behind the Temple and members were invited to perform the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah and shaking the lulav and etrog as part of their Sukkot celebrations during the week.



Left to right: Robin Rich, Lisa Giglio, Adam Hall, Ron Russell, and Sharon Russell.

TEMPLE ISRAEL HOSTS MEMORABLE 2020 HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Although we all missed celebrating the High Holidays in person this year, everyone at Temple Israel will agree that our virtual services were both meaningful and memorable. Broadcast live from North Carolina on both Zoom and Facebook Live, Rabbi Robin Damsky, Michael Greenwald, and our Choir went above and beyond to create exceptional services. Special thanks to our producers Sarah Damsky and Simon Briggs who masterfully pulled the entire production together and everyone else who helped make these services so wonderful. You can view the recorded services on Temple Israel's Facebook page.



▲ Screenshot of participants



▲ Simon Briggs, Sarah Damsky



▲ Our choir. Top left: Sean Egan. Top right: Michael Greenwald. Center: Jordy Blitz Novak. Bottom left: Rabbi Robin Damsky.

◀ Michael Greenwald, Rabbi Robin Damsky



Please contact office@cbi-nwi.org for any Zoom event details or to join the CBI email announcements list.

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

On Shabbat we come together as a community, pray, sing, and find collective strength and hope. We are hosting Kabbalat Shabbat services via Zoom every Friday at 6:00pm. Please check CBI's weekly emails for the Meeting ID.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Every Saturday at 10:30am. Please join us!

SISTERHOOD PROGRAM



Thursday, Nov. 5, 7:30pm: CBI

Sisterhood will be hosting a virtual Crafts with Pat program—Making Mason Jar Tea Light Lanterns. Please

RSVP to the office by Monday, Oct. 26, so we can prepare adequate

supplies. Information regarding when and where to pick up supplies, and Zoom information, will follow.

THE NEW TESTAMENT: AN INTRODUCTION FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY (RABBI LEVIN'S CLASS)

Sunday, November 22, 11:00am: This class is for those who have always wondered what the differences are between the Hebrew and Christian Bibles. Participants will explore a variety of questions pertaining to the text, including the following; Are the Gospels historic books or religious interpretations? When and where were the books of the New Testament written? Why were many other books of that time left out of the New Testament? How reliable are the English translations?

This class is open to members of CBI and members of Northwest Indiana synagogues. Advance registration is required. The Zoom link will be in the confirmation email that you will receive after you register.

HANUKKAH SERVICES

Friday, December 11, 6:00pm;

Saturday, December 12, 10:30am:

Hanukkah is the festival which celebrates the restoration of Jewish religious and political independence in the land of Israel about 2,200 years ago. During this holiday, we commemorate the triumph of our ancestors over the Greek forces that occupied Israel.

This year Hanukkah begins at sunset on Thursday, December 10.

JESUS IN HIS JEWISH CONTEXT: AN INTRODUCTION FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY (RABBI LEVIN'S CLASS)

Sunday, December 20, 11:00am: The life and practices of Jesus, as well as parallels between the historical Jesus and Judaism of the Second Temple period, will be discussed during this class. The teachings of Jesus will be compared to Jewish literature, including the Hebrew Bible, the Apocrypha, the Mishna and a selection of Jewish prayers. We will also address the concept of the Messiah in Jewish sources.

This class is open to members of CBI and members of Northwest Indiana synagogues. Advance registration is required. The Zoom link will be in the confirmation email that you will receive after you register. 🌐



HAPPY HANUKKAH

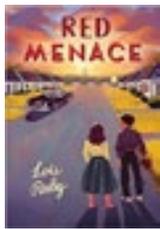




EVENTS AT SINAI TEMPLE

Until further notice, Sinai Temple Services will continue to be on Zoom at least through the end of December, as will all Shabbat morning classes and any other programs coming up. 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.

AUTHOR EVENT: LOIS RUBY



The Sinai Temple Sisterhood will meet on Zoom, November 15 at 1:00pm with author Lois Ruby. She will speak about her book *Red Menace*:

In the summer of 1953, 13-year-old Marty Rafner's world shifts when his professor parents are accused of being communist sympathizers—like their friends Julius and Ethel Rosenberg—putting them at risk for imprisonment, deportation, or worse. As the countdown to the Rosenbergs' execution date continues, it may be up to Marty to make sure his family survives. A suspenseful and heartfelt story about an era whose uncertainties, controversies, and dangers will seem anything but distant to contemporary readers.

The link to join this program will be sent on Thursday, November 12. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. Please email Adina Sutlin (asutlin11@gmail.com) for the link.

CHANUKAH SAVE-THE-DATE

Planning ahead for Chanukah, our main Celebration will be on Saturday, December 12, with a Havdalah Service and candle lighting. We are still working on ideas how to best celebrate this holiday virtually. 🕯️

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services went very well on Zoom, in spite of a few sound and video streaming problems. We celebrated Sukkot outside on October 2 with social distancing and mask wearing. Simchat Torah was celebrated on Zoom October 9, during our Shabbat service, with alternative readings, reflection on favorite Torah passages by some of the participants, and lots of music.



Sinai Temple Rosh Hashanah Services



Rosh Hashanah Family Service



Tashlich



Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur Family Service



Sukkot Celebration, Friday, October 2.

Does Your Vote Really Matter?

by **RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV**

Voting is on everyone's minds these days, particularly with what can possibly be called the most heated presidential election, at least in recent history, coming up.

What most typical elections have in common is that although they are generally promoted as being the voice of the people and that every vote counts, the truth is—as we all know—not every vote actually counts. Of course, a large enough bloc of voters certainly counts, but as individuals, it is difficult to see how a single vote can practically make a difference in the outcome of an election.

But all this talk about elections and voting reminds me of another type of election, one where electing something actually made a difference in the lives of those that chose it.

It was on the holiday of Purim in 1955. The Lubavitcher Rebbe was holding a special farbrengen to commemorate the day. The Rebbe held farbrengens for every holiday and also very often on Shabbat. But the Purim farbrengens were always unique. In addition to the atmosphere being much more joyous than usual, the Rebbe also spoke differently then, addressing heavenly topics in a down to earth manner, and using a no-holds-barred type of language.

At that year's Purim farbrengen, the Rebbe was talking about the various challenges people can face when it comes to living a Torah-true lifestyle, and one of the things he mentioned is the challenge of wealth. For generations, being rich was considered a tremendous obstacle to living a traditional Jewish life. Jews were

always much happier just making ends meet and nobody wanted to be wealthy. In fact, it was always believed that the more well-off a person became, the less religious they were inclined to become as well. Once in a while a religious Jew struck it rich, and stayed religious, but that was usually an anomaly.

As was often his style, especially at Purim farbrengens, the Rebbe countered this conventional wisdom and stated: "There are many challenges that Jews face today, yet somehow we manage to overcome them and stay true to our traditions. So what's wrong if the challenge happens to be that of wealth? Let Jews be comfortable and do well financially, and manage to overcome this challenge as well!"

Then he said (and this is where the "election" comes in): "Since in American everything has to be done with a vote, anyone that agrees to become extremely wealthy and is prepared to exert the effort to overcome this challenge should raise his right hand!"

In the recording of this farbrengen, one can hear the crowd gasping. Imagine: Many of the attendees were recent immigrants to the US following WWII. For them, being wealthy was the furthest thing they ever dreamed of—both practically because the means to becoming rich were simply not available to them, and also spiritually because nobody wanted to have to deal with the challenges. Yet, suddenly the Rebbe is telling them that they should want to become rich and deal with the challenge and overcome it! Who ever heard of such a thing?!

And so, almost nobody in the crowd raised their hands.

After a few moments, clearly frustrated at the tepid response, the Rebbe said: "You were given an opportunity for a blessing that has never presented itself before. Why are you afraid of wealth and its challenges? Why did only less than ten people raise their hands?"

I'm not old enough to have been present at that farbrengen, so I don't know who actually raised their hands, but the story goes that those that did ended up becoming extremely wealthy. They elected to work hard and to overcome the challenges associated with wealth; they were prepared to do whatever it takes to commit to continue living traditional Jewish lives even in the United States, which at the time was only starting to accommodate traditional Judaism on a large scale in the workforce, and the Rebbe promised that they would succeed.

That's a choice we can all make, even today. A successful person is always expected to have made sacrifices in order to reach where they are at this point. Nobody gets anywhere in life or in their careers easily without obstacles along the way. Overcoming challenges are what make the eventual successes all the more valued.

So let's not be afraid of what the world has to offer us. Let's not shy away from a challenge and get comfortable with the status quo—especially when we are guaranteed the tremendous benefits that await us on the other side.

You can elect to make a difference in your life and to do better today than yesterday, and better tomorrow than today. That is the one vote you know will certainly continue paying dividends and have a lasting impact. 🌟



Beating the Mar Cheshvan Blues

by **RABBI GIDON ISAACS**

I want to introduce you to the Jewish version of Jack Frost. His name is Mar Cheshvan. In the same way that “Frost” is both a surname and an adjective, “Mar” means both “mister” and “bitter.” So, we have Mr. Cheshvan, also known as Cheshvan the Bitter One. Cheshvan is the name of the second month in the Jewish calendar, a month devoid of Jewish holidays. This makes poor, sad, Mr. Cheshvan quite bitter. It also makes us, the Jewish people, bitter along with him.

There is an obvious reason that not having holidays makes us bitter. Holidays are celebrations—they bring us joy. Who doesn't want more opportunities to celebrate?! Without those opportunities, we can become bitter; that's a given. Yet there's

another, deeper reason we might feel bitter.

Each holiday has a variety of themes that shape the rituals, songs, foods, traditions, stories, prayers... all the good stuff that we enjoy. As we celebrate each holiday, its themes rise to the surface of our consciousness. In this way, Jewish holidays help us to appreciate different aspects of our lives, to experience a broad spectrum of emotions, perhaps even to see the world around us in new ways. In focusing on different aspects of our lives, we gain perspective on our lives and a sense of purpose. Without that outside marker of a Jewish holiday to prompt us, we are missing all of this “good stuff” that Judaism brings into our lives, and it can make us feel sad and bitter.

The doldrums of Mar Cheshvan may seem unavoidable, all the more so in this time of COVID. Yet this is not the case! First, the idea that there are no Jewish holidays is misleading. In fact, each week we have a holiday in the form of Shabbat. Week in, week out, we are given the gift of Shabbat, a sacred time of reflection and connection. The themes of Shabbat are legion, giving us so many different lenses through which to reflect upon our lives. There is yet another resource available to hold the bitterness of Mar Cheshvan at bay: each other. In dark times, whether it be the autumnal chill and shortening days of this month without holidays, or the social distancing forces of quarantine, we are still part of this blessed Jewish community.

The bitter touch, whether that of Cheshvan or of quarantine, makes us want to retreat into ourselves.

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Hadassah



Hadassah Has Gone Virtual & Your Email Is Requested

by **LAURIE B. SERBER**

Want an exclusive, intimate tour of David Ben-Gurion's desert home? Learn how COVID-19 is impacting Hadassah's hospitals in Jerusalem? Participate in our national book club via an author interview? You can engage in all these activities and more from the comfort of your home and your email address is the key that unlocks these opportunities. Please send your email address to LBSerber@gmail.com to get started on your virtual Hadassah experience.

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month); Silver Chai level of \$360 (\$30 a month); or Keeper of the Gate level at \$1,000 (\$83.33 a month). Payments by check or credit card on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis are welcome. Donate online at www.Hadassah.org. On the home page, click on “Take Action”, then scroll to “Ways to Give”, and click on either “Keepers of the Gate” or “Chai Society”.

As always, cards for all occasions (\$3 & \$5) and tree certificates (\$18) are available by contacting Judie Sidenbender at (219) 227-9880.

Illiana Hadassah wishes the entire community a Happy Hanukkah filled with light, love, and joy! 🌟

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However, anticipating this time of the year, being aware of the distancing effect of COVID, we can remind ourselves of the need to reach out. No matter your level of technological knowhow, there are friends and loved ones ready to hear from you—a phone call, an email, a text, a FaceTime or Zoom call away. Your community is here for you too. I'm sure I speak for all of the rabbis and Jewish professionals in the area when I say that whether you are a member of our organization or not, you belong, and we want to hear from you!

Soon enough, Cheshvan will become Kislev, and with it comes Chanukah, a festival of light during a time of darkness. There is no reason to wait for Chanukah, though. All around you are souls waiting to shine their light upon your life if you will only invite them to do so.

It is always the right time to reach out—no holiday, no excuse necessary. Together let's turn away from the bitterness of Cheshvan and embrace the sweetness of the moment. 🌟

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far as tourist attractions, I'd say the Nahalat Binyamin artist market. I still go there to get great stuff.

IN: What do you love about performing for Federation audiences?

BL: They're usually people who are affiliated Jewishly, have been to Israel, and get the jokes! 🌟

For more Benji, mark your calendar to join us on November 15! RSVP today at federationonline.org/campaign2020 or call the office at (219) 301-0960.

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ALICE G. BAIN



VALPARAISO—Alice Glass Bain passed away peacefully at home on October 21, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents Rose and David Glass of Chicago. She was 91. She is survived by her loving husband Phillip, son Irwin (Beverly) of Bexley, Ohio; daughters Ellen Nadel of Woodland Hills, CA, and Lori Schumacher of Birmingham, AL; and grandchildren, Deborah Bain of Chicago, Shaina Goodman of Las Vegas, Hanna Nadel of Portland, OR, Sari Schumacher of Birmingham, AL, and Seth Schumacher (Carly) of Athens, AL.

On October 8, 2020, she had celebrated her 70th wedding anniversary with her husband, Phil. She was a graduate of Marshall High School in Chicago, Illinois. After high school she was an accountant with Shaw's jewelry store in Chicago. She was a member of Temple Israel of Valparaiso.

The family would like to thank caregiver Belinda Littrell for the loving care she gave to Alice. A private graveside service was held October 25 at Graceland Cemetery.



RAY COHEN

VALPARAISO—Dr. Raymond Cohen, engineer, professor, and author, passed away September 21, 2020 at his home at the age of 96. He donated his body to the Indiana University Medical School. He was born in St. Louis, MO, to Leah and Benjamin Cohen on November 30, 1923, the oldest of three sons. After High School graduation he enrolled at Purdue University, W. Lafayette,

IN. His education was interrupted with service in the US Army during WWII. He volunteered for the U.S. Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) in mechanical engineering and then saw combat in Germany as part of the 89th Infantry Division. He left the Army in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant.

Cohen resumed his education at Purdue where he received his bachelors, masters, and PhD degrees, all in Mechanical Engineering. He then spent virtually his entire professional career as a professor at Purdue doing teaching, research and research administration. He authored approximately 100 technical papers and book chapters, mostly in collaboration with his students and colleagues. He contributed to research administration at Purdue as the Director of the Ray W. Herrick Laboratories from 1971 to 1993. Cohen retired from Purdue in 1999 with the title of Herrick Professor Emeritus of Engineering.

Cohen was beloved by all who knew him for his kindness, integrity and wit. He felt fortunate in his life for so many opportunities, and especially for his 2 wonderful wives, whom he loved dearly. He was president of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Mu, while an undergraduate, and played on Purdue's varsity squash team. He continued playing competitive squash until he was almost 80.

Cohen was President of Temple Israel Congregation of West Lafayette, IN and chairman of the committee that established a new building for it. He was also the first President of the Lafayette, IN Jewish Community Religious School. In Valparaiso, IN, he was active in the Noon Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Lila Lakin Cagen Cohen of

Valparaiso, IN; son, Dr. Richard Samuel Cohen of Philadelphia, PA; daughter, Deborah Elise Cohen of Richmond, VA; daughter, Dr. Barbara Beth Cohen (George Joseph Dillmann) of Ithaca, NY; two granddaughters, Julia Cohen Shmilovich (Jonathan) and Katherine Cohen Volin, both of Philadelphia, PA; grandson, John Benjamin Goldhamer of Richmond, VA; great-grandson, Eugene Shmilovich of Philadelphia, PA; step-daughter, Jody Cagen McDonald Siebert (Roy) of Valparaiso, IN; step-granddaughter, Katherine McDonald of Chicago, IL; and two step-grandsons, Phillip Cagen (Holly Hilliger) of Chicago, IL and Dennis Cagen of White Plains, NY. He was predeceased by daughter-in-law, Jacqueline McDade Cohen; step-son, Richard M. Cagen; step-granddaughter, Natasha Cagen; and his first wife, Katherine Elise Silverman Cohen, from St. Louis, MO, the mother of his three children. They were married for 37 years until her death in West Lafayette, IN, in 1985.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Ray Cohen Excellence in Thermal Systems Fund at Purdue University (giving.purdue.edu/InMemoryofRayCohen), the Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis Foundation, or the Hilltop Food Pantry in Valparaiso.

A memorial service was held via Zoom on October 18.

MORRIS RAPOPORT

CHICAGO—Morris Rapoport, 93, passed away on September 8, 2020. Devoted husband of the late Ruth Rapoport. Loving father of Michael (Rise), Barry (Tina) and David (Andrea). Proud grandpa to Scott (Carolyn) Rapoport, Amy (Jared) Gibson, Alyson (Adam) Goldman,

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late Nissan (Esty) Ellenbogen. Dear brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle and friend to many.

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Sunday, November 15, 4pm CT

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HOW TO ENTER: Visit our website for complete submission rules and the entry form: federationonline.org/gratitude

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NOV 17: Entry deadline (by 4:30pm CT)

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