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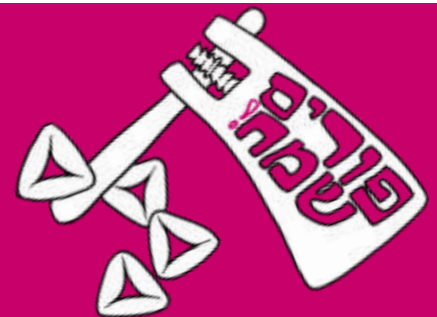
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Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana—585 Progress Avenue, Munster, Indiana 46321

Noar and Atid Service Award recipients Zack Triumph, Mira Fefferman and Leah Nozick with incoming President Sean Egan and Jewish Community Services and Programs Co-Chairs, Becca Galante and Karen Zukrow. Look for more pictures from the Annual Meeting on pp. 10-11.

## Be Happy: It's Adar!



### President's Corner

By Sean Egan  
President

The time has come when Barbara Waxman will pass the torch of leadership of our Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. As the recipient of that torch, one of my duties is to contribute articles for our beloved Illiana News.

First and foremost, I offer thanks and recognition to Barbara and her list of achievements during her tenure. Even prior to becoming president, Barbara Waxman identified a number of areas that she wished to address in the

organization's day to day operations. She is a handbook and policy maven. She reorganized Board of Director committees to address the true needs of the Federation. She directed these committees to design policies and procedures that reflected sound financial and operational practices. She tackled the by-laws to make them current to our reality. She reached out to Federations around country in search of best practices and brought many of those to our local Federation. Her attention to detail is beyond impressive.

What is left for the next Federation president to tackle? There is a never-

ending list of possibilities.

My single greatest priority will be to foster continued cooperation and collaboration between our member congregations. Our community is our greatest asset. It is the people, not any one building, that make the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana such an engaging organization, both for the regional Jewish community and beyond. We have a phenomenal staff. We offer wonderful programs. We have an impact that takes our Federation out to the region, the state, the nation, and the world. Of this we can be proud.

## Upcoming Events

### **Lunch and Learn at The Federation** **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon**

The Nature Conservancy of Southern Lake Michigan presents

***“Invasive Species in Northwest Indiana and  
How They Affect Your Quality of Life”***

Featuring guest speaker Susan MiHalo, Conservation Coordinator

A delicious lunch of chicken soup, falafel,  
Israeli salad and hummus will be served.

**\$10 per meal**

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**to (219) 301-0960 or online at**

**[www.federationonline.org/upcoming-events](http://www.federationonline.org/upcoming-events)**

### **Dr. Alan Dowty presents** **“Israelis and Palestinians: Has the Gap Narrowed?”** **Sunday, February 25 at 2pm**



Join us for coffee and nosh as Alan Dowty helps us understand the complexities of this question. Alan is a Professor of Political Science Emeritus at the University of Notre Dame. He is one of America's leading experts on the Israel-Palestine conflict and has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in Israel Studies by the Israel Institute and the Association for Israel Studies. Alan's latest book, *Israel/Palestine*, is in its 4th edition.

### **Save the Date**

3/14—Come Find Out What Partnership is All About

3/23-3/26—Israeli Doctors Visit

4/29—Israel Solidarity Day

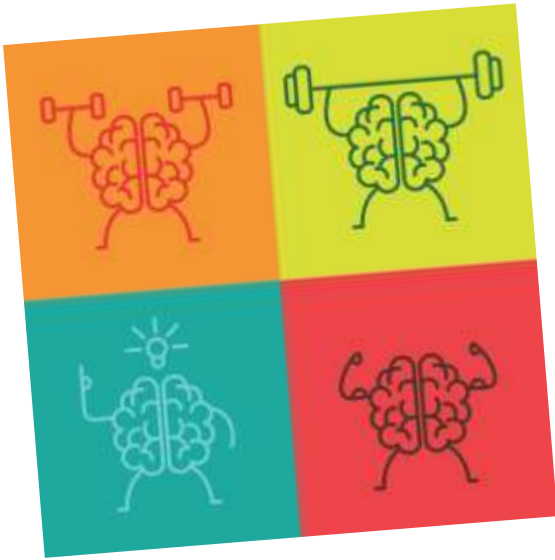
## Upcoming Events

### Loneliness Group with Susan Tepperman

For our Senior Community Members  
Tuesdays from 1-2pm

Please join Susan Tepperman as she continues her group on the topic of loneliness. This group will be ongoing and will meet in **Susan's office at the Federation each Tuesday** from 1:00 to 2:00. Groups will be small (up to 10 people) and will provide an opportunity for participants to share thoughts and listen to others in a supportive, non-judgmental environment. Susan has an MSW and has a great deal of experience in leading groups. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

*If you plan to attend, please call the Federation at (219) 301-0960 to reserve a spot. **If you're not sure, but have questions, please call Susan to discuss concerns.** All conversations will be confidential.*



### Announcing Our 2018 Mission Trip to Budapest and Israel

November 2<sup>nd</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate Israel's  
70<sup>th</sup> in Israel!

Informational Meeting  
February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Jewish Federation Board Room

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Can't make the meeting, but want more info on the trip?

Contact Aida Nozick at (219) 301-0960 or [aida@federationonline.org](mailto:aida@federationonline.org).



## Community News & Events

### Honoring Barbara Waxman

By Rich Waxman

As many of you know, two years ago Barbara became honorary President of the Jewish Federation on NW Indiana. It has been quite an adventure, but there is no doubt she is leaving office with the Federation in a better place than it was two years ago.

To honor her service, I have

established the Barbara Waxman Jewish Community Service (JCS) Fund. The money will provide Federation with \$100 per week for the next 5 years to help Jewish clients pay for prescriptions and other medical costs. Any money not used will go to fund the Federation Food Pantry, which also serves non Jewish clients.

If you would like to honor Barbara's service and at the same time help needy people right here in

Northwest Indiana, please feel free to do so by sending your check payable to the Barbara Waxman JCS Fund. Send it to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, 585 Progress Avenue, Munster IN 46321. Please also keep this fund in mind when you are making tribute donations to the Federation.

Thanks for our consideration and a Happy and Healthy 2018 to you and yours.

### Time to Volunteer!!!

Jewish Community Service is the heart and soul of our Federation. The most important initiation of our services and programs begin at this committee level. Do you want to help our Jewish community in some way? Do you want to become involved? We would LOVE to have you! Here's how:

- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** This committee, with help from our Staff member Rachel Saller, plans and increases participation in community-wide events, including Adult Friendship Club (AFC), NOAR and ATID (youth groups) and educational/fun. We need your ideas for events that would help gather our community.

- **FOOD PANTRY:** Lou Kaplan is our volunteer who is organizing the food pantry service. He needs other helpers to reach out to other sources for donations, arranging food drives, helping to organize and run the pantry. Currently the food pantry is open on Thursdays from 1:00-4:00.
- **HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND VISITS:** Sy Sarowitz has been volunteering his time to visit both Munster Community Hospital inpatients and local Nursing Homes for years. There are comfort bags that will be delivered with a prayer pamphlet, grape juice, tea light candles and snacks (hopefully small Challahs too). Whether you would like to assist in helping with visits, raise funds to cover the costs of the comfort bags,

or just help stuff the bags, he would love some assistance. If you are a Challah maker, here is your opportunity to donate something that will bring a smile to a patient or their family members who care for them.

- **CASEWORK DEVELOPMENT:** Susan Tepperman is our Staff member who will be happy to accept any expertise on ongoing assistance management for the important casework that our Federation provides for those who need assistance in our community.

Don't forget to make your donations that are critical to support all of these important activities.

Please call the Federation office or any of these individuals and get involved!!!

## Simchas

### *Mazel Tov to...*

**Rabbi and Chanie Zalmanov** on the birth of their son, **Zevi**

**Rick and Laurie Young** on their birth of their grandson, **Graye Levy Young**.

**Steve and Sylvia Steinhardt** on their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Logan Stein** on his bar mitzvah.

**Naomi Fefferman** on her bat mitzvah.

**Jonathan Hernandez** on his engagement to **Missy Spindlow**.

Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Jennifer Rodriguez, (219) 301-0960 or [jennifer@federationonline.org](mailto:jennifer@federationonline.org) by March 2. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

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Thank you for your generous donations to the 75th Anniversary Campaign of 2017. Your donations are what makes the Federation and all of our services and programs possible.

## Community News & Events

### Updated Credit Card Policy

By **Angela Christner**  
Bookkeeper

I just wanted to update everyone on our new credit card policy. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> anyone who uses their credit card to pay for any services such as JCY camp, K'TonTon or any Federation program will be charged a 3.5% processing fee. We tried a pilot

program in K'TonTon and it has worked well. Those that really want to charge are willing to pay the fee. We have seen an increase in those paying by cash or check.

Campaign gifts and donor or tribute cards will still not be charged a fee if paid by credit card. However, we would like our members to consider donating the additional amount to cover our costs.

We have implemented this policy to

help us recover some of the money spent on fees. We try to watch our costs very carefully and this is just another way to make sure that our money is spent wisely.

Additionally, effective January 1<sup>st</sup> there is a minimum charge of \$18 for credit cards.

If you have any questions on these new policies, please reach out me by phone at (219) 301-0960 or by email at [angela@federationonline.org](mailto:angela@federationonline.org).

Stay up to date with what's going on at the Federation!  
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or emailing [jennifer@federationonline.org](mailto:jennifer@federationonline.org).

## Community News & Events

### The Federal General Assembly in Los Angeles

By Mark B. Sperling, Ed.D.

I was honored by the NWI Federation to be one of two delegates to the General Assembly of the Federation of North America, November 12-14, 2017, along with Rachel Saller. We had the opportunity to learn about the many fine activities of the Federation across the country and world, especially in Israel. This was where our partnership with the Western Galilee became a larger reality in viewing a video of how the Federation assists various parts of Israel to thrive with monetary donations and Federation assistance.

I was quite excited to attend a variety of sessions on the importance of diversity in the membership of the Federation. In my role as Chair of the

Jewish Community Relations Committee, these sessions pointed out the importance of our reaching out to the various sectors of our community in Northwest Indiana to involve them in the activities of the Federation. The Federation of North America is very involved in interfaith activities across the United States.

I had the opportunity to sit with the Houston delegation during one of the sessions. Houston was severely impacted by the Hurricane that hit their city. All the synagogues were flooded; the Jewish population of Houston had to deal with the loss of homes and property. Some of the largest churches in Houston opened their doors for High Holiday services to assist. The Rabbi and other members of one of the largest synagogues in Houston spoke very emotionally of the personal and community struggle that

began with the Hurricane and continues for many today.

I was struck by the presence of the President of Israel, Reuven Rivlin in person and the video stream of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the final day of the General Assembly. This spoke to me of the importance that the Federation of North America plays on the world stage. The amount of security provided for the 2500 delegates and President was incredible and was a constant reminder of how dangerous of a world we currently live in. However, the message from the General Assembly was one of optimism and hope for a vibrant future for the Jewish People and all of us associated with the Federation in our locales around the country.

I was energized by all of the speakers and delegates I had the chance to interact with. A wonderful experience to say the least.



## Every penny counts!

See a penny. Pick it up. And save it to support the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana!

Donations do not have to be a big dollar amount. Huge amounts will not be turned down, of course, but really any help is needed. Whether it's \$2 or \$200, your donation is always welcomed and appreciated! We need all of the pennies we can get in the Federation tzedakah box!

Dr. Gus Galante recently donated the spare change he collected in his tzedakah box.

## Community News & Events

### Our Future is YOU!

By Rachel Saller  
Jewish Community  
Programs Coordinator

How do we get Millennials and teens involved more within the community and keep those who already are involved? That question sounds familiar, doesn't it? We are facing a numerical problem, but we are not alone. As I learned at the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America in Los Angeles – which I was honored to attend with Dr. Mark Sperling, our JCRC Chair – most of the Jewish Federations throughout the United States are dealing with the same dilemma. However, the future of the communities look a lot brighter than you might think.

Not only did I get to experience the vastness of people who make up the various Federations, but I made connections with plentiful young professionals – more than I ever thought I would at this assembly. It was thoroughly inspiring! Not only were many

of the attendees young professionals, but presenters as well – for example the creators of well-known phone applications like “Jswipe” or well-established organizations like “Everybody Dance Now” and “Swipe out Hunger” by Rachel Sumekh – her work has been recognized by the Obama White House and the *New York Times* and she was in the 2017 Forbes 30-Under-30 List.

Self-evidently, there was a lot to soak up and learn during my time at the assembly:

1. We have to work together as a community in order to improve.
2. Building relationships on individual levels can do wonders to a community. Get to know your members!
3. Start asking kids what kind of impact they want to make in the world, instead of what they want to do for a living when they grow up.
4. Start asking more questions of what engages people, instead of questioning their lack of engagement. People are already engaged within the community – just not in the Federation, yet. They

will make time for something that interests and motivates them.

Naturally, plenty of improvements were suggested at the Assembly, as each and every one of the Federations throughout the country faces similar hurdles. Importantly though, improvements are not to be compared to quantity. It significantly refers to quality and establishing relationships that foster members of the community. The numbers will start to come in with these relationships. Yes, we are a small community – however, that does not mean in any way, that we are not strong! We are a numerically small but passionate and mighty community. For us, it is not only the employees who run the Federation, but also the lay leaders who volunteer their time to our organization. They are important now, and they will be in the future, too.

Now, I ask you the questions: What motivates you? How can the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana engage you in our loving and strong community?



Thank you to Rosalie Levinson for sharing the moving story of her parents, who were Holocaust survivors, during a recent Lunch and Learn at the Federation.

### OUR MISSION

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## 2017 Annual Meeting

### Honor and Award Recipients

#### Hurst Family Foundation Award

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#### Gesher Award

Miriam Marcus

#### L'Vnot

John Doherty

#### Commemorative Awards

Judy Rooth

Chuck Elias

Rose Coltun

#### Legacy Tributes

Gloria Gray-Weissman

Herb Weissman

Ernest and Ursula Fruehauf

Merrill Yalowitz

#### Gevurah

Barbara Waxman

Ann Pekarsky

Lou Kaplan

Karen Zukrow

Chanie Zalmanov

Jerry Rothenberg

#### Service Awards

Nancy Gross and Becky Handler

Cindy Weiss

Lily Yalowitz

#### Jewish Community Service

Helene Elias Barbara Bard

Judy Geller Pat Jacobson

Renee Berkowitz Nancy Handler

Ann Blank

#### Noar/Atid Board

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Danielle DeCesaris Mira Fefferman

Zack Triumph

#### K'Ton Ton

Kelly Turner

Stephanie Czapka

#### Adult Retreat

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## 2017 Annual Meeting

### 2018 Jewish Federation Board Slate

**President**  
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Janine Rothschild

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Merrill Yalowitz



## Spotlight On: Your Former Shlichim

### Michal Edelist—Former Shlicha

Seven years have passed since I finished my Shlichut and left Northwest Indiana. Many things have changed, but the love for the community got even bigger!

I now live in Kibbutz Shoval, where I was born and raised, with Yonatan, my beloved husband, and our cute new puppy, Bella.

I graduated from Sapir College studying for a BA in HR Management and then graduated from Bar Ilan University with Masters in Organizational Consulting.

During my years as a student, I worked for the Jewish Agency as a recruiter for new emissaries (Shlichim) in the southern area of Israel and after 2 years became the head Manager of Recruitment for the entire country.

In the past year since we moved back to the Negev, I started working as a Media and Government Relations Manager at AJEEC NISPED, a non-profit organization dedicated to social change and Arab-Jewish partnership, based in Beersheva.

On a personal note, our home at the Kibbutz is always open! We would love hosting or seeing you around Israel on your next visit.

*Michal, Yonatan & Bella*



## Partnership

### Budapest Women's Visit to Northwest Indiana

By Judy Katz

#### Partnership/Israel Committee Chair

In November 2017, two dynamic young women from Budapest, Hedi Pusztai and Sara Ozorai, visited our community. Budapest is part of the Partnership Western Galilee in which Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana is also a consortium community. They spent four days with us and told their stories of growing up Jewishly in Budapest.

Their first talk was at Federation for a coffee and dessert event. Then they joined Temple Israel Miller for dinner and Friday night services and to share their stories. On Saturday night Wendy Kaplan-Hensley hosted them at a warm social evening and meal. Those

present joined them in an engaging circle dialogue. Temple Israel Valpo hosted a delicious brunch on Sunday.

Almost 150 community members had the opportunity to hear and meet Sara and Hedi at our various events. New friendships and connections to Budapest were made, and, hopefully, some of us will get the chance to visit them in Budapest in the near future. If you or anyone you know will be visiting Budapest, be sure to contact the Federation office to get contact information for Hedi and Sara.



# K'Ton Ton Preschool



## We've been busy at K'Ton Ton!

We've baked cookies for the Munster Police Department and had a visit from Officer Ghrist. He even let us explore his car! We've helped choose and wrap the gifts for the Federation's Annual Holiday Gift Drive.

We've had great fun celebrating Chanukah with crafts, a party and latkes with Jodi Koplin's Jiggle Jam, and a special visit from Ms. Terri Hendrickson and Rabbi Zukrow! We'd like to thank Ms. Hendrickson and Rabbi for sharing their songs and stories with us.

We are excited to begin our After School Programs when we return from break. We'll be chefs, dancers, musicians, and scientists! We'd like to welcome Jordy Novak to K'Ton Ton as she brings her musical talents to our new music program!



# K'Ton Ton

Early Childhood Programs

## In Memoriam

### JCY Camp Celebrates the Life of Chuck Elias

By Rachel Sieffert  
JCY Camp Director

Anyone who knew Chuck Elias knew two things about him. First, they knew that he had an uncanny ability to provide a witty one-liner for just about everything. He made people laugh everywhere he went. Second, anyone who spent even a few moments with our Chuckles knew that he had a very deep and undying love for JCY, the summer camp where he volunteered his time for the past fourteen years.

For the first several years of JCY's existence, Chuck served as the camp's Sports Director, and he loved every minute of it. Rain or shine, he was outside with the Sports Campers every afternoon running baseball, soccer, and basketball drills with them. He worked hard, and he made hard work fun. At the end of every summer, he put together his own awards section of the JCY Final Show, and he presented each



Sports Camper with their own trophy. He always made sure everyone felt special.

In more recent years, Chuck truly evolved into JCY's ray of sunshine. He arrived at precisely 8 am every morning to make sure he didn't miss the daily

staff meeting with the JCY counselors. He was always ready to open car doors and greet campers with a smile as they boarded the bus. He knew every child's name, and he could tell you a crazy story about each and every one of them. There wasn't a JCY camper or counselor who didn't adore Chuck.

One of the highlights of every JCY summer was Chuck's birthday, where he would bring his wife, Helene, to camp for a day of birthday festivities. Everyone made him cards, and there was always birthday cake and ice cream to honor JCY's MVP. He would talk about his special day for weeks, and he would spend hours poring over his cards at home with his family. He received an immeasurable amount of joy from the time he spent JCY, and JCY gained the same from him.

While we are deeply saddened by the loss of our Chuck, we are so very thankful to have spent so many summers in his company. He was truly the heart and soul of JCY, and camp will not be the same without him.



## Obituaries

### Rose Colton

Rose was born on November 6, 1933 and passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Rose was a resident of Marshall, Pennsylvania at the time of passing. Rosie, graduated from Marshall High School in 1951 and married her high school sweetheart and best friend, Joseph Colton on March 1, 1952. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Selfhelp Home, 908 W. Argyle, Chicago, IL 60640, a Jewish non-profit organization that operates the skilled nursing facility where Rose received the highest care following a long illness.

### Charles Elias

Charles "Chuck" N. Elias, 86, of Munster, IN passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 2, 2017. He was born June 24, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Ruth and Sigfried Elias. Chuck graduated from Hyde Park High School and attended Chicago City College and then was drafted into the Army. Chuck was married to his best friend and the love of his life Helene for 61 years. Also surviving are their children, Mark (Carol) Elias, Sandi (Michael) Sweeney and Tod Elias; 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; brother, Phil (Rhoda) Elias; several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Chuck Elias JCY Summer Camp Scholarship, 585 Progress Ave. Munster, IN 46321.

### Eileen Gardner

Eileen Gardner (nee Kaplan), age 96, of Chicago, formerly of Gary and Dune Acres, died peacefully in her home surrounded by family on November 8, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Leon Gardner. She is survived by her children, Jim (Royce) Gardner, Jill (Merle Shapera) Gardner; her granddaughter, Jana (Jordan) Brok; and great-grandchildren Coco and Josh Brok. Eileen was a loving, devoted wife and mother, consummate hostess, gourmet cook, and known for her elegant style and gracious hospitality. A life-long member of Temple Israel in Miller, she loved and pursued travel, theater, movies, books, and music. In

lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

### Iris Ourach

Iris, age 98, of Munster, Indiana passed away on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Hartsfield Village Care Center in Munster, IN. She was born on December 4, 1918, in Chicago, IL, to Nathan and Ruth (Bows) Karpen, who preceded her in death. On April 9, 1942, Iris married Jack Ourach, who also preceded her in death. Iris is survived by her children: Rabbi Robert (Linda) Ourach and Nancy (Stuart) Friedman; grandchildren: Sharon (Matthew Cohen) Ourach, Brian Ourach, Jonathan (Amy) Friedman, and Michael (Anna Schuettge) Friedman; two great-grandchildren; sister: Caryl Gross. She was preceded in death by her brother: Donald Karpen. Iris was an active participant and leader in her community. Iris served as President of Sinai Temple, Sinai Temple Sisterhood, and the League of Women Voters of Michigan City. She was Chairperson of the LaPorte County Cancer Crusade and provided valuable service to the Michigan City United Way as a Board Member, Residential Chairperson for the Fund Drive in 1968, Member of the Budget and Allocations Committee, and a Unit

Solicitor. Iris was entrusted to serve on many boards and committees, such as: Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute Camp, Midwest Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Chicago Federation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Community Service Council, Fair Housing Committee, and the LaPorte County Comprehensive Mental Health Center. She helped organize the Visiting Nurses Association of LaPorte County, of which she was a charter member and served for two years as their president. The Hospice Program undertaken by the Visiting Nurse Association was a result of study and recommendation by Iris. She was recognized with Sinai Temple's Distinguished Service Award and Sinai Temple's Distinguished Sisterhood Service Award. She loved her family with all her heart, worked tirelessly for numerous good causes and continued to form deep and lasting friendships through every decade of her life. She was beloved for her boundless loving kindness, compassion, genuine interest in others, and optimism. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Sinai Temple Endowment Fund in Michigan City, IN or Hospice of the Calumet Area in Munster, IN.

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In memory of Rose Coltun.

*Becca and Gus Galante*

*Gaby Frankenthal*

*Michael and Lisa Giglio*

In memory of Judy Rooth.

*Sandi Sherman*

In memory of Barry Weiss of Highland  
Park.

*Karyn and Steven Brodsky and Family*

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### Will Your Past Catch Up With You?

By Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov

It's been in the news for the last several months. Powerful men who believed they were beyond reproach are suddenly being forced to face the music for their inappropriate actions; some many years ago and others more recently. While for most of us, the fear of getting caught is deterring enough to prevent us from misbehaving, to some—especially the elites of society—that fear is nonexistent. The urge for momentary satisfaction is just too strong, and coupled with perceived invincibility, there is no consideration of the consequences.

As always, the Torah predicts and forewarns this attitude. A few weeks we read about Esav, Isaac and Rebecca's eldest son, selling his firstborn rights to his younger brother Jacob, for a mere pot of lentil soup. Many years later, when his father wants to bless his firstborn, Jacob rightfully usurps these

blessings for himself, banking on the deal they made decades earlier legally making him the "firstborn" despite being younger.

It is only then that Esav cries out in sorrow, recognizing that his conduct finally caught up with him. But of course, by then it was too late and he was irreversibly trapped in his self-made inferiority. And the rest is history. Jacob's descendants go on to be the great nation of Israel, while Esav's go on to be...well, no one really knows who Esav's descendants are today.

Of course, if this is so regarding misconduct, it would certainly be the case with righteous behavior. The long term effects of doing good may not be known at the moment, or perhaps ever, but you can be sure that it's there.

And one more tie-in to current events:

Last month thousands of Chabad rabbis from around the globe converged on New York City for our annual conference. While I was not able to personally attend this year (due to the

recent birth of our seventh child), my son Mendy attended with several hundred of the next generation of Jewish leaders.

You're not alone if you've heard from your Chabad rabbi more than once, "Just do one mitzvah, it makes all the difference!" It's what we teach and what we strive to accomplish in our respective communities. No mitzvah by a Jew is too small to matter, and nothing is ever forgotten. With so many opportunities to express kindness to others and fulfill the mitzvahs of the Torah, you will actually want your past to catch up with you.



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# Congregation Beth Israel

535 Progress Avenue, Munster, Indiana 219-922-0101 [www.cbi-nwi.org](http://www.cbi-nwi.org)



**Top:** In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, we watched a moving and meaningful film "In Our Hands. The Battle for Jerusalem," the story of Israel's 55th Paratrooper Brigade and its role in regaining the Old City of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War in 1967.

**Middle/Bottom:** CBI Sisterhood honored Ursula Fruehauf for her 40 plus years of tireless dedication to Sisterhood, synagogue and community.



Congregation Beth Israel

## Upcoming Activities and Services

### Purim Celebration

**Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm**

Wear your best costume! Our Religious School students will present a short and enjoyable play in depicting the story of Purim, followed by a short Megillah reading, Purim songs, and a delicious dinner. There is no charge for this event, but please RSVP to the CBI office at 219-922-0101 by Monday, February 26. Purim Morning Services will be held Thursday, March 1 at 8:00 am.

### Sisterhood Shabbat Series

We started Dec. 19 with a bus trip to the Jewish Museum in Milwaukee for a docent-led tour of the special exhibit "Seventh Day: Revisiting Shabbat." Then on Tuesday, Jan. 9, Karen Ness taught us how to make a most delicious challah for Shabbat. The series will culminate in our annual "Sisterhood Shabbat" morning service on Saturday, March 17 (Rosh Chodesh Nisan) where Sisterhood members participate in davening and Torah reading.

### Rabbi Levin's New Class

On Sunday, January 14, Rabbi Levin held the first class of a monthly series on "The Sages of the Talmud: their Lives, Sayings and Stories." Check the CBI website for the March date.

### Larger Gift Shop

We are grateful to Michael Miselman for donating the beautiful display case in our lobby in memory of his parents Francis and Rueben and sister Debbie. Now you will be able to see an expanded selection of gifts for Chanukah and all occasions. Be sure to stop by!

### Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Dinner

We have been enjoying our Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner. The service is musical and the dinner is delicious. The next Friday night services will take place April 27 and May 25.

### Birthday Celebrations

Once a month during a Shabbat morning service, Rabbi Levin will give a special birthday blessing to those people who have a birthday in that month.

### Winter Coat Drive

Our Social Action Committee is collecting winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves for the students at Lafayette School. New and/or nearly new items can be dropped off at CBI.

### Weekly Services Schedule

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

# Temple Beth-El

10001 Columbia Avenue, Munster, Indiana 219-934-9600 [www.templebethel-munster.org](http://www.templebethel-munster.org)

Temple Beth El Tour of Jewish Chicago with Dr. Irv Cutler, author of "The Jews of Chicago" with visits to Lawndale Neighborhood on the West Side Maxwell Street—Hull House and Lunch and Manny's Deli.



KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation in Hyde Park



At Manny's



The Jr Choir of Temple Beth El entertained the residents of Hartsfield Village with Hanukkah songs. The kids put in several hours of practice time to get ready for this visit and the Hanukkah Supper at Temple Beth El.



Temple Beth-El

# Temple Israel Miller

601 North Montgomery, Gary, Indiana 219-938-5232 [www.templeisraelmiller.org](http://www.templeisraelmiller.org)

## Celebrating a Decade of Delight... Temple Israel's 10th Annual Trivia Night! Saturday, January 27, 2018



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Temple Israel Miller



## Sinai Temple

2800 Franklin Street, Michigan City, Indiana 219-874-4477 [www.sinaitemplemc.org](http://www.sinaitemplemc.org)

### Weekly Services Schedule

#### Weekly Friday Night Services

All are welcome to join us in prayer. Every Friday evening we conduct services welcoming Shabbat. Sinai Temple has been known as the "musical congregation" with 2 guitarists and much singing. Rabbi Suzanne Griffel leads services twice a month with lay-led services the alternate weeks. Friday evening services start at 7pm, followed by a social Oneg of wine, challah and home-baked treats.

#### Saturday Morning Study Group

Rabbi Suzanne Griffel's 9:30am Saturday Study Group continues to address a wide variety of religious topics. Attendees contribute to the study selections as we investigate areas of interest to all. Enjoy religious exploration with other curious adults.

### Upcoming Activities

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

**Sunday, March 11, 2:00 pm**

**"The Rosenwald Schools of Hope in the Segregated South":** Peter Ascoli, an inspiring author and a grandson of Julius Rosenwald, will be our guest speaker at this Sisterhood sponsored event. Ascoli's book, *The Man Who Built Sears Roebuck and Advanced the Cause of Black Education in the American South*, was named one of the 2006 "Best Books of the Year" by the Chicago Tribune. It's an inspiring story of his grandfather's success as a businessman with Sears Roebuck, and devotion to philanthropy. Mr. Rosenwald also founded Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Light refreshments compliments of Sinai Temple Sisterhood.



Sinai Temple

## Temple Israel Valparaiso

1405 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 219-464-0159 [www.templeisrael.info](http://www.templeisrael.info)

For information on service times and event schedule, please contact Temple Israel Valparaiso at (219) 464-0159.



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## February-March 2018

## Adar-Nisan 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Feb 18</b> 3 Adar Sunday School 9:30am Torah Studies 10am Sages of the Talmud 11am	<b>19</b> 4 Adar AFC 12pm-2pm	<b>20</b> 5 Adar Women's Class 10am	<b>21</b> 6 Adar AFC 12pm-2pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Hebrew School 4:30pm	<b>22</b> 7 Adar Lunch and Learn 12pm	<b>23</b> 8 Adar Hadassah Salami Sale Deadline Sisterhood Shabbat 7:30pm	<b>24</b> 9 Adar Shabbat Service 9:30am Shabbat Service 9:45am
<b>25</b> 10 Adar Sunday School 9:30am Torah Studies 10am Community Purim Program 10am-12pm Holocaust Museum & Lunch 10am-4pm Prof. Alan Dowty 2pm	<b>26</b> 11 Adar AFC 12pm-2pm Board Meeting 7pm	<b>27</b> 12 Adar Women's Class 10am Mission to Budapest & Israel Meeting 7pm	<b>28</b> 13 Adar AFC 12pm-2pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Purim Service & Dinner 6pm	<b>Mar 1</b> 14 Adar PURIM OFFICE CLOSED; Purim Service 8am "Purim in the Stadium" Party 5pm	<b>2</b> 15 Adar SHUSHAN PURIM First Fridays 6pm Purim Celebration 6pm Purim-ish Shabbat & FWS 6:30pm	<b>3</b> 16 Adar Shabbat Service 9:30am Shabbat Service 9:45am Shabbat Worship 10am Noar Dinner & Movie 6:45pm
<b>4</b> 17 Adar Sunday School 9:30am Torah Studies 10am	<b>5</b> 18 Adar AFC 12pm-2pm	<b>6</b> 19 Adar Women's Class 10am Hadassah Salami Sale Pickup	<b>7</b> 20 Adar AFC 12pm-2pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Hebrew School 4:30pm	<b>8</b> 21 Adar Sisterhood Business Meeting 7:30pm	<b>9</b> 22 Adar	<b>10</b> 23 Adar Shabbat Service 9:30am Shabbat Service 9:45am Singing with Jeff Klepper 7pm
<b>11</b> 24 Adar CLOCKS FORWARD Good Deeds Day Sunday School 9:30am Torah Studies 10am Sages ...Talmud 11am	<b>12</b> 25 Adar AFC 12pm-2pm	<b>13</b> 26 Adar Women's Class 10am	<b>14</b> 27 Adar AFC 12pm-2pm Hebrew School / Pizza Pasta Party 4:30pm What is Partnership? 7pm	<b>15</b> 28 Adar Prime Timers Lunch 11:30am	<b>16</b> 29 Adar Family Friendly Service 7:30pm	<b>17</b> 1 Nisan Shabbat Service 9:30am Sisterhood Shabbat 9:45am Torah Study 10am
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