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The Jewish Community Newsletter of Northwest Indiana

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

Beautiful weather was enjoyed by all at the Jewish Federation's 2nd Annual Community BBQ!

Annual Campaign Kick-Off with David T. Brown and much more...

By Aida Nozick
Executive Director

The Jewish Federation is kicking off the 2017 Annual Campaign with a more consolidated timeline of fundraising in an effort to make a bigger impact. The Federation is encouraging community members to make their pledge between October 22 to December 31. While historically fundraising efforts for the Annual Campaign have extended throughout the year, this shift aligns fundraising efforts with the Jewish Federation's philanthropy events: Campaign Kick-off, Super Sunday and 75th Anniversary Gala. It also enables Federation professionals and lay leaders to reduce administrative costs of fundraising year round via mailings, staff time and phone-a-thons.

The Annual Campaign Kick-off will take place on Sunday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jewish Federation with David T. Brown. David T. Brown is chair of the Israel and Overseas Council of The Jewish Federations of North America. David is immediate past chair of the Human Services & Public Policy committee, and prior was co-chair of the Domestic Affairs Health & Long-Term Care Workgroup. Tickets for the Campaign Kick-off are $36 plus individual giving to the Annual Campaign.

Super Sunday will take place on Sunday, November 5th. This year we have an amazing opportunity to participate in a special matching challenge! This matching opportunity is made possible by a group of generous donors who have collectively given to the Federation in the hope of encouraging community members to increase their pledge and/or to persuade new donors. Matching funds are available for increases of $36 - $10,000 or new gifts at any level made during the 2017 Annual Campaign. Up to $100,000 is available through the match. Help our community receive the full $100,000 by making a new gift or increasing your own gift and spread the word to others!

The 75th Anniversary Gala will take place on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Federation. The evening includes a full night of friends, music by the "unPROFESSIONALS," philanthropy, fun, and bringing together people who inspire each other. We are looking for community members to sponsor tables at $750. Please invite your friends to attend this fun night!

From birth to Birthright and leadership to legacy, no signal gift touches more lives. A contribution to the Annual Campaign creates a collective impact and allows Federation to respond to the growing needs and interests in our community. It allows our community to stand up to real problems like financial hardship and isolation among our older adults. It allows the community to stand for Jewish heritage and collectively make a more powerful force for good in Northwest Indiana, Israel, and around the world.

Upcoming Events

Lunch and Learn at The Federation

Thursday, October 26th at Noon

Trent Pendley will be our featured guest with a talk on:

Jews & Local Literature

Thursday, November 30th at Noon

With guest speaker Rosalie Levinson presenting:

My Parents Never Spoke of It

Menus are TBD

$10 per meal

Can't make it for lunch?

Carry-out meals are available from 1pm-4pm.

Please RSVP and Pre-order Carry-outs to (219) 301-0960

Or online at www.federationonline.org/upcoming-events

JewEL Gathering

Jewish Emerging Leaders for our 30-55 year old members

Thursday, November 2nd at 6pm
Three Floyds Brewpub
9750 Indiana Pkwy, Munster, IN
separate checks

RSVP by 10/30 to (219) 301-0960 or online at www.federationonline.org/upcoming-events

Save the Date

Annual Campaign Kick-off Dinner 10/22

Watch for your invitation in the mail

Super Sunday 11/5

75th Anniversary Gala 12/2

Simchas

Mazel Tov to…

Steve and Kelly Farkas on the marriage of their daughter, **Aren to Jim Smith.**

Dr. Mark Sperling on his appointment to Dean Indiana University Northwest School of Education.

Former Temple Israel Miller and community members (now living in California) **Irwin and Suzie Horwitz** on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mya Stiener on her Bat Mitzavah. Proud parents are **Eric and Shana Stiener.** Proud grandparents are **Don and Rosalie Levinson.**

Don and Rosalie Levinson on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sarah Rose Greenman and Adam Lahn on their marriage. Proud parents are **Rosalie and Alan Lahn** and **Cyndi Greenman** and **Robert Greenman.**

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

May your year be filled with sweetness.

Becca and Gus Galante

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Rick, Judy, Philip and Hannah Katz

L'Shanah Tovah

Sylvia Strick

George and Dana Graves

Merrill Yalowitz and Family

Rabbi Raphael and Cynthia Ostrovsky

Erin, Jeff, Oliver, and Sadie Nowakowski

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75th Anniversary Campaign

Thank you for your pledge.

I hereby pledge to the 2017 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign:
Please consider increasing your pledge by $75 or 7.5% in honor of our 75th Anniversary.

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Contributor's Signature _____ Date _____

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Community News & Events

Can We Talk?

By Barbara Waxman
President

We have come to the end of a beautiful summer celebrated at Federation's annual Back-to-School Barbecue which was preceded by a screening of the documentary film, "There Are Jews Here." The movie and appearance of the film's editor, sponsored by the Marcus/ Nirenberg Family, gave us poignant and sobering insights into four once thriving American Jewish communities and their struggle to survive amid shrinking populations.

Although the Jewish community of Northwest Indiana remains a strong and vibrant, albeit smaller, community bearing little resemblance to the communities profiled in the film, this documentary could provide the impetus for a collective assessment of our community and institutions and an honest and open discussion about opportunities for future collaboration, cooperation and consolidation.

Perhaps you already know that our Federation has for many years refused to endorse any political, partisan or seemingly controversial position. We are a small and diverse Jewish community. We have always endeavored to be sensitive to opposing views within our community, carefully avoiding any advocacy that could be construed as political or partisan. I suspect that there are some who may find the above call for discussion about our community's future as violating this rule.

But, shouldn't we be proactive and not reactive in imagining and planning for our community's future?

And, when a horrific event such as the violence in Charlottesville occurs, we should speak out and stand with the Jewish community of Charlottesville, and people of good conscience everywhere, in denouncing this evil, and affirming our commitment to creating an America free of all forms of hate. Following the Charlottesville riot, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Indianapolis, "the public affairs and community relations arm of the organized Jewish community," issued the following statement: "The Jewish community will continue to build bridges of understanding by fostering respect, civility and collaboration among Hoosiers of all faiths, races, ethnicities, and genders. Only by standing together, and declaring categorically that Nazism, white supremacy, anti-Semitism and racism have no place in our communities, can we successfully combat the spreading of this pernicious extremism. We therefore call on friends and neighbors to speak out directly in the face of hate, to ensure that extremists remain at the fringes of our society, and that bigotry is never allowed to take hold here in Indiana, or anywhere in our country."

And when communities suffer the unimaginable dislocation and physical and economic hardship that the Jewish communities of the Houston region and state of Florida have endured from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, we need to express our concern and support and find ways to help individually and organizationally.

So, as we prepare to observe the High Holy Days, I hope that we can each commit to a strong and proactive Jewish community in Northwest Indiana, supportive of Jewish communities around the world, speaking out to confront and denounce hatred and bigotry of all kinds, and willing to engage in honest and productive discussions as we envision our community's future.

Rich joins me in wishing you and your loved ones a year filled with health, happiness, fulfillment, mindfulness and peace.

May your year be filled with sweetness.

Francie and Jay Gerson

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Another Way of Giving

By Rich Waxman

Let's say you want to donate $10,000 to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. But, you really don't want to write that check. Let's also say that back in May 2012, just five years ago, your daughter, or perhaps your granddaughter, advised you to buy 100 shares of this strange company called Facebook. Since you were not a techie and your granddaughter had helped you to find the send key on your computer, you said, "what the heck. For $3800, I'll be a big spender!" Today, your 100 shares are worth $17,000. If you sold them, you would owe a capital gain tax on your $13,200 profit and it would increase your income for tax purposes. But…. if you donate 60 shares to the Federation, you will owe NOT A PENNY in taxes and you will still retain 40 shares. In addition, you will get a CHARITABLE TAX DEDUCTION ON YOUR $10,200 DONATION. This is a win/win for you and for the Federation. Here is how you get in on this great deal:

If you have the stock certificate in your possession, call Federation's bookkeeper and she will direct you to the Federation's broker. You will call the broker who will instruct you about where to send your stock certificate. Federation's broker will handle the transaction from there. You will advise the broker of the price you want for the sale. You will not pay a brokerage fee.

If the stock is held in "street name" (the stock certificate is held by your broker), you will be instructed to contact your broker and ask him/her to transfer 60 shares to the Federation broker who will then sell the stock consistent with your instructions.

EITHER WAY, THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO "HARVEST" A GAIN ON A STOCK AND AVOID PAYING TAXES ON THE GAIN, GET A GREAT TAX DEDUCTION AND ASSIST THE FEDERATION IN MAINTAINING AND GROWING ITS VITAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.

Please consider this method of donating to Federation. Any questions can be answered by Federation's bookkeeper, Angela Christner, (219) 301-0960.

May your year be filled with sweetness.

Carol Culberg

Best wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Ann Pekarsky

L'Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Leonard and Karen Zukrow

Best wishes for a sweet and healthy year.

Ernest and Ursula Fruehauf

May your year be filled with sweetness.

Jessica and Ariel Shoriak

See more pictures from the 2nd Annual Community BBQ on the next page.

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L'Shanah Tovah!

Dr. Sean Egan

L'Shanah Tovah!

Laurie and Rick Young

L'Shanah Tovah!

Michael, Lisa, Moe and Elaine Giglio

Best wishes for a
Happy New Year!

Janine and Dean Rothschild

Wonderful company, good food and a thought provoking film made for a great time at the 2nd Annual Community BBQ.

Our Mission

"To Enrich Jewish Life in Northwest Indiana, Israel, and around the world through service, programming, advocacy, and fundraising."

Community News & Events

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Jewish Community Services

Jewish Community Services

By Susan Tepperman

I imagine that many people wonder about the work that goes on in the JCS branch of our Federation. I hope that this helps to explain some of what we do. As the Casework Coordinator, I field calls from families and individuals needing assistance. Some need help paying medical expenses, utilities or rent. Others need emotional support and advocacy. Still others need food. I am proud to say that our Federation provides all of these things to many people in our community every day.

Our food pantry is open to Jewish people whenever our offices are open. It is open to non-Jews on Thursday afternoons from 1pm-4pm. Non-Jews can visit every other Thursday. Our pantry is run professionally and with great CHESED or kindness. It is a well stocked, clean and positive environment.

One Thursday, as I was helping a man carry his groceries, he asked for my email. I received the following correspondence from him:

"I write to you today to pass on my sincerest appreciation to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, and to the staff and its administration.

In this rapidly changing world we find our self in, most of us can always find the time to complain however never can find the time to say a simple thing like thank you when things go right.

I have been a regular recipient at the Jewish Federation food pantry for some months now and have always found the entire staff to be diligent, courteous and above all respectful to all of its clients. I can assure you this opinion is not only reserved by me, my case manager at the regional mental health centre located in East Chicago Ms. Stacy Bejar constantly compliments the attitude of the staff at the Jewish Federation.

I was an over the road truck drive and had been one for several years in all those years I have always paid my way and have never asked for help however on March 19, 2016 I had a brain stem stroke whilst driving at 60mph, lucky the accident that resulted did not injure anyone except a very large tree.

The stroke did however change my position as far as asking for help. I can't obtain Social Security as I am short one year of paying into the system, it took over a year of medical treatment to be able to walk. I am now at the age of 65 and because of this my 30 medications that I need to take every day now has a $3 co-pay. With no income I now find myself in a bit of trouble.

With the understanding that we never know what's just around the corner. To Lou, Susan and the entire staff of the Jewish Federation I find it difficult to find words to show how much I appreciate your inputs and your hard diligent work that you put into our community everyday. And to my case manage Stacy for having a heart that she wears on her arm that has been touched by YOU ALL and by doing so she would pass on the encouragement to me through some difficult diverse times.

Please pass on my appreciation to all that work in the background and I encourage you all to keep up the tremendous work even to those that don't have the time to say thank you.

If there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to ask whether its donation of time or to let your company supporters or patrons know what a great wonderful job you are all doing.

With sincere gratitude."

I receive thank you notes from time to time, and I thought this one would be worth sharing. It highlights the impact that our Federation has on others. It is through our efforts that many lives are made better. If you ever wonder if there really are Jews and non-Jewish neighbors among us who are in need, I assure you, as this letter attests, there are. If you wonder if your contributions make a difference, I assure you, they do!

Thank you for supporting our Federation with financial gifts and donations of food. They are meaningful and greatly appreciated. Please continue to donate. We are ALWAYS in need of peanut butter and jelly, tuna, pasta, canned fruit and vegetables, and soup.

L'Shanah Tovah!

David and Aida Nozick

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Marlene and Lou Kaplan

May your year be filled with peace and prosperity.

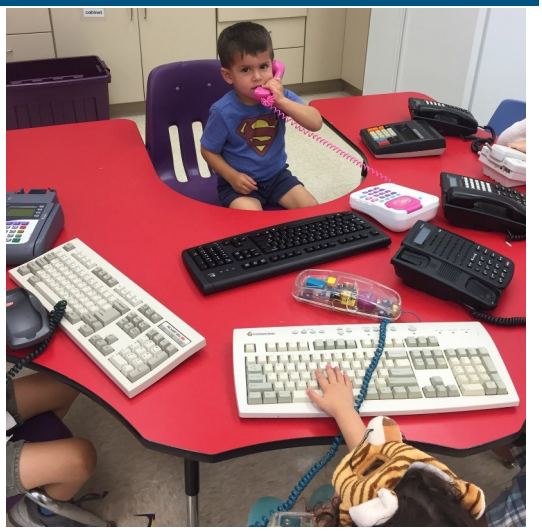
Sandy and Mark Sperling

Temple Israel Miller wishes you a healthy and happy year!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Barbara and Richard Waxman

K'Ton Ton Preschool



K'Ton Ton
Early Childhood Programs

We are excited to have started our school year!
Our twos, preschool, and pre-kindergarten kids are back at work – playing, learning, and having fun! Playgroup has started and our littlest learners are having a blast each Monday. It is definitely the start of what is sure to be a fantastic school year!

Noar and Atid Youth Groups

Noar and Atid with Rabbi Zalmanov recently spent a sunny day at the Indiana Dunes.

For more information on how to join our community youth groups, please contact Rachel Saller at (219) 301-0960 or *rachel@federationonline.org.*

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 1st at 12:30pm
Atid Only
Edible Sukkah Making at the Federation
Pizza will be served

Sunday, October 8th at 7pm
Noar Only
Sukkot at Chabad

Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm
Noar Only
Ice Cream Social at Cold Stone in Dyer

Saturday, October 21st at 7pm (meet at Federation)
For Noar and Atid
Temple Beth El sponsored Hayride at the Hatfield's Farm in Crete, IL
More details to come.

Obituaries

FRED NAGEL, 91, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Glencoe, IL, passed away on Monday, August 14, 2017. Fred is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Annette Newman Nagel; four children; Wendy Turry (Brian, deceased), David Nagel (Debbie Quilici), Marty Nagel (Ellen Lasser), and Jim Nagel (Susan Jackson); and sister, Jan (Ted) Simon. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, in each of whom he took particular delight. Fred was predeceased by sister, Rita (Ed) Friefield; and granddaughter, Julie.

Best wishes for a
Happy New Year!

Jewish Federation Board and Staff

Tribute Cards

FOOD PANTRY ENDOWMENT
In memory of Dr. Phillip Kaufman.
Gus and Becca Galante
In honor of the marriage of Ronit and Phillip Shapiro.
Judy Rooth

FRUEHAUF FAMILY HONORARY ENDOWMENT
Happy anniversary to Ernest and Ursula Fruehauf.
Gaby Frankenthal
Wishing Hope Goldenberg a full and speedy recovery.
Ernest and Ursula Fruehauf
Wishing Judy Rooth a full and speedy recovery.
Ernest and Ursula Fruehauf

KATE & SHIRLEY KLAPPER AFC ENTERTAINMENT ENDOWMENT
Happy birthday to Esther Rothstein.
Gaby Frankenthal

You can send a Tribute Card online at www.federationonline.org/tributes!

Adult Friendship Club

Thank you to Rabbi Robin Damsky for leading AFC's High Holiday luncheon.

Prime Timers

Prime Timers enjoyed a trip to Shipshewana for lunch and shopping.

Join us on our next adventure when we explore Starved Rock State Park on a trolley tour October 16th! For more details, please contact Rachel Saller at (219) 301-0960 or *rachel@federationonline.org*.

Chabad of Northwest Indiana

1101 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 219-513-0327 www.chabadnwind.com

High Holidays Services

No charge for reservations or seats!

Selichot
Saturday night, September 16
(Sunday morning) 12:45AM

Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 20
Evening Services: 7:00PM

Thursday, September 21
Morning Services: 9:30AM
Shofar sounding: 12:00PM
Musaf: 12:30PM
Followed by kiddush buffet
Tashlich: After Kiddush

Community Rosh Hashanah Dinner
5:30PM

Friday, September 22

Morning Services: 9:30AM
Shofar sounding: 12:00PM
Musaf: 12:30PM
Followed by kiddush buffet

Shabbat Shuvah
Saturday, September 23
Morning Services: 9:30AM

Yom Kippur
Friday, September 29
Kol Nidrei Services: 6:30PM

Saturday, September 30
Morning Services: 9:30AM
Yizkor Memorial Services: 12:30PM

Mincha and Neila Closing Services:
5:00PM

Final Shofar sounding: 7:00PM
Followed by Havdallah
and "break-the-fast"

Sukkot
Thursday, October 5
Morning Services: 9:30AM
Followed by lunch in the sukkah

Friday, October 6
Morning Services: 9:30AM
Followed by lunch in the sukkah

Saturday, October 7
Morning Services: 9:30AM
Followed by lunch in the sukkah

Shemini Atzeret &
Simchat Torah
Thursday, October 12
Morning Services: 9:30AM
Yizkor Memorial Services: 11:00AM
Followed by lunch in the sukkah
Evening Services and Hakafot: 7:00PM

Friday, October 13
Morning Services: 10:00AM
Hakafot: 11:00AM

Shabbat Bereishit
Saturday, October 14
Morning Services: 9:30AM

New Beginnings

By Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov

Our Shayna started high school last month; she will be living in Chicago during the week, coming home for most weekends. We know that she'll be in good hands there, guided by some of the best Jewish educators, but the transition has certainly taken us on an emotional roller coaster.

My Facebook memories brought up a picture of her seven years ago, on her first day of second grade. Hard to believe that she is now moving on to the next chapter in life, and even more difficult to come to terms with is that Chanie and I are parents of a high schooler.

I've always found it interesting that the school year begins in the weeks leading up to the Jewish new year rather than at the beginning of the civil year. In our

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NORTHWEST INDIANA

Congregation Beth Israel

535 Progress Avenue, Munster, Indiana 219-922-0101 www.cbi-nwi.org

Upcoming Activities and Services

Weekly Services Schedule

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

Selichot Program and Service

Saturday, September 16 at 7:40pm
Selichot is a series of penitential prayers that are designed to prepare the worshiper for the High Holy Days.
Before the service, we will watch the video "Music of the High Holidays" with two Chicago area's cantors, Cantor Alberto Mizrahi of Anshe Emet Synagogue, and Cantor Vicky Glikin of Congregation Solel, as they explore how music helps define not only the prayers, but the essence of the new year.

Rosh Hashanah Services

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday, September 20 at 6pm
Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day: Thursday, September 21 at 9am
Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day: Friday, September 22 at 9am

Yom Kippur Services

Kol Nidrei: Friday, September 29 at 6:15pm
Yom Kippur Morning: Saturday, September 30 at 9am, Yizkor
Yom Kippur Evening: Saturday, September 30 at 5:30 pm

Youth High Holiday Service

Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day: Thursday, September 21 at 10:30 am
Yom Kippur Morning: Saturday, September 30 at 10:30 am
Yom Kippur Evening: Saturday, September 30 at 7:00 pm - Student Havdalah

Join us for Tashlich

Thursday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Centennial Park parking lot close to the bridge.
Tashlich is "casting off" in Hebrew and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread into a body of flowing water. Just as the water carries away the bits of bread, so too are sins symbolically carried away. In this way the participant hopes to start the New Year with a clean slate.

Break the Fast

Join us for our Break the Fast on Saturday, September 30 at 7:20pm, immediately following our concluding service.
It is free! But, for planning purposes we ask you to confirm your attendance by calling the office.

Looking for a Hebrew Calendar for 2017-2018?

Please visit CBI's website and its "Holidays" page:
http://cbi-nwi.org/worship/holidays/
At the bottom of that page you can download CBI's printable Hebrew calendar.

Sukkot Services

Sukkot, 1st Day: Thursday, October 5 at 9:00 am
Sukkot, 2nd Day: Friday, October 6 at 9:00 am
Sukkot Shabbat Chol Hamoed: Saturday, October 7 at 9:30 am
Sukkot, 4th Day: Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 am
Sukkot, 5th Day: Monday, October 9 at 8:00 am
Shemini Atzeret: Thursday, October 12 at 9:00 am - Yizkor

Celebrate Sukkot in our Sukkah

Sunday, October 8 at noon [right after Sunday School]
Please join us as we celebrate Sukkot;
shake the Lulav; smell the sweet Etrog.
RSVP by Wednesday, October 4.

Simchat Torah Service and Celebration

Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 pm
The service is full of singing and dancing and people carrying Torah in seven circles around the room.
Little children may carry stuffed Torahs.
Come and celebrate then stay for delicious desserts!
Simchat Torah morning service: Friday, October 13 at 9:00 am

In Our Hands. The Battle for Jerusalem

Sunday, November 5 from 10:00 am to noon.
In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, you are invited to attend a special showing of *In Our Hands*, the story of Israel's 55th Paratrooper Brigade and its role in regaining the Old City of Jerusalem during the Six Day War.
"One of the best, moving films I've seen this year… *In Our Hands* is handsomely produced, historically responsible, and emotionally satisfying."- Michael Medved, nationally syndicated talk radio host.

Religious School

Wednesday, September 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm
A combined CBI and Temple Beth El
Pizza and Pasta Night at CBI.
Wednesday, November 1 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm
A combined CBI and Temple Beth El
Pizza and Pasta Night at Temple Beth El.

Sisterhood Special Brunch for Ursula Fruehauf

Sunday, October 29
The Sisterhood is having a brunch to honor Ursula Fruehauf for her 40 plus years of tireless dedication to the Sisterhood, Synagogue and Community. Watch for details.

Sisterhood is holding its annual sale of challahs and roses for the holidays. This year honey from Israel is also available.

Congregation Beth Israel

Temple Beth-El

10001 Columbia Avenue, Munster, Indiana 219-934-9600 www.templebethel-munster.org

Sunday, October 15th at 10am

Join Temple Beth-El in A Deeper Exploration of Jewish Life in Dothan, Alabama as featured in "There Are Jews Here" through the experiences of Rabbi Lynne and Rob Goldsmith who lived in Dothan for the past ten years.

Ordained in June 2007, Rabbi Lynne Goldsmith moved to Dothan in July of that year to become the rabbi of Dothan's Temple Emanu-El, a temple struggling with growing its membership. The closest other Reform Jewish congregation was nearly 100 miles away.

"One of the difficulties of living here is that we are a small community and we don't have any other Jews around," Goldsmith said. "… So to be a Jew here, in a remote Southern congregation, is much more difficult than to be a Jew up North where you are surrounded by other Jews in different communities."

Temple Emanu-El had approximately 35 member families in its membership when Goldsmith became rabbi. It reached a high of about 70 families and now has nearly 60 families. The small congregation is itself like a family, Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith had been an accountant for 25 years when she decided to go to rabbinical school. She was 50 years old and had to spend a year studying Hebrew before attending Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. It took five years before she was ordained.

When she applied to Temple Emanu-El, she liked that the congregation was looking for a rabbi to partner with in solving its declining membership problems. Many congregations she looked at wanted a rabbi to come in and tell them how to solve their problems.

"They wanted a rabbi with a big 'S' on his or her chest – a super rabbi," said Goldsmith, now 65. "This congregation's application said we have a problem with membership but we think we have a solution and we need a rabbi who will partner with us. I looked at that and said, 'Oh, wow.' Even though they only had 40 families, which is really tiny to have a full-time rabbi, there's a lot of promise in this congregation."

Rob Goldsmith | Dothan, AL

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Rob Goldsmith worked in higher education administration for nearly 30 years before he was lured by Larry Blumberg to become the Director of the Blumberg Family Jewish Community Services of Dothan where he is the only staff person. He also works for Larry Blumberg's business – a hotel management company – LBA Properties. His wife, Lynne, became the Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in Dothan, and together they were ready to embark on a new experience. Rob grew up "culturally" Jewish, and when his younger son was studying for his Bar Mitzvah, his older son decided that he, too, would like to have a Bar Mitzvah. Rob, who had never had a Bar Mitzvah himself joined his sons and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at age 49. It was a moving family experience.

See page 17 for High Holiday Services Schedule

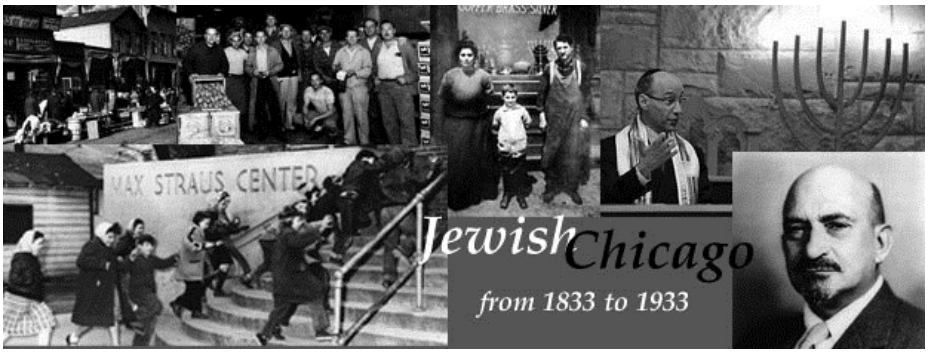
Sunday, November 10th

We celebrate our engagement in learning about Jewish life in America with a Bus Tour of Jewish Chicago led by Leah Axelrod of My Kind of Town Tours. Details to Follow.

We will visit the early Jewish neighborhoods in Chicago on the city's West Side.

Lunch at Manny's.

The tour will include a visit to some of the well known Chicago synagogues as we learn more about Jewish life in our area.



Thursday, October 19, 26 and November 2
7-9pm

Taste of Judaism

Join the conversation and learn about Judaism - our key ideas, thoughts, practices and beliefs.

Please invite friends and neighbors to join us. There is no charge for this program sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism.

Temple Beth-El

Temple Israel Miller

601 North Montgomery, Gary, Indiana 219-938-5232 www.templeisraelmiller.org

Drawing Near

By Rabbi Robin Damsky

We have just entered into the month of Elul, the final month of the Jewish year. It is a time rich with biblical history as well as a call for us in the present; a call for us to become present. Let's start with the history. We are familiar with the story of Moses descending Mt. Sinai with God's Tablets of the 10 Commandments, to find the Israelites dancing around a calf made of gold. In his anger, Moses smashes the tablets. Later, he goes back up the mountain to convene with God yet again. You might remember in my column last month I spoke of Tisha B'Av as the recognition of brokenness in ourselves and in the world around us. We see this theme personified by Moses: he re-ascends, carrying the broken Tablets with him, a symbol of the Israelites' break with faith in God. But these tablets are a personal symbol as well. They are a representation of Moses' own brokenness – his loss of control at his disappointment and frustration in seeing the Israelites cavorting in idol worship. The uncanny connection to the High Holy Day season is that Moses re-ascends Mt. Sinai on the first day of Elul.

As Moses speaks with God this second time, he is in a vulnerable place. How could this people he has risked everything for, to bring them to freedom, mistrust so quickly and so fully? He is beside himself. Has he failed? How is he to lead? So upon the mountain, he beseeches God. He asks for something that will strengthen him enough to continue to lead our people through to the Promised Land. Show yourself to me, he asks God. God says it's not possible for humans to see God's face, but God promises to show God's back to Moses, and shares with Moses what we have come to know as God's Thirteen Attributes, words that we sing every Selichot through Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: "Adonai Adonai, El rachum v'hanun, erech apayim v'rav hesed v'emet, notzer hesed la'alafim, nosei avon vafesha v'hata v'nakeh:"

God, merciful God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in kindness and truth, preserver of kindness for thousands of generations, forgiver of iniquity, willful sin and error, and Who cleanses. (Exodus 34:6-7)

As Moses connects with God in this

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High Holiday Service Schedule

Wednesday, September 20
Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm
Oneg to follow

Thursday, September 21
Rosh Hashanah Day
Morning Services 10am
Tashlich at Marquette Park to follow

Friday, September 22
Shabbat Shuvah 7:30pm

Sunday, September 24
Kever Avot at the Cemetery 10am

Friday, September 29
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre
7:30pm

Saturday, September 30
Yom Kippur Day
Morning Services 10am
Discussion 2ish pm
Afternoon Service 4pm
Yizkor and *Ne'ilah* 4:45pm

Members of Temple Israel participated in the Unity March on August 28 sponsored by the City of Gary Human Relations Commission. Also participated by not pictured are Sean Egan and Rabbi Zukrow.

Temple Israel Miller

Sinai Temple

2800 Franklin Street, Michigan City, Indiana 219-874-4477 www.sinaitemplemc.org

Weekly Services Schedule

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 Reni Dickman and Rabbi Suzanne Griffel lead services. There are Rabbi-led services every other week with lay-led services the alternating weeks. Friday evening services start at 7pm, followed by a social Oneg of wine, challah and home-baked treats.

Saturday Morning Study Group

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

Exciting News

Rabbi Reni Dickman has served Michigan City's Sinai Temple for the past 13 years. She is the Rabbi who came for a weekend and just kept coming. During these years with us, we've celebrated her marriage and children's births. With much affection and good wishes Rabbi Dickman leaves Sinai Temple for exciting new growth experiences at her next assignment.

Rabbi Suzanne Griffel joins Sinai Temple in September. She comes to Michigan City with a broad background which includes Rabbinic, Hillel and hospice experiences. She will be a wonderful addition and is warmly welcomed by the entire membership.

Upcoming Activities

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

Saturday, September 16th

We celebrate Selichot

Wednesday, September 20th and Thursday, September 21st

Erev Rosh Hashanah evening services and Rosh Hashanah morning services with family services in the early afternoon

Friday, September 29th and Saturday, September 30th

Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre evening services and Yom Kippur morning and afternoon services including a break-the-fast pot luck with family services in the early afternoon.

Friday, October 6th

Sukkot is celebrated during services together in the sanctuary and in the temple's Sukkah.

Friday, October 13th

We joyously celebrate Simchat Torah with songs, flags and marching in the sanctuary.

Sunday, October 15th

Sisterhood again plans a delicious dinner and inviting entertainment.

Sinai Temple

Temple Israel Valparaiso

1405 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 219-464-0159 www.templeisrael.info

Dennis Cagen and JewNC

In the fall of 2016 Dennis Cagen motivated and organized Jewish students on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado, where he goes to school.

Dennis Cagen is the son of Karen Cagen-Zusman and the grandson of Lila and Ray Cohen. Dennis, his family and his Sunday School teachers are proud of Dennis for establishing JewNC, a Jewish student organization at UNC. Dennis began connecting with other Jewish students on campus through a popular online message board. The students realized there was a need for a Jewish student organization on campus. They moved forward and established the JewNC by collaborating on goals, writing a constitution, finding a faculty adviser and getting official approval to be a chartered club on campus. During the 2017 spring semester the group organized events celebrating Tu B'Shvat, Purim and Passover.

The JewNC's first official event was a Tu B'Shevat project for students and members of the community. The participants decorated planters for trees.

The students gathered to celebrate Purim. Everyone made a grogger to drown out evil Hamen's name during the reading of the Story of Esther. Students made hamentashen to enjoy during the party as well as to sell on campus during the week of Purim.

For Passover, the JewNC student group had a lot of fun organizing a chocolate Seder for Jewish students and members of the community. The traditional foods on the Seder plate were replaced with chocolate and candy!

High Holiday Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah

7pm
Rabbi Shoshana Feferman and
Joshua Rubin, Cantorial Soloist
Oneg to follow services

Rosh Hashanah Day

10am
Rabbi Shoshana Feferman and
Joshua Rubin, Cantorial Soloist
Lunch to follow with salmon catered by *The Dish*
$10 per person
Please RSVP to:
Amy Cheuk
Call 219-548-7309
Text 773-354-6013
Email amy_cheuk@hotmail.com

Kol Nidre

7pm
Rabbi Shoshana Feferman and
Joshua Rubin, Cantorial Soloist

Yom Kippur

10am
Children's Service
4:30pm
Yiskor
5:30pm
Break-the-Fast

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Drawing Near

deep way, he finds his strength. He begins to heal. He spends 40 days and 40 nights in this process on Mt. Sinai, returning to the people on Yom Kippur. Today we spend the month of Elul in much the same way as Moses. We look at our frailty, admit our vulnerability, and we seek God's presence. We address our frustration, our anger, our disappointments. We ask for healing, for light, for understanding, for tikkun for our world. The power of Elul lies on a twofold path. The first is that we recognize our failings and shortcomings, our fears and uncertainty, and we ask the Compassionate One to be gracious with us, to forgive us, to cleanse us and make us new. This is us expressing our humility and reaching out to that which is greater than us for guidance. Simultaneously, we recognize that which are taught in Genesis: that we are created by God B'tzelem Elohim – in God's image. We inhale the breath of God within us, since we are created of the same stuff as God, and we possess the same qualities of the Thirteen Attributes within us. They not only make us human, they are an expression of the Divine within us.

So at one and the same time we beseech our Creator to embrace us in our frailty, to give us refuge, and to do so with grace. Then we look inside of ourselves and access our own compassion, our own graciousness and forgiveness, and our own cleansing ability. This process is the beginning of teshuvah – of return – the main theme of the High Holy Day season. We return to Source – to God, and to soul – to self, acknowledging the distinctions between the two and noting the overlap. As we give over to God's power we discover our own.

Elul is a month of endings and a month of beginnings. We complete last year's cycle and we prepare to begin anew. It is a time of great openness between us and God, so much so that the name itself is an acronym E-L-U-L – "Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li." This verse, from Song of Songs, means, "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine." God draws near to us at this time, asking for our prayer, seeking our hearts.

Our communities and our world are in need of great healing. The mystics teach that as it is without, so it is within. What is it you seek to leave behind in the year 5777 to bring you to greater wholeness? What understanding must you achieve to make peace? What is yours to generate in 5778, both internally and in society? These are the questions of Elul. May we ask them with honesty and trust, knowing that God is near.

Blessings in this holiest of seasons.

Temple Beth-El High Holy Day Services

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20
Erev Rosh Hashanah 6pm
(pre-service Oneg at 5:30pm)
Thursday, September 21
Adult, Teen & Children's Service 9:30am
Friday, September 22
Rosh Hashanah Second Day 9:30am
Saturday, September 23
Shabbat Shuvah 10am

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 29
Kol Nidre 8pm
Saturday, September 30
Adult, Teen & Children's Service 9:30am
Discussion with the Rabbi 1pm
Afternoon Service 2pm
Healing Service 3pm
Congregant Journeys 4pm
Yizkor 4:30pm
Ne'ilah (Concluding) 5:30pm

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New Beginnings

home this is not really unique, because for us the Jewish calendar is primary and the civil calendar is just used for technicalities and logistics. So of course, school starts at the "real" beginning of the year.

The new Jewish year is not commemorated with parties and celebrations like January 1. There are no fireworks and certainly no raucous all-nighters waiting for the ball to drop. There is a lot of praying and introspection, looking towards a year of success and growth, health and happiness.

The sounding of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah serves to remind us of the theme of the holiday; that it's a new beginning and an opportunity to start over. Even if the previous year was not that great, whether spiritually or mundanely, the new year holds so much potential. In fact, this applies to everyone, even if the last year seemed to be a good one for you. Hearing the shofar is the wakeup call intended to take us to the next level, which is why it is so central to Rosh Hashanah.

It's all about moving on, discovering potential we were never aware even existed within us. Kind of like starting a new school year.

So here's to new beginnings. L'chaim!

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September-October 2017 Elul 5777-Cheshvan 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 17 26 Elul Torah Studies 10am Maot Chitim Delivery Sisterhood Cooking Demonstration	**18** 27 Elul AFC 12pm-2pm Board Meeting 7pm	**19** 28 Elul Women's Class 10am	**20** 29 Elul Rosh Hashanah To Go Meals Pick Up 12pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 7:30pm	**21** 1 Tishrei *Rosh Hashanah* Rosh Hashanah Services 10am	**22** 2 Tishrei *Rosh Hashanah* Shabbat Services with Rabbi Damsky 7:30pm	**23** 3 Tishrei Shabbat Services 9:30am
24 4 Tishrei Torah Studies 10am Kever Avot 10am Hadassah Brunch 11am	**25** 5 Tishrei AFC 12pm-2pm	**26** 6 Tishrei Women's Class 10am	**27** 7 Tishrei AFC 12pm-2pm Hebrew School 4:30pm	**28** 8 Tishrei	**29** 9 Tishrei ROMEO 11:30am Kol Nidre 7:30pm	**30** 10 Tishrei *Yom Kippur* Yom Kippur Service Shabbat Services 9:30am
Oct 1 11 Tishrei Torah Studies 10am	**2** 12 Tishrei AFC 12pm-2pm	**3** 13 Tishrei Women's Class 10am	**4** 14 Tishrei AFC 12pm-2pm Hebrew School 4:30pm	**5** 15 Tishrei *Sukkot*	**6** 16 Tishrei *Sukkot* First Fridays 6pm FWS Sukkot Service 6:30pm Shabbat 7:30pm	**7** 17 Tishrei Shabbat Services 9:30am
8 18 Tishrei Torah Studies 10am Sisterhood Program 1pm	**9** 19 Tishrei AFC 12pm-2pm	**10** 20 Tishrei Women's Class 10am	**11** 21 Tishrei AFC 12pm-2pm Hebrew School 4:30pm	**12** 22 Tishrei *Shemini Atzaret*	**13** 23 Tishrei *Simchat Torah*	**14** 24 Tishrei Shabbat Services 9:30am
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