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The City Bell Tower in Dubrovnik, dating from the 15th century, soars above the Sponza Palace in Luza Square.

Photo courtesy of Sean Egan. For more photos, see page 5!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Encountering Dubrovnik

by SEAN EGAN

As a part of the agenda for the monthly meeting of the Federation's Board of Directors, the president is asked to provide a report. In addition to a summary of Federation's work in the community, I also include any community outreach that I have conducted. For me, that can include visits to our local congregations, but it can also include visits to Jewish communities located hundreds or thousands of miles from Northwest Indiana. In this edition of Illiana News, I am going to share a poignant story of one such visit this summer.

As a teenager, I met a college professor who had emigrated to the United States from Croatia. He spoke glowingly of his birthplace, the city of Dubrovnik. For nearly four decades, I have dreamt of visiting this magical place that he described to me. This summer, on rather a whim, I bought a plane ticket and blocked out 8 days to visit Croatia. Little did I know that the places I selected, the cities of Dubrovnik, Split, and Zadar, were and are some of the hottest tourist spots in all of Europe—literally and figuratively. I arrived with my backpack, an AirBnB reservation, and a Lonely Planet guidebook.

What I discovered, other than a beautiful country, with amazing natural resources, welcoming people, an excellent climate, and a tantalizing

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Upcoming Events

Scholar-In-Residence Program: SHALOM ORZACH

"Every Dream Requires a Dreamer"

Sunday, October 14 • 12:00–2:00pm

Lunch, Lecture and Q&A

Co-Sponsored with Congregation Beth Israel

Location: Federation

Cost: This event is free of charge. RSVPs are requested for lunch.



Shalom Orzach is a senior educator and consultant for The iCenter for Jewish Education in Northbrook, IL, and a faculty member and mentor with the Foundation for Jewish Camp. Previously, he served as the AVI CHAI Project Director and Director of Education in the Shlichut and Israel Fellows unit for the Jewish Agency. He has consulted for the Jim Joseph Foundation and the Jewish Peoplehood Committee, and teaches a course in experiential education at the Hebrew University in

Jerusalem. Shalom was also a scholar on the prestigious Jerusalem Fellows Program, after which he served as the Executive Director of Jewish Renewal for United Jewish Israel Appeal (UJIA) in England. Shalom has a strong passion for teaching, feels privileged to live in Jerusalem, and loves sharing stories about life in the Land of so much Promise.

RSVP to the Federation: (219) 301-0960 or online at
www.federationonline.org/upcoming-events
or to Congregation Beth Israel: (219) 922-0101



Free Beginner Mah Jongg Lessons Every Tuesday in October 10:30–11:30am

Instructors: Judy Bard and Janet Shutan
Cost: Free!

No experience needed and please bring your friends!
Mah Jongg cards and sets will be provided.

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Low Impact Yoga Class

4 Fridays starting October 5
11:00am–12:00pm



Cost: \$18 for the 4 sessions if paid before or on October 5;

Drop-ins: \$5 per session at the door.

Instructor: Joanna Sypudt has been teaching yoga for 18 years.

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Calling All Interfaith Families!

Sunday, October 21 • 2:00–4:00pm

The goal of this meeting—the first in a series of 3 planned sessions—is to **hear the stories** of interfaith families in our community.

Some of the topics we hope to cover in the first meeting are:

- What has your family's journey been like?
- What has helped you feel welcome in the Jewish community?
- What have your challenges/hurdles been?
- What advice would you give to other families?

Follow-up sessions 2 and 3 will be planned in response to the needs uncovered in session 1.

Facilitated by Reni Dickman, Chicago Director of InterfaithFamily.

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Deadline for the November issue is October 5, 2018!

From Prison to President?

by TERRY HARMAN

"It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to desist from it either." —Rabbi Tarfon, Pirkei Avot 2:21

I have experienced brokenness. I have experienced loneliness. I have experienced despair. I have experienced hunger. I have done time in prison. I have lived out of the back of my truck and in my lowest moment I took up residence underneath a viaduct overlooking a "crick."

Now thirty-nine years later I am the President of Temple Beth-El. All of my negative experiences were the result of poor decisions I made, not of poor parenting or a diminished socioeconomic status. I chose to be a "knucklehead."

Unfortunately, too many in our community live a life of brokenness, loneliness, despair and hunger through no fault of their own. For these individuals, the hard knocks of life are not the result of poor decisions or choosing brokenness over wholeness, loneliness over companionship, despair over hopefulness or even hunger over satiation. Things just happened!

On the one hand, some of G-d's children did not fall through the cracks of society, they were born in the cracks of society. These individuals may need ongoing assistance for a period of time. Others were fortunate to grow up and start their own families without too many difficulties. Yet through a strange turn of events their resources were not sufficient to solve the problem or their coping skills were not adequate enough to overcome the hurdle. Some individuals and families need temporary assistance until they can get back on their feet again. Still others have all

of their basic physical needs met but struggle with loneliness and crave the fellowship of others.

Regardless of whether a person made poor choices, was born in the cracks of society, or fell on hard times, the Jewish community has the privilege of repairing the world. Many of us are not gifted in the areas of social service, but we still care. Many of us are not wealthy enough to meet the large-scale needs in Northwest Indiana, but we care about others. Even if one of us was infinitely skilled in meeting the needs of our community or had unlimited financial resources to share, no one person could repair our entire community.

The reach of our Federation is not limited to social services by offering wide variety of programming to meet the intellectual, cultural and spiritual needs of the community. The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana is a worthy organization with a track record of integrity, responsibility and good stewardship. Partnering with our Federation is one way we can repair Northwest Indiana.

So how did I go from a life of brokenness, loneliness, despair and hunger? How did I overcome drug addiction? How did I go from prison to become president of Temple Beth-El? G-d's children extended a hand to me in my time of need. G-d's children who never encountered my level of brokenness believed in me when I could no longer believe in myself. They visited me when I was in prison. They offered me food



Judy Katz writes: "In July I had an opportunity to meet up with our incoming Shaliach, Eitan, while visiting my daughter, Hannah, in Tel Aviv. Although Eitan lives in Be'er Sheva quite a distance from Tel Aviv, he took the train up to meet me for breakfast and a walk on the beach. He also had the chance to visit our Partnership in the Western Galilee to learn more about that region and how to share it with us. Eitan is extremely excited to be joining our community!"



when I was hungry. They provided hope when I was despondent. They offered me fellowship when I was lonely. Then one day the brokenness was replaced by wholeness.

Please partner with me this year as I partner with our Federation. Together we can make a difference in our community when we offer our "korban" of our time, talent and treasure. Thank you for listening. 🌍

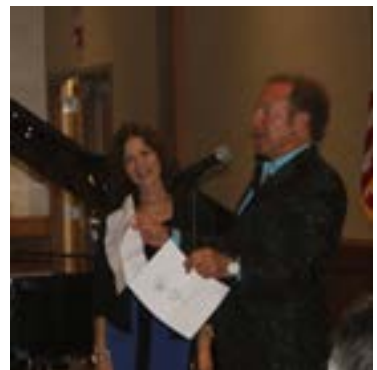
August 8 Community BBQ



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Pacific Northwest: Becoming the Change

by ELI NIRENBERG

URJ Mitzvah Corps Pacific Northwest has partnered with the International Rescue Committee to support their summer camp. This post, written by 2018 participant Eli Nirenberg and reprinted from mitzvahcorps.org, reflects on his time working as a counselor with refugee children at camp.

Realizing that a boy who never spoke English can learn a few words from me. Knowing that I and a few others were present for what might be a life-changing moment. Helping the lonely, scared boy smile. Giving him the friendship that he might not have. Because once upon a time, I was lonely. Because I was misunderstood too. Seeing this child begin to break out of his shell. Realizing that this child hasn't always been so nervous and he won't be someday soon. Playing tennis and watching him feel happy. Getting a big thank you from his dad. I think that for the first time ever I have truly changed

a life. Maybe this Afghan boy feels that for the first time since the chaos in his life, he can be himself.

As I played with the girls as they blasted their home-made noise-makers, I transformed. The playful me which I had forgotten about as I "became an adult" burst out. Having a buzzing competition made me think about all the value there is in raising a child. Children are bundles of persistence, optimism, and happiness. Maybe instead of feeling like I can't be around them, I could actually have children someday far, far in the future.

I feel a sense of fulfillment today. I feel like I can make an impact on the kids as a friend and role model. Conversely, I gain something from these children. They give me faith in the world, faith in myself, and love for everyone. 🌍



Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (617) 888-2908 or erica@federationonline.org by August 10. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

MAZEL TOV...

To **Joe & Nina Blumberg** on the engagement of their son David to Jamie Zega. The couple, both graduates of Indiana University, plan a summer 2020 wedding.



To **Stuart & Nancy Friedman** on the birth of their grandson, Ari Benjamin Friedman. Proud parents are Anna Schuettge and Michael Friedman.

To **Ron Primack** on the birth of his grandson Dean Matthew Primack, born June 26. Proud parents are Josh and Emily Primack.



To **Roseanne & Ed Sopher** on the engagement of their daughter Michelle to Adam Cooper. A March 2019 wedding is planned. 🌍

Hannah Katz Finishes IDF Service

On July 12, 2018 Hannah Yael Katz, daughter of Rick and Judy Katz, was released from her two-year IDF army service.

Hannah served as a non-commissioned officer in COGAT (Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories) for her entire length of service. She was stationed near the Kirya IDF base in Tel Aviv. Her duties included analyzing and preparing



reports on relevant international / foreign policy trends and coordinating meetings with international organizations and foreign ambassadors. Her unit's focus is coordinating international humanitarian and governmental cooperation and financial contributions in the West Bank/Gaza.

On Hannah's first visit to Israel, she became Bat Mitzvah at a service on the ancient fortress of Masada. She fell in love with the country and returned as often as she could. Six years ago, she made a final journey to Israel and has remained

there. She received a BA degree in Government from IDC Herzliya, specializing in International Affairs and Counter-terrorism. She then made Aliyah before joining the IDF. 🌍



Hannah with IDF soldiers in 2004, on her first visit to Israel.

The Growing Tensions on Israel's Northern Border

By **BOB FEFERMAN**

Last month, I returned from a trip to Israel. In a briefing we received from a former intelligence officer on Israel's northern border, I heard two warnings that Israeli experts have repeated on multiple occasions. First, they talk about the next war not in terms of "if" but "when". Secondly, the next war won't only be a war with Hezbollah in Lebanon, but also with Iranian forces and Shiite militias on the Golan Heights. As Major General Amos Yadlin, former chief of Israeli military intelligence said, "The next war won't be the 3rd Lebanon war. It will be the first northern war".

The background for this growing tension has to do with Iran's regional ambitions.

Over the past several years, Iran has been working to create a land bridge from Tehran to the Mediterranean. To achieve that goal, Iran seeks to dominate three Arab countries: Iraq, Lebanon and Syria. This strategy explains the massive support that Iran has provided to prop up the regime of Syrian dictator, Bashar al-Assad. The cost: 500,000 dead Syrians and six million refugees.

The motivation of Iranian leaders for this undertaking is twofold: to "export the Islamic revolution" and to pursue their obsession for the destruction of Israel. As Israeli Middle East expert Ehud Yaari recently wrote, "Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) is determined to transform Syria into a platform for a future war against Israel..."

Since Iran continues to be designated as a state sponsor of terror by the US State Department, Iran's regional ambitions pose a very a severe danger for U.S. allies in the region, especially for Israel.

Given the fact that Iran has already supplied Hezbollah in Lebanon with more than 120,000 rockets and missiles, it does not take much imagination to foresee how destructive the next war would be for both sides. Yet, that is exactly the intention of Iranian leaders.

On June 8th, the deputy commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Hossein Salami threatened, "Today an international Islamic army has been formed in Syria, and the voices of the Muslims are heard

near the Golan... Orders are awaited, so that the custom of God vis-à-vis the eradication of the evil regime [Israel] will land and the life of this regime will be ended for good. The life of the Zionist regime was never in danger as it is now".

Over the past months, we have seen this dangerous dynamic play out in Syria where Iran has been working to build a vast military infrastructure and Israel has been pushing back through targeted air strikes.

On May 10th this tension came to a peak when Iran fired 20 rockets at the Israeli Golan heights. Israel responded with "Operation House of Cards" that destroyed 50 Iranian targets in Syria that included intelligence positions, logistical command centers, IRGC arms warehouses at Damascus International Airport, and the launching pad for Iran's missile attack in the Golan Heights. The IAF also destroyed several of the Assad regime's Russian-supplied aerial defense systems.

It is imperative that the American-Jewish community become aware of these serious developments. We must demand that the international community hold Iran accountable, not only for implementing the terms of the nuclear deal (JCPOA), but also for adhering to norms of international behavior. Normal nations don't supply rockets and missiles to terrorist organizations like Hezbollah and threaten the destruction of a member nation of the United Nations.

Unless the international community wakes up to the dangers posed by Iran's malign efforts in Iraq, Lebanon and Syria, then Israel will be left on its own to deal with the implications of the growing tensions on its northern borders.

Bob Feferman is Community Relations Director for the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley in South Bend. 🇮🇸

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Jewish Federation of NWI Represented at Partnership Summit

By JUDY KATZ

This past June, Judy Katz, the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana's volunteer chairperson for Israel Awareness, visited the Western Galilee and participated in the 2018 P2G Western Galilee Summit on June 25-28. Sixteen other participants from the Central U.S. Consortium communities of Partnership, two women from Budapest and ten or more Israel volunteers, as well as Partnership staff, joined her.

Activities included many learning experiences and discussions from the Start-Up Nation Education Committee, a demonstration by a local pastry chef, and meeting with women from the new group of Women Cooking a Dialogue who will be visiting U.S. communities this fall.

Visits to the Partnership Western Galilee are usually highlighted by Home Hospitality with volunteers from the region. Judy was hosted by a woman who had visited Northwest Indiana with the Women Cooking a Dialogue group two years ago, and had the opportunity to visit with several of the other women our community hosted.



Druze Kindergarten teachers and their community leader welcomed the visitors with an explanation of Druze culture.



Judy working at the Food Pantry alongside Andy Lipkin, Executive Director of the Youngstown (OH) Area Jewish Federation.

Other experiences included volunteering at a food pantry in Akko, visiting and celebrating at a Druze kindergarten, and checking out the progress on the new Partnership Center being built north of Nahariya. Our Federation as well as some of our individual members have donated funds toward this construction project.

As at any Partnership Western Galilee Central Consortium meeting, the best part is reuniting with friends from the region, Budapest, and other Central U.S. consortium communities. 🌍



Judy with Michelle Korin (from Indianapolis), the current volunteer co-chair of our Partnership, outside the new Partnership Center under construction north of Nahariya.



Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Programs for 2018

Whether you are a bicyclist, violinist, or teacher our Partnership2Gether Western Galilee has something for you!

Bicyclists are encouraged to sign up for the **Bikes & Bourbon** tour being coordinated by the Jewish Federation of Louisville, October 5-8. For details, see the previous Illiana News or our Federation's weekly emails.

Aspiring violinists have a fantastic opportunity to experience Israel while taking master classes with violinist Gary Levinson, Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth and Senior Principal Associate Concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony. The **Partnership2Gether Student Multicultural Music Program** will be held December 9-17.

Teachers from our community are encouraged to sign up for **The Western Galilee Teachers' Delegation: Partnership 2Gether (Bridge)** to be held Dec. 23-27. This will be a great way to share and build stronger bridges with fellow educators and learn about our Partnership region. Participation is limited and deadline was early August, but there may still be a few openings.

See p. 11 for details. Complete flyers for all of these programs are on our Federation Facebook page. If interested in any of these programs, please contact Judy Katz at 219-776-0147 or email judyakatz@gmail.com. 🌍

Partnership2Gether (continued)

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER COMMUNITY TASK FORCE PRESENTS:

THE PARTNERSHIP2GETHER Student Multicultural Music Program

An amazing opportunity for five violin students (aged 16 and older) to study and perform with Gary Levinson while engaging in a social enrichment initiative through innovative people-to-people diplomacy in Israel.

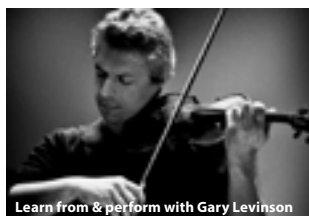
December 9-17, 2018 (not including travel time on Dec. 8 & 18)

Experience Israel with Violinist Gary Levinson

The Partnership2Gether Student Multicultural Music Program is a 9-day intensive program in the Western Galilee with visits to Jerusalem, Haifa, Safed and Tel Aviv. Designed for serious violin students who are interested in the opportunity to study with violinist Gary Levinson and collaborate and perform with students from the Akko Conservatory of Music and the Matte Asher Conservatory of Music.

Led by violinist **Gary Levinson**, Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth and Senior Principal Associate Concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony, in partnership with Danny Yaron, Director of the **Akko Conservatory of Music**, this is your opportunity to:

- Learn from Gary Levinson during masterclass and rehearsal sessions and from internationally renowned local teachers
- Collaborate with Akko's Youth String Orchestra students at the Akko Conservatory of Music and students from the Matte Asher Conservatory of Music in northern Israel
- Perform at the Akko Conservatory of Music and other venues with Mr. Levinson
- Tour Jerusalem, the Western Galilee, Haifa, Safed and Tel Aviv
- Share your musical talents while experiencing the rich culture of Israel



Learn from & perform with Gary Levinson



The program is based in the ancient port city of Akko, Israel

Noar & Atid



Our Noar and Atid Youth Groups had a great time playing Whirlyball in Chicago for their last event of the school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Noar and Atid's next event will be volunteering at the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana on Sunday, September 16.

JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUPS!

If you have any questions about Noar (grades 9-12) and Atid (grades 6-8), please contact Rachel Saller at 219-301-0960 or email rachel@federationonline.org.



The Western Galilee Teachers' Delegation: PARTNERSHIP2GESHER (Bridge)

Dec. 23 – 27, 2018 (not including travel time)

Building Stronger Bridges for Our Educators

The PARTNERSHIP2GESHER Teachers' Delegation is your opportunity as an educator, to learn, experience, and observe the Israeli educational system and explore the potential for an enriching and beneficial twinning relationship for you and your students. Joining Israeli educators and volunteers, along with others from our U.S. Consortium, you will have a unique and satisfying experience.

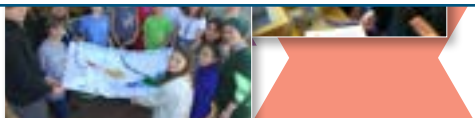
The Western Galilee is well known for its microcosm of Israeli society; not only because of the diverse cultures and people, but also for its juxtaposition between the past and future. The fascinating history and rich cultural heritage of the region provide pathways to create new, innovative educational initiatives.

Join us as we walk together as educators on the **gesher (bridge)** of the past and future—between various cultures and populations. Your contribution will build a stronger bridge between Israel and the U.S. by creating new connections and strengthening existing ones.

TEACHERS' DELEGATION SAMPLE ITINERARY:

- Dec. 23 Welcome! Orientation and dinner with Israeli peers
- Dec. 24 Visit local schools and meet your twinning partners, tour of Rosh Hanikra, meet the partnership youth leadership program, twinning workshop
- Dec. 25 Tour the Old City of Akko, volunteer in a Tikun Olam project, visit a Druze village
- Dec. 26 Visit the Ghetto Fighters Museum, workshop about teaching the Holocaust, visit unique educational programs in the region
- Dec. 27 Tour the city of Safed

Optional Extension: Dec. 28-29: Spend Shabbat with a Host Family



DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTS

VISIT—the top attractions in the Western Galilee; Druze and Arab villages, Safed, Akko, the first ever holocaust museum.

INTERACT—with your Israeli partners, meet lone soldiers and partnership volunteers.

EXPERIENCE—Israel and the Western Galilee with all your senses and in a unique and meaningful way.

CONTRIBUTE—in Tikun Olam projects and develop connections with Israeli educators by collaborating together.

COSTS

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER provides:

- Lodging and transportation
- Breakfast, lunch and home hospitality dinners
- Scheduled local trips in the Western Galilee

The participant provides:

- Roundtrip flight costs, health insurance, private local transportation, and any additional private meals or activities

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Limited spaces available: **Application due by August 1, 2018**

WHAT IS PARTNERSHIP2GETHER?

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER, a program of The Jewish Agency for Israel and The Jewish Federations of North America, promotes people-to-people relationships through cultural, social, medical, educational and economic programs. This Partnership is between the 14 communities of the U.S. Central Area Consortium, Budapest, and Israel's Western Galilee.

For more about PARTNERSHIP2GETHER visit: westerngalilee.org.il

FOR MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Contact **Carmit Gilad**, Education Coordinator, CarmitG@jafi.org



Bingo Night!

Thursday, September 13
6:00pm

Location: Beggars Pizza, 3344 Sheffield Ave., Dyer

RSVP by September 12 to Rachel Saller:
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or online at

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JewEL had a great time Whitewater Rafting at the East Race Waterway in South Bend on Sunday, July 8. We met up with members of the Jewish Federation of the St. Joseph Valley, who graciously provided lunch from the Midwest Kosher Deli in South Bend.

Don't miss out
on upcoming events...
JOIN OUR GROUP ON FACEBOOK!
Search for JewEL (Jewish Emerging
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AFC learned how to play the ukulele with Jordy Novak from Great Lakes Music Company.

Do you want to enjoy a delicious Kosher meal prepared for you by our extraordinary Chef Luis and the chance to socialize with other adults? Then come join us at the

Adult Friendship Club

**EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
12:00–2:00pm**

Not only will you get a scrumptious meal, but a wonderful program follows directly after lunch. These programs range from musical performances to stimulating lectures.

Please call Rachel Saller at the Jewish Federation at (219) 301-0960.



JCY campers and AFC seniors celebrated Independence Day by sharing red, white, and blue snow cones!



Thursday, September 20 • 10:00am

Locations: Carmelite Fathers Shrine, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN; Miner-Dunn, 8940 Indianapolis Blvd., Highland, IN

Time: 10:00am (we will meet at the Carmelite Shrine, please let Rachel know if you need a ride from Federation)

Cost: The tour is free, donations to the Shrine are greatly appreciated, and lunch is on your own.

Accessibility: The tour is 2–2.5 hours long with some stairs. If needed, wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

RSVP by September 16 to Rachel Saller:
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Thursday, July 26 was our St. Charles (IL) River Cruise & Lunch outing.



SAVE THE DATE!

Southside Chicago Bus Tour

& Lunch at Manny's Deli

Wednesday, October 24
9:00am–3:00pm

Narrated sightseeing coach tour includes:

- Pullman Town • Hyde Park • Univ. of Chicago •
- South Lake Shore Drive • Bronzeville • Chinatown
- South Loop • Prairie Ave. • Museum Campus •
- Downtown Loop • Millennium Park

Cost: \$40 for coach tour; lunch on your own
Your payment is your reservation!

Make checks payable to Prime Timers.

RSVP by October 19 to Rachel Saller:
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Community Calendar: September-October 2018 / Elul-Tishrei 5778

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		שבת	
AUG 26 15 Elul		27 16 Elul		28 17 Elul		29 18 Elul		30 19 Elul		31 20 Elul		SEP 1 21 Elul	
10-11am Torah Studies				10-11am Women's Class		12-4pm Mah Jongg		1-5pm Mah Jongg		7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services		9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
5-9pm Campaign Kickoff Dinner				1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan								9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services	
SEP 2 22 Elul		3 23 Elul		4 24 Elul		5 25 Elul		6 26 Elul		7 27 Elul		8 28 Elul	
10-11am Torah Studies	Labor Day			10-11am Women's Class		12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		1-5pm Mah Jongg		5:30-6:30pm Proneg		9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
4-5pm Rosh Hashanah Family Fun Day	Federation Closed NO AFC			1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan		12-4pm Mah Jongg				6-8pm First Fridays		9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services	
6-9pm Symphony at Whiting Park										7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services			
SEP 9 29 Elul		10 1 Tishrei		11 2 Tishrei		12 3 Tishrei		13 4 Tishrei		14 5 Tishrei		15 6 Tishrei	
9am "Second Sunday" Tefillin Club/Breakfast	ROSH HaSHANAH I			ROSH HaSHANAH II		12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		1-5pm Mah Jongg		7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services		9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
EREV ROSH HaSHANAH	Federation Closed NO AFC			Federation Closed NO HEART TO HEART		12-4pm Mah Jongg		6-8pm JewEL Bingo Night (Beggars Pizza, Dyer)				9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services	
See pages 15-19 for High Holiday service times at our member congregations.													
SEP 16 7 Tishrei		17 8 Tishrei		18 9 Tishrei		19 10 Tishrei		20 11 Tishrei		21 12 Tishrei		22 13 Tishrei	
10-11am Torah Studies	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club			10-11am Women's Class		YOM KIPPUR		10am-3pm Prime Timers Carmelite Shrine Tour		7:30pm-9:30pm Shabbat Services		9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
12-6pm Noar/Atid: Food Bank of NWI				1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan		Federation Closed NO ACTIVITIES		1-5pm Mah Jongg				9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services	
7:30pm Women's Challah Bake				KOL NIDRE									
				See pages 15-19 for High Holiday service times at our member congregations.									
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9am-4pm Yard Sale	Federation Closed NO AFC			Federation Closed NO HEART TO HEART		12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		1-5pm Mah Jongg		7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services		9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
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						7-9pm Board Meeting							
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10-11am Torah Studies	Federation Closed NO AFC			Federation Closed NO ACTIVITIES		12-4pm Mah Jongg		6-9pm Sisterhood Opening Dinner		11am-12pm Yoga		9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services	
	6pm Simchat Torah Program			9am-1pm Simchat Torah						6-8pm First Fridays		4pm Aaron Brody Bar Mitzvah	
										7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services			
OCT 7 28 Tishrei	8 29 Tishrei	9 30 Tishrei		10 1 Cheshvan		11 2 Cheshvan		12 3 Cheshvan		13 4 Cheshvan			
10-11am Torah Studies	Columbus Day			Rosh Ch. Cheshvan		Rosh Ch. Cheshvan		1-5pm Mah Jongg		11am-12pm Yoga		9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services	
	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club			10-11am Women's Class		11:30am-3pm AFC: <i>Ghost: The Musical</i> at the Munster Performing Arts Center				7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services		9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services	
				10:30-11:30am Mah Jongg Lesson		12-4pm Mah Jongg							
				1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan									
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11am Dan Feferman: "The Synagogue Israelis Don't Attend"				10:30-11:30am Mah Jongg Lesson		12-4pm Mah Jongg				7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services		9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services	
12-2pm Shalom Orzach: "Every Dream Requires a Dreamer"				1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan		7:30-9:30pm Board Meeting							

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Make For Me A Sanctuary

by RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV

Another year has passed! It's been a busy year at Chabad, with our new center now not so new anymore.

The verse from the Torah engraved above our ark reads "ועשר לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם"—Make for me a sanctuary and I will reside among them." It doesn't say, "I will reside in the sanctuary," but "among them"—among the Jewish people; even, and perhaps especially, when they are not in the Temple.

Although a lot has been happening in our building, so much has been happening outside of it as well. Jewish life is not limited to attending services in the synagogue, and Chabad is always there for the community in all areas of Jewish life. Here are some recently added Chabad activities:

- Monthly pre-Shabbat program at Hartsfield Village
- Ensuring the availability of kosher food for inmates at several Indiana correctional facilities
- Making small-scale strictly kosher catering available in Northwest Indiana
- "Kids in the Kitchen" holiday programming
- "Second Sunday" tefillin club and breakfast

And of course all our regular ongoing classes, programs, and services. Whatever demographic you belong to and whatever your Jewish

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

interests are, **there is always something for you at Chabad.** Check out our website and our Facebook page to be kept in the loop!

So how do we pay for it all? Thanks to YOU, our Northwest Indiana family, Chabad has been able to

serve the community for the last 15 years, and it is only with your support that we can keep doing this. We receive no funding from any outside organizations; we depend entirely on local contributions to operate and we are most appreciative for all your past and future support.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and sweet new year! 🌟

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2018 SERVICES WITH CHABAD OF NW INDIANA—No charge for reservations or seats!

SELICHOT

Saturday night, September 1
12:45am (Sunday morning)

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 9

Evening Services: 7:00pm

Monday, September 10

Morning Services: 10:00am

Shofar sounding: 12:00pm

Musaf: 12:30

Followed by kiddush buffet

Tashlich: After kiddush

Community Rosh Hashanah

Dinner: 5:30pm

Tuesday, September 11

Morning Services: 10:00am

Shofar sounding: 12:00pm

Musaf: 12:30

Followed by kiddush buffet

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Saturday, September 15

Morning Services: 10:00am

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 18

Kol Nidrei Services: 6:45pm

Wednesday, September 19

Morning Services: 10:00am

Yizkor Memorial Service: 12:30pm

Wednesday, September 19 (cont'd)

Mincha/Neila Closing Services: 5:15pm

Final Shofar sounding: 7:30pm

Followed by Havdallah and

"break-the-fast"

SUKKOT

Monday, September 24

Morning Services: 10:00am

Followed by lunch in the sukkah

Tuesday, September 25

Morning Services: 10:00am

Followed by lunch in the sukkah

Saturday, September 29

Morning Services: 10:00am

Followed by lunch in the sukkah

SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 1

Morning Services: 10:00am

Yizkor Memorial Services: 11:15am

Followed by lunch in the sukkah

Evening Services & Hakafot: 7:15pm

Tuesday, October 2

Morning Services: 10:00am

Hakafot: 11:00am

SHABBAT BEREISHIT

Saturday, October 6

Morning Services: 10:00am

LOOKING FOR A HEBREW CALENDAR FOR 2018-2019?

Visit cbi-nwi.org/worship/holidays to download CBI's printable Hebrew calendar.

SELICHOT PROGRAM AND SERVICE

Saturday, September 1, 8:00pm: 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 New York Cantors," Yaakov Lemmer, Azi Schwartz, and Netanel Hershtik. These three cantors, all rising stars in the American Jewish music scene, come together in Amsterdam's revered 17th century Portuguese Synagogue for this moving concert of Jewish sacred and secular music.

CANTOR KEITH MILLER AT CBI

We are pleased to welcome again Cantor Keith Miller as our High Holiday Cantor. Cantor Miller has 25 years of experience as cantor and teacher. He lives in Los Angeles, CA.

JOIN US FOR TASHLICH

Tashlich means "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. Join us on the afternoon of Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day: Monday, September 10, 5:30–5:45pm at Centennial Park.

HIGH HOLY DAYS YOUTH SERVICES

Youth services for ages 13 and under will be held 10:30am–12:20pm on Rosh Hashanah (1st Day only) and Yom Kippur Morning.

CHILDREN, PARENTS INVITED TO A SPECIAL HAVDALAH AT NEILAH

At Neilah, the final service of Yom Kippur, all children ages 13 and under are invited to participate in a beautiful processional and singing as part of Havdalah. Children should meet at the Chapel with the Principal of our school no later than 7:15 pm on Wednesday, September 19.

BREAK THE FAST

Wednesday, September 19, 7:35pm: Once again, CBI Sisterhood invites the congregation to break the fast with them following the final blast of the shofar. It is free! But, for planning purposes we ask you to confirm your attendance by Friday, September 14 by calling the office.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES AT CBI

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sunday, September 9 at 6:00pm
Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day: Monday, September 10 at 9:15am
Youth Service: 10:30am–12:20pm
Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day: Tuesday, September 11 at 9:15am

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidrei: Tuesday, September 18 at 6:40pm
Yom Kippur Morning: Wednesday, September 19 at 9:00 am—Yizkor
Youth Service: 10:30am–12:20pm
Yom Kippur Evening: Wednesday, September 19 at 5:50 pm
Youth Havdalah Procession: 7:15pm

SUKKOT

Sukkot, 1st Day: Monday, September 24 at 9:00am
Sukkot, 2nd Day: Tuesday, September 25 at 9:00am
Sukkot, 4th Day: Thursday, September 27 at 8:00am
Sukkot Shabbat Chol HaMoed: Saturday, September 29 at 9:45am
Sukkot, 7th Day: Sunday, September 30 at 9:00am

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Shemini Atzeret: Monday, October 1 at 9:00am—Yizkor
Simchat Torah evening: Monday, October 1 at 6:00pm—followed by dessert
Simchat Torah morning service: Tuesday, October 2 at 9:00am

WEEKLY SERVICES

Monday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
Saturday at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



SUKKOT SERVICES

Sukkot is named after the booths or huts (sukkot in Hebrew) in which Jews are supposed to dwell during this week-long celebration. These flimsy sukkot represent the huts in which the Israelites dwelt during their forty years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt. See box on p. 16 for service times.

CELEBRATE IN OUR SUKKAH

Sunday, September 30, 12 noon

[right after Sunday School]: Please join us as we celebrate Sukkot: shake the Lulav and smell the sweet Etrog. RSVP by Wednesday, September 26.

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE & CELEBRATION

Monday, October 1, 6:00-6:50pm:

During the religious service, the Torah scrolls are removed from the ark and paraded in seven hakafot, or circles around the room. Come and celebrate plus stay for delicious desserts!

*Simchat Torah morning service:
Tuesday, October 2 at 9:00am*

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

CBI and Federation are happy to host Shalom Orzach as our Scholar-in-Residence on Sunday, October 14 at 12 noon (at the Federation, across from CBI). Shalom is the senior educator and consultant for the iCenter for Israel Education in Northbrook, IL, and will be speaking about the dreamers and doers who made the establishment of the State of Israel a reality. The free program includes lunch, lecture and Q&A. See p. 2 for more details. 🌍

"The Synagogue Israelis Don't Attend: The Emergence and Status of Reform, Conservative and Liberal Judaism in Israel"

Dan Feferman

Fellow at Jewish People Policy Institute in Jerusalem

Sunday, October 14 • 11:00am

Dan Feferman is a fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute in Jerusalem, a leading think-tank focusing on issues of importance to Israel and the Jewish



people, where he researches the global delegitimization of Israel, US-Israel relations and Israeli society. His new focus is on the issue of religious pluralism in Israel.

Dan served in the Israel Defense Forces and retired with the rank of Major. For almost a decade, he served as a foreign policy and national security analyst, strategist and adviser in the IDF General

Staff; as a special assistant to the Deputy Chief of the General Staff; and a commander in an elite intelligence unit of AMAN's Research and Analysis Division, where he continues to serve in the reserves.

Dan holds a BA in International Politics and Middle East Studies from the American University in Washington DC and an MA in National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University.

This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and Temple Israel of Porter County. Please join us on Sunday, October 14th at 11:00am at Temple Israel in Valparaiso for this important talk. 🌍

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 9th at 7:00 pm (followed by oneg)

Rosh Hashanah Day

Monday, September 10th at 10:00 am (followed by lunch)

Kol Nidrei

Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm

Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, September 19th at 10:00 am

Yom Kippur Children Service

Wednesday, September 19th at 5:00 pm

Neilah (Conclusion of Yom Kippur) and Break the Fast

Wednesday, September 19th at 5:30 pm



TBE Campers at OSRUI 2018

OCONOMOWOC, WI—This summer 12 students and 3 staff members attended the resident summer camp of the Union for Reform Judaism in Wisconsin. Beyond regular camp activities, campers specialized in art, drama, survival skills, Hebrew, kibbutz life and more. Trips over the summer included canoe river trips and a summer bicycle trip around Lake Michigan! Many TBE campers returned to OSRUI for their second through tenth summers. For our TBE campers, OSRUI is their home away from home. 🌍

TBE SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP FOR THE DAYS OF AWE

SLICHOT – EVE OF PENITENTIAL PRAYERS

Saturday, September 1

8:00pm Social Time

8:30pm Program: A Conversation with Rabbi Zukrow and Imam Nazir Chachin—Judaism and Islam: Views on Repentance

10:00pm Dessert

10:30pm Change of Torah Covers to White and Slichot Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 9

5:30pm Pro-neg pre-service social time

6:00pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Worship

Monday, September 10

9:30am Rosh Hashanah First Day Worship for Adults, Teens and Children

Tashlich at Hartsfield Village follows the service

9:30am Rosh Hashanah Second Day Worship—Lunch following

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Saturday, September 15

10:00am Shabbat Shuvah – Shabbat of Return/Repentance

UPCOMING EVENTS

TBE BOOK GROUP

The next TBE book discussion is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 1:30 pm in the Bertha and Dan Rabin Library. At that time, we will review *The Woman Next Door* by Yewande Omotoso.

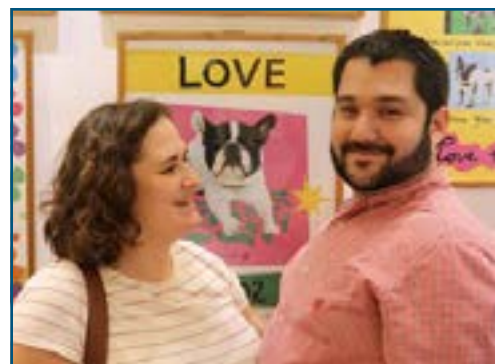


AARON BRODY BAR MITZVAH: OCTOBER 6, 2018



Aaron is a 7th grader at Wilbur Wright Middle School. Along with his older siblings Mimi and Isaac, and proud parents Cheryl and Michael, Aaron is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on 10/6/18. When not studying his Torah portion, Aaron enjoys bowling, playing Xbox, reading comic books and practicing his trumpet.

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Temple Beth El celebrated the upcoming wedding of Michael Zukrow, son of Rabbi Len and Karen Zukrow, to Isabel Parillis taking place in October. An ufruf and special oneg was held in their honor on Friday, August 24 sponsored by the board, sisterhood and brotherhood of Temple Beth El, and chaired by Miriam Marcus and Kim Harman.



TBE SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP FOR THE DAYS OF AWE (CONTINUED)

KEVER DOROT (AVOT)

It is customary to visit the graves of loved ones and friends during the Days of Awe.

Sunday, September 16

1:00pm Kever Dorot—Cemetery Service of Remembrance
Elmwood Cemetery, 1413 169th Street Hammond, IN

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 18

8:00pm Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 19

9:30am Yom Kippur Morning Worship for Adults, Teens and Children

1:30 pm Discussion with Rabbi Zukrow

2:30pm Afternoon Worship

3:30pm Healing Service

4:00 pm Congregants' Journey Stories: Engagement in the Community
Lydia Dershewitz, Donna Gross and Doris Kennedy

4:30pm Yizkor Service of Memorial

5:30pm Ne'elah Concluding Service

6:30pm Break the Fast – Sponsored by Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

SUKKOT

Friday, September 28

6:30pm Family Dinner in the Sukkah

7:30pm Worship Service in the Sukkah

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 30

4:00pm Lite Fare Dinner

5:00pm Simchat Torah Celebration

Temple Topics

by DR. MARK SPERLING

We are entering the most holy month of the Jewish year, the month of Tishrei, the seventh month of the year. The word Tishrei comes from the Babylonian language and means “beginning”. As such, during this month we celebrate Rosh Hashana, (the head of the year), and Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement), along with one of the harvest holidays, Sukkot (Z'man Simchateinu, “Season of Our Rejoicing”), Shemini Atzeret (Hebrew for “eighth-day convocation”, the name given to the eighth day of Sukkot), and Simchat Torah (the completion of the Torah reading).

This year, Rosh Hashana begins on Sunday, September 9 and continues through September 10, and Yom Kippur begins with the Kol Nidre on September 18 and continues until sundown on September 19. Our Rabbi, the Choir, the Torah Readers, and many others will have spent many hours working on the various parts that they will take during these very important services. It is my hope that every member of the congregation will be able to participate in the services, lifting all of our voices to pray for a year full of health and happiness for all of us.

I am very grateful to all the wonderful members of the Temple who have been our lay leaders for Friday Night Services over the course of the year. Also to be recognized is everyone who has hosted an Oneg this past year. We are always happy to welcome members from the NWI community who would like to join us for Friday night services at 7:30pm.

To All: May you and your families receive all of the blessings of an excellent 5779! 🌟



Religious school students Braden and Ariana Herrod and Ethan Tamulevicz display the bucket of plastic lids that Temple Israel is collecting to turn into a bench at the park.



▲ The Annual Sinai Temple Membership Meeting took place on Sunday, July 8.

◀ The 7th Annual Pet Prayer Service was held on Sunday, August 5.



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 guitars and much singing. Rabbi Suzanne Griffel leads services twice a month, with lay-led services the alternative weeks. Friday evening services start at 7:00 pm, followed by a social Oneg of wine, challah and home-baked treats.

2 SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES: SHABBAT TORAH PORTION DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY TOPICAL STUDY GROUP

September 1, 22, 29 & October 6, 29: At 9:00am Rabbi Suzanne Griffel leads a “Torah portion” discussion.

The regular 10:00am Saturday Study Group addresses a wide variety of religious topics. Attendees contribute to the study selections as we investigate areas of interest to all. Enjoy informal religious exploration with other curious adults. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 1 (morning): Rabbi Griffel leads a “Bimah Workshop” for aspiring individuals interested in leading religious services.

Saturday, September 1 (evening): Selichot Services

Sunday, September 9: Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Tuesday, September 18: Erev Yom Kippur Services

Wednesday, September 19: Yom Kippur Services

Sunday, September 23 (evening): Sukkoth begins

Sunday, September 30: Erev Atzeret—Simchat Torah Service

OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, October 1: Simchat Torah

Saturday, October 20 (morning): Rabbi Griffel leads a “Bimah Workshop” for aspiring individuals interested in leading religious services.

Saturday, October 20 (afternoon): Musical Afternoon—“Bob Dylan: Nobel Poet of Our Time”. Seating is limited, tickets required.

Wednesday, October 24: Our delicious Deli Day bi-annual Sisterhood fundraiser.

President's Corner (Continued)

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cuisine melding the cultures of the Mediterranean, the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian Empires, and the flavors of the Balkans... were traces of a Jewish community on the verge of extinction. One Jewish cemetery here. A small Jewish bookstore there. An art gallery featuring paintings of scenes of Jewish life of the past. All of these far flung from each other in a predominantly Roman Catholic nation whose churches and cathedrals are displays of centuries of splendor and rich faith.

Dubrovnik did not disappoint. It is a medieval walled city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city was heavily destroyed in the 1990s when the former Yugoslavia broke apart into a number of new nations, each vying for land and resources. Today, other than maps showing the sites of destructions, and walls of portraits dedicated to the honor of those who died, the city and the country are rebuilt and thriving.

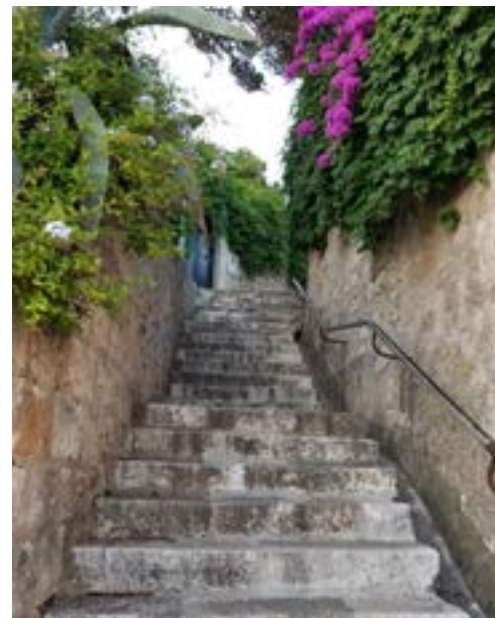
The same cannot be said for the Jewish community. As I strolled the marble sidewalks of Dubrovnik, I came across an intersection that I



had actually been seeking out. On the wall was the street name, *Ulica Zudioska*, Jewish Street. It was a very narrow street, that climbed as you went further in. This was the site of the Jewish Ghetto of Dubrovnik for centuries. Just a few feet into this narrow street, I came to the sign of the Dubrovnik Synagogue. It was open for another 30 minutes. I climbed the very narrow and steep stairs to the synagogue located on an upper level. There, I was greeted by an elderly gentleman, the docent of this beautiful space now primarily converted into a museum of Jewish history and culture. A sign indicated that photos and cameras were not allowed. I obeyed, sadly, as now I have no photos of this incredible synagogue.

The Dubrovnik Synagogue claims to be the oldest Sephardic synagogue still in operation in the world and the second oldest synagogue in Europe. This small Jewish community goes back centuries. It was comprised of peoples from all over Europe, including a large contingent of Marranos from Spain and Portugal who came to the independent city of Dubrovnik in the 16th century.

The old man in the museum spoke a broken English, and I speak no Croatian.



But I was able to understand that the once thriving Jewish community of Dubrovnik now counts fewer than 50 people, maybe even fewer than 20. There is one rabbi for the entire country. One rabbi for an entire country. I may be wrong, and I may be exaggerating, but I am quite certain that it is what this gentleman told me.

We are indeed fortunate, here in Northwest Indiana, to be far from this state of affairs. We have multiple congregations. We have families. We have children. We have Federation. And for this I am indeed thankful. I hope that you are, too.

We are soon approaching the Days of Awe. May they be awe-filled for each and every one of you. Peace and Health in the New Year. 🌍



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JOHN F. FARRELL

HIGHLAND, IN—John F. Farrell, age 87, died on Sunday, May 20 at home next to his favorite sentient beings in the world: his beautiful and loving wife of 55 years, Annette, and Ewok-look-alike dog, Oscar Madison.

John proudly served his country with great distinction in the Army as a medic in Korea. John also worked for 41 years for the railroad, first Penn Central and then ConRail. John loved farmer's almanacs, gummi bears, baseball, golfing at Oak Knoll, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy. He regularly trounced opponents at Trivial Pursuit and entertained guests with humorous stories. In addition to family, John especially loved the company of golfing buddy Bill Cunningham, Diane "Lady Di" Betten, and rambunctious canines. In addition to Annette, John is survived by son Joseph (Mona Saraiya) Farrell and daughter Jennifer (Terry Fines) Martinez; grandchildren Colin, Priyanka, Sonya, Connor and Ajanta. John was brother-in-law to Paulette (the late Jack) Cody, Linda (Fred) Montgomery, Leo (Kathy) Paul, Michael (Crystal) Paul, Thomas (Gina) Myers, and Ray (Diane) Dahl. John was uncle to Pamela and Amy Farrell, Sue Miller, Lynn Cody, Tara Raczka, Jackie Jansen, Stephanie Todd, Alysia King, Nicole Murphy, Marci and Hayden and Teigen Paul, and Justin and Tommy Myers.

Honor Guard and memorial services were held on Saturday, June 30 at Kish Funeral Home in Munster. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

made in John's name to Hospice of Calumet Area.

MICHAEL GALANIS

VALPARAISO, IN—Michael James Galanis, 65, passed away on August 11, at his residence. He was born in Gary on January 27, 1953, to John and Cleo (Pannos) Galanis. He worked for over 35 years as a lawyer. Michael enjoyed participating in many activities such as painting, writing, reading, movies, golf, and music. He had a brilliant mind that was evident in his endeavors as an inventor and thoughts on philosophy. Michael was loved by everyone in his family and highly respected in the law community. He was incredibly kind. Most important, however, was his love of his family.

He is survived by Suzanne Galanis of Valparaiso and their two children, Michelle (Stephan) Blush and Becca (Kyle) Kleist, both of Valparaiso, and one grandchild, Asher. He is also survived by his sisters Mary Ann Galanis of St. John and Barbara (Nick) Kyros of Illinois. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14 at Bartholomew Funeral Home in Valparaiso. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Israel of Porter County.

ADELINE ORDMAN

DYER, IN—Adeline Ordman, 90, born November 26, 1927 to Blanche and Joseph Starkman in Chicago, IL. Devoted and loving wife of Abe "Red" Ordman for 71 years. Loving mother of Pam (Steve) Bloomberg, Sheila, DAOM (Neal DC) Scott-Wieder, Marla (Dr. Jeffrey) Yessenow and Lisa (Barry) Rooth. Cherished grandmother of Michael (Robyn) Bloomberg, David (Kim) Bloomberg, Amy (Jeremy) Edelson, Courtney (Eric) Rosenthal, Rachael (Matt) Celinski, Zach (Melissa) Scott, Bradley Lipton,

Josh (Jordyn) Lipton, Lauren (fiancé Josh Metz) Lipton, Jennifer Rooth and Jessica Rooth. Proud great grandmother of 13. Fond sister of Dr. Leon (Elaine) Starkman. Many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Irving Starkman (wife, Lily).

Her finest quality was her generosity and selfless devotion to her family. She was a member of the Joliet Jewish Congregation, Congregation Beth Israel and a lifetime member of the Sisterhood and Hadassah. Board of Directors, Lemont Public Library.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 26, at Chicago Jewish Funerals, Buffalo Grove, IL. Interment at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, Congregation Beth Israel or the Joliet Jewish Congregation.

SYLVIA STEINHARDT

LAGUNA WOODS, CA—Longtime Temple Israel member Sylvia Steinhardt, age 95, passed away on August 11 peacefully at home with her daughter Kayla by her bedside. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Steve, whom she met while she served in the Navy. She is survived by children Stuart, Kayla and Mitchell, her sister Zelda Barnett, as well as grandchildren Trevor and Stella Carr and Zoe Steinhardt.

Sylvia was born and raised in Queens, NY. After serving as a Navy nurse, she was an RN at several hospitals and spent a long career as a school nurse in Gary, IN, where she raised her three children. Sylvia was an alumna of Indiana University, but a student of the world. She was always curious about new scientific discovery, even volunteering time at a local Natural History Museum for

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many years. She and Steve retired to Laguna Woods, CA, but continued to live lives of service. Sylvia and husband Steve were active volunteers in Orange County. She served as President of the Retired Waves Organization and was an active member in the local Jewish War Veterans chapter. Her commitment to giving back was a value she instilled in her children and grandchildren, always leading by example. During her retirement she frequented the symphony, enjoyed opera, as well as reveling in nature, even staying active well into her age.

Sylvia was a member of Temple Beth El of Gary, Temple Israel of Miller, and Temple Judea of Laguna Woods. In each of these she was an active member of the Jewish community. Sylvia's sarcasm, 'Que Sera Sera' mentality, comforting words, hugs, laugh and joyful smile will be missed greatly by all who knew her.

EDWARD TANET

WILMETTE, IL—Sadly, on June 24, we had to say goodbye to Edward Tanet, father of Tony Tanet.

DAVID J. WEBSTER

CHICAGO, IL—David J. Webster passed away peacefully at his home in the early morning hours of June 22, 2018. Hollis, his wife of 39 years, was holding his hand. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer. David was 64 years old. Beloved father of Michael, Benjamin and Rachel (Bill Finn), son of Bill and Miriam Webster and brother of Don Webster (Nancy), David was born and raised in South Chicago. A celebration of his life was held on Thursday, June 28, at Congregation Etz Chaim, Lombard, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to UIC Athletics

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