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Twenty intrepid participants from our community joined our Innovation & Culture Mission Trip to Israel, Nov. 3-15. Pictured: Independence Hall in Tel Aviv. For more photos, see pp. 4-6!



COMMUNITY *Chanukah* CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 9
2:00–6:00pm

Let's bring the entire Northwest Indiana Jewish community together to celebrate Chanukah with food, festivity and fun for ALL ages! **Crafts & Games for Kids & Teens** • **Games & Trivia for Grownups** • **Henna Tattoos** • **Music** • **Latkes** • **Crepe Station (savory & sweet)** • **Beer, Wine & Signature Cocktails** • **Live Streaming Football!**

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Event Chairs: Nancy Gross & Becky Handler

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MAZEL TOV...

▼ To Nikki & Jon Schultz on the naming of their son, Julian Richard, at Temple Israel Miller. Proud grandparents are Suzy & Bruce Wright and Don & Carol Schultz.



Pictured: Judge Sheila Moss, Becky Hanscom, Robin Rich, son Daniel and granddaughter Hana Shattuck.

▲ To Becky Hanscom & Robin Rich on tying the knot Nov. 13 at the Lake County Courthouse after 29 years of un-wedded bliss. Thanks to all the acts of courage and conscience by untold numbers of people who made this day possible!

To Lauren Lipton on her marriage to Joshua Metz on Nov. 3. Proud parents are Dr. & Mrs. James Lipton and Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Yessenow. Proud grandfather is Abe Ordman.

To Susan & Rob Tepperman on the marriage of their son Matt to Aaron Kornick on Nov. 11. 🌟

Upcoming Events

Low Impact Chair Yoga

Fridays 11:00am–12:00pm

Continuing through December!

Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28

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

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Federation Book Club!

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2018 Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 16
12:00pm



Join us for a complimentary brunch as we welcome our new board members, recognize our outgoing board members, and honor our community and special service award recipients.

EVENT CHAIR: Carol Culberg

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President's Corner

The True Meaning of (C)hanuk(k)ah

by SEAN EGAN

With the number and variety of things happening all around us, many of them not so pleasant, or not pleasant at all, I've had a hard time finding the inspiration to author an uplifting message. So, just as I do when preparing a dvar Torah for my congregation, I hopped on the internet to conduct a quick search.

Today's search topic: the meaning of Hannukah/Chanukah/spelling of your choice. I chose the link www.beingjewish.com and its explanation. While the article was filled with way too many advertisements for my taste, the message was simple and one that I gladly share with you. The

true meaning of the Festival of Lights is the victory of wisdom and religious freedom. We can never have too much wisdom. We must never lose religious freedom.

The events these past weeks have placed the spotlight on the Jewish community, a limelight that we definitely did not seek. Amidst the horror and the pain, we have also seen wisdom, kindness, and grace, as our friends and neighbors the world over rose up to join hands with us in prayers for peace. Here in Northwest Indiana, vigil services were filled to capacity at our congregations and at Federation. Civil and religious leaders lent their hearts and voices to our collective need for healing.

The Festival of Lights is well-timed. What the world needs now, is love, sweet love. And wisdom, too.

Health, joy, and peace to all. 🌍

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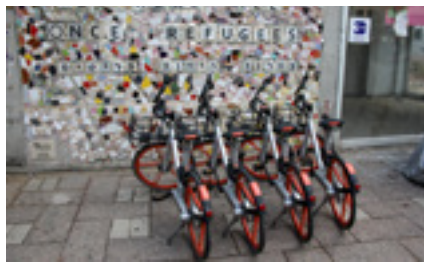
2018 Innovation & Culture Mission Trip to Israel

Photos by RICK YOUNG



"It was a diverse mixture of Israel's history, Israel's statehood and the hardships to achieve it, great Middle Eastern food, and the remarkable innovations of technology that all stems from the ingenuity of Israelis."

► **DAY TWO**
Monday Nov. 5: In & Around Tel Aviv—Independence Hall / Rothschild Boulevard / Innovation Center

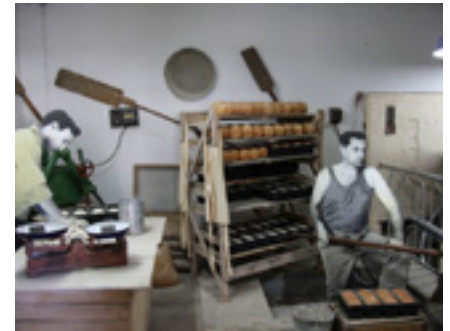


"I never tire of seeing Independence Hall! Loved the Innovation Center—it gives hope."



► **DAY THREE** Tuesday Nov. 6: To the Western Galilee—Rehovot / Ayalon Institute / Partnership programming / Kivunim and Shop of Meaning / Dinner: Home hospitality with Partnership families

"The Shop of Meaning was wonderful! The dinner at our host family was fabulous!"



► **DAY FOUR**
Wednesday Nov. 7: A Day with the Partnership—Druze kindergarten / Galilee Medical Center / Lunch in Nahariya with Partnership



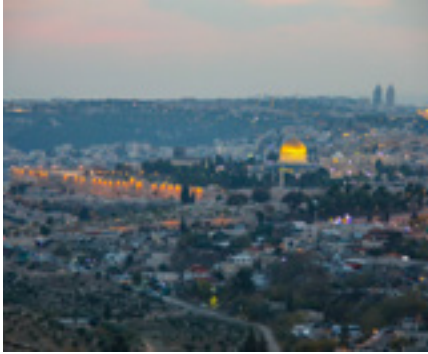
"The children's preschool was a highlight of my trip."



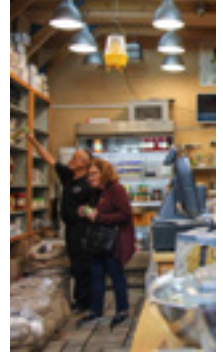
► **DAY FIVE**
Thursday Nov. 8: From the Galilee to Jerusalem—Tzfat (Safed) / Beit She'an / Drive to Jerusalem / Old City view



"Hands-on experiences are always the best—gave it a whole different meaning."



► **DAY SIX**
Friday, Nov. 9:
Jerusalem (New City)—Yad Vashem / Art Museum / Machane Yehuda Market / Western Wall (Kotel) Shabbat evening service / Shabbat dinner with Iris at her home



"Such an emotional day." —"Yad Vashem is gut-wrenching each time but, of course, a must."



"Being at the Kotel on Shabbat was a unique experience that is impossible to put into words."

► **DAY SEVEN**
Saturday Nov. 10: Shabbat in Jerusalem—Walking tours of Jerusalem / Israel Museum / Havdalah service at David Citadel Hotel

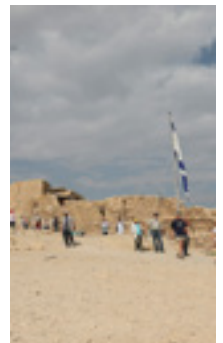


"Experience at [Caliber 3] totally amazing talking about the IDF with the soldiers, the love of country and people. A definite must for a Federation/any Jewish group trip to Israel."

► **DAY EIGHT**
Sunday Nov. 11: Layers of the Past—City of David / Jewish Quarter / Shooting Adventure at Caliber 3 / Migdal David Sound and Light Show



► **DAY NINE**
Monday Nov. 12: To Eilat—Masada / Dead Sea / Lunch & Swim at Crown Plaza / Drive to Eilat

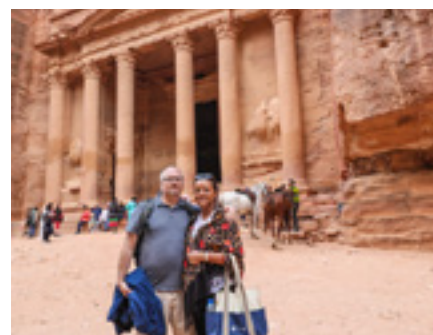


2018 Innovation & Culture Mission Trip to Israel (continued)

► **DAY NINE**
Monday Nov. 12
(Continued)—
Masada / Dead Sea / Lunch & Swim at Crown Plaza / Drive to Eilat



► **DAY TEN**
Tuesday Nov. 13:
Petra—Petra ruins
(treasury, Roman Theater, Royal Tombs) & lunch
"I can see why this is one of the Wonders of the World."



"Everything was top-notch... Every component of the trip was interlocking and provided a profound effect on me emotionally, spiritually and mentally."



"[My favorite part of the trip was] The feeling that everyone says you get! I can't wait to go back."



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2018 Annual Campaign

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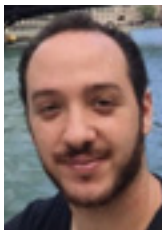
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Seeking the Light

by EITAN TORZ

A lot has happened since the last Illiana News. A lot is still happening. It seems like the buzz of bad news is everywhere, one tragedy following another in an endless cycle. Sometimes we are left speechless and scared, and sometimes we are left with a feeling that something must be done.



This past month I spoke to community members about my army service. Americans and Israelis share a very similar outlook regarding army service and veterans, and I am very happy to be in a country that takes pride in them both. Bear in mind, this is only the one-year anniversary of my discharge, and I am still processing. In order to prepare for the program, I asked my friends from Israel to send me short one-minute videos telling what insights they learned during their time of service. Somehow, most of the clips I got implied that the most meaningful learning was through experiences with other people. Lessons are probably best learned together.

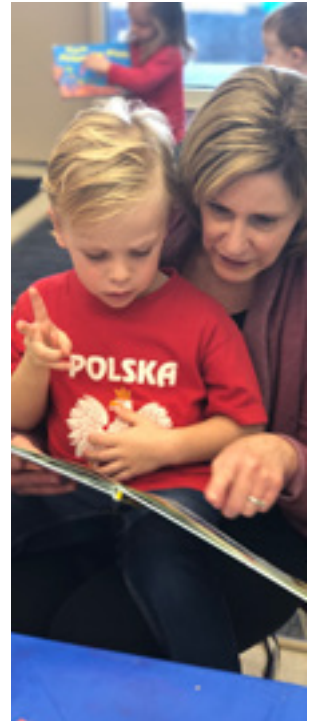
This month we celebrate Hanukkah, a holiday originally commemorating the victorious rebellion of the Hasmoneans against Antiochus. Antiochus tried to make the Jews renounce their Judaism, but they resisted and prevailed. Today, Hanukkah's message is not only about rebellion, it is also about light and miracles: the small can of oil that lasted for 8 days instead of one. This got me thinking about how one of the most basic needs is to have light in our homes (or in the case of the Hasmoneans, their house of worship, the Second Temple). What does that tell us? What do we take away from the story—the act of rebellion, or the act of looking for a way to light our place? For me the answer is clear. If we don't seek a way to light our homes, we will stay in the dark, where no rebellion will help us.

"Crazy times, crazy times we live in." "This is too much." Many of us have heard these phrases and others like them, expressing our inability to process the events of the past month. What can we do, though? Isn't it just the reality we live in? We cannot turn the wheel back. Is acceptance of reality as it is the answer? Maybe education is the answer? What allows one to move on? Do we have a choice? Many of those questions are shared both here and in Israel, and might have been asked by Jews throughout our history.

In the light of the Pittsburgh massacre, we all had a reminder: that there are people who need to know better, that there is hatred that needs to be stopped, and also that there is a strong Jewish community who will not tolerate or hold the slightest act of hate. In the light of the hundreds of rockets fired at Israel during 48 hours, we have an additional reminder: that Jews around the world are threatened, their lives disrupted by acts of war. How can anyone expect us to not think this is crazy? For a moment, when a tragedy occurs to us Jews, we become one. All over our world, the Jewish people practiced the art of peoplehood this month, and for many months before. My wishes are that peoplehood will not only stand for us at times of crisis, but also at times of joy. Together, it might become easier to find a way to light our homes.

In the spirit of learning and getting together as a community, I would like to invite you to sign up for my new program, "Door to Door Discuss and Explore". The idea of the program is to host me for a discussion over dinner with friends and family about Israel, Judaism and more. The only requirement is to have more than one household at the dinner. There are a few ways to take part in the program. You can sign up as 2 households together and we will schedule a dinner. Or you can sign up and we will match you with another family that signed up. For more details or questions, please contact me at 219-789-9458 or shaliachnwi@federationonline.org.

Israeli Shaliach Presents:
**Door To Door
Discuss and Explore**
An open invitation to add some discussion spice to your friends and family dinners!
Let's talk about Israel, current events, and more!
All you need to do is have me along with your friends and family in your house or favorite cafe.
We will choose themes for discussions together!
For more details/ questions/ schedules
Contact Eitan
Shaliachnwi@federationonline.org
Call: 219-301-0960



All of us at K'Ton Ton wish you and your family a very Happy Chanukah!

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Noar & Atid



Noar and Atid made donuts on Tuesday, November 13.

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.



Bowling on Sunday, November 18.

JewEL (Jewish Emerging Leaders)

Lat(k)e Hanukkah Happy Hour!

Tuesday, Dec. 18 • 5–7pm



Pokro Brewing Co. (311 N. Broad St., Griffith)

Young Jewish adults ages 21–45, join us for a belated Hanukkah get-together over latkes and pierogi at Pokro. NO COVER & FREE vegetarian appetizers sponsored by Federation (cash bar for soft drinks, wine & Pokro's housemade beer).

RSVP by December 17

to erica@federationonline.org or online at federationonline.org/upcoming-events

Prime Timers



Taste of Hyde Park

Wednesday, December 19

9:30am–3:30pm

(Bus will leave the Federation promptly at 9:30 am)

Cost: \$25 for Coach Bus Transportation & Tour.

Lunch & Bakery are on your own. *CASH ONLY FOR LUNCH*

🌸 **1st Stop: Docent-Led Tour of the Smart Museum of Art at The University of Chicago**

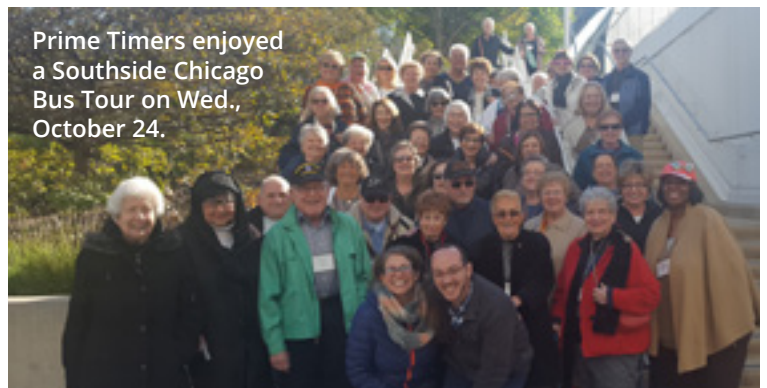
🌸 **2nd Stop: Valois Restaurant**

🌸 **3rd Stop: Fabiana's Bakery**

Seats are limited!

Must RSVP to Rachel Saller by December 12: (219) 301-0960 or rachel@federationonline.org

Your payment is your reservation



Prime Timers enjoyed a Southside Chicago Bus Tour on Wed., October 24.

SAVE THE DATE—NEXT PRIME TIMERS

Thursday, January 17

3 Floyds Brewery in Munster

Active adults ages 55+: Want to receive mailings about Prime Timers? Dues of \$10 per person for 2019 are due by 12/31/2018. Please make checks payable to Prime Timers and mail to the Federation.

Community Calendar: Dec. 2018-Jan. 2019 / Kislev-Tevet-Shvat 5779

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	שבת
DEC 2	24 Kislev	3 25 Kislev	4 26 Kislev	5 27 Kislev	6 28 Kislev	7 29 Kislev	8 30 Kislev
	10-11am Torah Studies	CHANUKAH 1	CHANUKAH 2	CHANUKAH 3	CHANUKAH 4	CHANUKAH 5	CHANUKAH 6
	10-11:30am Community Chanukah Program	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class 1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan 7-8pm Executive Board Meeting 7-9pm "Red, White & Blue Jew" Inspirational Chanukah Program	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club 12-4pm Mah Jongg	1-5pm Mah Jongg 6-10pm Hanukkah Dinner at Andorra	Pearl Harbor Day 11am-12pm Chair Yoga 6-8pm First Fridays (Chanukah Event) 6pm Chanukah Supper 6pm Chanukah Supper 7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	Rosh Ch. Tevet 9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services 9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services
	1st NIGHT CHANUKAH 5-8pm Chanukah Party						
DEC 9	1 Tevet	10 2 Tevet	11 3 Tevet	12 4 Tevet	13 5 Tevet	14 6 Tevet	15 7 Tevet
	CHANUKAH 7	CHANUKAH 8	10-11am Women's Class 1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan 6:30pm Brotherhood Movie Night	11:30-1:30pm AFC Chanukah Luncheon (Briar Ridge CC) 12-4pm Mah Jongg	1-5pm Mah Jongg	11am-12pm Chair Yoga 7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services 9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services 10am Randy Ackerman Bar Mitzvah
	10-11am Torah Studies 11am-12pm Great Jewish Minds: Rabbi Harold Kushner 2pm-6pm Community Chanukah Celebration 8th NIGHT CHANUKAH	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club					
DEC 16	8 Tevet	17 9 Tevet	18 10 Tevet	19 11 Tevet	20 12 Tevet	21 13 Tevet	22 14 Tevet
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Chanukah: Not Just for Kids

by RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV

Great emphasis is placed on including kids in the Chanukah festivities. They receive Chanukah gelt and are encouraged to light their own menorahs, and community Chanukah events are usually geared to families with children. But what is often overlooked is that Chanukah is actually for everyone, including people without young children at home.

You don't need to be a kid to observe Chanukah and all it entails—lighting the menorah and sharing the holiday with others. So if you need a menorah or candles, or know someone that does, Chabad has all that for you, free of charge. Light the menorah every night at home, whether or not there are kids present.

And if you know someone who is homebound or hospitalized, why not take some time during Chanukah and visit them and bring some light into their lives? Every Jew deserves to celebrate Chanukah, even those with no one to celebrate with. You can be the one to make a difference in someone's life today.

And of course, we hope to see you at Chabad's various Chanukah events: the Helicopter Gelt Drop on Sunday night, December 2; the lecture by US Navy Lt. Commander Laurie Land, on Tuesday night, December 4 (co-sponsored by the Federation); as well as First Friday, Shabbat services, and Second Sunday.

Happy Chanukah! 🕯️



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



CHANUKAH PARTY @ CHABAD
**HELICOPTER
GELT DROP**

Sunday, December 2, 5:00 PM

- Giant Menorah Lighting
- Delicious Chanukah Treats
- CHOCOLATE GELT DROPPING FROM A HELICOPTER!

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The poster features a blue helicopter dropping gold coins (gelt) from a basket. The background is dark blue with lit menorah candles.



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*A Chanukah evening of inspiration,
Jewish pride, and humor with
US NAVY Lieutenant Commander
LAURIE LANS*



Lt. Comdr. Lans will share her experiences of serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. While stationed in war zones, Laurie upheld her duties not only militarily but also as a Jew despite the obstacles she faced.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
7:00 PM
CHABAD, 1113 RIDGE ROAD
RSVP INFO@CHABADNWIND.COM

The poster features a large American flag in the background. At the bottom, there are two menorahs.



In October, CBI and Federation hosted Shalom Orzach in a very interesting presentation speaking about the State of Israel.

HANUKKAH SERVICES

Hanukkah is the festival which celebrates the restoration of Jewish religious and political independence in the land of Israel about 2,200 years ago. During this holiday, we commemorate the triumph of our ancestors over the Greek forces that occupied Israel. This year, Hanukkah begins at sunset on Sunday, December 2. See inset box for CBI's service times during Hanukkah.

DO YOUR HANUKKAH SHOPPING AT CBI'S GIFT SHOP

Visit our newly expanded Gift Shop. If you haven't seen the beautiful new display case in the lobby, please stop and see the new selection of Hanukkah gifts. You will be able to do all your shopping in one place. You won't leave without a gift once you glance over the new inventory. So be sure to stop/look/purchase.

cards provides the official standard hands and rules and includes your membership in the National Mah Jongg League. The card comes in standard size for \$8 and large size with bigger print for \$9. To order your card send your name and mailing address with a check payable to CBI Sisterhood by January 10 for \$8 (for standard card) or \$9 (for large card).

GREAT JEWISH MINDS: RABBI HAROLD KUSHNER

Sunday, December 9, 11:00am–12:00pm: Join

Rabbi Levin to watch and discuss an interview of Rabbi Kushner, author of "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," in which he offers his perspective on overcoming life's disappointments and difficulties.



GREAT JEWISH MINDS: VIKTOR FRANKL

Sunday, January 13, 11:00am–12:00pm:

Join Rabbi Levin to watch and discuss an interview of Viktor Frankl author of *Man's Search for Meaning*. At the time of Frankl's death in 1997, *Man's Search for Meaning* had sold more than 10 million copies in twenty-four languages. Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose. 🌍



WEEKLY SERVICES

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

HANUKKAH SERVICES

Monday, December 3, 8:00am
Thursday, December 6, 8:00am
Saturday, December 8, 9:45am
Sunday, December 9, 9:00am
Monday, December 10, 8:00am

MAH JONGG

Do you play Mah Jongg or think you might want to learn how? Then you need the 2019 Mah Jongg Card. This

by **MICHAEL MILLER**

DAN FEFERMAN

In October, Temple Israel hosted Dan Feferman of the Jewish People Policy Institute (Jerusalem). He presented an interesting lecture pertaining to his breakthrough research and new book about the changing perceptions of Judaism observance in Israel. His book, *Rising Streams: Reform and Conservative Judaism in Israel*, has recently been covered by all major Jewish publications and a presentation in Israel's Knesset.



SUKKOT

In October, the combined Valparaiso and Michigan City Sunday School enjoyed learning about Sukkot and the kids made adorable mobiles for their Sukkahs. The shaliach Eitan Torz visited and got to know the kids and taught them a little bit about himself and Israel.

PITTSBURGH MEMORIAL SERVICE

The two Temples held a joint Memorial Service on Erev Shabbat, November 2, in memory of the tragedy in Pittsburgh. This was followed by Erev Shabbat services where the students performed songs and a short play on the arrangement of the marriage between Isaac and Rebecca.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In November the kids brushed up on their Hanukkah songs; and the shaliach delighted all with cooking up a huge amount of shakshouka. A group of our future Sunday School attendees, the under-4 crowd, joined us for fun!

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

On November 16, Temple Israel hosted two siblings—Dory Goldberg and Harry Cybulski—who shared their story of surviving the Holocaust as children through the kindness of a Catholic family who hid them in a village near Paris, France. Their amazing story of survival is a credit to one family and the good people of this French village. Their acts of heroism shine a light into the darkness of the Holocaust.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Temple Israel has raised \$2700 for its annual warm clothing drive for the benefit of local middle school students who are in need. They are supplied with free brand new coats, hats and gloves in coordination with the school social workers.

HANUKKAH DINNER

Temple Israel will host a Hanukkah dinner on Friday, December 7. Call or text Amy Cheuk at 773-354-6013 for details and reservations. 🌟

by **MARLENE KAPLAN**

Do you remember what color the Chanukah candles you lit as a child were? Ours were always orange and smooth. I did not know why they were that way. I assumed it was tradition. Then one year Chanukah candles appeared in reds, whites, yellows, blues and were no longer smooth; they were spiraled. Filling the menorah each night after that became an artistic happening.

There are many stories we all have about celebrating Chanukah. *Remember that one year when....* Let's share our memories. We may discover that with our differences we are all the same.

Illiana Hadassah is celebrating Chanukah with a dinner on Thursday, December 6, at 6:00 pm at Andorra Banquets, 1112 Rt. 41, Schererville. We want to enjoy the light of many menorahs, so please bring one of yours and share a tale or two. We will bask in the warm glow of the lit candles and have an old fashioned sing-along led by Kristin Stern and Terri Hendrickson.

Spouses and guests are welcome. The cost is \$36. Call Marlene Kaplan at 922-6757 for more information, entrée choices, and reservations.

We also ask that everyone bring toiletries or non-perishable groceries for the Jewish Federation Food Pantry. We care and we share.

P.S. Even though you are smelling the wonderful aroma of latkes now (applesauce or sour cream?), think about the amazing aroma of salamis and hotdogs that are coming your way in February. 🌟





Community Chanukah Program

FEATURING Jerry Kaye, Director Emeritus
of URJ Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute

With Stories for Chanukah & the Music of Our Junior Choir

Sunday, December 2 • 10:00am

During his nearly four decades as director of OSRUI, Jerry was best known for his wonderful stories that he would share each Erev Shabbat with the entire camp community. Jerry's capacity for holding his audience "in his hand" became legend and he has been called upon to offer his stories in many settings during his camp director years and since. Thousands of campers have sat at Jerry's feet hearing his wonderful legends that serve to inspire and enrich. The Munster Jewish community welcomes Jerry Kaye and hopes to see adults and children share in the joy of hearing Jerry's stories as we celebrate Chanukah. 🌟



ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CLASS BEGINNING JANUARY 9, 2019

If you did not have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and wish to join us, we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. The first session is January 9.

THE WORLD OF MUSSAR

Our community will soon embark on a program of study and practice in the Jewish spiritual tradition of Mussar, and everyone is invited to join. Mussar might best be described as "Jewish spiritual ethics" and has been practiced for centuries by people who sought to cultivate and strengthen the qualities of the inner mensch.

Created by the Mussar Institute, the leaders in the field, this program is endorsed by the Union for Reform Judaism and is suitable for all, regardless of level of Jewish knowledge. There are no pre-requisites nor is Hebrew required. Come join in small group study, led by trained facilitators, as we explore together, in a safe and caring environment, what the Jewish tradition has to teach us about the traits of humility, gratitude, equanimity, patience, order and honor, among others—and discover how you can improve these qualities in your own life.

Classes will meet Thursday nights commencing in January. Details to follow. 🌟

JUDAISM... More than Just a Bagel

7-9pm Thursdays:

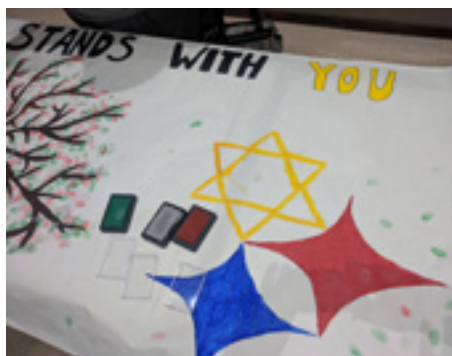
November 29, December 6 & 13 at Temple Beth-El

Curious about Judaism? In an interfaith relationship? Exploring? Wanting to reconnect? Three FREE weekly sessions exploring Judaism's big ideas: a modern Jewish take on spirituality, values, and community. Dynamic and interactive sessions with engaging teachers who are open to all your questions. All are welcome, Jewish or not!

Sessions are taking place at 20 locations across Chicagoland. Questions? Contact Joy Wasserman at jbwasserman@urj.org or 872.256.1818.

IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?
Spring 2020: Temple Beth-El Goes to Israel (with a stop in London)
Details to follow. Let Rabbi Zukrow know that you want to go!

► Our "Solidarity with Pittsburgh" thumbprint project.



Temple Topics

by DR. MARK SPERLING

The month of November has been a groundbreaking month for Temple Israel, with several major events during the month. We began with a tribute to our veterans just prior to Veterans Day, with a service led by veteran Matt Yarom. Matt put together names and faces of our Temple Founders, a bit over 100 years ago, several of whom served in the United States military. Unfortunately, many but not all who were called to war returned to the Temple community. Matt reminded us of the sacrifice that the Jewish community of Northwest Indiana made for the safety and security of our country.

We suffered an unimaginable loss with the tragic murders of 11 members from the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Our Temple celebrated their lives with a very meaningful Sabbath memorial service. Over 200 persons from every religion represented in Northwest Indiana came together proudly to celebrate their lives and mourn their passing. Besides your Temple leadership, Gary



At our Pittsburgh Memorial Service: Cantorial Soloist Michael Greenwald, Service Leader Lisa Giglio, Pastor Joy Heine, Mayor Freeman-Wilson, Bishop Dale Melczek, Pastor LuWanna Scott, and Pastor Joan Mier.



Temple Israel participated in the second annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, US Representative Peter Visclosky, and State Representative Charlie Brown attended our community-wide memorial.

Temple leadership and members also participated in the memorial gathering at the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana where the rabbis from Temple Beth El and Congregation Beth Israel, along with Federation president Sean Egan, welcomed a large community group to memorialize the victims of the Pittsburgh tragedy.

We were delighted to host an outstanding uplifting service the following week with the baby-naming of Julian Richard Schultz, son of Nikki and Jon Schultz and grandson of Suzy and Bruce Wright (*see page 2*).

On November 17, over 40 persons attended an outstanding workshop on *Being Mortal*, organized by Vice-President Robin Rich. Members shared their stories of dealing with the difficult subject of life and death and its impact on them.

This was followed by the second annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church. I was honored to introduce Rabbi Damsky, who provided the keynote address for the



over 150 person gathering. Temple Israel's Michael Greenwald and Past President Lisa Giglio took part in this inspiring service, along with Bishop Dale Melczek, Pastor Angela Shannon, Matt Dilts of Marquette Methodist, Jack Denges of St. Mary of the Lake, and an interfaith choir.

We were also very pleased to participate in a Temple community dinner prepared by Rabbi Damsky and her crew of volunteers to celebrate her 60th birthday. We wish her many Happy and Healthy Birthdays ahead!

Finally, we started the celebration of Chanukah on November 30 with the annual Sisterhood potluck dinner. The entire Temple community enjoyed this annual event. 🕯️



Happy birthday, Rabbi Damsky!



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.

SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES

When Rabbi Griffel is in town she schedules 2 Saturday Morning Classes. All are welcome:

9:00am: Short Shabbat Morning Service & Discussion

10:00am: Study Group with attendees contributing to topical selections, investigating wide areas of interest. Enjoy informal religious exploration with other curious adults.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

Sinai Temple and Valpo’s Temple Israel have joined their religious schools this year. Jill Edwards of Temple Israel heads up the joint program, along with Rabbis Shoshana Feferman & Suzanne Griffel. Students will meet in Valpo for the first half of the school year and in Michigan City for the second half of the school year.

ADULT BAR & BAT MITZVAH TRAINING

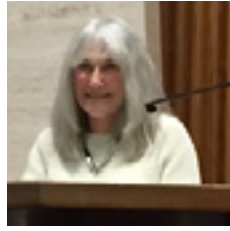
This fall Rabbi Griffel is offering training for adults interested in “finally” celebrating their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.



▲ Howard Mirowitz presented “Discussing Bob Dylan & His Lyrics” on October 20.

▶▶ 1st Time Lay-Leading Shabbat Services: Judy Jacobi & Sharon Goodman

▼ Fall’s Deli Day brought members together on October 24.



▶▶ Shabbat Service Shared with Temple Israel in Valparaiso, Commemorating Tragedy in Pittsburgh

DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday, December 2: First night Chanukah celebration serving home-made latkes with all the tasty trimmings. Guests may bring their personal chanukkiyah for a congregational lighting.

Monday, December 24: Annual “Chinese Dinner & Movie” brings Temple members together.

JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS:

Thursday evenings: For its 3rd year, the popular “Up-Beat Off-Beat Film Club” returns every Thursday evening in January & February. These evenings are specially offered to the “not-snowbirds” in the area. Films are chosen for their eclectic themes, educational topics & ability to elicit a “who knew?” from attendees. Contact the temple office for specifics of time & title.

Saturday, January 5: Eitan Torz from the Federation comes to share his Israeli upbringing. All are welcome to join the Saturday Study Group to hear Eitan’s experiences.

Sunday, January 20: Tu B’Shevat celebration—the “New Year of the Trees.”

Saturday, January 26: We celebrate Havdalah, the symbolic end of Shabbat as we usher in the new week. Lighting a special havdalah candle, blessing wine & smelling sweet spices are especially meaningful elements of the Havdalah service. 🌍



DORIS BROWN

VALPARAISO—Doris Brown, 95, passed away Saturday, Nov. 24, peacefully and surrounded by loved ones. She was born September 18, 1923 in Wheatfield, IN, to Morris Aaron and Anna (Dvorkin) Block. On June 17, 1945 she married the love of her life, Harry Brown, who passed away March 3, 2005. Doris is survived by her sons: Mel Brown of Newton, MA, Kenny (Linda) Brown of Valparaiso, and Steve (Sally) Brown of Chapel Hill, NC; her daughter, Carol (Jack) Fink of Valparaiso; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Doris was an active member of Temple Israel in Valparaiso. She was a pioneer woman in business, as she and her late husband Harry founded the Browne House in Hobart in 1967, then in Valparaiso in 1972. Doris's greatest pleasure was spending time with her family. She also volunteered her time helping several organizations that are too numerous to mention. She had a passion for gardening, painting, and playing games from Mah Jongg to Bridge. Doris enjoyed writing and even documented her life story which will be passed down from generation to generation.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 26 at Bartholomew Funeral Home in Valparaiso, with Rabbi Shoshana Feferman officiating. Burial followed at Temple Beth El Cemetery in Portage. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Israel in Valparaiso.

SANDRA HAGEN GOLDSTUCKER

RUTLAND, VT—It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of longtime Temple Israel (Miller) member and friend, Sandra Hagen Goldstucker, on Sunday, Nov. 18. She was surrounded by love and good

friends. One of their friends' sheep, Blue, also died that night. It seemed fitting that Sandra was accompanied out of this plane by a sweet animal, since Sandra loved animals.

Sandra is survived by her beloved wife, Nancy Hagen Goldstucker. Sandra will be buried with her father and grandmother in California. A memorial service will be held in spring 2019.

GLORIA HERTZ LICHTMAN

MUNSTER—Gloria Hertz Lichtman died peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 3. Gloria was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, and later moved to Gary and then Munster, IN with husband, Robert ("Bob") Lichtman, now deceased. The loves of her life were her children, Chuck and Marc Lichtman, their wives, Gayle and Holly, and her grandchildren Brooke Lichtman, Jordan Lichtman and Zachary Lichtman.

Gloria was a graduate of the business school of the University of Pittsburgh and was a voracious reader and intellectual, as well as a successful businesswoman, owning Sunburst Travel, Inc. on Michigan Avenue. She was also known as a true and loyal friend to all.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, November 7 at Chicago Jewish Funerals in Skokie, IL, followed immediately by interment at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL.

Gloria's family were members of The Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, and memorial contributions should be made in her name to The Tree of Life Synagogue, 5898 Wilkins Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 (www.tolols.org).

ROSLYN E. SUSON

VALPARAISO—Roslyn E. Suson, 84, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 21.

She was born on September 27, 1934, in Dayton, OH, to Oscar and Selma (Greenberg) Menachof. Roslyn married Morris Suson in Denver, CO, on August 26, 1956. She worked first as a stewardess for United Airlines and later as an independent travel agent. She is survived by her children, Sandra (Dorothy) Dunn of California, and Daniel (Carla) Suson of Valparaiso. She is also survived by her sisters, Lois Rich of Colorado, Trude Bershof of Colorado, and Phyllis Zuckerman of New Jersey, as well as 4 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A memorial service was held on Monday, October 29, at Temple Israel in Valparaiso. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 (www.alz.org).

SALLY WEICHMAN

HIGHLAND—Sally Weichman, age 94, formerly of Poland and Israel, passed away in peace on Thursday, November 22. She is survived by her sons: Jack Weichman and Henry (Sheri) Weichman; grandchildren: David Weichman, Michael Weichman, Ari Weichman, Lauren Weichman Knaupe, Lisa Weichman, Adriana Weichman and Sean Weichman; and great-grandchildren: Nathan, Brooke, Ella, Sloane and Vincent Weichman. Sally was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Sara Hans; husband, Morris Weichman; and daughter-in-law, Harriet Weichman.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 25, at Kish Funeral Home in Munster, with Rabbi Mordechai Levin officiating. Interment followed at Beth El Cemetery in Portage.

Sally was a survivor. She survived the Holocaust and overcame multiple obstacles in order to provide

Obituaries (cont'd)

the best life for her family. She was a very special person to all who knew her. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (www.ushmm.org). 🌹

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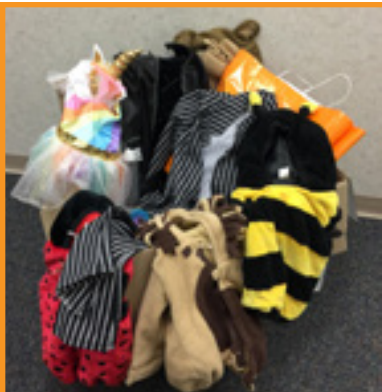
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*The community will be invited to learn and share at a few of the programs.
If you would like to volunteer, please contact Judy Katz or Aida Nozick.*

LAST CALL TO Donate Your Costumes!

Bring outgrown, gently used Halloween or Purim costumes (any size) to the Federation or our member congregations by **December 31**. We will ship them to Israel in January to create Purim joy for needy children in our Partnership region.





Adult Friendship Club



THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS

The November 28 Adult Friendship Club program was a special Veteran's Day luncheon honoring our community's veterans for their service. Featured speaker was **David Hurwich**, who shared with us some of his experiences in the US Marine Corps including service in Afghanistan. Our own chef Luis Segura (also a USMC veteran) prepared an amazing lunch of homemade fried chicken and other delicacies. Thank you also to the color guard from American Legion Post 66 in Griffith who joined us for the occasion, and our K'Ton Ton Pre-K students who proudly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



(L-R) Rich Waxman, David Hurwich, and Lou Kaplan.

AFC Hanukkah Party
Briar Ridge Country Club
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
11:30am
\$25 for members
\$30 for non-members
Payment due with reservation by November 29
Please make checks payable to Adult Friendship Club and
mail to Federation, 585 Progress Ave, Munster, IN 46321
Door Prizes, Cash Raffles, and Entertainment
Enjoy a delicious buffet meal of herb roasted chicken, tilapia,
cheese lasagna, mixed green salad, potato pancakes, bread and butter
and apple pie served with cinnamon ice cream.
Honoring Our Volunteers: Barbara Bard, Anne Blank, Helene Elias, Judy
Geller, Nancy Handler and Pat Jacobson.
Questions? Please contact Rachel at (219) 301-0960

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