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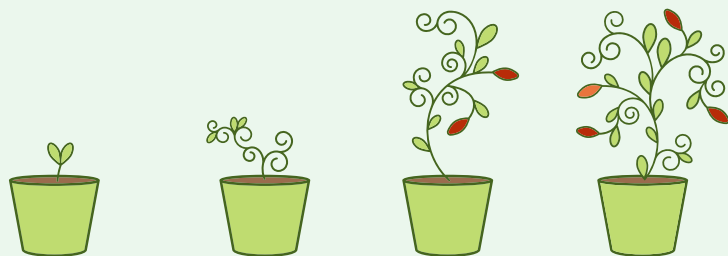
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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# 2018 In Review

by AIDA NOZICK

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What makes a Jewish community? One Talmudic text defines it as consisting of these things: a beit din (law court); a tzedakah fund that is collected by two people and distributed by three; a synagogue; a bath house (mikveh); a bathroom, a doctor; a craftsman; a bloodletter (butcher); and a teacher of children. Simply put, a suitable Jewish community must provide for both its members' spiritual needs and physical needs.

As Executive Director, one of my many goals is to ensure that the Federation serves as the community center for the Jewish community of Northwest Indiana.

I am pleased to say that we are meeting that goal through a variety of recreational, social, and educational activities. I take joy in seeing our Federation building being used daily for these activities and programs. I love the sound of community members walking in and heading to where they're supposed to be for any particular program. On any given day you will find community members playing Mah Jongg; AFC

members watching a show on Netflix or Schmoozin' with Susan; multiple sessions of chair yoga; and people playing Canasta. **CONTINUED ON P. 20**

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## Upcoming Events

## ANNOUNCING THE 2019 FEDERATION BOOK CLUB

### First Selection: *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

Tuesday, January 29  
7:00pm



This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.

Please read the book in advance and come prepared for lively discussion facilitated by Carol Culberg.

For more information, please call (219) 301-0960 or contact Carol at cculberg@gmail.com.

## Low Impact Chair Yoga

Fridays 11:00am–12:00pm

Continuing through February!

January 4, 11, 18 & 25; February 1, 8, 15 & 22

**Cost: \$18** for 4 sessions if paid in advance;

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

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

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



### SAVE THE DATE

## *The Gate: Dawn of the Baha'i Faith*

Film Screening and Q&A with producer Steve Sarowitz

Sunday, March 10 • 3:00–5:00pm

Free & Open to the Community

THREE SESSIONS,  
JANUARY 17–FEBRUARY 13

## Virtual Hike of Israel's National Trail Using Google Street View!

PRESENTED BY OUR  
SHALIACH, EITAN TORZ

Pictured: Gevha Chalon,  
overlooking the Dead Sea.



The Israel National Trail, inaugurated in 1995, is a hiking path that crosses the entire country of Israel. It spans over 1000 kilometers (636 miles) from Eilat in the far south to Kibbutz Dan, near the border with Lebanon in the Upper Galilee, in the far north. Join our community shaliach, Eitan Torz, for an in-depth look at the sites of the trail!

### Session 1: South Trail

Thursday, January 17 • 7:00-8:00pm

Eilat, Timna, Mitzpe Ramon—*From the Biblical times of King Solomon, through the War of Independence, to the first Israeli astronaut.*

### Session 2: Central Trail

Thursday, January 31 • 7:00-8:00pm

Latrun Trappist Monastery, Tel Aviv, Rosh ha-Ain—*Diversity blends with history, fallen soldiers' memory blends with nature.*

### Session 3: North Trail

Wednesday, February 13 • 7:00-8:00pm

The coastline, Caesarea, the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights—*Nature, landscape and changing environment; today's situation in the North.*

RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at  
[federationonline.org/upcoming-events](http://federationonline.org/upcoming-events)

Questions? Contact Eitan at [shaliachnwi@federationonline.org](mailto:shaliachnwi@federationonline.org)

Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (219) 301-0960 or [erica@federationonline.org](mailto:erica@federationonline.org) by February 15. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

### MAZEL TOV...

To Pam Deal on the birth of her new great-granddaughter, Charlee Lynn (born to Pam's granddaughter Katelyn).

To Ceil & Michael Tristano on becoming new grandparents, as their daughter Sarah gave birth to a beautiful baby girl in early December.

▼ To Michael & Monica Osipoff on the birth of their twins, Alexander Matthew and Emily Jeanne, on December 7. 🇺🇸



### SAVE THE DATE

## Joyously Jewish: Song & Spirits

Saturday, March 16  
8:00-11:00pm

Featuring an all-star cabaret of musical performers from our member congregations!

Israeli distiller Yuval Hargil from our Partnership region will present a tasting flight of his specialty native liquors.

You won't want to miss this. Watch this space or your email for more details!

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# Community News & Events

## COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

On Sunday, December 9, we brought together 80+ community members of all ages to celebrate the last night of Chanukah with...



Our wonderful Northwest Indiana Jewish Community



Chanukah trivia...

... and charades!



Great food (made-to-order crepes and latkes)



A cutthroat "Spinagogue" dreidel tournament



SpinArt

Signature "Dreidel Drop" cocktails



Henna body painting (with glitter!)



Eitan's "Israel Lights the World" poster exhibition



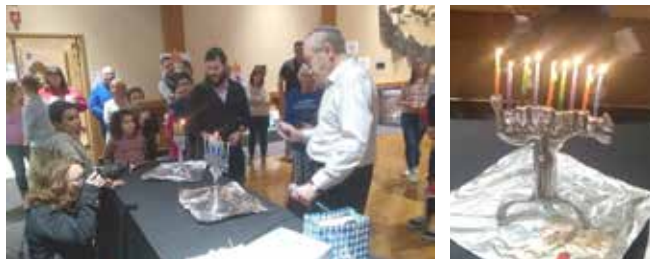
A "Donut Wars" competition



Our "White Elephant" gift exchange game



The "Gratitude Wall" Community Art Project



Community Menorah Lighting. Chag sameach!

interact ★ engage ★ advance ★ learn ★ grow



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# 2019 COUNCIL OF COMMUNITIES

For Federation CEO's and Presidents, P2G Professionals,  
P2G Chairs and Committee Lay Leaders

**January 27 - 29, 2019**

Hosted at the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana

The Northwest Indiana Jewish Community is invited to learn about Partnership at the following events:

## Festive Opening Dinner

Sunday, January 27 • 6:30pm

Featuring the "Faces of the Western Galilee" Photography Exhibition

Location: Federation

**\$18 per person**

## Community Meet & Greet Dinner

Monday, January 28 • 6:30pm

Location: the brand-new  
**Mascot Hall of Fame Interactive  
Museum, 1851 Front St., Whiting, IN**

**\$15 per person**

RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at [federationonline.org/upcoming-events](http://federationonline.org/upcoming-events)

### OUR PARTNERSHIP2GETHER COMMUNITIES:

Dayton, Toledo, Youngstown, Ohio; Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana, South Bend, Indiana; Louisville, Kentucky; Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha, Nebraska; Buffalo, NY; Austin, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Texas; and Budapest are linked with the Akko and Matte Asher in the Western Galilee.



# Partnership2Gether / President's Corner

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Our president, Sean Egan, spent Dec. 23–27 participating in our Partnership's Western Galilee Teachers' Delegation, joining Israeli educators and volunteers along with others from our U.S. Consortium.



With students and staff at the Ktzinei Yam naval academy preparatory school, Akko.



With student and staff at Ktzinei Yam.

Subtitled "Building Stronger Bridges for Our Educators," the PARTNERSHIP 2GESHER Teachers' Delegation provides an opportunity for U.S. educators to learn, experience, and observe the Israeli educational system and explore the potential for an enriching and beneficial twinning relationship for themselves and their students.



With Kivunim residents and staff.



Sean with the Kivunim residence director at their new office, site of the Shop for Meaning.



At the Humanity, Society, and Nature High School, operated by Dror Israel Urban Kibbutz, Karmiel.



Western Galilee Partnership's new headquarters, north of Nahariya, right on the coastal highway.

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



Hanging with 6th grade students at recess time, Regba Regional Elementary School.



Sean with his new BFFs at Regba Regional Elementary School.

Look for a longer writeup from Sean in the next issue of Illiana News! ☺



At Rosh HaNikrah on the Israel-Lebanon border.



Tour of the sacred city of Tzfat (Safed).



Our delegation of Partnership educators from the US and Hungary.

# The Ramon Family

by EITAN TORZ



2011 was the first time I visited the United States, and I had a very profound goal, which was, of course, to visit Disney World. As we arrived in Philadelphia, it was snowing outside, and my classmates and I were psyched: THE United States of America. WOW! Later we got a connecting flight to Florida. We were hosted by Jewish families in Florida. It was the very first time we encountered Conservative Jews. Back then, I never imagined that there were synagogues where males and females sit side by side. We had a VIP tour at Kennedy Space Center. We visited Epcot, we visited Disney World, and for the first time had to deal with the fact that our accents are more Israeli than we would like to admit. But none of this was as meaningful as one specific day: February 1st. That day we held a very special memorial service for Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut.

In a way this whole trip began at this date, February 1st 2003. That

very day the *Columbia* space shuttle was entering the earth's atmosphere. As families and friends watched it coming home, communications got lost and it blew up in the sky, right in front of them. Can you imagine? I was 6 years old, and I remember watching the news and my parents telling me that this was a disaster. I remember not understanding what happened to the crew members.

Ilan Ramon grew up in Beer Sheva, my hometown. He was a fighter pilot and participated in "Operation Opera" in 1981 when Israel destroyed the atom bomb facilities in Iraq. He was at the most dangerous place in the formation, and made it back home. Later he was chosen to represent the Israeli Air Force when NASA was looking for an astronaut. His mission was delayed a few times, and many times he had to insist on staying. Ilan Ramon took a few items with him into space: a small Torah book that he got from a Holocaust survivor, an ancient Shekel coin, and a few more flags representing Israel through his eyes.

At one of our preparation meetings we met Rona Ramon. She was well dressed, very articulate; she thanked us. Something about her felt very sad, but at the same time very optimistic. She was regal. She

was one of those people that life chose to challenge, to make a very personal loss public. But she prevailed. I could not get enough. I felt that as she talked, I got more ambitious. I remember thinking: If she is on her feet, after watching the love of her life die in an attempt to get back home, nothing is impossible. This feeling only grew stronger for me after I learned that her son, Assaf Ramon, who was a pilot in the IAF like his dad, died in a plane crash during training. How cruel could life get for one person? How much can one endure? Assaf died in 2009, 6 years after his father.

On Monday, December 17, 2018 Rona Ramon passed away, only 54 years old, after fighting cancer for a long time. The story of her family influenced me and many others. Inspired us, educated us, and gave us no excuse to compromise with life. Rona started the "Ramon Foundation" in the name of Assaf and Ilan. The goal of this amazing foundation is to help kids in Israel, from the Upper Galilee to the Southern Negev, believe in themselves. They are taught science, leadership, and aviation. I spent a great part of my teenage years learning science, instruction, and leadership skills, and channeling all I learned into a youth organization called "Scientific Leadership". Through this organization I volunteered at a shelter for domestic violence victims trying to make science more accessible to those who had other challenges in life.

I am not sure if Rona, Assaf and Ilan wanted to become a symbol. To me they are. They were a family that every Israeli family wanted to be. They are a symbol of coping, of endurance. And far into the future they will still be the symbol of an Israeli legacy. 🕊️

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

## Cooking Class with Eitan

Thursday, February 21 • 6:00-8:00 pm

Learn to make *empanadas* and other specialties from Argentina. Limited to 15 participants; preference will be given to those who missed the November 29 class.

**Cost: \$10 • Your payment is your reservation.**

For more details and to RSVP, please call (219) 301-0960 or contact Eitan at [shaliachnwi@federationonline.org](mailto:shaliachnwi@federationonline.org)

# Past Shlichim: Where Are They Now?

## ROI YAIR

Hi Everyone! I can't believe it has been 3.5 years since I left Northwest Indiana. It still feels like it was just yesterday.

So, what have I been up to? I wish I had some exciting stories, but mainly just school. I started my degree in Law and Cognitive Science shortly after the shlichut, and I should be mostly done with it by March. So far both subjects have been really interesting, and I truly enjoyed life as a student. After completing my academic duties I have a couple of months off, and in September I'll start an internship as a clerk for Justice Noam Solberg of the Israeli

supreme court which should be really interesting.

Outside of school, I try to make the most of the little free time that I have and travel as much as I can. Last year during summer break, I hiked most of the Israel National Trail, which goes from the northern tip of Israel all the way down to Eilat in the south and is about a thousand kilometers long (of which I hiked about two thirds!). This year I got to spend some time in the Alps hiking in France and Switzerland and visiting a friend in Austria. Hopefully I can do something similar in the time between school and my internship.



Roi at the Israel National Trail trailhead.

Other than that, I live in a really nice apartment in Jerusalem with two good friends. If any of you are in the area, you are more than welcome to join us for some coffee on the balcony or a Shabbat dinner which we host every now and then! ☺

## Building News

### Federation Gets a New Freezer!

Federation staff came back to work one Monday morning to find that our commercial freezer had completely defrosted. Thanks are due to our Building Committee for getting a quick replacement taken care of! ☺



Lift truck driver Jerry on loan from Joe across the street at American Machine Works. Without their help, this freezer project would not have happened. It was a true act of neighborliness.



The crew from DataLink Home Services bringing in the new freezer.



The new freezer is in place and running!



AFC in the cozy Federation Lounge, awaiting a session in the popular "Schmoozin' with Susan" series hosted by Susan Tepperman, our Jewish Community Services Coordinator.

## New Year—New AFC!

For 2019, we are now offering a FREE social hour with coffee & nosh (bagels & cream cheese, coffee cake, muffins, etc) every Monday from 10am-12pm, with a program from 11am-12pm. AFC's Wednesday format will be the same as before, with noon lunch & a 1pm program for \$7 (non-members \$8).

As always, rides are available! Please call the Federation office one day in advance to request this complimentary service.

AFC MONDAY FUNDAYS (11am following 10am coffee hour)	AFC WEDNESDAYS (1pm following 12pm lunch)
1/14: Yiddish A-Z Singalong with Erica Yakovetz	1/16: Schmoozin' with Susan
1/21: Downton Abbey Series - Season 1 Episode 1	1/23: The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel - Season 2 Episode 1
1/28: Art & Focus @ The Center of Performing Arts - Leaving a Mark: A Mini Film Festival (10 am) followed by lunch out	1/30: Oy Vey Bingo!

RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or [rachel@federationonline.org](mailto:rachel@federationonline.org)

*Want to receive AFC's monthly newsletter, calendar and menu in the mail? Dues for 2019 are just \$10. Please make your check payable to Adult Friendship Club and mail to the Jewish Federation.*

### SAVE THE DATE

## Million Dollar Quartet

Wednesday, March 13 • 11:00am

Location: Theater At The Center (1040 Ridge Road, Munster)

This thrilling musical invites audiences into the recording studio for the true story of one unforgettable night.

**Cost: \$45** for AFC members (\$55 non-members) includes lunch and show





## Lunch at 3 Floyds Brewpub

Thursday, January 17 • 11:30am

3 Floyds, 9750 Indiana Pkwy, Munster, IN 46321

\*separate checks\*

Come join us at Munster's famous brewery!  
We will have a great meal and talk about upcoming trips.

RSVP by January 15 to Rachel Saller (219) 301-0960  
or Nancy Handler (219) 922-0226.

*Active adults ages 55+: Want to receive mailings about Prime Timers?  
Dues are \$10 per person for 2019. Please make your check payable to  
Prime Timers and mail to the Jewish Federation.*

### PRIME TIMERS SAVE THE DATES



Konnie Kuiper's  
Auto Museum  
(Griffith, IN)

Thursday, February 21  
Tour at 10am, followed by  
lunch (location TBD)

Artisan Pizza  
Making Class  
in Chicago

Monday, March 25  
10am-3:30pm

Cost: \$55 (must have 30  
participants to go)

RSVPs are being taken now!



Prime Timers toured the Smart Museum of Art, the fine arts museum of the University of Chicago, as part of a "Taste of Hyde Park" outing on Wednesday, December 19.

## JANUARY EVENTS

### Tuesday, January 15:

Cooking Class with Eitan the Shaliach  
Where: The Jewish Federation  
Time: 5:30–7:30 PM (Noar & Atid)  
Cost: \$5 per person  
RSVP by January 13 to Rachel Saller

### Sunday, January 20: Luncheon

Where: The Nirenberg/Marcus Home  
Time: 12:30pm (followed by discus-  
sion for Noar & games for Atid)  
Cost: Free  
RSVP by January 15 to Rachel Saller

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### Sunday, February 24:

Ice Skating at Deep River Water Park  
(*backup location: Homewood/  
Flossmoor Ice Arena*)  
Time: 12:30–4:30pm (leave  
Federation at 12:30pm)  
Bring a sack lunch  
Cost: TBD

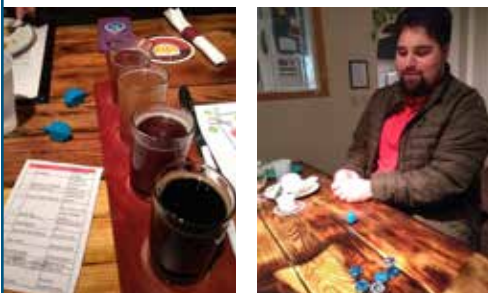


Noar board members were recognized with Youth Leadership Awards at the Federation's Annual Meeting on December 16. Recipients (from left) were Eli Nirenberg, Mira Fefferman, Emma Stricker, Logan Stein, Lily Yalowitz, and Joe Webster. Not pictured: Leah Nozick and Max Buka.

## 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](mailto:rachel@federationonline.org).

# JewEL (Jewish Emerging Leaders)



JewEL's Lat(k)e Hanukkah Happy Hour (complete with exhibition dreidel tournament) on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Pokro Brewing Co. in Griffith.

Young Jewish adults ages 21–45, join JewEL for a lavish

## Middle Eastern Buffet Dinner!

Sunday, January 20  
7:00–8:30pm



Celebrate Tu B'Shvat with your Federation friends!

**Location: Aladdin Pita**

3750 W 80th Ln (Rte. 30 at Whitcomb St.), Merrillville

Adults \$17 • Kids under 12 \$8.50

(separate checks; a la carte menu also available)



**RSVP by Saturday night, January 19** to [erica@federationonline.org](mailto:erica@federationonline.org) or online at [federationonline.org/upcoming-events](http://federationonline.org/upcoming-events)

# Community Calendar: January-February 2019 / Shvat-Adar [5779]

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	שבת
<b>JAN 13</b>	7 Shvat	<b>14</b> 8 Shvat	<b>15</b> 9 Shvat	<b>16</b> 10 Shvat	<b>17</b> 11 Shvat	<b>18</b> 12 Shvat	<b>19</b> 13 Shvat
	10-11am Torah Studies	10am AFC Social Hour	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	1-5pm Mah Jongg	11am-12pm Chair Yoga	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
	11am-12pm Great Jewish Minds: Victor Frankl	11am Yiddish Singalong with Mrs. Y	1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan	12-4pm Mah Jongg	11:30am-2:30pm Prime Timers: 3 Floyds	7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services
	1pm Sisterhood Soup & Games Day			7pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	4-8pm Canasta		
					7pm Virtual Hike of Israel's National Trail (Session 1: South Trail)		
					7-9pm Taste of Mussar (Class Orientation)		
<b>JAN 20</b>	14 Shvat	<b>21</b> 15 Shvat	<b>22</b> 16 Shvat	<b>23</b> 17 Shvat	<b>24</b> 18 Shvat	<b>25</b> 19 Shvat	<b>26</b> 20 Shvat
	10-11am Torah Studies	TU BISHVAT (New Year of the Trees)	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	1-5pm Mah Jongg	Hot Dog/Salami Sale Order Deadline	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
	7pm JewEL Buffet Dinner at Aladdin Pita	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan	12-4pm Mah Jongg	4-8pm Canasta	11am-12pm Chair Yoga	9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services
		10am AFC Social Hour		7pm Board Meeting		6:30-7:30pm Family Worship Service	5:30pm Trivia LIGHT
		11am AFC - Downton Abbey		7pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class		7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	
<b>JAN 27</b>	21 Shvat	<b>28</b> 22 Shvat	<b>29</b> 23 Shvat	<b>30</b> 24 Shvat	<b>31</b> 25 Shvat	<b>FEB 1</b> 26 Shvat	<b>2</b> 27 Shvat
	Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Council of Communities Summit			12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	1-5pm Mah Jongg	11am-12pm Chair Yoga	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
	10-11am Torah Studies	10am AFC Art & Focus (Center for Performing Arts) + lunch out	10-11am Women's Class	12-4pm Mah Jongg	4-8pm Canasta	7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services
	12:30pm Taste of Mussar (Class Orientation)	6pm Partnership Summit Community Meet & Greet Dinner (Mascot Hall of Fame)	NO GROUP - SUSAN OUT	7pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	7pm Virtual Hike of Israel's National Trail (Session 2: Central Trail)		
	6pm Partnership Summit Festive Opening Dinner		7pm Federation Book Club: <i>The Tattooist of Auschwitz</i>				
<b>FEB 3</b>	28 Shvat	<b>4</b> 29 Shvat	<b>5</b> 30 Shvat	<b>6</b> 1 Adar I	<b>7</b> 2 Adar I	<b>8</b> 3 Adar I	<b>9</b> 4 Adar I
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		11am "Page Turners" Book Club	11am-2pm Salami Sale Pickup (at Federation)	12-4pm Mah Jongg	4-8pm Canasta	6-9pm Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner	9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services
			10-11am Women's Class	7pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	7pm Mussar Class	7:30pm-9:30pm Shabbat Services	7pm Brotherhood Sweetheart's Dinner
			1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan				
<b>FEB 10</b>	5 Adar I	<b>11</b> 6 Adar I	<b>12</b> 7 Adar I	<b>13</b> 8 Adar I	<b>14</b> 9 Adar I	<b>15</b> 10 Adar I	<b>16</b> 11 Adar I
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	11am-12pm Great Jewish Minds: David Hartman	11am AFC Program: David Roldan	1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan	12-4pm Mah Jongg	1-5pm Mah Jongg	11am-12pm Chair Yoga	9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services
		4-6pm Endowment Committee Meeting		7pm Virtual Hike of Israel's National Trail (Session 3: North Trail)	4-8pm Canasta	7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	10-11am Family Worship Service
				7pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class			
<b>FEB 17</b>	12 Adar I	<b>18</b> 13 Adar I	<b>19</b> 14 Adar I	<b>20</b> 15 Adar I	<b>21</b> 16 Adar I	<b>22</b> 17 Adar I	<b>23</b> 18 Adar I
	10-11am Torah Studies	Presidents' Day	PURIM KATAN	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	1-5pm Mah Jongg	11am-12pm Chair Yoga	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
		10am AFC Social Hour	10-11am Women's Class	12-4pm Mah Jongg	4-8pm Canasta	7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12pm Shabbat Services
		11am AFC Program	1-2pm Heart to Heart Group with Susan	7:30-9:30pm Board Meeting	6-8pm Cooking Class with Eitan	7:30-8:30pm Sisterhood Shabbat	10am Bar Mitzvah of Mason Duda
				7pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah	7pm Mussar Class		
<b>FEB 24</b>	19 Adar I	<b>25</b> 20 Adar I	<b>26</b> 21 Adar I	<b>27</b> 22 Adar I	<b>28</b> 23 Adar I	<b>MAR 1</b> 24 Adar I	<b>2</b> 25 Adar I
	10-11am Torah Studies	10am AFC Social Hour	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	1-5pm Mah Jongg	11am-12pm Chair Yoga	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
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	1-3pm K'Ton Ton Open House			7pm Board Meeting			
				7pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah			

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## If Birds Can Fly, Why Can't We?

by **RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV**

Sixty-eight years ago, in January 1951, the Lubavitcher Rebbe officially took over the leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. It was at a "farbrengen" marking the one year anniversary of the passing of his father-in-law, the previous Rebbe, after a year of resisting to officially take the position.

In his remarks at the event, the Rebbe implied why he was initially reluctant; he did not want people to rely on him for their productivity or for their spirituality. He explained

that he expected every single member of the community to be active and play a role in rebuilding the Jewish world that had been so decimated in the recent Holocaust. The Rebbe also wanted each person to be responsible for his/her own spiritual growth rather than depend entirely on him (as was the norm in other Chassidic circles to that point).

He used a common Yiddish idiom, "Leigt zich nisht arain kein feigelach in buzem," literally meaning, "Do not place birds in your bosom."

Some research into the background of this phrase led me to an interesting anecdote in the history of aviation. For many years, before the invention of an airplane by the Wright Brothers, people attempted various methods to be able to fly. One such method was to put a bird—a natural aviator—in your shirt, and then to walk off a cliff, expecting to fly. The obvious absurdity of this experiment was clearly lost on these people, for if we are going to fly, it would require actual avionics, not just keeping a bird in our pocket.

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

With this reminder, the Rebbe set the standard for Chabad into the future. As part of his mission statement, he declared that while it's important to have a spiritual leader for guidance, if you want to see progress, you need to go out and achieve it yourself. Don't put birds in your pocket and expect to fly. Don't expect the Rebbe to do everything for you; that's not how it works.

The Rebbe's ability to empower others is legendary. Thousands of the Rebbe's emissaries and tens of thousands of followers and admirers around the world have been energized and inspired to affect and influence the world around us; to enhance Jewish life wherever it may be; to reach out to fellow Jews and all people, offering spiritual and material assistance.

And we accomplish this by creating our own wings and taking off. 🌍

### SAVE THE DATE

## Chabad's Annual Purim Celebration

Bigger and better than ever!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

## Hadassah



## Salami Sale

by **MARLENE KAPLAN**

It's coming! It's coming! It's HERE! No, not spring—the Illiana Hadassah Kosher Hot Dog and Salami Sale/Fundraiser. My mouth starts to water when I think about the various ways to eat the salami: in a sandwich, with eggs, sliced and microwaved, baked whole covered with barbecue sauce, sliced and broiled into salami cups. And that's not all. These salamis can be frozen and used for Passover (with matzah).

Then there are the hot dogs. Six come vacuum-packed. Everyone has a favorite way to eat hot dogs. Since we are outside the Chicago city limits, even putting ketchup on them is permissible.

The hot dogs and salamis come directly from the Romanian Sausage Company in Chicago and will be ready for you to pick up at the Jewish Federation on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 between 11:00am and 2:00pm. However, these kosher, delicious, vacuum-packed, freezable, memory-evoking, lip-smacking salamis and hot dogs **must be ordered by January**

**25, 2019.** Call Marlene Kaplan at 219-922-6757 to order or for more information. Donation for hot dogs is \$10. Donation for salami is \$14.

On another note, Tu Bshvat is also coming—and what better way to celebrate than by buying a tree in memory/honor of someone special. Hadassah partners with JNF to plant trees in Israel in places where they are needed most. The newest project is the Greening of the Negev. Call Sylvia Strick at 219-836-1108 to purchase trees.

And, oh yes, spring will be coming along too, if not just yet. 🌍



## Find a Treasure

by RABBI MORDECHAI LEVIN

When searching for happiness, joy or meaning in life, we sometimes look too far in the distance, rather than within or around us.

I'm reminded of a story told by the Jewish philosopher Martin Buber, about a man who lived several centuries ago with his five daughters in a humble house in Prague. One night, he had a strange dream. He dreamed that far away, in the city of Krakow, was a treasure buried under a bridge. He awoke and dismissed

the dream, but the following night the dream visited him again. In it, he saw himself digging under the bridge and uncovering this treasure. He awoke, surprised to have had this same dream, but went about his day.

That night, he dreamed the exact dream yet once more, and when he awoke he could no longer ignore it. That same morning, he set off on the long journey to Krakow. When he arrived some days later, he searched the city until things began to look familiar and he came upon a bridge exactly like the one in his dream. But just as he put his foot on the shovel, a guard came along and said, "What are you doing, digging under a public bridge?"

The man from Krakow told him all about the dream. The guard listened



and then began to laugh. "You are a foolish man. Everyone may dream such nonsense. In fact, for three nights, I have dreamed that in Prague there is a man and buried beneath his fireplace is a treasure. The dream is very vivid, but do you think I would waste my time pursuing such a crazy dream?"

The man hurried back home to Prague, went inside his house and immediately began digging under his fireplace. Indeed, buried there was a treasure that was sufficient enough for him to live comfortably for the rest of his life.

Some people spend their lives searching for blessings, meaning, joy and happiness in faraway places, because they do not recognize the treasures they already possess. Often, what is very close to us is the hardest thing to see.

Before we begin to search for faraway treasures, let us be aware of the treasures that may be nearby: the warmth and the joy of family and friends, the beauty of nature; the wisdom and inspirational teachings of Judaism; the love and protecting guidance of God. All of these, and more, may be very close to us. As it is written in the Hebrew Bible (Proverbs 15:6): "In the house of the righteous there is much treasure." 🌍

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER

**Friday, January 11:** 6:00pm service followed by 7:00pm dinner. \$10.00 per person; \$5.00 children 12 and under. Reservations required by Tuesday, January 8: office@cbi-nwi.org or call 219-922-0101.

### 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.



### CHILDREN'S WINTER COAT & ACCESSORY DRIVE

The CBI Social Action Committee will be designating the whole month of January as "The Winter Coat and Accessory Drive" to help students at Lafayette Elementary School. Place your items in the bin provided at CBI.

### GREAT JEWISH MINDS: DAVID HARTMAN

**Sunday, February 10, 11:00am–12:00pm:**

Join Rabbi Levin to watch and discuss an interview of Rabbi David Hartman, founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. He was a leading thinker among philosophers of contemporary Judaism and an internationally renowned Jewish author. He promoted a liberal brand of Orthodoxy and created a study center that expressed his commitment to pluralism by bringing together leaders from all strains of Judaism. 🌍



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

## INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS: FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Temple Beth-El will celebrate its new officers: President Larry Gill, Vice President Michael Oberman, Secretary Linda Dunn, Treasurer Sam Colton, and Financial Secretary Miriam Marcus. The following members are new to the board: Radmilla Sasic and Jessie Jury.

## SHABBAT SHIRA: FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

A highlight of the year for the Temple Beth-El adult choir, led by music director Kristin Stern, is Shabbat Shira—with the chanting of the Song (Crossing) of the Sea in the Book of Exodus. Our celebration of Shabbat Shira features the entire Shabbat Eve service in song. The community is invited to share this special Shabbat in song with us. Call the office at 219-934-9600 for details.

## THE WORLD OF MUSSAR: JEWISH ETHICAL TEACHINGS

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. Mussar has been undergoing a revival in the Jewish world, and we are fortunate to be able to offer this curriculum 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 prerequisites 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.

This 19-week course will begin with an orientation session on January 17 or January 27, then meet every other week, starting on Thursday, February 7, and ending June 6. You will receive a copy of the course textbook, *Everyday Holiness* by Alan Morinis, and we will explore these soul traits together in group meetings and personal study and practice.

Mussar offers a Jewish pathway and a set of teachings that will help you find your way toward becoming your best self, and our community to reach its higher potential. Take advantage of this unique opportunity by registering at the temple office. A \$90 fee covers the textbook, *Everyday Holiness*, and related materials. Rabbi Leonard Zukrow, who was trained by the Mussar Institute under its director Alan Morinis, will be the instructor for this course. Call the office at 219-934-9600 for details and registration. ☺



▲ Students volunteering at the Food Bank of NWI



▲ Chanukah Dinner

► Jerry Kaye, director emeritus at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute Camp, sharing Chanukah stories



◀ Barbara Bame was awarded Woman of Valor at the Midwest Women of Reform Judaism conference in Milwaukee, WI.



▲ Our Junior Choir with director Terri Hendrickson at their Hartsfield Village Chanukah Performance



## Temple Topics

by DR. MARK SPERLING

The month of December really flew by for Temple Israel as we celebrated Hanukkah as a community, conducted our regular services on Friday and a special Torah service when the Rabbi was present on a Saturday morning. We discussed the important topic of how to reach out to those who are ill or have recently lost a member of their family in our Adult Education series.

In January, we will be starting a new Adult Education Chai Mitzvah series, conducted by Rabbi Damsky. This is a 10-part series dealing with important topics in Judaism including: Adult Rites of Passage, Interpersonal Relationships, Mindfulness and Conscious Living, Adding new insights into the Passover Seder and many more. I think you will find this a valuable series to attend. The series is designed to create a global conversation and link individuals across the Jewish world together.

January 1st marks the beginning of the secular New Year of 2019. During 2018, we have had many positive experiences at our Temple that we can be proud of. Fortunately, we gained in membership, transitioned to a new administration, conducted a vigil for those lost in the Pittsburgh massacre, assisted in conducting an interfaith Thanksgiving service, saluted our many founding members and members of the military at our Veterans Day service, had a great Hanukkah pot luck, grew our Gan Shalom garden, conducted a yard sale to support Gan Shalom, conducted wonderful High Holiday services, and the list goes on. Our Social

Action committee was as active as ever, protesting against harsh standards for immigrants coming into America and against a company that would have brought increased pollution into the Gary community.

Introducing Trivia Light, this year's edition of our famous Trivia Night. Our crew decided to take a year off to get some needed R & R. We will present a night of trivia, costumes, dancing, prizes, and the thrill of out-doing and out-doing your neighbors. We hope to have a full house for Trivia Light!

I couldn't be prouder of what we as a community have accomplished during 2018. Our Officers—Robin, Sean, Susie, Mitch, Steve, Lisa, and Ron—our Committee Chairs, Past Presidents and Board have kept the focus on doing what is right for our membership. Plenty of activities, positive involvement with the Jewish Federation of NWI (with Sean Egan, serving as its President), Social Action mission, and a strong inter-faith community. I wish all of you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2019! 🌟

# TRIVIA LIGHT

(a trivial event)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019 | DOORS OPEN 5:30PM**

TEMPLE ISRAEL SOCIAL HALL  
601 N. Montgomery Street, Gary, IN 46403

Temple Israel's Trivia Masters are taking a sabbatical in 2019 in order to scour the world for its most trivial facts and useless information.

**SO WHILE THE PROFESSORS ARE AWAY, WE'RE GOING TO PARTY!**

TRIVIA LIGHT will still feature all the things you love about Trivia Night – trivia, costumes, prizes, and the thrill of trying to outsmart and outdo your neighbors. But this year we're adding **LIVE MUSIC** and a **50/50 RAFFLE!**

- COSTUME CONTEST!**  
Prizes awarded for Best Group Costume, Most Creative Costume, and Best Miller-Beach-Themed Costume.
- TEST YOUR SMARTS!**  
Enter the Trivia Contest for the chance to win exciting prizes.
- GREAT FOOD!**  
Enjoy complimentary snacks and desserts with admission. Slices of Miller Pizza will be available for purchase.
- CASH BAR!**  
Enjoy your favorite libations from our full-service cash bar.

Sponsors include Levin Tire Center, Inc. and Dr. Neal Richter of Richter Dental!

**ADMISSION: \$20**

**MUSIC & DANCING!**  
Groove to the hottest new Top 40s, R&B, and Soul group in NWI - the Uptown Dance Band!

**uptown dance band**

Information and Reservations: 219-938-5232 or templeisraelmiller@gmail.com

# A Fun-Filled Week of the Festival of Lights

by MICHELLE B. TOMAN

The Temple Israel/Sinai (Bet HaSefer) Sunday school children celebrated Hanukkah with music, crafts, games and a discussion of the story of Hanukkah. One of Temple Israel's own members created a wonderful

dreidel piñata for the kids to smash and enjoy the goodies inside.

At Temple Israel, the community—including the Beit HaSefer from Temples Israel and Sinai—enjoyed a Hanukkah dinner Friday with delicious brisket and latkes and lots of

music. Congregants of all ages had a wonderful time.

The Grand Finale was a Hanukkah party at the home of Chad and Orlee Glazer. Members of both Temples Israel and Sinai attended! 🌟



Hanukkah festivities with Sinai Temple in Michigan City.



## 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 met in Valpo for the first half of the school year and will meet 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.



◀ Judy Jacobi leads Friday services with Mark Jacobi’s commentary



▶ December 14, 2018: Celebrating Estelle Katz’s 99th Birthday



▲ More December Birthdays celebrated



▲ ▶ Annual “Chinese & Movie” Evening

## 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.

**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.

## FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Thursday evenings:** The “Up-Beat Off-Beat Film Club” continues every Thursday evening to amuse, entertain & educate the not-snowbirds. Contact the Temple office for specifics.

**Friday evening, February 15:** We celebrate Sylvia Coslov becoming a Bat Mitzvah. 🌟



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Susan Tepperman, our social worker, has been helping individuals, families and groups of people to cope with issues of loneliness, grief and financial hardship. Susan helps community members sort through these feelings that most of us face at some point in our lives. Her no-nonsense yet compassionate disposition helps people develop their skills and their ability to use their own resources, as well as those of the community, to resolve problems. We are truly fortunate to have Susan as part of the team.

Another beautiful sound that you will often hear at the Federation is that of little children laughing and playing. Under the skillful leadership of director Erin Nowakowski, our K'Ton Ton preschool still maintains its distinguished reputation as Northwest Indiana's elite preschool. Erin and her staff continue to incorporate the latest trends in early childhood education. Erin leads the charge in creating a developmentally appropriate, warm and positive environment with core Jewish values and traditions. She and her staff conduct frequent staff development sessions with guidance from some of the top early childhood educators in the country. Additionally, this past year we saw a drastic increase in revenue from K'Ton Ton. This is largely due to increased enrollment and quality after school programming such as cooking classes, creative movement, music, book club and young explorers. Keep up the good work!

If you've been to the Federation this past year, you were most likely greeted by the ever smiley and delightful Rachel Saller. Rachel heads up the front office, youth and young adult programming. Some of her

youth and young adult programs have included hiking in the Dunes, ice skating and whitewater rafting. Additionally, Rachel has transformed the Federation-affiliated program Prime Timers. Under her guidance, this program continues to grow in both membership and frequency of outings. On average, 40 participants attend various programs from dumpling making in Chinatown to a bus tour through the southside of Chicago with a stop at Manny's Deli.

Another person at the Federation that has also shifted and developed into a new position this year is Jennifer Rodriguez, our bookkeeper and office manager. Most of us at the Federation wear different hats at different times, and Jennifer's hats are too many to count. Jennifer handles all billing for K'Ton Ton, JCY, special programs, endowments and annual campaign. She also handles all Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and work orders for the building. She is often heard asking the question "How do you intend to pay for that program?" Additionally, Jennifer provides support to staff members in a variety of areas. Her attention to detail and extreme trustworthiness make Jennifer an asset to the Federation.

Erica Yakovetz is a new face at the Federation. Erica joined our Federation family full time in late October. However, Erica has been working with us on the Illiana News print newsletter since March of 2018. If you have been enjoying the refreshed Illiana News, we have Erica to thank. Erica's responsibilities are not just limited to the newsletter. She also heads up all our media content and shares programming responsibilities with Rachel. Our website, Facebook and other social media presence are all under her purview.

We look forward to many years of working with Erica.

I have also been fortunate enough to work closely with our fearless JCY camp leaders. Rachel, Brooke, and Heather make you wish you were a camper! Year after year, campers and counselors return to JCY because of these leaders. From their field trips to Zig-E's Funland to rainy-day activities like butter making experiences, they make each day a fun-filled adventure. We continue to push the boundaries of traditional day camps with child-focused programs and activities. Most of our advertising occurs by word of mouth—parents telling other parents how exhausted their children are when they come home and how they can't wait to see what's in store for them the next day. From themed weeks, "pie your favorite counselor" on Friday, and ice cream trucks, our JCY campers experience all the joys of childhood.

One of the major highlights of this past year was Federation's Innovation & Culture Mission to Israel. Under the direction of our chair, Carol Culberg, Federation took 20 community members to experience the wonder and beauty of our homeland. Thank you, Carol, for making this trip so memorable and meaningful.

Last but certainly not least, I want to acknowledge the support and guidance of the Board of Directors. YOU have supported the mission and work of the Jewish Federation of NWI. While we all have different leadership skills, goals and aspirations for this community, the one common denominator is our collective love of our small but tightly-knit community. My resolve and commitment to supporting Jewish life and the Jewish community in Northwest Indiana remains strong and unwavering. 🌍

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## Obituaries

### SANDRA E. MILLER

PEORIA, IL—Sandra Miller, age 83, of Frankfort, IL, passed away on Monday, Dec. 31, 2018. She was born on June 26, 1935, in Chicago to Sidney and Eva (Cohen) Shapiro. She was married to Fred Miller for nearly 64 years. He survives along with two sons: Glenn (Peggy) Miller of Peoria, Paul (Susan) Miller of Carmel, IN, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Private graveside services were held.

### SHIRLEY "JEAN" ROSENTHAL



MILLER—Jean Rosenthal, age 96, passed away December 30, 2018. Born on March 4, 1922, she was a

member of Temple Israel in Gary (Miller) and Miller Art League. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Emil Rosenthal, in 1991. She is survived by her daughters, Serene (Rick Rousseau) Rosenthal and Denise Rosenthal, and granddaughter April (Jason Rodrigues) Rousseau.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 3, 2019, at Burns Funeral Home in Hobart, with Rabbi Robin Damsky officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family. 🕯

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## 2018 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting, which took place on December 16, is a chance for the community to come together, hear what the Federation has accomplished over the past year, ratify the coming year's Board of Directors, and honor Federation volunteers with a variety of Community & Special Service Awards.

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