

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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2014 Campaign breaks \$500,000



Our 2014 Federation Campaign opened with a challenge. 32 donors, whose pledges totaled \$112,000 in 2013, had died or moved out of town. Could we make up the difference? Getting to \$500,000 became our priority. A 5% increase with our current donor base will bring us to \$512,000. We are very close, thanks to our generous donors (see pages 12-13) and our very capable campaign team led by Terry Feldbaum.

Yom HaShoah events to feature Larry Moses

The Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley will mark the 2014 Yom HaShoah Days of Remembrance with two programs featuring guest speaker Larry Moses.

Our annual community Yom Hashoah commemoration service and candle lighting ceremony will be held on **Sunday, April 27 at 5:30 PM** at the Jewish Federation. Larry Moses will speak on *Remembering the Holocaust – The Search for Personal and Collective Meaning*, giving us his perspective as the child of a

Holocaust survivor.

During our Yom Hashoah program, the Federation will honor local survivors of the Holocaust or their relatives with a short program led by our Shlichah Reut and the SaBaBaH group.

The Federation is also honoring the late Lois Gunden, an American Mennonite who helped save Jewish children while in France during the Holocaust, by inviting her still living relatives in Goshen, IN to our commemoration.



Larry Moses

Unto Every Person There is a Name on April 28

Judge Michael Gotch will open his courtroom for

Please turn to Holocaust on Page 15

Nominations for Schpok Spirit of Federation Award requested

The first Betty and Sam Schpok Spirit of Federation Awards will be presented at the Jewish Federation's Annual Meeting. The award will be given annually to honor two individuals who have demonstrated personal commitment, dedication and leadership to the Jewish Federation or the community. The recipients will receive a stipend to participate in a community mission to Israel, national conference, such as

the JFNA General Assembly or AIPAC, or to donate to a Jewish nonprofit of their choice.

All Jewish organizations and individuals are invited to nominate candidates. Nominations for the Spirit of Federation Award are due to the Federation by May 1, 2014. A committee named by the Federation will select the winners.

Nominations should include the Nominee's name, contact information,

and qualifications for the award: list the Nominee's current and past service to the Jewish community of St. Joseph Valley; explain how the Nominee has made a significant investment of time and shown a passion for Jewish life in our community and/or globally; explain how the Nominee has been a role model who inspires others to serve the Jewish community. Please call the Federation for more information.

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From the Executive Desk

Hello Jewish Michiana,

Many thanks to all of our partner organizations: South Bend Hebrew Day School, Sinai Synagogue, Hebrew Orthodox Congregation, Temple Beth-El, Temple B'nai Shalom, Midwest Torah Center, Michiana Jewish Historical Society, and Hebrew Orthodox Cemetery Association, for all of their support during our time without water. It is greatly appreciated, and it was wonderful watching the entire community coming together.

If you were able to join us on the evening of the March 6th for the talk from Israel Consul General Roey Gilad, then I know you join me in feeling honored by his visit. His genuine and warm demeanor

and pragmatic and down-to-earth view on the issues really helped put things into better perspective and to be able to filter through all the over-politicized news about Israel we hear through the regular media. If you missed hearing him speak here in South Bend and get another opportunity elsewhere, I encourage you to take advantage.



Day School students present a \$723 check to Lizzie Fagen for the Kosher Food Pantry.

With Passover approaching, I also want to thank the South Bend Hebrew Day School for sponsoring a read-a-thon for the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry that allows the Federation to stock the Kosher Food Pantry and to get Kosher for Passover food to needy families all around Michiana for the holiday. The kids did a truly amazing job, and their parents and teachers should be very proud. Todah Rabah.

L'Shalom,

Ben

Ben Davis, Executive Vice President



Ben Davis, Consul General Roey Gilad, Bob Feferman, Reut Oz. On March 6th, the Federation hosted Israel Consul General Roey Gilad for a Middle East update. Our thanks and appreciation to Rabbi Friedland and Sinai Synagogue for their hospitality.

Camp season adds two additional weeks, special rates

After such a bitter winter season, it is hard to believe that in a few short months the sun will be shining on the grass and flowers, school will be letting out for the summer, and once again it will be time for camp! The Federation is excited to announce that by popular request, we will be adding two weeks of

camp to our schedule this summer starting with Tik-kun Olam Week, June 23-27 and All-American Week, June 30-July 3. In July we have Sports Week July 7-11, Nature Week, July 14-18, Arts Week, July 21-25, and Israel Week, July 28-Aug. 1.

Children may attend any or all weeks of camp, and

there are discounts for those who sign up for 4 or 6 weeks. Also, camperships are available for families with financial hardship. Register on our website, www.thejewishfed.org, or complete the registration form on page 20 and return it to our office. See you in June!



The mission of the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley is to serve the Jewish people—locally, in Israel, and throughout the world—through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services, and educational activities.

In the Gallery at the Jewish Federation

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

Poetry of Pastel

On Exhibit through April 30, 2014

The Northern Indiana Pastel Society welcomes artists from Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois. The society is a member of the International Association of Pastel Societies and is the only pastel society in Indiana.

Coming to the Federation Art Gallery in May



© Marlene Laskey Hollenkamp 2013

Messages by Marlene

Artist's Reception

Sunday, May 18, 2014 ♦ 2:00 – 4:00 PM

On Exhibit May 5 – June 6

This show introduces the beautiful floral messaging codes designed and developed by artist, Marlene Laskey Hollenkamp.

CODED ART



Having photographed hundreds of flowers, Marlene assembled a collection and assigned 36 of them to an alphabet and number key. Enlarged above the coded grid, the photos create beautiful floral messages. Unlike fresh cut flowers, these are certain to never wilt!

Her newest series utilizes the coded grid with themed images and keys in Hebrew.

The **PLEATED ART** style was initially introduced as a means to convey historical perspective. As a teacher, Marlene guided her students in creating four Israel land maps, reflecting historic border changes. As a finished piece, the art was viewed from one angle, revealing one map. Viewed a few steps to the right, the look back reveals the map as it was earlier in history. Marlene currently uses this same technique utilizing her own photographs as well as photographic and public domain images to record and reflect on geographic and human changes.

Attention All Artists and Crafters

The Jewish Federation will host an **Arts & Crafts Fair** on Sunday, November 16, 2014. If you are interested in selling your work/merchandise, please contact Monika Wayne for details about our art fair policies: mwayne@thejewishfed.org or 574-233-1164.

Give us a name! We are looking for a name for the Arts & Crafts Fair. Please send your suggestions to Monika Wayne at the above email or phone. The winner will receive a small prize!

Join us for our Wednesday lunches!

April 9, 2014 at Noon

Pre-Pesach Lunch: Chametz Heaven

*The search is on for Chametz, I know a place to look,
The Jewish Federation has a pretty crafty cook –
She's gonna clean the cupboards and make a
carb-filled lunch
With pasta, rice, and sandwiches to feed our
hungry bunch*

Helen Pollak will play piano and her repertoire will include Pesach, Purim, and classical music.

A very **Happy Birthday** to our community members 60 and older who have April birthdays!

Cost: \$5.00 Please RSVP to 574-233-1164.

Wednesday, April 30 at Noon

Lunch and Learn:

Foster Grandparenting

Pam Welch, Real Services Foster Grandparent Program Director

The Foster Grandparent Program offers low income individuals aged 55 and older opportunities to serve as mentors and tutors for children and youth with special/exceptional needs or who are considered to be at risk. Foster Grandparents share their time and talents volunteering at programs such as Head Start, YWCA, Schools and Day Care Centers.

Save these dates. Put these coming Holiday and Birthday Lunch celebrations on your calendar

May 28, 2014:

Shavuot

June 9, 2014:

Summer

And our Lunch and Learn dates are:

May 14 ** Lunch will be at 11 AM**

**Our guest will be Andrew Berlin,
Owner of the South Bend Silver Hawks**

Reservations are requested. Please call us at 574-233-1164 to let us know you are coming.

Lunches are only \$5.00 per person.

Transportation is available. Please call the Federation office if you need a ride.



Caring Connections *By Lizzie Fagen, Jewish Family Services Director*

To say that this winter has been a hard one – is an understatement—to say the least! Frigid temperatures, car difficulties, frozen pipes, endless amounts of snow to shovel, emergency and non-emergency snow days—these are just some of the consequences of a winter gone wild. As my friend and colleague, Stephanie Scharf, notes “This winter knows no moderation.” And it certainly does not. Here it is March, and as I write this column, the forecast calls for wind gusts of 35 mph and a snowfall of 1-3 inches.

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of this winter for the Federation staff, was the frozen pipe buried underneath our parking lot that caused a water shut-down in our building for three weeks. Staff learned to work with one another while using a PORT -A-JOHN and a hot water pot. The experience brought staff interactions and relations to a whole new level! Enough said....

I have found myself, at times, during this winter, struggling to shed the “weariness” that can arise out of chronic difficulties and inconveniences. I would like to write that I met my colleagues with a positive “can do” attitude every day and that I was a role-model of positive optimism for my family on a daily basis—but, of

course, I can not. I struggled this winter with the darkness and frigid temperatures while trying to maintain a sense of balance in my life. I had to search deeply to find the “light” to guide me towards renewal and future growth while feeling so cold and frozen inside.

And as is so often the case, if I had only been paying closer attention to my over-all surroundings and not so focused on my immediate inconveniences—I would have seen the on-going moments of inspiration that occurred daily throughout this winter. All that was needed was my thoughtful attention to the “every day”. Here are some of the moments that inspired.

In January, Jewish Family Services (JFS), received a phone-call and e-mail from the South Bend Hebrew Day School (SBHDS) fourth-grade teacher asking if JFS would, for the third consecutive year, partner with day school students for their school reading challenge. Students would read; parents/teachers/friends would pledge—all monetary proceeds would go to the Federation’s Kosher Food Pantry. Perfect timing for the Passover Season. What was so unexpected from this wonderful partnership was the 20 beautiful hand-made care packages (created by older students working with

younger ones) that were given to the Federation to be dispersed at Jewish Family Services’s discretion. These care-packages were spontaneously created by the school. They were made and given by the hearts and loving attention of the students.

Another instance of guiding inspiration has been the on-going commitment and partnership of our community’s synagogues, and day-school to house Federation programs that needed to be moved off-site during our water crisis. This example of different community entities taking care of the community as a whole – has underscored the fact that we are a compassionate community. Compassionate communities take care of one another. The Federation needed the community and it responded. Thank you.

As we enter the Passover season – when the Jewish people began the slow challenging process of transforming themselves from a slave people to a nation of free people – I think about our community’s support of one another

and the gift of communal responsibility within freedom. During the forty years it took the people of Israel to get to the promised land – many challenges presented themselves. Challenges that sometimes made the people weary. But through those challenges the Jewish people learned to bond together as a community – as a nation—and learned how to transform themselves, together. Challenges present themselves on any road we take, in whatever season we find ourselves, in whatever community we live. But these very challenges can be transformative when a community commits itself to the common good for all. This is the community that presented itself to me and to the Federation during this harsh winter. This is the community we are.

As we enter spring with its gentle warmth and light, may we continue to grow together from strength to strength. Chag sameach v’kasher. May your Passover season be joyous and inspirational.



**Warmest Wishes
for a Joyous
Passover Season**

**Jewish Family
Services**



Call to all knitters/crocheters

There are more than 2.7 million children in southern Africa who are alone, vulnerable or orphaned as a result of AIDS and poverty. Knitters around the world are working to make blankets for these sick children. "For my bat mitzvah project, I want to help these children," says Hannah Schlossmacher of Temple Beth-El. "I found KasCare, an organization that collects knitted or crocheted squares and sews them into blankets. If you knit a square, an orphan in South Africa will be wrapped in your love."

Hannah is asking knitters and crocheters to make 8" squares. You can knit or crochet any pattern you like, as long as your squares measure 8 x 8 inches. Please make your square as 'square' as possible. Make sure the 20 inch tails are butterflyed to the square. Once your squares are finished drop them off at Temple Beth-El or the Jewish Federation by May 1, 2014.

You can contact Hannah through her mom, Stephanie by email: stephanie.schlossmacher@gmail.com or Monika Wayne at mwayne@thejewishfed.org. Please go to www.knit-a-square.com/knitting-instructions.html for patterns, instructions, and more info.

April Senior Activity Group

The Senior Activity Group meets Thursdays at Tanglewood from 12:30 to 2:00 PM three times a month. Individuals not living at Tanglewood are always welcome to participate. There is no charge for this program.

Dates and activities are as follows:

Thursday, April 3

12:30-1:30 PM – Art with Todd Hoover

1:30-2:00 PM – Coffee Break & Snacks

Thursday, April 10

12:30-1:30 PM – Exercise with Jim Fischhoff

1:30-2:00 PM – Coffee Break. Passover treats and discussion about Pesach

Thursday, April 17

No Senior Activity Group due to Passover

Thursday, April 24

12:30-1:30 PM – Music by Chris Robinson

1:30-2:00 PM – Coffee Break

Questions? Please call Lizzie Fagen, 574-233-1164.

Senior Activity Group has been generously underwritten by the Ronald S. & Nancy Plotkin Cohen Endowment Fund.

Weekly Programs

Mondays

Needle Arts Group... 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



Our Needle Arts Group knits, crochets, does needlepoint and other projects. We welcome all skill levels, can provide instruction, and also can supply materials. You can bring your own project, help us with our charity projects, or come to learn.

Donations of any needle arts materials are always welcome.

Children are welcome, too. Suggested ages: 3rd grade and up.

NB: Needle Arts will not meet on April 21.

Tuesdays

Tai Chi ...Tuesdays 10 – 11AM:

Our Tai Chi Class is taught by Cindy Cortez. Wear loose clothing, flat soled athletic shoes, and bring a bottle of water.

Tuesday Afternoons at the Federation... 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Because we believe that having fun and socializing is healthy we are starting a new program with games, movies and more. Here's our April schedule:

April 1: Board and/or card games 2:00– 4:00 PM

April 8: Movie Club: showing *Capote*, with Phillip Seymour Hoffman, who won the Academy Award for Best Actor.

1st Showing at 4:00 PM. Discussion at 6:00 PM led by Cathy Blum

"Addiction- Can We Save the Addict?" 2nd showing at 7:00 PM.

April 17 and 22: Federation office closed.

April 29: Telling Our Stories. 2:00– 4:00 PM

A continuation of the workshops with Gabrielle Robinson.

First timers are welcome.

May 6: Movie Club: Showing *Moneyball* with Phillip Seymour Hoffman. First showing at 4:00 PM. Discussion at 6:00 PM: "How Has Money Ruined Baseball?" Second showing at 7:00 PM.

Wednesdays



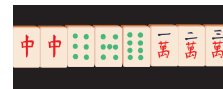
Sit and Be Fit . . . 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Those who attended this class in the past few months can attest to the benefits of this exercise and the fun we are having. Please join us to work with weights, bands, tubes and balls.

Fridays

Mahjong Class . . . 1:00 PM – 3 :00 PM

Anita Fishman is teaching us how to play Mahjong!



For questions or suggestions about any of these weekly programs, please contact Monika Wayne at mwayne@thejewishfed.org or call 574-233-1164.

MICHIANA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

4th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival May 12, 2014 through May 15, 2014

All films will be shown and tickets sold at the
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Monday, May 12 at 5:00 PM ~ Dancing in Jaffa

For generations, Jaffa has been a city divided by two communities that continue to grow increasingly apart. Over a ten-week period, Pierre Dulaine, four-time ballroom dancing world champion, teaches Jewish and Palestinian Israeli children to dance and compete together, confirming his belief that dance can overcome hatred and provide the first steps towards real change.



Monday, May 12 at 7:30 PM ~ The Attack

Amin Jaafari is an Israeli Palestinian surgeon, fully assimilated into Tel Aviv society. His life is turned upside down after a suicide bombing in which Sihem, Amin's wife who died in the attack, was responsible. Convinced of his wife's innocence, Amin enters the Palestinian territories in pursuit of answers to questions he never thought he would be asking.

Tuesday, May 13 at 5:00 PM ~ Reporting on the Times: The New York Times and the Holocaust ~ Shadow In Baghdad

Reporting on the Times ~ This short documentary explores how the New York Times handled reports of the Holocaust and examines whether it was a simple oversight or the effects of fear of anti-Semitic backlash.

Shadow in Baghdad ~ An Iraqi journalist sets out to research Linda Abdul Aziz, and Iraqi Jew who escaped to Israel in the 70's and whose father disappeared in Baghdad. Their correspondence slowly uncovers the truth of her father and the fate of the Iraqi Jewish community as a whole.

Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 PM ~ Aftermath

Franek, the older brother, returns home to Poland after living for many years in Chicago and discovers that his younger brother, Jozek, is being mysteriously threatened and shunned by local townspeople. When the brothers discover a secret, they are forced to revise their perception of their father, their family, their neighbors and the history of their nation.

Wednesday, May 14 at 5:00 PM ~ Closed Season



On a remote farm in the Black Forest, a German farmer and his wife shelter a Jewish man who's fleeing the Nazis. Unable to father a child, the impotent farmer strikes a deal: The young man on the run will sleep with the farmer's wife in the hope that she will become pregnant. In return, he is offered sanctuary.

Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 ~ Bethlehem

Razi, an Israeli secret service officer and his Palestinian informant Sanfur must navigate their relationship as Sanfur struggles against the demands of Razi as well as his loyalty to his brother.

Thursday, May 15 at 5:00 PM ~ Ida

In Poland, 1962, Anna is preparing to take her vows as a nun, but first, embarks on a journey to visit Wanda, her only living relative. Once there, Anna discovers that she is, in fact, Jewish. With Wanda, she begins to explore their tragic family past as well as who they are, and where they belong.

Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 PM ~ Wherever You Go/ Under The Same Sun

Wherever You Go ~ On the way to her sister's Orthodox wedding, estranged Zohara crosses paths with Meriman, a Bedouin woman fleeing from her own arranged wedding.

Under the Same Sun ~ The story of an unlikely partnership between two businessmen, one Israeli, one Palestinian, to bring solar energy to the Palestinian territories. What starts as a business proposal turns into a political mission to lift the needs of the people above what is politically popular.



MICHIANA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

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There is still time to join our sponsors. Please contact Emily at the Jewish Federation for more information, 574-233-1164.

Federation Book Club



Last year we decided to read Elie Wiesel's trilogy **Night-Dawn-Day**, and after discussing **Night** we desperately hoped for an easier topic in **Dawn**, only to discover that the title deceived us in our expectations.

Dawn is the time when two men are doomed to meet a scheduled death in Palestine during the British Mandate. One is a Jewish freedom fighter, a captured member of the Irgun. The other is a British officer abducted by the Irgun. The leaders of the Irgun plan to execute him in reprisal for Britain's execution of the Jewish prisoner.

The main character is Elisha, a young survivor of the Nazi death camps. The reader meets Elisha in Paris where he lives a lonely, hollowed-out existence, surrounded only by the nightmare memories of the Holocaust, and planning to sign up for philosophy classes at the Sorbonne: "The study of philosophy attracted me because I wanted to understand the meaning of the events of which I had been the victim. In the concentration camp I had cried out in sorrow and anger against God and also against man, who seemed to have inherited only the cruelty of his creator. I was anxious to reevaluate my revolt in an atmosphere of detachment, to view it in terms of the

present. So many questions obsessed me. Where is God to be found? In suffering or in rebellion? When is man most truly a man? When he submits or when he refuses? Where does suffering lead him? To purification or to bestiality? Philosophy, I hoped would give answers. It would free me from my memories, my doubts, my feeling of guilt. It would drive them away or at least bring them out in concrete form into the light of day."

But Elisha's plans are drastically changed when he is recruited by a freedom fighter who promises to give Elisha a future, a future that is an "outcry first of despair and then of hope. And finally a shout of triumph."

Elisha fights, ambushes, attacks and kills for the Irgun without remorse or inner turmoil. But when he is assigned to execute the British officer held hostage, Elisha is very unnerved. The book follows Elisha's thought process and anguish as he waits through the night and prepares to kill a man whom he has never met. He is ordered to kill an innocent man and is put into a similar position as the Holocaust perpetrators.

Dawn is a powerful book and gives some insight into the mindset of a freedom fighter

(and some would say terrorist) who kills for a cause, which makes it very relevant in today's world. It also addresses philosophical issues such as when does killing become murder and how does becoming a murderer change a person? And does suffering unto death justify an extreme, deadly response?

In **Dawn's** preface, Wiesel seems to give his answers to some of the questions: "In this story which calls religious and cultural ideas into question, I evoke the ultimate violence: murder. It aims to put on guard all of those who, in the name of their faith or of some ideal, commit cruel acts of terrorism against innocent victims."

We don't know what to expect in **Day**, but this time we won't dare to make a prediction.

Here are our further reading plans:

- **April 7, noon: Day**, by Elie Wiesel
- **May 5, noon: FDR and the Jews**, by Richard Breitman
- **June 2, Noon The Museum of Extraordinary Things**, by Alice Hoffman

Join us for any or all of these discussions or come and bring your own book ideas. For questions, contact Monika Wayne at mwayne@thejewishfed.org or 574-233-1164.

From the desk of the Israeli Shlich



"Eich yod-im she-ba Aviv?" - How do we know that the spring is coming?

This is a line from a very famous Israeli kids' song that lists the things which, according

to them, tell us that spring has arrived. The umbrellas are gone and so is the mud on the roads, and in Israel the biggest sign for spring is Matzot (unleavened bread) and the preparations for Passover.

Passover is a huge holiday in Israel. One may say it is the most important holiday for the Jews, but we can argue about that... In this time of the year, when walking down the street you can actually smell the cleanings for Passover, people are

carrying so many boxes of Matzot so it looks like boxes of Matzot with legs, women trade recipes for the best gefilte fish and chopped liver. A lot of things are going on in Israel- all the soldiers take vacation days to go home and spend the holiday with their families, the roads are jammed because of all the traffic and a lot of people go out to nature and celebrate the holiday of freedom out in the wild.

Passover is a special time in Israel and it is a special time for my family as well. As you may know, I have a big family— my dad has four brothers and one sister and my mom has two brothers. I have 18 cousins who fill every room they go into with love, smiles, and a lot of noise. Each year we gather around the table, going crazy with the great food prepared by my aunt Dana, but being patient because we love reading the Haggadah together. My grandfather, Moshe, usually leads the

reading and when he's "had enough" he gives someone else the job of reading the Haggadah.

A lot of great food and loving family makes Erev Pesach one of the best days of the year, a day everyone is waiting for.

This year I'm honored to celebrate Passover in South Bend with my new family— the Jewish community of Michiana. Thank you for embracing me with such great love; thank you for accepting me into your homes and your families, thank you for supporting me during the winter! I hope we all start noticing the signs of spring— no more brown snow on the sides of the road, no need to wear four layers of pants when going out, no more weird snow storms and below zero temperatures. I hope to see the biggest sign of spring-- blossoms.

Happy Passover, I wish us all a Seder to remember!

Iron Dome Air Defense Battalion 947 says thanks!

Our community initiative to raise \$2,031 to purchase small kitchen appliances for Iron Dome Battalion 947 units serving in remote locations was a success! Here is a message of appreciation from the Battalion:

On behalf of the soldiers of IDF Iron Dome Battalion 947, I want to thank the Michiana Jewish community for providing the funds for electric kettles, toaster ovens, and microwaves in our units. These small appliances will raise the morale of the battalion, and help us better enjoy the time we spend between operations.

The real connection, the real gift, will be the enhanced connection of our Michiana community and the IDF. I am so proud to be part of the community that is so dedicated to outreach in the Jewish world, whether it is the partnership with the Western Galilee, Budapest, or now IDF Battalion 947.

From the view of a Zionist American soldier serving in the IDF, I can't think of a more important mission than connecting the Jewish people to their homeland. This connection goes both ways. I have spoken with the soldiers in my battalion, and taught them how important Israel is to Jews in the diaspora. Many young Israelis have no idea what it is like to live as a Jew outside of Israel or what this land means to them. Thanks to this new connection, we have enriched the IDF service of my fellow sisters and brothers to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people.

On behalf of the entire Iron Dome Battalion, I want to thank all of those who helped make this possible including the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation, NCSY



Dan Ravitch, right, and a fellow 947 Battalion member say thanks for the support.

and Midwest Torah Center, the SaBa-BaH Youth group and the many generous donors who have made this possible with their support with love.

Thank you for all of your hard work and for helping us create one more connection to the land of our ancestors, and the land of our future.

Dan Ravitch

On Behalf of Iron Dome Battalion 947

SaBaBaH Schedule



SaBaBaH at Center for the Homeless on Good Deed Day.

Sunday, April 13 at noon

Maot Chittim (Kosher for Passover Food) Delivery
SaBaBaH 9th graders and up will deliver the Pesach packages.

SaBaBaH Celebrates Passover with the sweetest Seder!

CHOCOLATE SEDER **Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 2 PM**

Please call the Federation office if you want to help or plan to attend, call 574-233-1164; email Reut at: Israel@thejewishfed.org.

Sunday, April 27 – Yom Ha'Shoah

On April 27, we will mark Yom Ha'Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day). A community ceremony will be held at the Federation at 5:30 PM.

SaBaBaH kids are asked to participate in the ceremony with readings or singing. Please contact Reut Oz if you want to be a part of the ceremony.

Sunday, May 4 – Israel Week

On Sunday, May 4th, we will mark the Israeli Memorial Day with a short ceremony at the Fed. Everyone who wants to take a part at the ceremony is welcome to contact Reut at 574-233-1164 or Israel@thejewishfed.org.

Also on Sunday, May 4th, we will celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut- the Israeli Independence Day with a nice ceremony and a great Israeli dinner at the Federation. Again, whoever wants to come, please contact Reut.

Kapson and Roland Scholarships available for Jewish students

Applications for both the Craig and Carol Kapson Scholarship and the Lillian and Harvey Roland Scholarship are now available for the 2015 academic year. Students attending Indiana institutions are eligible to apply.

The Kapson Scholarship helps Jewish students from our area attend a university, college or technical institute in Indiana. The award is based on merit and financial needs. The Scholarship Fund will allow a new student each year to be awarded \$2,500, with the remaining funds to be divided between other students with a minimum distribution of \$750.

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Interested students should call the Federation at 574-233-1154 for an application or go to our website www.thejewishfed.org to download one. **Applications are due May 15, 2014.**

PJ Library Families celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Join us at 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 4th as we celebrate Israel's Independence Day

Kalya, one of our very own PJ Kids, will share photos from her trip to Israel. Make your very own Israeli flag. And of course, we'll have storytime! Stay for the Israel dinner afterwards. Please RSVP to Sarah at slotter@thejewishfed.org

PJ Library Babies, Tots 'n' Blocks Play dates are now bi-weekly!

Babies, Tots 'n' Blocks, our PJ Library program that provides age appropriate play for children ages 0 to 5, is growing! At the request of our toddlers' parents, we are now offering bi-weekly play dates.

Come join us in the Federation Youth Lounge for a morning of song, art, play, food, and parent support.

Here are the dates:

- Mondays, April 7 and April 28
- Mondays, May 12 and May 19
- Mondays, June 9 and June 23



Questions or suggestions for the group should be addressed to Lizzie Fagen at 574-233-1164.

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**At the seder table we recline. Many have no bed.
We taste bitter herbs. Others face grim hardships.**

The Jewish Federation is the safety net for our community here at home, in Israel and in over 70 countries around the world. Through our efforts and with your help, a hungry child in Kiev receives hot meals. Medicine gets delivered to a fragile Holocaust survivor in Haifa. Shelter is provided for a homeless family. And much more. Change hardship into hope today.

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Jewish Family Services Passover Appeal

It's not too late to give Maot Chittim for Pesach

Thank you to everyone who sent a Passover Greeting and supported our Jewish Family Services Passover Appeal. Your extra generosity at this time of year is truly appreciated and a needed blessing for many. Indeed, your valued support of the Federation is helping make the world a better place, and we thank you deeply.

If you missed our greeting deadline, it is not too late to support our Maot Chittim Appeal for "Kosher for Passover" food. Jewish Family Services will be delivering over forty food baskets during the first weeks of April so that everyone in our community is able to join in a Seder meal recounting the miracle of our redemption from slavery to the joyous responsibilities of freedom.

Yes, this Passover I want to help the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley feed the hungry, care for the sick, and celebrate Jewish life.

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Est Gezunterhait (Eat in Good Health)

With Pesach approaching I find myself anticipating the preparation of some of my favorite "kosher for Passover" foods. Heading that list are several desserts that feature the flavor of lemon, two of which I'll share with you. As is typical with Pesach recipes, both require separating the yolk and whites of the egg and beating the whites stiff. If you don't like that - sorry. It's pretty much standard for Passover recipes.

My personal favorite is the lemon meringue layer cake. When I originally came across this recipe, it was a jelly roll type of cake. I'm not a big fan of cakes that need to be rolled. The cake layer is so thin and delicate and can crack or tear so easily. Also, there are a lot of clean dish towels sacrificed to assist in the rolling. I turn them into layer cakes instead. It's much simpler. Granted, this is not a simple recipe. There are many steps involved. But I can say with confidence that it is one of the best desserts I make for the holiday. It gets rave reviews from guests, too!

By the way, both of the featured recipes call for the use of lemon zest. This is grated lemon rind. In general, lemon zest can be purchased already grated and dried. While it adds intensity to the flavor of the dessert, it can be omitted here.

LEMON MERINGUE LAYER CAKE

Cake:
4 eggs, separated
½ c. sugar
Juice and zest of ½ a lemon
¼ c. potato starch

Grease a 10"x15" pan, line it with foil, and grease the foil. Preheat oven to 325°. Beat the yolks until thick and pale yellow in color. Slowly mix in the sugar. Mix in the lemon juice and rind and the potato starch. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff. Fold into the batter by hand. Pour into the prepared pan and use a spatula to smooth. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Cool.

Filling:
1 c. sugar
3 Tbsp. potato starch
A pinch of salt
1 c. water
3 egg yolks
¼ c. lemon juice
1-2 tsp. lemon zest
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine

In a saucepan, combine the sugar, potato starch, and salt. Stir in the water while cooking over medium heat. Stir in the yolks, lemon juice, and zest. Continue to stir and cook until the mixture bubbles. Stir while the mixture boils for one minute. Remove from the heat. Stir in the margarine. Cool.

Meringue:
½ tsp. vinegar
3 egg whites
6 Tbsp. sugar

Pour the vinegar into a mixing bowl, swirl it

around to coat, and shake out the excess. Do not wipe the bowl. Beat the egg whites in that bowl until soft peaks form. Add sugar a tablespoon at a time while beating, until stiff peaks form.

Assembly:

Cut the cake into four long strips that are 10"x3½". Gently peel one cake section off of the foil and place on another baking sheet lined with greased foil. Spread 1/3 of the lemon filling on top of the cake. Continue layering cake and 1/3 of the filling, ending with the final layer of cake. Frost the top and sides of the cake with the meringue. Bake at 350° until the meringue is golden brown. (This can be done at a higher temperature for less time, if desired.)

If that wasn't enough lemon for you, here is another lemon dessert that is also very delicious. This is a frozen dessert, so it is very different than the above cake. This is a cool and refreshing dessert.

FROZEN LEMON TORTE

2 pkg. lady fingers
5 eggs, separated
¾ c. lemon juice
Zest of a lemon
1¼ c. sugar
2 c. whipping cream
4 Tbsp. sugar

Line the bottom and sides of a greased 9"

springform pan with the lady fingers. Breaking some of them might be necessary to cover the bottom.

In the top of a double boiler, place the yolks and two of the egg whites. Beat well. Stir in the lemon juice, zest, and 1 ¼ cups of sugar. Stir while cooking until mixture is thick. (You can do this directly over the heat, but use a lower temperature and be extra careful that the mixture doesn't scald.) Set aside to cool.

Beat the whipping cream until thick. Stir it into the cooled lemon mixture. Pour into the pan over the lady fingers and freeze for at least 5 hours.

Beat the remaining three egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in the four tablespoons of sugar until stiff. Spread over the frozen torte. (If you want, you can use the tines of a fork to make lines or swirls in the meringue.) Place under a broiler for about three minutes to brown. Immediately return to the freezer. Remove from the freezer about 30 minutes before serving.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy Pesach! Once it's over and life gets back to "normal", feel free to send me one or two of your favorite recipes. You can send recipes to me at dsabraham@ameritech.net or 2926 Erskine Blvd., South Bend, 46614. I can also take recipes over the phone at 287-8872.

Holocaust (Continued from page 1)

the Unto Every Person There is a Name program on Monday, April 28. This public recitation of the names of Holocaust victims personalizes the tragedy of the Holocaust and keeps the memories of those who perished alive for a new generation.

People from across the community are invited to read names throughout the day, beginning at 10 AM. The name reading is interrupted at noon for an hour-long program. The program begins with a brief ceremony including a mayoral proclamation, poetry, and candle lighting followed by a keynote address by Larry Moses, *The Legacy and Lessons of the Holocaust – A Person Reflection*. Moses will relate how he had to deal with the existential challenges of the Holocaust as a child whose mother survived the Auschwitz death camp.

About Larry Moses

Larry Moses was born and raised in South Bend, the son of the late Simon and Sherry Moses. Originally the family affiliated with the then Taylor Street synagogue and the Hebrew Institute. Eventually, they became members of Sinai Synagogue where Larry became a Bar Mitzvah and was confirmed, along with his brother Jon, of blessed memory, and sisters Diane (Sandock) and Simone (Street). Larry was active in AZA throughout high school and became president of his chapter (St. Joseph Valley) and a regional officer. He credits BBYO as playing a

central role in his Jewish and leadership development. He went to Indiana University where he studied philosophy and Jewish studies, and spent his junior year at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Upon graduation he became the interim director of the Indiana University Hillel before beginning graduate school and pursuing his career in Jewish communal leadership.

In his 27th year of service to The Wexner Foundation, and after thirteen years as its President, Larry Moses serves as the Foundation's Senior Philanthropic Advisor. He was the Founding Director of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship Program since 1987, and later Foundation Vice President. As Leslie and Abigail Wexner's senior advisor, he plays a key role in organizing the family's philanthropic activities, and works closely with Jewish philanthropists and public leaders in Central Ohio, throughout North America, and across the globe.

Prior to joining the professional staff of The Wexner Foundation, Mr. Moses served in Washington, D.C. as the International Director of Hillel (1984-1987), and previously as Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in San Francisco. Mr. Moses' scholarly interests rest largely in the arena of Holocaust studies. His mother was a survivor of the concentration camp Auschwitz, and Mr. Moses has taught extensively on various historical, theological, and human dimensions of the Holocaust.

Lois Gunden: Woman of Valor

In 1941, 26 year old Lois Gunden, an American French teacher from Goshen, Indiana, joined the Mennonite organization *Secours Mennonite aux Enfants* in Lyon, and was sent to establish a children's home in Canet Plage, on the Mediterranean Sea. The children's center became a haven for Spanish refugee children as well as for Jewish children, smuggled out of the nearby internment camp of Rivesaltes.



One such child was Ginette (Drucker) Kalish from Paris. In July 1942 Ginette and her mother fled to the south of France but were caught and taken to Rivesaltes. It was there that Lois Gunden pleaded with Ginette's mother to let her take the child out of the camp. "At the time I was 12 years old and certainly scared," Ginette Kalish told Yad Vashem, "but Lois Gunden was kind and passionately determined to take me and these other Jewish children out of Rivesaltes to protect them from harm. I remember her that she made a special effort to integrate us with the other children. None of the other children were told that we were Jewish."

Gunden kept a diary and described her activities, in which she proved great courage, ingenuity and intuition. One morning while the children were out for a walk, a policeman came to the center to arrest three of the Jewish children: Louis, Armand and Monique Landesmann. Lois said the children would not return until noon. At noon the policeman appeared again and told Lois to pack up the children's belongings and prepare them for departure. This time Lois said that their clothes were being laundered and would not be dry until late afternoon. All through that day Lois prayed for wisdom and guidance and for the safety of the three children, and the officer never did return. The children were saved.

In November 1942 the Germans occupied Southern France and the United States entered the war. Although she was now an enemy alien, Gunden continued to run the Children's Center. In January 1943 she was detained by the Germans, only to be released in 1944 in a prisoner exchange.

She returned home to Indiana and in 1958 she married a widower, Ernest Clemens. She never had any children of her own, but she gained a step-daughter through her marriage. Lois continued teaching French at Goshen College and Temple University.

In 2013, Yad Vashem recognized Lois Gunden as Righteous Among the Nations. She is one of four Americans to be so recognized.



Jewish Women's Endowment Fund begins 2014 grant cycle

The Jewish Women's Endowment Fund is now accepting applications for its 2014 Grant cycle. JWEF awards grants of \$500 to \$1,200 for programs and services designed to improve the lives of women and families both locally and globally. Non-profit organizations are invited to submit applications by mail or email no later than April 30, 2014. Grant selections will be made at the end of August, and grant recipients will be notified at that time.

For more information, or if you would like a copy of the grant application, please contact Rowan Kelley at the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164, or rkelley@thejewishfed.org.

The Jewish Women's Endowment Fund (JWEF) of the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, was founded in 2002 as an egalitarian fund run by women interested in proactive and progressive philanthropy. Its first four grants were awarded in 2003 totaling \$1800. Last year, JWEF was able to award eighteen grants totaling \$10,000.



Wanted: Jewish Federation Unity Garden Manager & Gardening Volunteers

The snow is melting! It's time to start planning for spring planting. Please call Mike at the Federation office if you are interested in helping us provide fresh vegetables for our food pantry. 574-233-1164.



United Religious Community Annual Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 1, 2014
Century Center 7:30 AM

Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Rachel Mikva

Rabbi Rachel Mikva is professor at Chicago Theological Seminary where she holds the Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman Chair in Jewish Studies. She is also the Director of the Center for Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Studies.

Rabbi Mikva earned her BA from Stanford University and was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She earned her PhD. from Jewish Theological Seminary. She served a congregation for 13 years before returning to academia.

Seating is available at the Federation table. Please call Karen at the Federation office if you would like to be seated with us, 574-233-1164.

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Telling Our Stories

My Pipi Longstocking House *by Stephanie Scharf*

We continue our TELLING OUR STORIES writing and recording workshops on "Tuesday Afternoons at the Federation." Our next session is April 29. First timers are always welcome.

With the permission of Stephanie Scharf we publish her story below.

The home that I grew up in was a large white stucco building that had originally served as a school house. When the war ended, my father bought it for a song, as it had been in a state of disrepair for decades. His vision was to convert it into small apartments, whose income would supplement the meager earnings he received as a teaching assistant at the University of Illinois in Urbana. So our family of four moved into one part of the building and my father worked evenings to create apartments on the other floors. He did all this himself, without the nuisance of building permits, professional tools, or expertise.

What evolved after many years was a sort of Pipi Longstocking labyrinth of living spaces, each unique in its arrangement and size. In one apartment, what looked like a bookshelf actually functioned as a door that opened out into the basement. In another, a bathroom was added that was so tiny one had to turn sideways to enter. A shared attic made it possible for one tenant to enter

the apartment of another. All the heating vents were connected, and so we were all privy to the quarrels, cooking smells, and intimacies of one another.

There were a variety of tenants who came and went through the years. Some stayed only a few months, one stayed for over 20 years. No tenant ever signed a lease. Rent was collected by my father on the first of every month, and was often paid in cash in weekly installments. Our phone was sometimes shared by families who did not have one. The clothesline was communal, as was the mail box and the front porch. We all saw each other daily, and there were few secrets.

The most memorable tenant was a middle-aged woman, an odd and fidgety spinster, who lived with her cat in one of the basement apartments. Though she was a physicist, her passion was gardening, and since we had a very large yard, she was given free rein to design landscape beds, plant trees, tend her gardens, and remove anything she thought was dying or improper. Her cat Annie roamed freely through the building, and when her beloved Annie died, she was buried in the pansy bed. In over 20 years, her rent was never raised.

It was a time of less structure, fewer constraints, and more intimacy. Conflicts among tenants were resolved personally, or more often forgotten. People

traded furniture, baby-sitting, and gossip. On hot nights, everyone gathered on the back porch to talk, play cards, smoke, and drink endless glasses of iced tea and beer. Children fell off unsafe swings sets, and nobody called a lawyer. After a long night of poker, an inebriated tenant was simply put to bed without further ado. Sometimes bill collectors showed up, and one time the F.B.I. came to check on a foreign-born couple who they feared were communists. My mother dutifully showed the stern agents the song book my parents had given my sister and me. After they left, she went straight to the tenants to assure them that they were always welcome in her building. The story grew through the years, and always ended with a point of

hilarity. If a strange sound was heard in the walls, we all said conspiratorially, "ah, must be the commies again."

In my dreams, the house is bathed in red, a living, mysterious and complex dwelling with hidden rooms and secret passageways. I know that contained within its walls are the memories that shaped me, sowing the seeds of who I would become. The house is gone now, bulldozed to make way for a city parking lot. The bricks and mortar have long since turned to dust, and I can no longer envision its exact location, but the memories of that house and the people who inhabited it remain vibrant with a haunting fervency that I hope will never leave me.

Do you recognize these people?



Can you identify these people for the Michiana Jewish Historical Society?

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Thursday night Chumash Class for Men, 8:30 PM
PARSHA HASHAVUA, by Rabbi Shelomo Nussbaum

Thursday night Torah Class for Men, 10:00 PM
MAHARAL SHIUR, taught by Rabbi Meir Bulman

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Sunday, 9:00 AM: TALMUD STUDY GROUP,
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Daily Minyan Schedule: Please go to hocsouthbend.com.

Hebrew Orthodox Annual Banquet. Rabbi Berel Wein – captivating worldwide lecturer, prolific author, award-winning educator – will deliver the keynote address at the Annual Banquet of the Hebrew Orthodox Congregation to be held as a noon Brunch on Sunday May, 4.

In addition to his lecture at the Sunday brunch, Rabbi Wein will conduct several classes at Hebrew Orthodox Congregation over Shabbos, parshas Emor, May 2 and 3 as Scholar-In-Residence at the Congregation.

Rabbi Wein, a member of the Illinois Bar Association, was the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award from The Covenant Foundation in 1993. He has received the Torah Prize Award from Machon Harav Frank in Jerusalem for his achievements in teaching Torah and spreading Judaism throughout the world. Rabbi Wein is the author of eight Jewish history books. A practicing lawyer for many years in his early career, Rabbi Wein then assumed a rabbinic pulpit in Miami Beach for 8 years, then 24 years in Suffern, New York. In Suffern, Rabbi Wein founded Yeshiva Shaarie Torah in 1977 and remained Rosh Hayeshiva until 1997. He held the position of Executive Vice President of the Union of Orthodox Organizations of America and was Rabbinic Administrator of the Kashrus Division, the "O-U." Rabbi Wein now makes his home in Israel.

For more information about the Annual Banquet, or to make reservations, please contact the shul by e-mai: hocsouthbend@gmail.com or call 574-291-4239.



Midwest Torah Center

Due to the proximity of Pesach, there will not be a Shabbaton this month, but there will be a Sunday lecture.

The Passover Haggadah – A Spiritual Journey: April 6, 5:30 PM. It wouldn't surprise you by now that Rabbi Kuppel Lindow likes to view Judaism from a different angle. This lecture will also follow a different angle. Come hear how the Haggadah tells us how to live our lives, how our connection to G-d should be manifest, what it means to be a human being and much more.

At the same time, if you are hungry, come and eat. Enjoy some Passover delights that you will want to eat all year round.

Mission Accomplished! This year we will not be having a community seder. We started our community seders for all of those who had never been to a seder in the Michiana area and who wanted to attend one. Our first Seder boasted 64 attendees. Every year, though, the attendance has been getting smaller. Why? Because our participants no longer need us. They are either having their own seders now or attending a seder in someone else's home. Therefore, we have decided not to have a community seder, but to ensure that all those who are hungry for a seder have a place to be, we have a roster of hosts waiting to have guests. Please contact us if you need a place for a seder either night. Day meals are also a possibility. Call us at 574-234-9092 or email at info@midwesttorah.org.

NCSY

NCSY Lounge Night. Come and enjoy all the usual fun. NCSY Lounge Night continues with great games, sports, food, and more. It's the place to be. Take a break from your school work and come meet some new friends. Lounge Night is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information call Rabbi Akiva at 574-383-9524.

Temple B'nai Shalom



Hebrew Orthodox Cemetery Assn.

If a picture tells a thousand words, then these pictures tell quite a story! Everyone who was in the Michiana area on November 17, 2013, remembers "that" storm! It was as if a tornado, a hurricane and a typhoon joined forces and endlessly swirled through our community with the epicenter seeming to be the Hebrew Orthodox Cemetery. Section four of the cemetery, the area around the chapel, sustained incredible and devastating damage – we lost a plethora of tall, tall trees that were more than 100 years old; numerous hefty branches; twigs, trash, and other debris were everywhere. The damage was so extensive that local media contacted HOCA and requested to broadcast a news story from our cemetery. It was a miracle that NOT ONE headstone was knocked down or damaged (once our weather warms up, one stone will be straightened). We were lucky to not sustain even a greater loss.



The storm caused some trees to appear as if they erupted from the ground.



Fallen trees blanket the Hebrew Orthodox Cemetery after the storm in November.

How much did it cost to just COMPLETELY remove the trees? \$8,000.00.

How much to remove the other debris? We don't know yet. The rain continued until the snow fell (and fell, and fell and fell)! We are waiting until spring to continue our clean up.

How will we pay for this? Perpetual/continuous care covers usual seasonal cleanups, lawn mowing, snow removal and so on – but we could have NEVER anticipated this damage, significantly worse than any other damage EVER recorded. And this is where we turn to you, our community. HOCA needs your support. Please consider making a donation to HOCA to help cover the costs incurred from the storm of November, 2013. You may make your check payable to HOCA and mail it c/o the Jewish Federation, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, IN 46615 (the HOCA rents office space from the Federation). If you have questions, please call Tammie Blackman Brown at 574-233-1164 or her cell at 574-850-7221.

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El's April activities:

- Thursday, April 3, 5:30 PM: "Sex Wars: A Novel of Gilded Age New York" by Marge Piercy. Discussion led by Betty Signer.
- Sunday, April 20, 4:00 PM: Women's Seder
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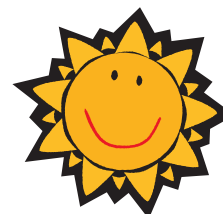


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