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# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, Inc. 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, IN 46615



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## Anti-Semitism on the rise

by Ben Davis, Executive Director

There have been over 100 bomb threats made to Jewish institutions over the past five weeks (as close as the Indianapolis JCC), there have been at least three Jewish cemeteries desecrated with hundreds of headstones vandalized (as close as Fort Wayne). Swastikas have been discovered carved into buildings, sidewalks and playgrounds, rocks, and in some cases, bullets, have broken windows at synagogues, and there is a rise in anti-Semitic comments and propaganda on the internet. It seems that a wave of anti-Semitism along with many other kinds of hate and prejudice is upon us once again.

Currently Indiana is one of only 5 states (along with Arkansas, South Carolina, Wyoming and Georgia) that does not have a Hate Crimes law on the books. Efforts have been made for years to get Indiana legislators to adopt a law, but the most recent attempt, a bill drafted by a Republican

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## HOLOCAUST

2017 Days of Remembrance

**James Whitbourn's  
ANNELIES**

### A Holocaust Remembrance Concert

Libretto by Melanie Challenger based on  
*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*  
 Elizabeth Schleicher, soprano  
 and South Bend Chamber Singers

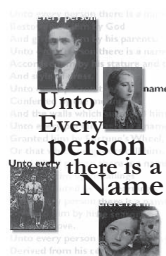
**Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 7:30 PM**

Temple Beth-El

305 W. Madison St., South Bend, IN

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 Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley and the Kurt and Tessye  
 Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance



**UNTO EVERY PERSON THERE IS A NAME**  
**Monday, April 24, 2017 from 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon**

County Courthouse

The Court Room of Judge John Broden  
 101 S. Main Street, South Bend, IN

#### Candle Lighting Ceremony

**Unto Every Person There is a Name**  
 Name Readings

If you are interested in taking part in the "Unto Every Person There Is A Name" program by reading names, please call the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164.

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Michiana.**Federation confronts anti-Semitism in our schools***By Bob Feferman, Community Relations Director*

Over the past year we have seen a serious rise in anti-Semitic hate crimes in America. In 2016, American-Jews were the number one target of hate crimes against religious groups. Here in our community, we have dealt with several incidents of anti-Semitic remarks to Jewish students in our local schools.

It is important for members of our community to know that we as a Federation stand ready to support families and students in these situations. Indeed, we have done that over the past year in each of these instances.

Here is our working strategy for dealing with anti-Semitic incidents in schools. After meeting with the family of the student who is the target of an anti-Semitic comment, we take two steps.

First, we strongly recommend that the student and the parents report the incident to a school guidance counselor. It is important that the students who target their classmates with anti-Semitic comments understand there are consequences for their actions. They must be held accountable. In addition, guidance counselors can facilitate reconciliation. Moreover, the information will be relayed to the school leadership and serve to motivate action on a wider level.

Secondly, we immediately reach out to the school principal to offer ourselves as a resource to help schools confront anti-Semitism. At

that point, after the schools understand that we are an ally and important and trusted resource for addressing these problems, we begin a collaborative effort to find solutions.

Over the past year, we have offered speakers from our local Jewish community, nationally renowned speakers, training sessions provided by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the documentary video, "The People Next Door" produced by Temple Beth-El's Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance.

In each instance, we have found the schools to be very receptive to our ideas. Whereas the ADL offers anti-bias training, the main focus of our local effort to combat anti-Semitism is through Holocaust education.

Holocaust education is crucial to preventing anti-Semitism and bigotry of all forms as it shows young people the consequences of the most virulent form of racism that was in Nazi Germany.

Whereas Nazi Germany dehumanized Jews and other minorities simply because they were different, the study of the Holocaust provides an opportunity to teach our children that our differences are what make us human. Indeed, our differences make us American.

Holocaust education can make it clear that those who attack others because of their race, religion or ethnicity are attacking a basic American value.

As a result of our efforts, last year, a local high school hosted Eva Kor, a nationally renowned Holocaust survivor to speak. This year, Dory Goldberg, a member of our community who is a survivor of the Holocaust has been invited to speak to a local junior high class. Also this year, Federation Program Director Monika Wayne has worked with teachers at a Penn-Harris Madison high school to organize a Holocaust commemoration ceremony.

In addition to survivors, our Federation Shlichah, Efrat Naor, now offers a new presentation titled "*An Israeli Perspective on the Holocaust*" that she will be presenting to a local church and at a local high school.

We encourage parents to have regular conversations about this issue with your children. The most important thing that members of our community can do in regard to this dangerous trend is to report any instance of anti-Semitism or bigotry to us at the Federation. "If you see something, say something".

**OUR VISION.  
OUR MISSION.  
OUR VALUES.  
OUR GOALS.**

The Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley is the central resource to embrace, connect and support Jews locally and globally through social services, coordinated fundraising, community outreach, and educational and recreational programs.



## Celebrate Israel's Independence Day! Sunday, May 7, 2017 Featuring



### Israeli Comedian Benji Lovitt at 7:00 PM Sponsored by Carol & Craig Kapson Cultural Arts Fund

Benji Lovitt presents a hilarious picture of Israel by deconstructing cultural differences and the immigrant experience in Israel. Benji's energy and enthusiasm will make you laugh out loud as he sheds light on embarrassing Hebrew mistakes, Jewish holidays, and exactly what makes Diaspora and Israeli Jews different from each other.

### 4:30 PM: Yom HaZikaron Memorial Ceremony



Yom HaZikaron commemorate Israel's Memorial Day, the most solemn of days in Israel. On this day we remember fallen Israeli soldiers and victims of terrorism. Please join us in honoring them.

### 5:30 PM: Yom Ha'Atzmaut Torch Ceremony



Celebrate Israel's 69th Independence Day with a brief ceremony followed by dinner.

### 6:00 PM: Israeli Dinner

Our menu is falafel & pita, hummus, tahini, Israeli salads and desserts. Cost is \$7 a person or \$25 per family. \$3 ages 4-10, kids 3 and under are free. Reservations for dinner are requested in order to ensure we have prepared enough food for everyone. Please RSVP to 574-233-1164 or [emilyb@thejewishfed.org](mailto:emilyb@thejewishfed.org).

### 7:00 PM: Benji Lovitt "What War Zone??? Standup Comedy from Israel"

This program is recommended for ages 14+. Babysitting will be available for those who RSVP. RSVPs are requested for all guests to help us plan accordingly. Please RSVP to [emilyb@thejewishfed.org](mailto:emilyb@thejewishfed.org) or 574-233-1164 for this event.

## In Our Gallery



**Muneera Abu Hamida, an Arab native of Akko**  
by Freddie Kelvin

## The Peoples of the Western Galilee Photography Exhibit

**Opening Reception  
Sunday, April 30, 2017  
2:00 – 4:00 PM**

A group of photographers from the U.S., Budapest, and the Western Galilee set out to document and illustrate the lives of various people who live in the Western Galilee.

The objective of this creative team was to bring to life the stories and realities of the diverse people living in the region. This mini-portfolio of photographs with associated text highlights the different ethnic groups, including Jews, Moslems, Christians, Druze and Bahai who live in this small space of land.



**Chef Uri Jeremias, a Jewish resident of Akko**  
by Yochanan Kishon



## Dor Chadash

*Dor Chadash is our young adult group for community members 21 – 45 years of age.*

**Israeli Movie Day**  
**Sunday, April 30, 2017**  
**3:00 PM at the Federation**

Forget your troubles and join us for a screening of the hilarious Israeli comedy, Zohi Sdom (This Is Sodom).  
Don't miss it!

We will have snacks on hand, and babysitting in the youth lounge with a kids' movie and other activities.  
Sitter service requires a reservation.

**RSVP to Rowan at**  
**[rkelley@thejewishfed.org](mailto:rkelley@thejewishfed.org) or 574-233-1164 x106**  
**by April 27th. See you there!**



## Caring Connections

### Freedom by Stephanie Scharf

As Passover approaches this year, thoughts about liberation and deliverance have led me to reflect upon what it truly means to be free. The Jews enslaved in Egypt were freed from physical bondage and oppression, the most obvious and concrete example of emancipation. When thinking more abstractly about independence and the autonomy that comes with it, I often think of the many ways in which we are controlled.

Some people are bound by their addictions, their relationships with others, or their illnesses both physical and mental. Restraint and dependence in this regard is not always of our own choosing. A person who is profoundly ill is going to have their freedom curtailed through no fault of their own. Conversely, a person whose liberty has been taken away because they have been convicted of a crime and are imprisoned has also lost their freedom, but the causation of their loss is distinctly different.

While enslavement might be too broad of a word to use when talking about the way forces in our lives define and direct us, I think it is fair to say that freedom is a very malleable

term. When our children are young, we are tied to them by their many needs. After they are grown, we fall into the nostalgia of missing their dependence on us. People often tell those who are newly retired. "Now you can pursue your dreams, you are no longer burdened with the responsibilities of work and schedules!" While many retired people would echo these sentiments, there are also those who do not feel relief as much as uselessness. What should feel like the joy of freedom might feel like the desolation of no longer being needed. While we can never trivialize the horror of those who live under the tyranny of true slavery, we can also recognize that bondage can happen on many levels. We are often shackled by our own anger, fear, jealousy, frailty, and hopelessness.

This Passover, as we consider the manifest freedoms we enjoy as a faith community and as a nation, I hope we can take a closer look at our individual lives, and gain some insight into how our happiness, sense of self and contentment may depend on more than what is tangible.

## Senior Purim Lunch



We had an amazing turnout for our Annual Purim Lunch in March! We look forward to seeing everyone at our April Lunch 'n' Learn!

### April Lunch and Learn

**Maintaining Cognitive Wellbeing:  
A Primer on Dementia and Preventative Measures**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
From 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

This luncheon session will focus on dementia, a chronic and degenerative illness that is impacting older adults in our nation at an increasing rate. We will explain what this disease is, how it impacts the brain, and translates into behavioral and intellectual deficits. Our training will incorporate wellness practices that can be used to keep oneself cognitively healthy and to reduce risk for dementia. The training will close with a look at how caregivers and family members can connect with loved ones who are experiencing this disease in positive and meaningful ways.

#### **Presenter:**

John Bruinsma, has worked with older adults for five and a half years in St. Joseph County. With a background in non-profit and senior home care, John now provides one-on-one referral guidance and community education on senior issues as the Senior Services Navigator at Saint Joseph Health System. As the Senior Services Navigator, John coordinates the Senior Fit program, offering six free exercise classes in Michiana, as well as the SHIP Medicare Counseling program.

**Menu:** Various sandwiches, soup, and other "chametz" goodies to be eaten before the Passover Holiday.

The cost for this lunch is \$5 and an RSVP is requested. RSVP to the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164 or by email to [emilyb@thejewishfed.org](mailto:emilyb@thejewishfed.org).

**We will also be celebrating our April birthdays.  
If you have an April birthday, come and be our guest.**



**HAPPY PASSOVER  
From Jewish Family Services**



## Jewish Family Services Food Pantry

### Maot Chittim Passover Appeal



A huge thank you to Daniel Crook (R) and Lock Joint Tube LLC for their generous Passover Appeal donation for Jewish Family Services. (L) Lizzie Fagen, Jewish Family Services Director.

### Thank You - Todah Rabah! — and there's still a need to fill!

Dear Michiana community members,



We at Jewish Family Services (JFS) continue to be inspired and thankful for our community's continued generosity towards our community members in need of gentle assistance during the Passover month. Your contributions to our Passover Appeal/Maot Chittim Fund, on a yearly basis, ensure that 50 of our families and community members have the necessary items needed for their Seder tables. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and contributing to the well being of Klal Yisrael -- all our Jewish friends and neighbors.

For our April item of the month we are continuing to ask that our community contribute the following items to support our Passover Appeal: **Grocery Gift Cards from Midwest Kosher Deli, Martins, etc. and Kosher Grape Juice such as Kedem. And, as is ever the case, cash contributions are always appreciated and put to immediate good use.**

The JFS Food Pantry, located at the Jewish Federation, thanks you for your generous and caring support. We hope that you will come and see for yourselves the difference your contribution and care makes to our community. If you would like to visit us at the pantry for a tour, please contact Lizzie Fagen at 574-233-1164 x 104 to set up a guided and informational visit. We will be happy to see you.

Happy Passover, everyone. *Chag Kasher v'Sameach.* May your Passover be filled with joy and wonder.

## Passover Greetings from Our Passover Appeal Donors

Renee & Si Brazy  
Marzy & Joe Bauer  
Marianne Burdeen  
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Sally & Roger Hamburg  
Ruth & Judy Heumann  
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Marylyn Oppenheim  
Tela Schulman-Hektor  
Leah Silver

In Memory of Jean Tenofsky-May

Babs & Mel Waks

Cheryl & Ray Waldman



## Jewish Senior Programming at Tanglewood Thursday, April 6 at 1:30 PM

Rabbi Nebel of Midwest Torah Center and Lizzie Fagen and Rowan Kelley of JFS staff will host our April 6th afternoon Senior Programming at Tanglewood in the library. Join us for an hour of "Essen and Fressen" (eating and schmoozing) as we talk about the up-coming holiday of Passover! Kosher refreshments always provided.

## Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Scholarship applications are due April 14

### Undergraduate Awards:

Applications for both the Craig and Carol Kapson Scholarship and the Lillian and Harvey Roland Scholarship are now available for the 2017 academic year. Students attending Indiana institutions are eligible to apply.

### Grad Student Awards:

The Neil and Leah Silver Advanced Degree Scholarship is intended to assist a Jewish student from our service area to obtain an advanced degree through an accredited university graduate program.

Interested students should call the Federation at 574-233-1154 for an application or go to our website, [www.thejewishfed.org](http://www.thejewishfed.org) to download an application.

Grad and undergrad scholarship applications are due, complete with recommendations and transcripts, no later than end of day April 14, 2017.

All applications can be picked up at the Jewish Federation during regular business hours, or by visiting our website at [thejewishfed.org](http://thejewishfed.org).

## From the desk of Israeli Shlichah

## Thoughts about Freedom, Slavery and More

by Efrat Naor, Israeli Shlichah

April is here, and our calendar is getting really busy! We go from Passover to Yom HaShoah, and then we'll take a break for a week to go straight into Yom HaZikron and Yom HaAtzmaut. As a Jewish mother says, "I will rest in the graveyard."

I will tell you the truth, Passover was never my favorite holiday. The Matzah is so dry, my dad's jokes at the Seder repeat themselves each year. And I can't even begin to describe how awful it is to clean the "Hametz" from an industrial-sized army kitchen.

But maybe the idea of this holiday is not to have the happiest time of the year, but a time of deep thinking, introspection and remembrance.

The subjects that come up in the story of Passover are as relevant today as they were back then. Leadership, freedom, and refugees are just some of the ideas that are reflected in

the story of the Israelites leaving Egypt and coming to the Promised Land.

One of the topics that intrigues me is the idea of slavery and freedom. What does it mean to be free? Could it be that we are slaves even today?

One of my favorite Israeli artists, named Barry Sakharof, wrote a great song about this subject called "Avadim," translated "Slaves." In the song he writes: "We are all slaves, even though we have this and that, we open our mouth and wait to receive the next pleasure."

When I hear that song, it always makes me think about the meaning of freedom.

When I finished my army service, I thought that I entered the land of freedom: no one could tell me what to do, no commander could tell me where to go and so on. It was everything I've wished for during those two years.

But a few weeks after I finished, I realized that freedom has many aspects, and not being obliged to someone else is only one of them.

In his song, Berry points out that we are all slaves to something-even if we don't necessarily understand it. It could be money, work, social expectations, cell-phones, technology, social media and many more.

There is a saying in psychology: awareness is the first step. And I think that Passover comes every year to awaken us and remind us that even though we are very fortunate to live in a democracy and to be free people, we are all still slaves to different things. I think by understanding

that, we get one step closer to achieving real freedom.

At the end of April, we commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day- we remember the biggest tragedy of mankind against Jews. As the phrase, "For foreigners you've been in the land of Egypt", echoes in our minds.

I want to share a prayer for all people who are not blessed to live in a free country, and especially the refugees in the world: to find peace, freedom and home. Along with remembering this month the tragedies and victories of us as the Jewish people, we should continue the Jewish mitzvah for "Tikkun Olam"- healing a broken world.

## SaBaBaH – BBYO

### Yom HaShoah Volunteer Day

(Grades 7 – 12)

Sunday, April 23, 2017

4:00 – 6:00 PM

at the Federation Shoah Memorial

Please join us as we clean up and beautify the Shoah Memorial located at the Jewish Federation, and then have dinner together before heading over to the Yom HaShoah Program at Temple Beth-El at 6:30 PM. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Efrat at [israel@thejewishfed.org](mailto:israel@thejewishfed.org), or 574-233-1164 x107.



**Café Ivrit**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017**  
**at 7:00 PM**

Join us for the monthly meeting of our conversational Hebrew practice group. The group is led by Efrat Naor, our Shlichah, who is a former Hebrew teacher in the IDF. Contact Efrat for further location details at [israel@thejewishfed.org](mailto:israel@thejewishfed.org) or 574-233-1164 x 107.





## Registration for Camp Ideal 2017 is now open! Join us for a summer of field trips, sports, arts & crafts, days at the beach, and so much more!

**June 26th-August 4th, 2017**

**Cost: \$125 per week**

Discounts available include: \$650 for the whole summer

Early Bird Special through March 31st - \$10 off per week

Multi-Week Discount - \$10 off per week (Not applicable for campers using the whole summer special)

Multi-Child Discount - \$5 off per week

Scholarships Available for those in need!

For more information, please contact Rowan at [rkelley@thejewishfed.org](mailto:rkelley@thejewishfed.org), or 574-233-1164 x106.



**Fill in the information below and return to Rowan Kelley at the Jewish Federation to receive a registration packet.**

Camper's name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall of 2017)

Street Address (Camper's Residence) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1/Guardian 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Rowan Kelley at 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, IN 46615

### Calling High School & College Students 16 Years of Age and Up

We are now accepting Applications for Camp Counselors for Camp Ideal 2017!

Are you looking for a dynamic, fun, and rewarding job opportunity this summer? Do you enjoy activities like music, arts and crafts, sports, field trips, & going to the beach? Does working with children as they learn and grow sound appealing to you? Why not apply to become a counselor for Camp Ideal 2017? Applications now available at the Federation, or on our website at [thejewishfed.org/camp-ideal](http://thejewishfed.org/camp-ideal). Applications should be returned to the Federation, Attention Rowan, or emailed to [rkelley@thejewishfed.org](mailto:rkelley@thejewishfed.org).

## Community Relations

### A Message to the Jewish Community from Imam Mohammad Sirajuddin of the Islamic Society of Michiana

Good Morning,

ISM (Islamic Society of Michiana) stands in solidarity with our Jewish Brothers and Sisters:

The Islamic Society of Michiana along with National Muslim American organizations is alarmed and concerned by the recent rise of attacks and threats made against the Jewish community. We stand in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters during this difficult time and are committed to working together to address and overcome the hatred and bigotry harming our communities.

Imam Mohammad Sirajuddin  
Islamic Society of Michiana

### Interfaith Cooperation



A huge thank you to Sinai Synagogue and the Jewish community for donating 41 adult tickets, and 28 children's complimentary tickets to our friends in the local Iraqi Refugee community for the Sinai Spaghetti Dinner. Following an idea from Efrat Noar, Jewish Family Services and the Community Relations Committee helped coordinate with Sinai Synagogue in order to donate these meals. Pictured: Steve Lotter, Sinai Synagogue Board Representative; Bob Feferman, Jewish Federation Community Relations Director; Efrat Naor, Shlichah; Hayder Alkeledar, Representative for the Iraqi Refugee community; Rabbi Michael Friedland, Sinai Synagogue; Lizzie Fagen, JFS Director.

### Rise in Antisemitism *(Continued from Page 1)*

that had strong bipartisan support, was killed in the State House of Representatives just this month. In every case, where states have adopted Hate Crime laws, the laws were drafted by both Republicans and Democrats and had strong bipartisan support. It seems to be special interest groups that have been able to prevent them in Indiana. Please call your representatives and encourage them to continue to fight on our behalf.

Here at the Federation we have trained our staff on bomb threat procedures. We have reviewed our security policies and will continue to make sure that our building, staff and guests are as safe as possible. But our efforts go beyond just the Federation. We will gladly help other Jewish agencies in Michiana. We can provide training sessions, and help draft emergency procedures (not just for bomb threats, but also weather emergencies, general safety, fire and lockdown procedures). We have our partners at the Secure Community Network through our national partner that works directly with Homeland Security and the FBI to offer services to Jewish communities. Don't hesitate to ask us how we can help you increase safety in your facilities and at your gatherings.

Additionally, if you hear of any anti-Semitic

incidents in town, no matter how minor, please let us know. We have worked with many area schools when students have felt like an incident or policy is anti-Semitic. We have found that the school leaders have been grateful, open and wonderful partners in helping us address these issues when they have arisen and we are grateful for their dedication and understanding of the importance of swift and serious action.

Please see Bob Feferman's article on Page 2 with more information about how our Federation is working with the schools.

Our partners at the Anti-Defamation League and Jewish Council for Public Affairs want us to let them know about every incident, so that they can collect the data to help us act on a national scale. We have a strong network of support in place and we are here for you.

Michiana is a special place. We are a small but mighty Jewish community, and we are strongest when we unite for our common good and values. We have strong allies and support from the non-Jewish community as well. The best way to combat the rise in hate, is for us to come together to celebrate our shared traditions in joy and love.



## Continuing Education

### T'ai Chi Class Mondays at 4:00 PM

Our ongoing weekly T'ai Chi sessions will continue on Mondays at 4 PM. New students may join at any time at a pro-rated fee. A new session begins the first week in April. (Call Barbara for any questions and a revised schedule for the holiday time.) The cost is \$60 for five consecutive weeks. Some of the proceeds go to the Jewish Federation. Classes during Passover are moved to Thursday April 13, and Wednesday April 19 at 4:00 PM. In addition, on Wednesday May 3, Barbara Goldfarb will offer two free introductory T'ai Chi classes: at 9:30 AM and at 2:30 PM. For information please call Barbara Goldfarb at 847-347-5090.

### Zumba with Yo

All three Zumba classes listed below are \$60 for the ten week course (contact Yolanda for information on a pro-rated fee.) Participants must be 18 or older and RSVP and registration are MANDATORY. Please RSVP by contacting Yolanda Suggs at 209-878-7477 or by email to [mrs.zumbayo@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.zumbayo@gmail.com). You can learn more by visiting Yolanda's website at [yolandas.zumba.com](http://yolandas.zumba.com).

**Zumba Gold Toning**  
**Tuesdays, March 7 – May 23**  
**(no class April 11 & 18)**  
**9:15 – 10:00 AM**

**Zumba Sentao**  
**Wednesdays, March 8 – May 17**  
**(no class April 12)**  
**9:15 – 10:00 AM**

**Zumba Toning**  
**Thursdays, March 9 – May 11**  
**9:15 – 10:00 AM**

### Needle Arts

**Thursdays from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

This group is still meeting on two Thursdays a month but will welcome some beginners through the FLI program. The Needle Arts schedule is as follows: April 6 and 20 and May 11 & 25. The Needle Arts Group members will continue to work on a project of their choice, while the FLI beginners will have a special project to follow. For more information, please contact Monika Wayne at 574-233-1164, ext. 119 or [mwayne@thejewishfed.org](mailto:mwayne@thejewishfed.org).

## Memorial Contributions to Jewish Federation Designated Funds

*We welcome contributions to our various funds listed below.  
Individual acknowledgment cards are sent for each contribution.*

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### Thank you:

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**Tickets will be available April 15  
 through the DeBartolo Box Office!**

**Ticket Prices: \$7 General Admission, \$5 Senior Admission  
 (Ages 65 and up), and \$4 Child/Students**

Tickets will be available at the box office at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center April 15. You can purchase tickets by visiting the box office at 100 Performing Arts Center, Notre Dame, calling 574-631-2800, or online at [performingarts.nd.edu](http://performingarts.nd.edu).

If you haven't yet donated, there is still time to join our list of sponsors! Contributions to the Film Festival are always welcome, and help us offset the rising cost of this community-wide event. Please contact Emily at [emilyb@thejewishfed.org](mailto:emilyb@thejewishfed.org) or call 574-233-1164 x 101 to donate today.

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**Come for the films, stay for the company!**

There will be time between the 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM films to enjoy dinner with your fellow film patrons. Bring your own meal or take advantage of one of these local food options.

**Legends of Notre Dame** will be onsite prior to the 5:30 PM show. You may place an order with their staff and the food will be waiting for you in the lobby at the film's conclusion. Our sponsor **The Mark Dine & Tap** in Eddy Street Commons is offering a 10% discount to film festival patrons. Please call (574) 204-2767 prior to the 5:30 PM show to place orders for the break between films. Visit [themarkdineandtap.com](http://themarkdineandtap.com) to view their menu.

**Don't Miss These Eight Great New Films!**



**Monday, May 15 at 5:30 PM – Fanny's Journey**

In 1943, 13-year old Fanny and her younger sisters were sent from their home in France to an Italian foster home for Jewish children. When the Nazis arrive in Italy, their caretakers desperately organize the departure of the children to Switzerland. When they are suddenly left on their own, these 11 children do the impossible and reach the Swiss border to freedom. **Recommended for all audiences. Sponsored by the Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance.**

**Monday, May 15 at 8:00 PM – The Last Laugh**

Are we allowed to make jokes about the Holocaust? In this outrageously funny and thought-provoking film, comedic legends including Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner, Sarah Silverman, Gilbert Gottfried, Judy Gold and many more, as well as Holocaust survivors themselves, explore this cultural taboo and discuss what is or isn't off limits in a society that embraces freedom of speech. **Recommended for mature audiences. Sponsored by the Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance.**





## 7th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival Presented by the South Bend Cubs May 15 - 18, 2017 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center



### Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 PM – On The Map

Six American basketball players who joined Maccabi Tel Aviv's team tell the against-all-odds story of the 1977 European Championship which took place at a time when the Middle East was still reeling from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1972 Olympic massacre at Munich, and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France flight from Tel Aviv. Through the lens of sports, **On the Map** presents a much broader story of how one team captured the heart of a nation amidst domestic turmoil and the global machinations of the Cold War. **Recommended for all audiences. Sponsored by WNIT Public Television.**

### Tuesday, May 16 at 8:00 PM – Fever at Dawn

While recovering in Sweden, 25-year-old Holocaust survivor Miklós has been given six months to live. Despite his diagnosis, he challenges his will to live and sets out to find a wife by writing letters to 117 Hungarian women who are also recovering in Sweden. One of these women, he is sure, will become his wife. Based on the letters of director Peter Gardos' parents. **Recommended for mature audiences. Sponsored by Transpo.**



### Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 PM – In Search of Israeli Cuisine

In Search of Israeli Cuisine is a portrait of the Israeli people told through food. The feature length documentary puts a face on the culture of Israel, profiling chefs, home cooks, vintners, and cheese-makers drawn from the more than one hundred cultures that make up Israel today – Jewish, Arab, Muslim, Christian, Druze. **Recommended for all audiences. Sponsored by Uptown Dining Group (The Mark Dine and Tap and Uptown Kitchen).**

### Wednesday, May 17 at 8:00 PM – Who's Gonna Love Me Now

Saar Maoz is a 39-year-old Israeli man who has spent nearly 20 years building a life in London after being kicked out of his conservative kibbutz because of his sexuality. Following his diagnosis of HIV, Maoz struggles with his need for his family's love while they struggle with their fears and prejudice. This movie is set to a moving soundtrack of the London Gay Men's Chorus, the adoptive family that helps Maoz find his voice as he contemplates the tough decision of whether to return to Israel. **Recommended for mature audiences. Sponsored by WNIT Public Television.**



### Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 PM – Big Sonia

Standing just four-feet eight-inches tall, Sonia Warshawski spent her teenage years in concentration camps, and is now among the last remaining Holocaust survivors living in Kansas City. The vibrant 91-year-old diva continues to offer inspiration, sharing her story with students, church groups, prisoners and ex-cons. Even as she seeks to uplift others, the struggle to survive continues, as Sonia faces threat of eviction from a dying shopping mall where she has run her late husband's tailor shop for decades. **Recommended for all audiences.**

**Sponsored by Cari & Barry Shein.**

### Thursday, May 18 at 8:00 PM – The Women's Balcony

When the women's balcony in an Orthodox synagogue collapses, leaving the rabbi's wife in a coma and the rabbi in shock, the congregation falls into crisis. Charismatic young Rabbi David appears to be a savior after the accident, but slowly starts pushing his fundamentalist ways and tries to take control. This tests the women's friendships and creates a gender rift in the devout community in Jerusalem. **Recommended for all audiences. Sponsored by Cari & Barry Shein.**







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## Presented by the South Bend Cubs

### May 15 - 18, 2017 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center



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The Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance at Temple Beth-El is sponsoring the opening night of the 7th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival, presented by the South Bend Cubs. We invite you to join us for *Fanny's Journey* on Monday, May 15 at 5:30 PM and *The Last Laugh* at 8:00 PM.



The Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance at Temple Beth-El in South Bend, Indiana is dedicated to developing educational resources for raising awareness of the Holocaust among both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

This mission is achieved through programs such as Witnessing the Holocaust: The People Next Door Art, Poetry, and Essay Contest held every other year with entries from local students and our Annual Kristallnacht Memorial program in early November at Temple Beth-El. All programs are free and open to the public.

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## The Kurt and Tessye Simon Foundation of Temple Beth-El

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**Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso  
as its Scholar-in-Residence  
April 28-29, 2017**



Rabbi Sandy Sasso will speak at Shabbat Services at Temple Beth-El on Friday, April 28 at 5:30 PM on the topic, "Jewish Love Stories." On Saturday morning, April 29 at 10:30 AM, she will present a program on midrash and the arts, called "The Necessity of Looking Back," using the theme of Lot's Wife. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the Saturday presentation.

The programs are free and open to all. Reservations are requested for the Saturday program. Please call the Temple office at 574-234-4402 by April 24.

Rabbi Sasso has served, along with her husband Rabbi Dennis C. Sasso, as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis since 1977. In June 2013 she became Rabbi Emerita and is currently the Director of the Religion, Spirituality and the Arts Initiative at Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary.

An accomplished author of many children's books as well as books for adults, Rabbi Sasso has been active in the arts, civic and interfaith communities of Indianapolis and beyond.

Rabbi Sasso will have some books available for purchase after her talks.



## Telling Our Story

### The Historic Achievement and Legacy of Brown and Lebermuth

by Alan Brown

*The Brown and Lebermuth story continues from the March issue of Our Community News.*

After World War II there was an explosion in demand for mint oils and the business thrived. By that time the Brown family contracted with farmers to grow mint oils. We traveled to the farmers with portable scales and weighed the oils "on the spot." There were no written contracts back then all transactions were verbal and based on trust. The Browns were always regarded with the highest level of integrity as no contract was ever reneged on. Since farmers did not have the money to buy the oil distillery equipment, the Browns bought it for them. The farmed distilled oil was transported to Bremen where the Browns refined it once again. It was a good

business, and back then the Browns divided the profits evenly across the family - even including family members who did not actually work in the business.

Alan's mother's parents came to the Michiana area from Ohio via Texas. His mother was born in Wichita Falls, Texas. Her father David Lebermuth worked a clothing business right next to a small jewelry store owned by Morris Zale, whose business eventually spread all across the US. David and Morris were very good friends till the day they died. Alan's parents met as students at Indiana University and got married in Texas.

As a child Alan often visited the family business in Bremen. "We had to keep the drums of peppermint and spearmint oils in a vault in the basement. Dad said it was required

because farmers would only accept gold for payment and the banks insisted the oils remained in a vault. I remember that as a boy I loved to run on the drums and they made a great thundering noise as they rolled over the basement floor."

Over the years M. Brown and Sons grew into one of the biggest mint oil dealers in the world. By 1969 they had over 40% of the market share. Today the company's name has changed from M. Brown and Sons to Lebermuth. This is in honor of Alan's grandfather David Lebermuth, "who as far we know is the last Lebermuth of our family in the world." The company has grown exponentially and added fragrances, flavors and other essential oils to their product offering. It has some of the most advanced processing equipment in the industry.

The name may have

changed but the company ethos has not. In a YouTube video, part of the Heartfelt Leadership series, Alan Brown explains the company's continued moral commitments [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypNea3czbUE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypNea3czbUE). He firmly adheres to the Jewish principle that we come into the world as servants and that it is our responsibility to leave the world a better place than we found it. As was true with his ancestors, the Lebermuth Company still has a strong commitment to helping others. Within the company, the leaders feel that not only is Lebermuth run by the family, but everyone who works there is family as well. Management is committed to leading by example and creating an atmosphere where everyone can thrive. As Alan puts it, "there needs to be soul in the company at the top."

## Federation Book Club

The Federation Book Club meets monthly at noon at the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, and enjoy member-provided lunches. Please contact Monika Wayne at 574-233-1164, ext. 119, or [mwayne@thejewishfed.org](mailto:mwayne@thejewishfed.org) to ask about becoming a member of this group.

### Upcoming Titles

April 3, 2017: *As Close To Us as Breathing*, by Elizabeth Poliner

May 15, 2017: *Purity*, by Jonathan Franzen

June 5, 2017: *The Dispossessed*, by Szilard Borbely

July, 10, 2017: *My Own Words*, by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

## Have you thought about telling your story?



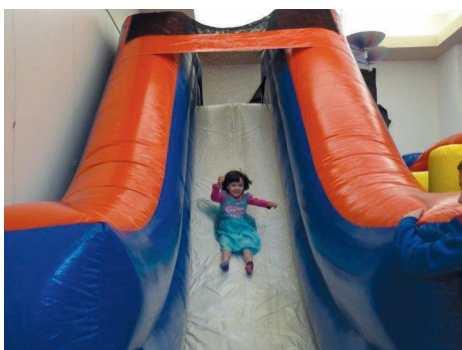
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To make an appointment, please contact the Monika Wayne at 574-233-1164, [mwayne@thejewishfed.org](mailto:mwayne@thejewishfed.org).



## Purim Carnival 2017

Thank you to all of our volunteers and guests who made this year's Purim Carnival a HUGE success!!!





## Temple Beth-El

### Temple's April events:

- Thursday, April 6, 5:30 PM: Book group "The Chocolate Trail" by Rabbi Deborah Prinz. Discussion led by Robbie Grimstad.
- Friday, April 7, 5:30 PM: Life & Legacy Shabbat Service
- Friday, April 14, 5:30 PM: Sweet Passover Oneg after Shabbat Service
- Sunday, April 16, 4:30 PM: Women's Seder
- Saturday, April 22, 10:30 AM: Honorable John Broden presents "Seek Justice! But First, Know the Rules"
- Sunday, April 23, 7:30 PM: South Bend Chamber Ensemble presents James Whitbourn's *Annelies* sponsored by the Jewish Federation of St Joseph Valley & the Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance
- Thursday, April 27, 11 AM-2 PM: DELI DAY
- Friday/Saturday, April 28 & 29: Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso scholar-in-residence sponsored by the Kurt & Tessye Simon Foundation
- Sunday, April 30, 2 PM: Holocaust Student Award Ceremony sponsored by the Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance

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## South Bend NCSY

South Bend NCSY Learn-a-Thon, Sunday April 23, 2017, 10 AM--8 PM. On Sunday, April 23 our NCSY teens will be participating in an all-day Learn-a-Thon. All of our NCSYers will be involved in Chaburahs (group learning) throughout the day. The subject of our Learn-a-Thon is Talmud Torah. There will be guest speakers throughout the day. Snack and meals will be provided. Additionally, each of our teens are looking for sponsors for each hour of learning. Checks can be made out to the Midwest Torah Center. If anyone wants to participate and help lead a Chaburah at any part of the day, please contact Rabbi Akiva Gutnicki at 574-383-9524 or [akivagutnick@gmail.com](mailto:akivagutnick@gmail.com). Looking forward to this amazing event!

**NCSY Chumash and Chill at Starbucks -every Monday Night from 5:45-6:30 PM.** Come and enjoy the fun with delicious Starbucks coffee and learning with our NCSY teens. Located at Martin's on Ireland Rd.

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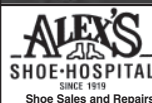
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