Your Impact is Powerful to our Community

We are pleased with the commitment our Jewish community has to the values of Tzedakah, Tikkun Olam, and Kahillah. Year round these values guide our community as to how we live our lives, and how we help improve the lives of others.

There is one initiative every year that give us a chance to focus on the impact our gifts can make to the Jewish community. Our Annual Campaign continues to be the main fundraiser to ensure our social services remain accessible and our programming continues to bring our community together.

Thanks to the time and effort of our wonderful volunteers who have been working since October to reach out to community members, we are almost at our goal. As the 2020 Campaign nears its end, we are grateful to those in our community who continue to give generously of their time and money.

Currently we are at 86% of our goal with pledges equaling $388,000. If you have not yet had an opportunity to pledge to our campaign, please feel free to call the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164, visit our website at thejewishfed.org or return the pledge card that’s on page 13 to our office.

We will be running our Donor Honor Roll in April’s Our Community News. To be listed in this year’s alphabetical list of donors your pledge needs to be received by March 10th.

The Board, Staff, and Community are all thankful to you and your continued generosity.

Mona Medow & Jennifer Schwartz

Save the Date!
10th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival
Monday, May 11 through Thursday, May 14, 2020

The Jewish Federation is excited to announce the dates for our 10th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival. We will once again be partnering with our friends at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center to bring you a selection of acclaimed and cutting edge Jewish films. Keep an eye out for more details, including a complete list of films in the coming months. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the Festival please contact the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164 or by email to Skramer@thejewishfed.org

Farewell from Executive Director Ben Davis

Hello Jewish Michiana,

This is the last time this column will be written by me. At this point I assume everyone is aware that I have resigned from the Federation effective March 27th of this month. After much soul searching and talks with my family, we decided now would be the
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right time. I have loved being your Federation Director and we have fallen in love with this community, and we will continue to make it our home. You will continue to see the Davis family at the Federation, Temple and Sinai. We look forward to being active members of the Jewish community in this whole new role. I have been in Jewish Communal service for over 25 years and I have had the dream of owning my own consulting business for almost as long. If not now, when? I will be consulting in business administration, finance, organizational management, information technology and cyber security for small and intermediate non-profits and religious institutions. This will enable me to work with clients all over the US while keeping my home base here in Michiana.

Before I thank all the people I have worked with over the years, I do have a little house keeping. I hope to see lots of people at our annual Purim Carnival this Sunday March 8th. Chen, our amazing Shlacha, has been working incredibly hard on putting together this fun program for the entire community, so please come and support her and I know you will not regret it. We have our CRC Event, “Israel on Campus: Challenges and Opportunities” on Sunday the 22nd at 1:00 pm which Bob Feferman has been planning. If you work on a college campus, or you will or currently have any young adults attending college, this will be an important event for you. Also, don’t forget about Sinai’s annual spaghetti dinner on the 29th.

I first want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that I have worked with both on the board and in other capacities. You have inspired me every day with your dedication and willingness to donate your time and talent to the Federation. In the interest of space, I am only going to name the wonderful volunteers I worked with closest in the roles as Federation Presidents. This diverse and passionate group of people were my mentors and friends, and I owe them all so much. Mitch Wayne, Terry Feldbaum, David Ravitch, Lisa Lerman (z”l) and most recently Michael Kirsch. I can’t thank you all enough for everything you have done and continue to do for our community, and all of the personal support and friendship I received from you over the years.

I had the absolute pleasure of working with a fabulous group of professionals during my tenure at the Federation. More recent additions to the Federation, Dan Cossman, Leslie Marcum, Shani Kramer, Nancy Sertich-Kennedy, Sheri Alpert and Charmagne LaFortune are all such valuable additions to the Federation. I know I am leaving the future in more than capable and fantastic hands. I have had the honor of working with a line of community Shlichim including Reut Oz, Raz Revah, Yuval Shaham, Efrat Noar, Karin Wasserman and now of course our amazing Chen Nissan. I can’t believe how lucky we were to have this unimaginably talented group of young people year after year. Part of that success can be attributed to Bob Feferman, our CRC Director, who does more than you can imagine. He truly is a scholar and a gentleman. I had the absolute joy of working with Karen Dwyer and Lizzie Fagen from my first day on the job, and though they have both since retired, I can’t imagine not thanking them for all they did for the Federation and me in helping me and guiding me throughout my 6+ years. Rowan Kelley was a receptionist for the Federation when I first arrived, and I have had the privilege of watching him grow into a consummate professional and our JFS Director, with his unmatched humor, empathy and heart. Finally Emily Benedix, you have been my righthand since day one. I have loved working with you and I continue to be amazed by your strength and your capabilities. I said it before and I will say it again, the Federation could not be in more capable and honorable hands. I am happy this is not goodbye, just ’til next time.

Lehitaot my friends,

Ben
After careful consideration, we have decided to suspend the Reading of the Names ceremony that is usually held in Judge John Broden’s court room the Monday after we commemorate Yom Hashoah at the Federation. We deeply appreciated Judge Broden for allowing us to hold the ceremony in his court room.

We have noticed a decline in attendance, most likely due to it being held during a busy work day, which we understand completely. We feel that to make sure we are getting the most impact out of this very important ceremony, a change was worth trying. Therefore, we will be moving our program to two of our local high schools, John Adams and Penn. It is our children in whom we want to instill Holocaust education and we feel that this will be a strong step in that direction.

Our regular Yom Hashoah program is of course open to the public and will be held on Sunday April 19th. More information will be in our April OCN.

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You are all welcome to join us for the

**2020 ANNUAL PURIM CARNIVAL**

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Sunday, March 8th

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Caring Connections

Help us fill our community Seder Plate with your donation

By Rowan Kelley

Dear Community members,

When this article finds its way to you, the celebration of Purim will be upon us! Chag Purim Sameach! The staff and volunteers of Jewish Family Services work to serve our community in several ways year-round. In the week before Purim, dozens of mishloach manot, both assembled and delivered by JFS volunteers, find their way to local households in need.

And only a short month from now, it will be time to remember and celebrate Pesach and our liberation from Mitzrayim. The Passover Seder always reminds me of the freedom we enjoy today, and the oppression we have yet to overcome. How powerful our tradition is, recommitting ourselves to the responsibility of remembering the bitterness of slavery and the joy of freedom.

This time of year allows us the opportunity to help fulfill the declaration at the beginning of the Seder: “Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and share the Pesach meal.” It is a privilege to help ensure that every family and every household in our community has the necessary food and supplies to recline at the Seder table.

Last year, Jewish Family Services and the Food Pantry Committee renamed our annual Passover Appeal fundraiser “Give the Gift of a Seder.” The symbolism of this metaphor is simple and yet quite powerful. Many of our friends and neighbors currently face obstacles, be they financial hardship, medical crises, or any number of problems that can affect any individual, family or household. These obstacles should not keep any family from celebrating the miracle and the freedom that Passover brought to us.

This is where I ask for your help. By donating to our Passover Appeal, you are helping to give the gift of a Seder to every family in our community. Your generosity enables JFS to provide individuals and families in need with all the necessary items for their Seder. You are also helping to ensure that Jewish Family Services can run the JFS Food Pantry, open to all in the Jewish community, throughout the rest of the year.

As a symbolic representation of Passover, we have named donation levels after the key components of the Seder plate—with each donation amount in an increment of Chai ($18).

- $18 - Chazaret-Horseradish
- $36 - Carpas- Parsley
- $54 - Charoset- Haroses
- $72 - Maror- Bitter Herbs
- $90 - Zaroah- Shank Bone
- $108 - Beitzah- Egg
- $360 - Entire Seder Plate

Donations to the Passover Appeal ensure that local families will be able to sit down to a Seder meal this year—but they do so much more than that. They support members of our community year-round with food and household items. Please join me in supporting this effort, and “Give the Gift of a Seder.”

On behalf of the staff of Jewish Family Services and our volunteers serving on our committees and out in the community, thank you for your generosity in supporting us in this endeavor. Your gift allows us to continue to serve our friends and neighbors with confidentiality, kindness and respect. Chag Purim Sameach, and (early) Chag Pesach Sameach!

Join us at Tanglewood Trace!

For the next few months, Tanglewood will stay on the fourth Mondays at 2:30pm.

March 23, 2020 – 2:30pm
April 27, 2020 – 2:30pm

For more information contact Jewish Family Services at 574-233-1164.
By Deena Abraham

A lot has happened in my life since I last wrote an Our Community Table column. Shortly after the last time I submitted a column, my mother passed away. Two months have passed, but it seems like it’s been both a mere moment and also so much longer all at the same time. In any event, when I started to think about this column I decided that I wanted to feature a recipe that was a signature recipe of my mother. My mom had a lot of great recipes. I realized that picking a recipe to feature would not be as easy as it may sound. In fact, the task seemed to be quite daunting.

There are some things that we just don’t realize until we really think about it. I was kind of surprised when I realized that I had good recipes from my mom for her favorite soups, mains, and sides, but not much in the way of desserts. In fact, I realized that there was really only one dessert that my mother made over and over through the years when I was growing up. And that is the recipe that I am going to share with you. What was that one dessert? It was carrot cake. That was her signature dessert.

When I was young and my mother made carrot cake, I liked it well enough. But if given the choice I would definitely pick chocolate cake. Or, vanilla, marble, lemon, etc. And I have to admit that I, myself, make carrot cake very rarely. I can think of one time that I made it in the last decade. (That was for my mother’s birthday one year.) Thus, unfortunately, I did not do a good job of passing on an appreciation for this dessert to my children. I asked three of my kids how they felt about carrot cake. Their answers were “Eh” and “not good” and “I don’t like it – I’ve had it before.” These are not very positive responses, are they? So, I kind of feel like I let my mother down in the carrot cake department.

I will probably add carrot cake to the menu of a dessert buffet on occasion because I want my family to associate carrot cake with special family recipes. I truly feel that continuing to make a person’s recipes is a great way for their memory to live on in the hearts (and stomachs) of their loved ones. And I hope that if carrot cake appeals to you, you will make this recipe and think of my mother.

My mother liked recipes that were easy to prepare. A cake that called for combining all ingredients in one mixing bowl was confection perfection. Mom always made this recipe in a bundt pan, but baking time is provided for a 9x13” pan as well.

CARROT CAKE
From the recipe files of Diane Sandock z’l

- 2 c. flour
- 2 c. sugar
- 1 1/2 c. oil
- 3 c. grated carrots
- 2 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 c. chopped walnuts, optional

Combine all ingredients. Bake in a greased and floured pan at 350 degrees. If using a 9 x 13” pan, bake for 45 minutes. If using a Bundt pan, bake for 50 to 55 minutes.
Hello everyone! Last month’s ceremony in Jerusalem marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz brought back memories of a transformative experience that I had in high school. When I was in 11th grade, I went with my class on a trip to Poland to learn about the Holocaust. I came on that trip with one big question: What is my connection to the Holocaust?

As many of you know, my family roots are in the Middle East in Iraq and Iran. Because of that fact, my connection to the Holocaust wasn’t that obvious to me. My family had their own story, far from Europe.

During this trip I kept a diary, where I wrote all of my question, experiences and emotions. In this article, I want to share with you some of my thoughts during this journey by quoting from my diary: “This morning we were in the town of Tikuchin, where we visited the synagogue, the center of the Jewish life. There was a roaring silence. Our guide told us about the beautiful synagogue, then we all stood in a big circle and began to sing in Hebrew in a loud voice: The whole wide world is a very narrow bridge. And the main thing is to recall. To have no fear, to have no fear at all.”

How amazing it was to bring the synagogue’s voices back to life. To revive this lost community, even for a few minutes. I cried from happiness and sadness, from this strong feeling of unity and togetherness”.

We went out of the synagogue to the town square. The guide told us about community life in the shtetl with people like the baker, the matchmaker, the Rabbi, and the shoemaker. It was a peaceful and wonderful life until one day everything was destroyed. A thousand years of wonderful Jewish communal life ended up in those three pits in the woods.”

And then we went to visit Auschwitz. In my diary I wrote, “During the ceremony at Auschwitz, I realized how many of my classmate’s families experi-enced the Holocaust. I felt like it’s something that connects me too. The Holocaust is not just a story of families, but a story of one people.

“I wondered how my friends felt if they lost family members in Auschwitz. I probably wouldn’t be able to breathe. How emotional it was for them to see the stairs to the gas chambers, where your family went down to their death.

“I imagined how exciting it would have been for me to get to the village where my grandfather lived. A real trip to my roots. I wish that one day it will be possible for me to go to Iran and Iraq and see where my ancestors lived. Until this moment, I was a little bit jealous of people who had these connections. But I came to an important conclusion, that I feel very fortunate. My connection is that Hitler wanted to kill all the Jews in the world and turn us to dust. If his mission had succeeded, he would have reached my family too, and I would probably not be alive today.”

“I want to go back to my wonderful-and-full-of-problems country and cre-ate a better society. After all these stories, I feel that they, the dead, are sending us on our life mission. We must educate, educate, educate the future generations to always try to be good people who do not go blindly after leaders. We must educate them to ask questions, to have a high sense of morality, to always see the inner spirit of the human being. The love of mankind is beyond everything.”

This trip helped me to connect to the bigger story of the Jewish people, and to understand that we are all one! And now I’m thankful for the opportunity to be here in South Bend, because being here gives me the chance to learn even more about this story. We have an unbelievable story of a brave people who are spread all over the world, who love and celebrate life, and refuse to accept the logic of history and disappear. Ours is a story of a people whose main mission is to make the world a better place.

May the memory of the victims of the Holocaust be for a blessing.
Tai Chi will be on hiatus until Monday, March 23rd. Then, a new 8-week session will take place with a free introductory class, starting at 4:00 PM.

For more information on classes offered at the Jewish Federation or the many benefits of Tai Chi, please contact Barbara Goldfarb at 874-347-5090.

Zumba Spring Schedule

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Zumba classes are continuing their 10 week sessions at the Federation, until March 24th. Join at any time for a drop in fee of $10.00.

For more information on classes offered at the Jewish Federation or the many benefits of Zumba, please contact Yolanda Suggs at Mrs.zumbayo@gmail.com.

Betty and Sam Schpok Spirit of Federation Award

Do you want to honor someone special, someone who has always responded to help the Jewish community? A mensch from way back?

The Betty & Sam Schpok Spirit of Federation Award is given annually to honor an individual who has demonstrated personal commitment, dedication and leadership to the Jewish Federation and/or the local Jewish community. This award is presented every June at the Jewish Federation’s Annual Meeting, and is open for nominations from our community.

To nominate an individual, please contact the office at the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164 or email info@thejewishfed.org for a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is April 12, 2020 to be considered.

Coming in the Spring: The Ketubah Exhibit!

Just in time for wedding season. We are looking for unique ketubahs to show at our next art show. This will be a fabulous exhibit showcasing wedding memorabilia and focusing on ketubah artwork. Please email skramer@thejewishfed.org if you have a piece you would like to lend us.

Scholarship Opportunities!

Once again, the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley will award scholarships to Jewish students in our service area from the Craig and Carol Kapson Scholarship Fund, the Lillian and Harvey Roland Trust, and Neil and Leah Silver Advanced Degree Scholarship.

The Kapson Scholarship helps Jewish students from our area attend a university, college or technical institute in Indiana. The Lillian and Harvey Roland Scholarship provides scholarships to applicants matriculating to Indiana University who have demonstrated academic achievement and financial need.

For our graduate students we have the Neil and Leah Silver Advanced Degree Scholarship. This fund provides a scholarship for Jewish students from our service area to attend an accredited university graduate program. Unlike the Kapson and Roland Scholarships, this scholarship is available to students attending universities outside the state of Indiana.

For more information or to get an application, visit thejewishfed.org/scholarships, or contact the Federation at 574-233-1164. Applications are due April 1st, 2020!

Calling All Nature Lovers!

We are thinking of restructuring the onsite community garden and would love your feedback! Are you passionate about having a garden at the Jewish Federation? What kind of garden do you think it should be? Would you be willing to help us form a committee to keep on top of the garden and its maintenance? Please be in touch with Shani at skramer@thejewishfed.org.
The Jewish Federation is excited to announce the dates for our 10th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival. We will once again be partnering with our friends at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center to bring you a selection of acclaimed and cutting edge Jewish films. Keep an eye out for more details, including a complete list of films in the coming months. Our Film Festival is only possible with the continued support of our generous sponsors. Please consider joining our list of new and returning sponsors and help us bring amazing Jewish themed cinema to South Bend in May.

The deadline to become a sponsor is **March 3rd** if you wish to be included in all marketing material. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the Festival, please contact the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164, or by email to Info@thejewishfed.org. To learn more about the benefits of sponsoring our festival, visit our website at thejewishfed.org.

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Natalie Klein Named Featured Artist
For the Love of Art Fair

Mazel Tov to Natalie Klein on being chosen as Featured Artist, 2020 For the Love of Art Fair!

Be sure to visit Natalie and her fellow artists on March 7th, from 10 AM to 6 PM & March 8th, 12 to 6 PM at the Century Center.
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A Sandwich for the Journey: The Story of a London Evacuee

A Sandwich for the Journey: The Story of a London Evacuee tells the story of community member Maurice Levitt’s experience as an evacuee from London’s east end during World War II.

Written by Levitt’s son-in-law Charles Minx, this creative non-fiction book is based on the South Bend resident’s experience as a Jewish boy who was evacuated from his home during the Battle of Britain between 1939 – 1944. All the while, his father’s family tragically fell victim to the Holocaust in Nazi-occupied Poland.

This account of Levitt’s experience will be available on Amazon on April 14th.

The Art of Lea Goldman, MFA
A Holocaust Survivor Story Teller
In Conversation 2020, with Sarah Martin

Reception and Artist Presentation
April 3, 5:00 to 9:00 PM
Exhibit will be on display from April 4 to June 28
At the South Bend Museum of Art
www.Southbendart.org

Please join your fellow community members for the South Bend Museum of Art’s Conversation Series. The Conversation Series of exhibitions pairs a regional established artist from outside the South Bend community. It sparks discussion between the work of the two artists-examining parallels and dissonances, and provides an opportunity to exhibit some of the strongest artists working today, in the region and nation. Taking full advantage of the expansive Warner Gallery, Conversations also encourages artists to show larger, more ambitious work, than what might be possible in smaller gallery spaces.

Vision of the End of Time (Isaiah 11:6)
Registration for Camp Ideal 2020 is now open!
Join us for a summer of field trips, sports, arts & crafts, days at the beach, and so much more!

June 22-July 31, 2020
Grades K-7th
Cost: $130 per week/$675 for the whole summer
*Includes a non-refundable registration fee of $10 per week or $50 for the whole summer that is due at registration.

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For more information, please contact our office at Camp@thejewishfed.org, or 574-233-1164.

2020 Camp Ideal Registration
To register, return this form to the Jewish Federation or give us a call.

Camper’s name (Last, First, Middle)

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Submit registration form and fee to the Jewish Federation
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Federation Book Club

by Beth Buechler

*Breakfast at Tiffany’s* by Truman Capote

Federation Book Club members usually choose current books, but sometimes we thrive on time-tested literature. This month’s choice was Truman Capote’s *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*—a 50th Anniversary issue that originally came out in 2011. This book includes three extra stories and we all savored them as much as we did reacquainting ourselves with Holly Golightly. Holly lives off men while looking for a rich husband, but her weekly visits to Sing Sing ultimately put her on the run. Whether unwittingly or not, she’d passed coded messages to a notorious gangster, Sally (Salvatore) Tomato, an inmate still conducting business.

We watched a few movie clips of Audrey Hepburn starring as Holly and George Peppard as Paul—the unnamed narrator from the novella. We discussed substantial differences between Truman Capote’s book and Blake Edwards’s 1961 film. Either way—book or movie—Holly Golightly will always remain an unforgettable, iconic, dynamic, hillbilly-turned-socialite.

Reading the extra stories was a “full-body experience,” said our newest member. “House of Flowers,” “A Diamond Guitar,” and “A Christmas Memory” gave us, respectively, a young woman using voodoo to escape from life in a Haiti brothel, a bittersweet prison love story, and a Hallmark-worthy autobiographical tale of friendship between a young boy and an aging woman. We agreed that the characters, settings, and situations all had “a touch of magic,” thanks to Capote’s masterful writing.

**Upcoming Schedule of Books:**

We now meet at 4 PM for about an hour. We each bring a late-afternoon snack for sharing.

- March 5: *The Water Dancer*, a novel by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- April 2: *Catch and Kill*, non-fiction* by Ronan Farrow
- May 7: *The People of the Book*, a novel by Geraldine Brooks

The Book Club meets monthly at 4 PM. We meet to discuss books of either global or page-turning interest, and not to promote our own writing or that of our friends.

Our location is the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend. To become a member of this group, please contact: emilyb@thejewishfed.org

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  □ Monthly □ Quarterly □ Annually

□ I will pay on-line: www.thejewishfed.org

□ Charge my credit card
  □ immediately in the amount of : $____________ □ Please process my payment □ monthly □ quarterly
  □ Visa □ MasterCard □ Amex □ Discover □ Expiration Date: __________ Security Code ______

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Cardholder’s Signature __________________________

Please return your completed pledge card to
the Jewish Federation, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, IN 46615.
All forms of payment must be made out to the Jewish Federation with Campaign 2020 in the memo line.

You can also make your pledge by visiting thejewishfed.org or stopping by our office during
regular business hours.

When you donate to the Annual Campaign, your gift helps support the Jewish Federation’s Mission

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.

If you wish to designate your gift, you may do so by marking your selected program below.

□ Local Programming and Services
□ Overseas Funding and International Aid
□ Jewish Family Services
□ Youth & Family Programming

□ Adult Programming
□ Community Relations
□ Special Instructions __________________________
From our Friends & Partners

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE MICHIANA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S

Go to Michianajewish.org

Or search “Michiana Jewish Historical Society” to see the latest in our collection of photos and documents from our files!

The Annual Sinai Spaghetti Dinner!
Sunday, March 29th
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
At Sinai Synagogue

The Annual Sinai Spaghetti dinner will be held Saturday, March 29th, and you’re invited! Our menu will consist of spaghetti with meat sauce, soup, salad, bread and beverages. Our menu will be all you can eat portions, for the low cost of $9.00 for adults, and $4.00 for children. All ages under 6 years old eat for free!

Tickets are now available at the door, or from any Sinai Member!

The Kurt and Tessye Simon Foundation Presents:

JEWS IN GERMANY TODAY

Professor William C. Donahue
Professor of German & Concurrent Professor of Film, Television, and Theatre
University of Notre Dame

March 20, 2020, 5:30 PM
at Temple Beth-El
Shabbat Service followed by presentation and dinner.

Berlin Monument to the Murdered Jews of Europe

Israeli Restaurant in West Berlin
RSVP by March 13th to Temple Beth-El at 574-234-4402!
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**Jewish Federation Community Calendar ♦ March 2020 / Adar 5780–Nisan 5780**

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12:00 PM: Purim Carnival

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

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11:00 AM: Sababah JR & NCSY

**16 20 ADAR**

11:00 AM: FLI German

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11:00 AM: Hebrew Class

1:30 PM: MJHS Family Tree

**19 23 ADAR**

9:15 AM: FLI Yoga

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12:00 PM: Russian ESL Class

**20 24 ADAR**

5:30 PM: Temple Beth-El’s “Jews in Germany Today”

**21 25 ADAR**

**22 26 ADAR**

1:00 PM: Israel on Campus: Challenges & Opportunities

11:00 AM: FLI German

2:30 PM: Tanglewood Trace

**23 27 ADAR**

9:15 AM: FLI Yoga

**24 28 ADAR**

10:00 AM: FLI Tales to Astonish

11:00 AM: Hebrew Class

1:30 PM: MJHS Family Tree

**25 29 ADAR**

9:15 AM: FLI Yoga

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**26 1 NISAN**

9:15 AM: FLI Yoga

12:00 PM: Russian ESL Class

**27 2 NISAN**

**28 3 NISAN**

12:00 PM: Sinai Spaghetti Dinner
Share Your Seder

In the Haggadah, the liturgy used for the Passover Seder, one of the lines is “Let all who are hungry come and eat.” This theme is one that we embrace all year long, but especially at Pesach. Your kindness helps ensure that fifty individuals or families have what they need in order to have a Passover Seder in their own home.

This month please consider donating funds so that Jewish Family Services can provide specific items needed for Passover. If you would like to help families and individuals during Passover please call 574-233-1164 to make a donation over the phone or send a check payable to Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley to 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, 46615, and write Passover in the memo line.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated!
Thank You.
Jewish Family Services Staff

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