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Community Relations Committee: Lessons from Hate Crimes 101



Miriam Zeidman, Civil Rights Counsel for the Chicago office of the ADL

Just as a hate crime sends a message to the victim, so too the adoption of a Hate Crimes law by a state legislature also sends a message: Not in our state. That was the key lesson of "Hate Crimes 101". Indiana is one of the five states without a Hate Crimes law.

On Wednesday, January 11, our Federation was honored to host Miriam Zeidman, Civil Rights Counsel for the Chicago office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) for an interactive program titled "Hate Crimes 101".

The diverse audience of more than 120 attendees represented a cross-section of our local community with more than half from the non-Jewish community.

Among the attendees were many community leaders including three who were recognized for promoting a Hate Crimes bill in the Indiana General Assembly. They are Dr. Darryl Heller, Director of the South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center, Dr. Terry Ross of St. Mary's College, and Eli Williams,



Dr. Terry Ross of St. Mary's College, Dr. Darryl Heller, Director of the South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center, and Eli Williams, Executive Director of the LGBTQ Center in South Bend were recognized for promoting Hate Crimes legislation in Indiana.

Executive Director of the LGBTQ Center in South Bend.

Zeidman told the audience that according to the most recent data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) 5,850 hate crimes were reported across the U.S. in 2015, more than 60 occurred in Indiana and six were reported in South Bend.

Nearly 60% of the victims were targeted because of race/ethnicity/ancestry; 19.7% because of a religious bias, and 17.7% because of a sexual orientation bias. Jews remain the main target of religious bias crimes, however there

was also a sharp increase in crimes against Muslims.

Since Indiana is one of five states without a Hate Crimes law, the program concluded with a legislative update, via Skype, from David Sklar, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Indianapolis. The Indianapolis JCRC has been working to promote the passage of the bill in the Indiana General Assembly for the past two years. Sklar called on the audience to contact their state lawmakers to urge the passage of a bill in this legislative session.



A diverse audience participated in the Hate Crimes program.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Hello Jewish Michiana,

I attended the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast at the Century Center this past MLK Day. The speech by Dr. Darryl Heller of IUSB was very powerful. As a professional historian and community activist he had a unique way of looking at both the progress and set-backs that equality for all has faced in the United States since its inception. While presenting a picture of great hope for the future, Dr. Heller reminded us that the only way progress of any kind is achieved is through members of the community advocating for it. As Jews, we know through history, when a society considers it okay to treat a segment of the population as "less than" or "other", it is only a matter of time before it comes back around to treating Jews that way.

That segues perfectly into our Hate Crimes 101 Program on January 11th. I want to publicly thank Bob Feferman, our CRC Director, for facilitating one of our most successful CRC programs ever. With over 120 people present from across Michiana representing many different religions, ethnicities and minority groups, Miriam Zeidman from the Anti-Defamation League impressed the crowd with a thorough educational program outlining what Hate Crime Legislation is and why it is vitally important for the protection of all. Bob worked very hard to make sure this program was heard by the widest possible audience. The feedback from all was exceptional.

Our 2017 Federation Campaign is coming along nicely. We are currently at

85% toward our 2017 goal, and I am proud to say our pledges are up 3% over last year. Thank you so much for all of you who have given. We still have a number of outstanding pledges to come in, so if you have not spoken with one of our volunteers, please call the office with your pledge.

With increases in need within our community as well as needs in Europe and Israel, your support is needed more than ever. Please get your pledges in so we and our partners at the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Jewish Agency can continue our important work. Through your investment in our Federation you are making a real difference in the world and fulfilling the Jewish value of tzedakah in a tangible way.

L'Shalom,
Ben Davis



Save the Date!

7th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival

May 15 through May 18, 2017

At the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. For more information about our festival, or to find out how you can become a sponsor, contact the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164.



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.

In Our Gallery



St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

"Welcome to Watercolor"

A Juried Exhibit



Exhibit on display during regular business hours through the end of March 2017



**Continuing: T'ai Chi Class
Mondays at 9:30 AM**

Our ongoing weekly T'ai Chi classes will be offered on Mondays at 9:30 AM. The cost for the weekly class is \$60 for 5 (consecutive) weeks, and a portion of the proceeds go to the Jewish Federation. New students may join at any time. To register come 10 minutes early to any scheduled session. RSVPs required! Please call Barbara at 847-347-5090.

Jewish Family Services Food Pantry

The JFS Pantry has several ways for you to donate to the pantry. We now have a JFS-Food Pantry Endowment Fund to ensure the long-term financial sustainability for the pantry. A donation may be made as a check to *Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley*, noting in the memo line, that the check is either for JFS Food Pantry Endowment Fund or

Jewish Food Pantry if a donation is to be made towards the Pantry's monthly operating expenses.

In-Kind donations can also be made to the pantry. These donations include grocery and gas cards, along with non-perishable food items. Both cash and in-kind donations are tax deductible, and both are very much appreciated!



Dor Chadash

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

**February Happy Hour
February 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM
At LaSalle Kitchen
115 1/2 West Colfax Avenue
South Bend, IN 46601**

Our young adults are invited to join us at LaSalle Kitchen for our February Happy Hour. Please contact Rowan at rkelley@thejewishfed.org to let him know you attending to ensure we get a large enough table.

**Save the Date!
Young Professionals' Purim Party
March 4th, 8:00-10:00 PM
Featuring Food, Drinks, Friends, and Fun!**

**\$10 per person
To RSVP, contact Rowan at 574-233-1164 x 106 or
by email to rkelley@thejewishfed.org**

For more information on Dor Chadash, or to RSVP for an event, contact Rowan at 574-233-1164 x 106 or by email to rkelley@thejewishfed.org.

Food Pantry Item of the Month



The Jewish Family Services Food Pantry is in need of aluminum foil, plastic wrap, food storage bags of all sizes, toilet paper, facial tissues and paper towels.

Thank you so much for all your donations as always!



Caring Connections

Empty Nesters *by Lizzie Fagen*

People are interested in how my husband and I are managing our lives, together, without our four children living with us on a daily basis. "What do you do in that big house of yours?", people ask. Or, "What do you do with all your time?", someone else might ask. Or, "How does it feel to be an empty nester?", is another question.

As for the house, it does seem a bit larger without the daily interaction of four lively children and their friends. Much larger, actually, than when they were all at home! As for time, it is not that we have more time, it is just that the time we have is spent in different ways – for each other, for our friends, for our work – perhaps even to pursue an interest or two that has lain dormant for a couple of decades. As for being an "empty nester", I am not yet sure I know what that means. We are fortunate to have a married daughter who lives in Chicago and a son who works in Indianapolis whom we see on a monthly basis. We also have two younger sons, who, although, do not live at home full time, are home throughout the year, and are available through face-time and skype. In fact, it sometime feels like we "see" our children more through the techno-

logical wonders than we did when they were living at home! So an "empty nester", I do not feel. But, perhaps, my husband feels differently!

Life is full of developmental stages. Having older children – some who are independent young adults – is just a natural occurrence that happens as we live our lives. Each stage can bring such joy – even with the inherent loss of the change. For as we know, each transition has a bit of a loss and a bit of a gain in the process. The loss is necessary in order to move on. Yes, our house can feel empty at times with the loss of constant physical presence – but the gain is that our children are leading lives that are appropriate for the developmental stages of their lives. And in this stage, my husband and I can spend more time with each other – strengthening the bonds of our relationship. And with the miraculous ability to use technology in only the best of ways (ie to remain in contact with our family), we get to "see" and cherish our children on a daily basis,, even when they are not in our home for the moment.

One must age in order to live a full and rich life. As Michael and I get older, we appreciate the family

Tu B'Shvat and February Birthday Lunch

Wednesday, February 8

From 12:00 – 1:00 PM

On Wednesday, February 8 we will be celebrating Tu B'Shvat, the birthday of the trees. We will also be celebrating our February birthdays. Our menu will include the 7 species of Israel, dates, figs, pomegranates, grapes, olives, wheat and barley. Hellen Pollack, community member and experienced pianist, will provide our musical entertainment. The cost for this lunch is \$5 and an RSVP is requested. Contact the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164 or by email to emilyb@thejewishfed.org.

Purim & March Birthday Lunch

Wednesday, March 8

From 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate Purim & our March birthdays. Our menu will be featuring food with triangle shapes, hidden meaning and hamantashen.

We will welcome the South Bend Symphony Orchestra string quintet for our entertainment for our Purim celebration.

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

Jewish Senior Programming

Thursday, February 23, 2017

1:30 PM

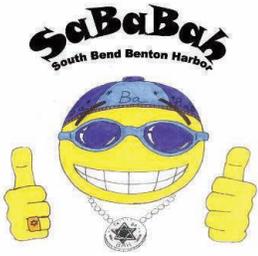
In the Library at Tanglewood

Come have a conversation with Rabbi Companez of Temple Beth-El. As always, there will be refreshments and good company! For more information contact Lizzie at 574-233-1164 x 104. See you there!

we have created together, and cherish our different roles that life bring us in each passing year. May our community be blessed with longevity and the

ability to recognize and reframe the losses and gains that each new role and stage brings us – so that we may live fully and meaningfully.

SaBaBaH – BBYO

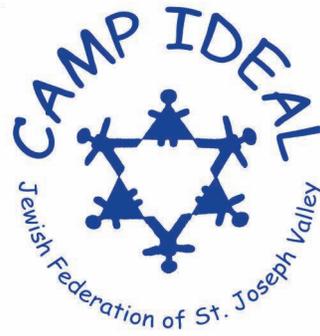


SaBaBaH Presidents' Day Lock In!

Sunday, February 19, 6:00 PM to Monday, February 20, 9:00 AM
Grades 7th – 12th

Teens, join us for an overnight of fun, including dinner, games, snacks, and some surprises! \$15 per person. For more information, talk to Efrat at 574-233-1164, extension 107 or by email to israel@thejewishfed.org.

SaBaBaH's January Skating Event at Compton Ice Rink was really cool!



Register Today!

Camp Ideal 2017!

With the snow blowing outside, it's an Ideal time to start planning your camper's summer!

Registration Opens January 1!
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, or 574-233-1164 x106.

For a registration form visit thejewishfed.org/camp-ideal.



From the desk of Israeli Shlichah

Tu B'Shvat and my connection to nature *by Efrat Naor*

We have reached February, and boy it is cold! It's this time of the year, that it's easy to forget what the ground looks like. And in the middle of the cold and freezing winter, we celebrate Tu B'Shvat, the birthday of the trees!

Since Tu B'Shvat is our holiday that celebrates nature, I want to take this opportunity and share with you a little about the organization that I dedicated a year of my life for—the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI).

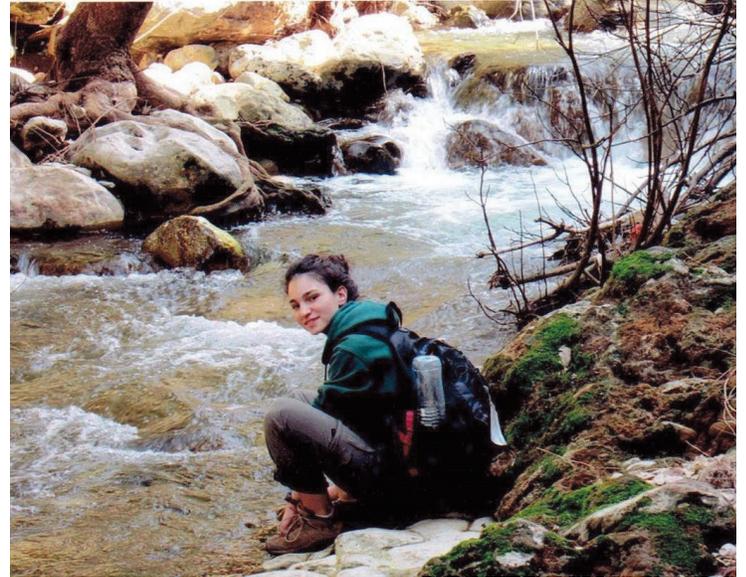
My love story with SPNI started way back even before I was born. My mother, Dalit, served in the IDF as a nature guide through SPNI, working with school children and soldiers. As a child, I remember going on hiking trips with SPNI Field Schools from the Golan Heights in the north, to

the Eilat Mountains in the south. But it was only in my senior year in high school that I realized that I wanted to do a "Shnat Sherut", a volunteer year, with SPNI before my military service.

During my year of service, I worked to connect kids and families from the periphery of Israel to nature close to their homes. It was through that experience that I myself become very devoted to environmentalism and nature conservation.

The history of the Society for the Protection of Nature is fascinating, and dates back to the creation of modern Israel. Back in the days, environmental awareness and conservation were not really subjects that were widely spoken about.

During the early years of



Efrat hiking the Nahal Kziv in Western Galilee.

the state, the consensus was that we should put our efforts in constructing and building the new-born country. As the famous poet Natan Alterman wrote in his song (referring to the land of Israel) "We will dress you in a dress of concrete and cement".

It took a few nature lovers, led by two people named Azaria Alon and Amotz Zehavi, who decided in the 50's to create an organization that is dedicated to preserve plants, animals and the natural environment in Israel.

Since then, SPNI has had a major influence on Israeli society. The organization has connected hundred of thousands of Israelis and visitors to nature, and carried out many successful campaigns for protecting unique natural places in Israel thereby protecting Israel's bio-diversity.

Just recently I came back from an amazing trip to

Cuba, full of beautiful landscapes and amazing views. It reminded me how much our planet earth is beautiful, but also how much I miss my country Israel with its outstanding nature. For me, being a Zionist means many things, but there is no doubt that protecting and loving nature in Israel is an integral part of it.

During my Shnat Sherut, I was fortunate to meet with Azaria Alon, one of the founders of SPNI. I found him very inspiring. He was a man who had revolutionary ideas that created real change in Israel. As a person who loves her country very much, but at the same time was critical of some things, Azaria Alon strengthened my belief that change is possible in every aspect of society. We should never give up on the belief to see change in our days.

Café Ivrit Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 8:00 PM

Haven't heard of Cafe Ivrit yet? 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.

This month's meeting will be at 8:00 PM on Saturday, February 11th. Contact Efrat for further location details at israel@thejewishfed.org or 574-233-1164 x 107.

Forever Learning Institute Partnership Spring Class Schedule

Forever Learning Institute (FLI) offers the spring classes listed below at the Jewish Federation. Each course is \$ 45.00, unless otherwise stated. **Scholarships are available through the FLI (574-282-1901).**

FLI also offers special rates for snow birds. You can register at FLI: on-site at 54191 Ironwood Rd., South Bend, IN 46635, **February 21 - 23, 2017**; online at www.foreverlearninginstitute.org; or via **mail**.

When registering please use the class code listed with course description. Classes begin the week of March 6, 2017.

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MONDAYS

American Mahjong: 12:00-2:00 PM
#SP22JFM
Taught by Anita Fishman, long-time instructor

Mahjong is a game that originated in China. It is commonly played by 4 players around a square table using numbered tiles. Similar to the card game rummy, Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation, and it involves a degree of chance. It can be learned in 6-8 sessions. Mahjong tiles and instruction folders are provided by the Jewish Federation. A small fee of \$2 will be collected for the materials during the first class.

Class meets **Mondays** and **Thursdays**.

March 6 - March 30. Min 4 Max 12 8 sessions

Tuesdays

Beginning German: 1:30 - 2:30 PM
#LG1JFT
Ron Cosner, retired high-school teacher of German

This class studies the foundations of German grammar and vocabulary: listening speaking, reading and writing. No textbook is needed. A fee of \$5 for handouts is required and payable at the first class.

March 7 - May 9. (No class on April 11 and April 18 because of Passover. The instructor will offer makeup lessons.) Min 4 Max 12 10 sessions

Beginning Russian: 4:30-5:30 PM
#LR1JFT
Karla Cruise Ph.D., former instructor at Notre Dame

This class is for the absolute beginner. No textbook needed. A copy fee of \$5 is required and payable at the first class.

March 7 - May 9. (No class on April 11 and April 18 because of Passover. The instructor will offer makeup lessons.) Min 4 Max 12 10 sessions

WEDNESDAYS

Sit and Be Fit: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
#HF18JFW
Jim Fischhoff, long-time instructor

Sit and Be Fit is an exercise class in which the work-out is done sitting in a chair using weights, tubes, bands and balls. The exercises can also be done standing up, according to the fitness level of the individual participant. This class works on muscle conditioning and strength as well as on flexibility, which are important for fall prevention, stamina and improvement of life quality. Equipment is provided by the Jewish Federation. Please wear comfortable clothing.

March 8 - May 12. (No class on April 12 because of Passover. Instructor will offer a make-up class.)

Min 4 Max 20 10 sessions

Graphic Novels-Modern Fiction 2:00-3:00 PM
#Lit32JFW
Ben Davis, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation

Open yourself up to a whole new world of literature that uses sequential art in addition to dialogue and prose to tell stories and epics of ALL types! "Graphic Novel" is a format, not a genre. Graphic novels can be: history, dark dramas, crime noir, romantic comedy, whimsical fantasy, science fiction and nonfiction, just to name a few. The first class will be going over the format and brief introduction to this centuries-old art form. No preparation or previous experience is required. The "textbook" for the class is the graphic novel: Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art by Scott McCloud (available at most libraries). Come explore a whole new world of literature!

March 15 - May 17. (No class on April 5 and 12. Make-up class on May 17 after FLI semester ends.)
Min 4 Max 12 8 sessions

WEDNESDAYSHebrew 103

2:00-3:00 PM

#LH3JFW

Efrat Naor, Israeli emissary to the Jewish Federation

This Hebrew class is for participants who know the Alef-Bet. The class is studying Hebrew grammar, speaking and reading and uses the textbook *Ha-Yesod - Fundamentals of Hebrew (English-Hebrew Edition)*, by Luba Uveeler and Norman Bronznick, available on Amazon.com.

Please join us for the first session to see if this class is the right level for you.

March 15 - May 10. (No class on April 12 because of Passover. Instructor will offer a makeup class.)

Min. 4 Max 12

10 sessions

The Evolution of God

3:15-4:15 PM

#SR88JFW

Rabbi Rob Weber

This course will describe and discuss how mankind has viewed God and how our perceptions have evolved over the course of humanity's existence.

- 1) Did our hominid ancestors have a spiritual view?
- 2) How did early civilizations understand the divine?
- 3) How did the advent of a single deity come about?
- 4) How has modern man changed the perception of God?

March 8 - March 29

Min. 4 Max 20 4 Sessions

Famous Sea Voyages

3:45-4:45 PM

#H9JFW

Alan Dowty, Notre Dame Professor Emeritus

Some of the greatest tales of the sea are the *true* accounts of exploration, discovery, mutiny, mystery, and disappearance that mark nautical history. The course will cover Ferdinand Magellan's first circumnavigation of the world, Captain Cook's legendary voyages in the Pacific, the incredible story of mutiny on the *Bounty*, the tragic mystery of John Franklin's lost expedition, the surprisingly unknown expeditions of Chinese Admiral Zheng He, and the heroic story of Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition. Designed as talks on cruise ships, these presentations should be of special interest to those who have traveled or will travel on the sea, especially in the Pacific region.

March 8 - May 3 (No class on April 12 because of Passover.)

Min 4 Max 20

8 Sessions

THURSDAYSGenetics

10:00-11:00 AM

#SN10JFTh

Elliot D. Rosen, retired scientist and professor at the Indiana School of Medicine

This course is organized in 5 sessions and will cover the following topics:

- 1) Central Dogma in Genetics: The Developing Understanding of the Biochemical Basis of Heredity
- 2) Genetic Engineering
- 3) Controversy Regarding Genetically Modified Organisms
- 4) Human DNA Sequencing - Promise of Personalized Medicine
- 5) Nature vs. Nurture

Reading materials will be provided for an additional fee of \$2 payable during the first class.

March 9 - April 6. Min 4 Max 12

5 sessions

Beginning Crocheting and Knitting

10:30-11:30 AM

#AC1Th

Monika Wayne

This class is for the beginning crocheter or knitter. We will start with making some fun coasters and then create a scarf or another medium size project to learn the basics of those two needle art forms. For materials please call Monika Wayne at 574-233-1164, ext. 119.

March 9 - May 11 Min 2 Max 6

10 sessions

Continuing Beginning French

11:30 AM -12:30 PM

#LF2JFTh

Rowan Kelley

This course is an introduction to French, its grammar and vocabulary. The students will practice listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The instructor will use the textbook *Easy French, Step-By-Step*, by Myrna Bell Rochester (McGraw Hill) available at Amazon.com or at Barnes and Noble.

March 9 - May 11 Min 4 Max 12

10 Sessions

American Mahjong

12:00-2:00 PM

#SP22JFTH

Anita Fishman, long-time instructor

Please see class description on Monday's schedule. This class meets **Mondays** and **Thursdays**.

March 6 - March 30 Min 4 Max 12

8 sessions

Oh Joy - More Rapture Unforeseen: More Operettas from Gilbert & Sullivan

1:45-4:45 PM

#M11JFTh

Ron Hellenthal, Ph.D. Notre Dame Professor Emeritus

The unlikely pairing of Arthur Sullivan, one of Britain's most acclaimed composers, with brilliantly witty lyricist

Dora Goldberg: A Childhood in the Shadow of the Holocaust *By Gabrielle Robinson*

The first part of Dora's story was published in the January Our Community News. By telling her story, Dora is fulfilling a promise she made to her brother that she would never turn down an opportunity to share their haunting story of life in the shadow of the Holocaust.

Fearing the worst, the mother's friend took the two children, ten and five years old, back to Paris to stay with their aunt Bela and her son. They all shared one room. "We knew we had to be good since we were all alone." Bela's husband in the meantime had become a German Prisoner of War. In Paris, the Germans would make raids at night, trying to capture any Jews, especially foreigners. As soon as Bela heard a noise in the building, she would send Dora and Harry upstairs to the shared bathroom, telling them "lock the door and don't make a sound." One night, however, Bela didn't hear the Germans arrive. She had to open the door. When the Germans saw three children sleeping on the floor, they demanded: "Who are these two?" Quick witted Bela answered: "They are twins." "And what about the girl?" Again Bela had a response ready: "It's something that happened before I was married." That satisfied the Germans and they left. However, Bela knew that they would be back and that she had to find

another place for Dora and Harry.

Again the Goussainville friend came to the rescue. She found them a home on a farm in Fontenay-en-Parisis near Goussainville. The farmers, whom Dora called Mémère and Pèpère, were wonderful. They told everyone that the children were cousins from Paris who had come here because there was little food in Paris. Dora thinks that the entire village knew that they were Jewish, but no one betrayed them. Still the farmers took a big risk. But Mémère was undaunted. She even got them ration cards and enrolled them in school.

One terrible event stands out from that time in Fontenay. "A Canadian plane crashed in our backyard. Our neighbor saved the pilot, but he wasn't seen again after that." A little later two boys were mushroom hunting in the woods with their dog. "The children couldn't understand why the dog kept scratching and digging at a certain spot. Then suddenly a hand came up." It was the neighbor who had been tortured and killed and then buried in the woods. Presumably some villager had given his name to the authorities.

Finally the war ended, but Dora's troubles weren't over. Everything was gone, her mother, her father, their store, their

apartment. She later found out that both her parents had been murdered in Auschwitz. Bela did not know where to find a place for them all. But Dora, always resourceful, remembered the apartment where her family had first stayed when coming to Paris, 40 Rue de la Mare. It was small and poor but it would have to do. Aunt Bela started something like a sweatshop there. Dora can't remember where she got all the sewing machines and the people to work them, all of them Jewish. Bela's husband had returned from the German prisoner of war camp and everyone pitched in to help with the shop. Dora was told that she was needed as well and couldn't go to school.

In this difficult situation her aunt, who was pregnant again, agreed

that they could write to their relatives in Illinois, asking to be taken in by them. Soon a letter came back with the welcome news that Dora and Harry could live with them. It took two years to get the visas, but on December 27, 1947 Dora and Harry left for the US. Dora was 14 and Harry was 9. "I was scared to death. I loved my country." And the readjustment to another country, another language, and another family was not easy either. At first the children could communicate only in Yiddish. Once again Dora's amazing resilience carried her through all of this. She even got a college degree. And in 1954 she married Irvin Goldberg of South Bend. Dora became a teacher of French and raised her two daughters here.

Have you thought about telling your story?

Everyone has a story to tell, and we would love to hear your story and help you record and/or write it. You can keep your completed stories private or you can give us permission to publish it. To assist you with writing, recording and publishing in the OCN, we have assistance from Gabrielle Robinson, author of several books, Maggie Goldberg, Michiana Jewish Historical Society, and Monika Wayne, Jewish Federation Program Associate.

To make an appointment, please contact the Monika Wayne at 574-233-1164, mwayne@thejewishfed.org.



Partnership2Gether

Big news for the Partnership!

At the end of December 2016, the Jewish Agency and the Regional Council of Matte Asher signed the contract to jointly build THE PARTNERSHIP CENTER—A home for Partnerships and Community!

Mazel tov to all of us in the Western Galilee Partnership! We're on the way! We will be the first Partnership to have its own home in Israel.

The building will be located north of Nahariya facing the Mediterranean Sea.



THE PARTNERSHIP CENTER-MATTE ASHER בית השותפויות – מטה אשר
 כח' בסלו, תשע"ז , 28.12.2016

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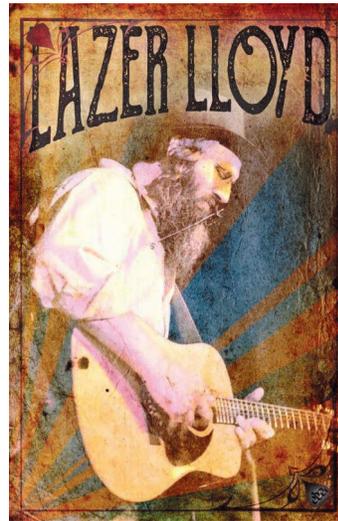
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Israeli Blues Sensation Lazer Lloyd Sunday, March 5 at 6:30 PM Sinai Synagogue

Tickets are \$15 in advance
and \$20 at the door.
Ages 12 & under are free.

Sunday March 5, Lazer Lloyd brings his unforgettable live show to Sinai Synagogue in South Bend. Fans call Lloyd a doctor to souls beaten down by life and critics generously praise his songwriting, musicianship and passion on stage. A growing global fanbase from all walks of life has gathered around this non-stop touring, singer/songwriter and virtuoso guitarist with a hot social media presence engaging millions with regular live content. His performances on stage and screen are a journey of musical bliss woven together with inspiration, laughter and a magical heart-to-heart connection which leaves his audience uplifted and energized to face their life struggles. Visit sinaisynagogue.org/tickets for more information.

Holocaust Education Programs offered by Elkhart Community Schools

Elkhart Community Schools is hosting a community night for the **Anne Frank: A History for Today exhibition at Elkhart Central on February 7 at 6:30 PM** (at no charge). The exhibition will move to the Midwest Museum of American Art on February 17, where it will remain on display through March 1 (standard museum admission charges apply).

Eva Kor to be guest speaker at The Lerner Theatre on February 23 at 6:30 PM (at no charge).



Eva and her twin sister were identified by Nazi soldiers as children to be used for medical experimentation by Dr. Josef Mengele at Auschwitz. Approximately 1,500 pairs of twins were used for medical experimentation - only an estimated 180 children survived, including Eva and her sister. Eva's powerful story of peace and forgiveness will be told through discussion with Elkhart Community Schools superintendent Dr. Robert Haworth. This event is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. Advanced tickets will be available at The Lerner Theatre beginning February 1.

Temple Beth-El

- **Tuesday, February 2, 5:30 PM** - Book group "The Last Woman Standing" by Thelma Adams. Discussion led by Mara Boettcher.
- **Friday, February 10, 5:30 PM** - Tu B'Shvat Seder & Shabbat Dinner. RSVP necessary.
- **Saturday, February 11, 10:30 PM** - "Big Idea" Food Sustainability Presentation with Lauren Goldberg
- **Friday, February 24, 5:30 PM** - Pop-up Shabbat at Posi Tucker's home

South Bend NCSY

Lounge Night at MTC February 15th from 6:30-8 PM. Come and be part of the fun at the revamped, state-of-the-art, NCSY lounge. Featuring Arcade Basketball, Ping-Pong, Pool, Foosball, video games in high-definition, delicious food, and snacks. We have a monthly guest speaker who gives a unique take on Judaism which our NCSYers have enjoyed over the years. Lounge night is where the action is, it's the place to be.

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. Location at Martin's on Ireland Rd.

Bais Yaakov High School

**Bais Yaakov Annual Musical Production
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Sinai Synagogue

Friday Evening Service and Shabbat Dinner on February 24. Join us at 6 PM on February 24 for evening services and a traditional Shabbat Dinner. This is a catered meal by Leon Eck and dine-in only. Vegetarian option is available upon request. Reservations must be paid for in advance by the February 15 deadline. Adults are \$12 and children (5-12) are \$6. Children 4 and under are free. Drop off or send your check to Sinai Synagogue, 1102 E. LaSalle Ave, South Bend, IN 46617. Questions or more information call 574-234-8584.

Hold the Date: Sinai Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Sunday, March 26th. Don't miss the tradition!

Midwest Torah Center

****New Class** Duties Of The Heart-** Rabbi Bachya Ibn Pakuda who lived in Spain in the first half of the 11th century authored this book. It treats many subjects such as belief in Hashem, Free will, trusting in Hashem, and so much more. It is a thinking person's approach to religion and an adventure worth undertaking. Please join us for this groundbreaking book which will speak to all ages. We begin our journey on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7 PM. The book is published by Feldheim Publishers.

****New Class** Book Of Samuel-** We have completed the book of Judges and now attempt to understand why we chose to have an earthly king instead of our Heavenly King. Samuel is the consummate judge, loved by all, and yet during his time, Israel says, "We want a king!" Samuel feels dejected, but Hashem says, "Samuel, they have not rejected you, they have rejected Me." Learn the story behind the headlines and learn a lot about why we are the way we are today. The class began on January 2 and continues on Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers are welcome to join anytime.

Upcoming Events:

February 3rd-4th: Community Shabbaton:

5:40 PM: Mincha. 5:45 PM: Candlelighting

6:40 PM: Friday night dinner, followed by lecture: Rabbi Nebel - The Science of Hallachah (Jewish Law)

9:30 AM: Shacharit, followed by kiddush

11:45 AM: Lecture: Rabbi Nebel - Does Hashem Care Who Wins the Super Bowl?

12:30 PM: Lunch

RSVP by February 1st: reservations@midwesttorah.org

What is the origin of racism? What could possibly cause human beings to discriminate, oppress, enslave, even kill people just because they have a different appearance or color?

Building on last month's presentation about Hate Crime legislation, join us for a video presentation from the Meaningful Life Center* in New York, followed by a respectful guided discussion about racism and prejudice, and most importantly — what we can do about it.

Monday evening, February 6th at 7 PM sharp at the Midwest Torah Center. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP: reservations@midwesttorah.org to ensure adequate seating

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