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Resilience Under Rocket Attacks: Growing up in the Israeli Border Town of Sderot



Amit Matityahu

Resilience under rocket attacks: Growing up in the Israeli border town of Sderot

What is it like to grow up with the threat of rocket attacks? That will be the focus of the talk given by Amit Matityahu, the shaliach from Chattanooga, who will be our guest speaker for an event at the

Jewish Federation on Thursday, February 6th, at 7:00 PM.

Amit is a friend and colleague of our Shlichah, Chen Nissan, who came up with the idea of inviting Amit to speak here. Chen said, "When we hear of IDF military operations in Gaza, we don't hear a personal point of view of someone who lives there. Therefore, I think it is important for our community to hear his personal story."

Amit Matityahu was born and raised near the Gaza border and spent most of his life in the town of Sderot, which is located less than one mile from the border. The city has been

the target thousands of rockets and mortar attacks over the past 19 years. Therefore, this is the reality that Amit has known for most of his life.

As a teenager, Amit was active in the Israeli scouts. After graduating from high school, he did his military service in the Israeli Navy on a missile boat crew. Since August, he has been serving as the shaliach for the Jewish Federation of Chattanooga.

When we asked Amit what he does liked most about growing up in Sderot he said, "It's always amazing to see how life continues the day after an attack and how things go



Entrance to an Underground Bomb Shelter

back to normal. The people of Sderot take the words "L'chaim" as a way of life."

Chen adds, "One can look at life in Sderot as a microcosm of the Israeli society. Although Israelis live under constant threat, we don't let these threats

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Save the Date!

10th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival
Monday, May 11 through Thursday, May 14, 2020

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



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From the Desk of Executive Director Ben Davis

Hello Jewish Michiana,

Big thanks to everyone who attended Alan Dowty's event for a great Book Launch for his new book "Arabs and Jews in Ottoman Palestine: Two Worlds Collide." We enjoyed his talk immensely and ate some delicious chili with all the fixings. Another thanks of course to Alan for his generous donation of time and knowledge, and to Bob Feferman and Shani Kramer for working with Alan to organize the entire event.

I hope many people were able to attend the event featuring Eva Kor at the Mishawaka Library on the 21st of last month. It was a holocaust education program that the Federa-

tion co-sponsored with the library and was designed to bring in the non-Jewish population. With the rise in antisemitism, programs like this become more and more important. Holocaust knowledge and lessons to be learned about how hate can become ingrained in society have been on a major downswing over the past couple decades as the few remaining survivors and eyewitnesses have aged and passed away. It is up to us and all our supporters to prevent one of the largest genocides in modern history, from fading from collective memory.

We now have information live and ready to go about our fabulous travel opportunity this summer through our Part-

nership2Gether program. If you would like to explore the European cities of Prague, Vienna and Budapest through a Jewish lens, please consider joining us on this once-in-a-lifetime experience with our partner cities in Indianapolis and Louisville. We are planning to keep costs down to make this affordable to anyone who would like to go. If you enjoyed our Food & Arts trip to Israel back in 2018, this is a must do. Please look for the ad on page 13, or call me at 574-233-1164 x1802. We hope you will join us in Europe this summer!

L'Shalom,

Ben

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.



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Ladies Clothing & Accessories Swap

**Monday, February 17th
7:30 PM @ The Jewish Federation**

How does it work? *Go through your closets and find items (apparel, shoes, jewelry, handbags) in great condition that you just don't wear anymore. Bring a min of 5, max of 10, to the event with \$5 to cover set up costs.

All leftover items will be donated to a shelter

Sassy Cakes Decorating will be bringing high-heeled shoe cookies for us to decorate & eat! LuLaRoe Boutique by Arielle will be available to purchase, to enhance your new looks!

"One woman's unworn closet is another woman's new wardrobe!"



RSVP to skramer@thejewishfed.org

Caring Connections

The Give and Take in Our Strong Community By Rowan Kelley



A community member recently contacted me to say, "thank you." They are not a client of Jewish Family Services, but one of their relatives is. They were speaking with their relative and discovered that JFS has been assisting that relative for some time. They were touched by this, and when they called to say thank you, they said that they wanted to find a way to give back to Jewish Family Services. Also recently, a new community member came in to our office to do an intake assessment because they needed Jewish Family Service's assistance. During the meeting, this new client said that they felt guilty and embarrassed for needing help. At the end of the meeting, they looked me in the eye and said that when their situation was resolved, they were going to find a way to give back. Somewhat taken aback by their determined state-

ment, all I could think of to say was "I know you will."

I am consistently amazed, humbled and grateful by the generosity of our community. Those who are able give some of their time or money or knowledge, and they do so for Jewish Family Services and our clients. This is the only thing that allows us to give our services to members of the community. The other side of the coin is that those in the community who are in need, be it because of job loss, difficult stage of life change, medical or mental health problems, are able to take. They can take my or Charmagne's or Nancy's time and skills, they can take referrals to other providers in the larger community, they can take rides to social and medical service appointments, they can take a zero-interest loan or direct assistance, they can take from our food pantry and our gas and grocery

card program. Whatever Jewish Family Services can offer to help, our clients can take.

I read and listen to regional and national news, and often hear about how there are "givers" and "takers." I am often disheartened by the attribution that those who take are greedy and lazy and will always take, and those who give are too generous and shouldn't give so much. In my own life, there were times when I wasn't making it on my own, and needed to take help. I am thankful that I am at a point in my life where I can give, both professionally and personally. And I am also grateful that our community, on the whole, understands that there are times where we must take, and times where we must give (cue Ecclesiastes or the Byrds, whichever you prefer). The give and take is, in my opinion, one of the things that makes our community

healthy and strong. Whatever ways that you are giving or taking at this point in your life, I am grateful that you are a part of and are engaged with our community.

With all of that said, Jewish Family Services needs your help. We have begun a new needs assessment for our department and need the community's input. In the next few weeks, a survey about Jewish Family Services will be going out via email. If you can give ten or fifteen minutes of your time and perspective, it will improve our understanding of what the community's current needs are and allow us to realign our services to those needs. If you don't receive the Federation's emails, please call me at 574-233-1164 x1804, and I will mail you a copy of the survey. As always, thank you for what you do for our community, and I hope to see and speak with you soon.

Join us at Tanglewood Trace!

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

February 24, 2020 - 2:30pm

March 23, 2020 - 2:30pm

April 27, 2020 - 2:30pm

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

Our Community Table

By Cristyne Porile

Super Sunday may well be on its way to becoming a legit, low-key foodie event. I know this may seem like out of the box thinking, but isn't "out of the box" the place where all the magic happens? This foodluscious revelation was brought about by the presence of one spectacular little number that appeared on the snacks table at our last Campaign event. Discreetly nestled between the bagels & cream cheese platter and the fruit salad bowl was a small tray of homemade, cinnamon-sugar dusted, fruit filled strudel slices. You read that right. Homemade, cinnamon-sugar dusted, raisin, fig and walnut filled slices of strudel perfection that were made, with love, by our very own Cheri Schuster. It will surprise absolutely no one that Cheri thought a little love in the form of a home baked "something" would really make the volunteers feel cared for. How right she was. Sadly, they

were all completely gone by the time I managed to get around to having one. Alas, I had waited too long—and had to hear all about how delectable they were from the cinnamon-sugar dusted lips of... everyone! Never one to despair, I have managed, dear readers, to obtain this recipe for us all. This month's OCT recipe comes to us from the recipe files of Cheri Schuster, originally an Alice Schuster recipe. I had a delightful conversation with Cheri during which she divulged all this recipe's secrets for success, along with some of her very fond reminiscences of watching Alice prepare, in her wonderfully detail oriented and completely organized way, this very strudel. As for next year's very-possibly-food-fabulous phone-a-thon event, I have high hopes ... because who knows...with a little effort and a few great volunteers...it could happen!

Cheri Schuster's Most Impressive Super Sunday Strudel

An Alice and Cheri Schuster family recipe from the self-published book, *With Love From Rozz's Kitchen*.

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside

For the strudel dough:

- 1 cup salted margarine, at room temperature
- 1 cup granulated white sugar
- 6 large eggs, at room temperature
- ½ cup frozen orange juice (not diluted), defrosted
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- Grapeseed oil (or other unflavored oil) for brushing on tops of strudels

In the bowl of an electric mixer, or in a big bowl and with an electric hand mixer, cream the margarine and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat well. Whisk together the flour and the baking soda and add, alternately, with the defrosted orange juice. Remove dough from mixing bowl and cut the dough into 6 equal pieces. Knead each dough segment on a lightly floured surface until just smooth. Wrap each segment separately with saran wrap and refrigerate until ready to use.

For the filling:

- 1 large jar apricot or plum preserves
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 cup of either dried dates or chopped dried figs
- 1 cup chopped walnuts, not toasted, chopped to a small/medium size
- ½ cup cinnamon (or more if you prefer)
- 1 cup granulated white sugar

In a bowl, combine the cinnamon and the sugar in a ratio that pleases you with regard to cinnamon strength, and set aside.

In small bowls or on small pieces of parchment or wax paper, divide the dry filling ingredients into six equal amounts (@2 Tablespoons each raisins, dates or figs, walnuts) and one tablespoon cinnamon sugar blend. Mix together nicely and set aside.

Remove one strudel dough segment from the refrigerator and roll out into an elongated rectangle shape to a thickness of approximately 1/8th -inch.

Thinly spread some of the preserves leaving a 1/4-inch space around the edges preserves free. Sprinkle with the raisin, fig or date, chopped nuts and cinnamon-sugar blend.

Starting on the "long" side of the dough, roll tightly to form a long roll/log, pinching the dough's edges together (both sides and the bottom seam) when finished to keep all fillings in.

Place the roll onto a prepared baking sheet with the "seam" side down. Brush lightly with oil and sprinkle the tops generously with additional cinnamon-sugar mixture.

Score the top with ½-inch spaced, angled cuts so that the strudel's filling has a bit of breathing room and the dough is easier to cut when finished.

Bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely before cutting...if you can wait that long.

Repeat this process until all the dough segments have been used.

From the Desk of our Shlichah

Hi everyone! In a few days on Sunday, February 9th we will celebrate Tu Bishvat!

Tu Bishvat is a Jewish holiday, occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. It is also called "Rosh HaShanah La'Ilanot", literally "The New Year of the Trees."

Tu Bishvat is a special day in Israel. It is celebrated as an ecological awareness day, and many Israelis plant new trees in the forests all over the country.

This holiday provides me with the opportunity to tell you about the Kibbutzim in Israel and how they turned out to be responsible for many agricultural innovations and startups that attract people and companies from all over the world.

So first of all, a short explanation about what a Kibbutz is. A kibbutz is a communal farming village. It is a form of lifestyle based on the ideals of socialism. The idea was created by young idealistic Jews who came from Europe in the 1920s. They had the idea that people should live together and share everything.

In the original kibbutz, there was no private ownership of anything. Everything was owned by the kibbutz. One of the main purposes of the Kibbutzim was to draw the borders of the future State of Israel, and because of that, many of the kibbutzim are located on the borders of the

country.

And what is the best way to take ownership of the land? To grow fields! And so it was that the main source of income for the Kibbutzim was agriculture and farming.

Back to the present. The Kibbutzim made an interesting transformation and began to connect to the startup world. According to data from the Kibbutz Industry Association, 25 Kibbutzim invested \$110 million in 34 startups last year.

Israel is known as "the Startup Nation" with the world's largest number of high-tech workers in relation to the population. It also has a large number of businesses that compete only with the United States.

In early 2009, when Israel was only 60 years old and with a population of 7.1 million people, we managed to achieve such prosperity that 63 Israeli companies were traded on the NASDAQ, more than any other foreign country. The Kibbutzim didn't want to be left behind, and in the past few years they brought some very important innovations to the world, here are a few examples:

Did you know that the members of Kibbutz Hatzerim were the ones who invented the drip irrigation system? This Israeli invention has revolutionized the methods of irrigation and fertilization in

— "כִּי הָאָדָם עֵץ הַשָּׂדֶה" Man is like a tree of the field (D'varim, 20.19)

By Chen Nissan

agriculture and has led to the conservation of water while maintaining crop productivity.



*Drip Irrigation System,
Invented by Kibbutz
Hatzerim*

Another example is Kibbutz Yavne, which has developed an innovative start-up that utilizes solar energy with three times the efficiency of the current method, without using a large area of land. The name of the development is called CPV- Concentrated PV.



*Concentrated PV,
Invented by Kibbutz
Yavne*

The last example is a company called "Biobee," that's owned by Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu- where I spent a whole year after I finished my army service.

Biobee Biological Systems is one of the leading international companies in the field of Biologically based integrated pest management, natural pollination, and medfly control. Their products are sold worldwide, in over 50 countries.



Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu

One of the most powerful metaphors in the Torah, in my opinion, is "כִּי הָאָדָם עֵץ הַשָּׂדֶה" – Man is like a tree (D'varim, 20. 19). I'm proud of the many Israelis who fulfill Hashem's commandment to preserve nature and improve the way we treat it.

I'm encouraging you to celebrate Tu Bishvat by planting a new tree or donating for organizations that are helping to restore the burned land in Australia, the Amazon forest, or in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

Happy Tu Bishvat!

"Resilience Under Rocket Attacks..."

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define us. Israelis are focused on living and loving life."

Sderot is a shining example of Israeli resilience. In spite of the constant threat of rockets, the population of Sderot has actually grown over the past years. Today, the city has more than 26,000 residents, and new neighborhoods are being built all the time.

Amit's visit is co-sponsored by our Federation's Community Relations Committee and the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. Please RSVP for the event by calling the Jewish Federation at 574-233-1164.

Hey Gorgeous, Let's Celebrate!



**Pre-Purim Carnival
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(by the dozen)
\$7.50 /dozen

**Pick the flavors you
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**Flavor choices: Chocolate,
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Order deadline is Friday, February 28th. Orders will be available for pick up at the Purim Carnival. Additional Hamantaschen will be available to purchase at the carnival at 3 for \$2. Email orders to skramer@thejewishfederation.org.

Zumba Winter Schedule

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Zumba classes are continuing their 10 week sessions at the Federation. No class on **February 13th**. 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.

Tai Chi Winter Schedule

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.

Registration for Camp Ideal 2020 is now open!

Join us for a summer of field trips,
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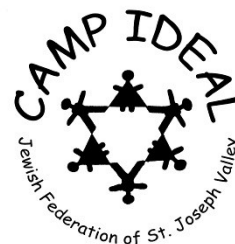
Multi-Week Discount - \$10 off per week

(Not applicable for campers using the whole summer special)

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Scholarships Available for those in need!

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



2020 Camp Ideal Information Packet Request

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

Camper's name (Last, First, Middle)

_____ Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Grade (Fall of 2020)

Street Address (Camper's Residence)

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip

Parent 1/Guardian 1 Name

Best Contact Phone

E-mail address

*Registration fee must accompany form, to save your camper's place.
Submit registration form and fee to the Jewish Federation
3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, IN 46615

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The deadline to become a sponsor is March 5th 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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Federation Book Club

by Beth Buechler

Rough Magic: Riding the World's Loneliest Horse Race, by Lara Prior-Palmer

Looking back four years on a variety of books, I realize we've vicariously experienced women applying henna to brides in Yemen (Henna House), an idealistic man attempting to build up a coastline in Italy (Beautiful Ruins), a family of Jewish mystics in Canada (The Mystics of Mile End), a previously apathetic architect ingeniously hiding Jews in Nazi-occupied Paris (The Paris Architect), a poet living under house arrest for three decades in a grand hotel (A Gentleman in Moscow), a family reckoning with ghosts in Detroit (The Turner House), Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Supreme Court experiences (My Own Words), WWII Jewish refugees surviving (or not) in Shanghai (The Song of the Jade Lily), a wild child growing up alone in a marsh of North Carolina's coast (Where the Crawdads Sing), a cold-case murder mystery in suburban Australia (The Husband's Secret), and other



locations too numerous to list.

Our group has a taste for the exotic, which is why we chose this memoir. Rough Magic: Riding the World's Loneliest Horse Race, by Lara Prior-Palmer, is about the youngest person ever to win the Mongol Derby—"a 1,000 km race through the Mongolian Steppe." Approximately 650 miles, this race re-creates the "horse messenger system developed by Genghis Khan in 1224." Genghis Khan's ingenious system inspired the Pony Express.

The author uses allegory, philosophy, and personal metaphors, enriching her book with Mongolian poetry and Shakespeare. Utterly underprepared for the trip—Prior-Palmer lacks sponsors, proper vac-

cinations, basic survival skills, and knowledge of using a GPS. Her teenage exuberance, competitive drive, and her greatest rival's penalty all help her win the race.

Some of us felt disappointed over her lack of detailed perspective while traveling across the Mongolian countryside. We didn't feel "with her" on location, didn't feel immersed in the exotic world in which she'd spent so much time and angst, and were often unsure of what actually happened. Her deft insertion of poetry and history later found in her research may or may not appeal, but her writing works for those looking for a different kind of narrative—one without the predictable and formulaic story arc. *Source: Wikipedia*

Upcoming Schedule of Books:

New time: 4:00 to 5:00 PM, bring a "cozy snack" worthy of sharing:

· February 6: Breakfast at Tiffany's and Three Stories, by Truman Capote

· March 5: The Water Dancer, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

· April 2: Catch and Kill, by Ronan Farrow

· May 7: To be decided

The Book Club meets monthly at 4:00 PM. Scheduling changes are posted as above.

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



Jewish Family Services (JFS) is extremely grateful to Sinai Synagogue for the generous donation of 40 Hanukkah gift bags for JFS clients. The funds to purchase materials were donated by members of Sinai, and the bags were put together by volunteers during Sinai's annual Kallah Retreat. (picture left)

JFS is also extremely grateful for the donated 17 Hanukkah gifts to the JFS Food Pantry clients. Linda Mintz made and donated beautiful pottery pieces, and Cristyne Porile lovingly put together the gifts. (picture right)





Jewish Journey to Prague, Vienna, and Budapest June 2020

Jewish Federations of Louisville, Indianapolis and the Consortium are offering a pre-summit visit to Prague and Vienna to be followed by the Partnership2gether pre-tour and summit.

Part One: June 15-21 to Prague and Vienna

Registration Deadline for Part One is February 14, 2020.

Part Two: June 21-22 Optional Pre-tour:

Jewish Budapest & Beyond

A two day experience in Budapest with our Partnership Communities.

Part three: June 22-25, 2020

2020 Partnership2Gether Summit!

Join us in beautiful Budapest, to learn about their process of Jewish community renewal, and acquaint yourself with this fascinating city. Discover new Partnership opportunities, as you get to know staff and lay leaders from the 16 US Central Area Consortium Communities, Budapest and the Western Galilee.

We'll share Partnership experiences, brainstorm new ideas and discover new ways to engage our communities!

Questions? Contact: Bracha Zuriel, P2G Consortium Director, Brachazuriel@gmail.com



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Mondays

FLI German

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Ron Cosner, M.A.

Max: 12 Min: 4 10 Weeks

Copy Fee: \$5, due to instructor

at the beginning of the first class



Tuesdays

FLI Stretching, Toning & Yoga

9:15 AM-10:15 AM

Dottie Wallace, M.S.

Max: 15 Min: 5 10 Weeks

This class meets twice each week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Wednesdays (1)

FLI Tales to Astonish!

10:00 AM-10:50 AM

Ben Davis, M.A.

Max: 12 Min: 3 10 Weeks

iPad/Tablet may be helpful. No class on 4/15/20



Wednesdays (2)

FLI Hebrew

11:00 AM-11:50 AM

Chen Nissan, Israeli Emissary

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June 7th-June 17th Led by Shoshana Feferman



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- See the best of Israel in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv/Yaffo, Safed, Masada and the Dead Sea
- Take a cable ride into the grottos at Rosh Hanikra on the Mediterranean
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- Explore the Golan Heights, visit a kibbutz and enjoy lunch at a Druze village
- Visit Beit Alpha, an ancient synagogue with a colorful mosaic floor
- Discover our ancient past digging in an archaeological site
- Visit the border town of Sderot to receive a briefing at the Kassam museum
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For more details contact Rabbi Shoshana Feferman at rfefe@comcast.net

Calling College Students!

This year, 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.

"A Congregation Thrives in Kokomo with Predominately Black Converts"

Congregation Yeshivat Tzion in Kokomo, a young congregation, already boasts about 100 converts. The leader, Roosevelt Solomon Jr. was born in Kokomo in 1952. The son of a Baptist minister, he discovered during a trip to Israel that many of his principles aligned more closely with Judaism than with Christianity. He converted, attended Rabbinical Seminary International, became Rabbi Moshe, and established congregation Yeshivat Tzion. Rabbi Moshe also oversees a food pantry that feeds over two hundred families a month and a prison ministry aiding Jewish men behind the walls. The congregation is primarily African American, as is Rabbi Moshe, and innovative expressions of Judaism have flourished.

**Sunday, February 9 at 11:00 A.M. at Sinai Synagogue,
1102 E. LaSalle Ave.**

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Jewish Federation Community Calendar ♦ February 2020 / Shevat 5780–Adar 5780

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| | | | | | | 1 6 SHEVAT 8:00 PM: South Bend Hebrew Day School Chinese Auction |
| 2 7 SHEVAT | 3 8 SHEVAT | 4 9 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Toning | 5 10 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Sentao 11:00 AM: Hebrew Class | 6 11 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Toning 12:00 PM: Russian ESL Class 4:00 PM: Book Club 7:00 PM: Amit Matityau Event | 7 12 SHEVAT Federation Closes at 3:00 PM | 8 13 SHEVAT |
| 9 14 SHEVAT 11:00 AM: Sababah JR & NCSY 11:00 AM: A Congregation Thrives in Kokomo Sinai Event | 10 15 SHEVAT | 11 16 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Toning | 12 17 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Sentao 11:00 AM: Hebrew Class | 13 18 SHEVAT 12:00 PM: Russian ESL Class | 14 19 SHEVAT Federation Closes at 3:00 PM | 15 20 SHEVAT |
| 16 21 SHEVAT | 17 22 SHEVAT Presidents' Day | 18 23 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Toning | 19 24 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Sentao 11:00 AM: Hebrew Class 1:30 PM: MJHS Family Tree | 20 25 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Toning 12:00 PM: Russian ESL Class | 21 26 SHEVAT Federation Closes at 3:00 PM | 22 27 SHEVAT |
| 23 28 SHEVAT | 24 29 SHEVAT 2:30 PM: Tanglewood Trace | 25 30 SHEVAT 9:15 AM: Zumba Toning | 26 1 ADAR 9:15 AM: Zumba Sentao 11:00 AM: Hebrew Class | 27 2 ADAR 9:15 AM: Zumba Toning 12:00 PM: Russian ESL Class | 28 3 ADAR Federation Closes at 3:00 PM | 29 4 ADAR |

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Due to the unpredictable nature of South Bend Winters, our next Jewish Family Services lunch will be held in **Spring of 2020**. Keep up on all things JFS lunch, by checking out our website, and Jewish Federation e-blasts!



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- * COOL PRIZES
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