

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Introducing New Executive Director, Moshe Kruger



Dear Community Members and Supporters of the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley,

My name is Moshe. I'm thrilled and honored to be your new Executive Director. I wanted to reach out and say Hineini — here I am! I am here for YOU to collaborate, celebrate, and join together in the shared work of creating a vibrant Jewish community.

Coming to South Bend

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## Marking 72 Years of Independence: Celebrating Israel's Diversity, By Bob Feferman



On May 14th, 1948 when David Ben-Gurion declared Israel's independence, he and the founders were not even sure that Israel would survive its first war. Seventy-two years later, Israel has a wonderfully diverse population that has created a thriving economy. Celebrating Israel's diversity will be the theme for this year's Yom Ha'Azmaut chosen by our Federation Shlichah, Chen Nissan, who is organizing the event.

As this edition of *Our Community News* goes to

print, the plans for the community Yom Ha'Azmaut event at the Federation are on hold until further notice, due to the restrictions on public gatherings resulting from the Coronavirus.

Nevertheless, just as Israel has learned to innovate to overcome difficulties, we will also provide innovative virtual online programming for Yom Ha'Azmaut on Sunday, April 26th. The lineup of speakers for the day will reflect the theme of diversity. (Please see notifications from the Federation on our website and Face-

book page).

Here are a few facts about Israel's diverse population that may surprise our readers. As of December 2019, the population of Israel stood at 9,136,000. The Jewish population makes up 74.1% of the population. In 2019, the non-Jewish population by religion was roughly 18% Muslim-Arab, 2% Christian-Arab and 2% Druze. The other 4.8% includes non-Arab Christians and Baha'i (Source: Jewish Virtual Library).

Israel's Jewish population is also highly diverse.

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### **Federation Programming Update:**

For the health and well-being of our members, staff, and guests, and in compliance with the stay at home order issued by Governor Holcomb on March 23, the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley is suspending use of our building. We hope to reopen on Monday, April 13. The staff will be working remotely and hope to announce various virtual opportunities in the coming days. Staff can still be reached via email during this time and will be checking their voicemails regularly.

Be sure to keep an eye on our digital marketing for updates on our modified engagement opportunities.

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## From Executive Director Moshe Kruger

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has special significance for my wife, Karen, and me since I have deep roots in the Midwest. Not only have I lived in Chicago for the past 25 years, I actually grew up not so far away in Michigan, where my late father, Daniel, taught at Michigan State University. As for my mom, Sylvia, she's celebrating her 92nd birthday this month in Zichron Yaakov, quite close to the Western Galilee. As the middle child in a family of five siblings, I learned what it means to grow and thrive in a warm, open and inclusive environment, one that welcomes challenge and rewards accomplishment. These are the personal resources and values that I hope to bring to bear in order to achieve our hopes and dreams for our Jewish Federation family here in Michiana.

As I write this introduction in mid-March for the April edition of *Our Community News*, the coronavirus hit a tipping point. I had hoped to have met many of you during my first couple of weeks, however, given the current climate, many of the opportunities have been postponed. Therefore, I'm us-

ing this opportunity to introduce myself virtually until we have the pleasure of coming together again as a community.

At the Federation, the health and wellbeing of our members, staff, and community are always a top priority. While we cannot predict the state of affairs at the time you'll be receiving this newsletter, the Federation will be actively monitoring the latest news and developing imaginative, creative, and responsible ways to safely serve our members and the community.

It is my sincere hope that I will meet as many of you as possible when the exposure to Covid-19 is no longer a health risk. You should know, my door is always open but, in the meantime, we'll continue following best practices for our collective health and welfare and suggest we communicate via email [mkruger@thejewishfed.org](mailto:mkruger@thejewishfed.org) and by phone at 574-233-1164.

In the spirit of the Passover holiday (may the coronavirus pass over us quickly and safely, Amen), permit me to share with you Moshe's Four Questions as I honor the Federa-

tions' past accomplishments and begin our new journey together into our bright and promising future.

1. What do you love about our St. Joseph Valley Jewish Federation?
2. If you could change one thing about our Jewish Federation, what would it be?
3. In your view, what are the core, cardinal values of the Federation?
4. What do we want to pass on to our children about Jewish communal life, Jewish ethics and Jewish learning?

And one additional bonus question: What would be your one piece of advice or tip for someone new to South Bend?

I close with deep gratitude to you all for entrusting me to lead the Federation into this new decade. My wife, Karen, a professor and organizer of Jewish activities on campus at University of Notre Dame and I couldn't be more thrilled to be joining our new family – you all have made me feel so very welcomed.

L-Shalom,  
Moshe

### 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.

## Farewell, Ben Davis



Hello Jewish Michiana,

Last month I posted my good-bye message and I had to shorten part of it due to space. I would like to, once again, thank everyone in the community for all of their support over

my years and mention some other very important people who contributed greatly to the Federation's success during my tenure. Stephanie Scharf ז"ל and Lisa Gerber both were invaluable working with Lizzie and me over the years. They made a huge, powerful and positive impact on their JFS clients, community members and the entire staff. Monika Wayne spent years building up so many great programs and has left a lasting legacy with Forever Learning Institute, Yom HaShoah, film festival and so many other pro-

grams. The mark Monika has left is indelible and I am so grateful for the years we worked together. Regina Rozenblit continues to be a dedicated volunteer and teacher of our ESL class, but also I am thankful for her previous 15 years of service to the Federation. Lori DeMike and Samara Gold both did so many great things for our kitchen (and stomachs) over the years and handled all of the last minute changes and increases to our food needs with grace and unwavering passion. Mike McComish and Joe

Havens worked on our building, ensuring everything was clean and working. I was blessed to work with so many amazing people over the past 6+ years and I hope you all know how much I appreciated all of you. I look forward to continuing to be a member of the greater Michiana Jewish community. Thank you all so much!

L'Shalom,

Ben Davis  
Former Executive Director

## Amos Guiora to Speak on the Bystander in Hate Crimes on Yom HaShoah on April 19th

Given the resurgence of hate crimes over the past several years, this year's keynote speaker for our Federation's Yom Hashoah commemoration, Professor Amos Guiora, will address the topic through a unique perspective. His talk is titled, "Crimes of Complicity: the Role of the Bystander from the Holocaust to Hate Crimes in America."

As this edition of *Our Community News* goes to print, the plans for the community Yom Hashoah commemoration at the

Federation are on hold until further notice. This is due to the restrictions on public gatherings as a result of the Coronavirus. Nevertheless, plans are now underway for the talk by Professor Guiora to be made available to our community virtually. (See updates on our website and Facebook page for more details).

Professor Guiora's talk is sponsored by the Okon Family Endowment for Holocaust Education. The idea for this timely topic

came from Ina Rosenberg who represents the Okon Family Fund.

Amos N. Guiora is Professor of Law at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah. He teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, International Law, Global Perspectives on Counterterrorism and Religion and Terrorism, incorporating innovative scenario-based instruction to address national and international security issues and dilemmas. Professor Guiora's

research and book, *The Crime of Complicity: The Bystander in the Holocaust*, helped build a foundation for legislation introduced in the 2018 and 2019 Utah Legislative Sessions by Representative Brian King that would require Utah citizens to assist others who are suffering, or are threatened with serious bodily injury associated with a crime or an emergency.

For more details about this event, please contact Shani Kramer, Federation Program Director.

## Marking 72 Years of Independence: Celebrating Israel's Diversity

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Today, more than half of the Jews of Israel are from families who have never left the Middle East or North Africa. They represent the more than 850,000 Jews who left the Muslim world after Israel was created in 1948, most of whom came to Israel.

They came from places as diverse as Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Turkey and Yemen. Chen Nissan's family is an example of this diversity with her grandparents coming from Iran and Iraq.

The story of the immigration of the Jews of Ethiopia is one of the miracles of our time. Motivated by their deep longing to return to the Land of Israel, the Jews of Ethiopia were Zionists before there was Zionism.

It was thanks to the determination of the Jewish communal leadership of Ethiopia, and the courage of thousands who walked cross desert to Sudan, that the government of Israel came to understand the need to help Ethiopian-Jews come to Israel. Through secret operations organized by Israel's Mossad and the Israel Air Force, and supported by the Jewish Federations of North America, more than 90,000 Ethiopian Jews

eventually made their way to Israel.

And finally, there are the Arab and Druze citizens of Israel who now make up 22% of the population. Many of them live in mixed cities such as Tel Aviv-Yafo, Haifa and in Western Galilee, the region we know so well through Partnership2Gether.

No place is more representative of this diversity than Galilee Medical Center (GMC) located in Nahariya. The medical staff and patients of the hospital represent this diversity which is headed by Dr. Masad Barhoum, a Christian-Arab. Western Galilee is a microcosm of what peace could look like one day in the Middle East.

GMC staff member Sharon Mann wrote in Times of Israel, "It's heartening to see that a leading institution in the Galilee can serve as an example of the best our country has to offer- a many layered mosaic of people working in sync to provide chesed (loving kindness) and top notch medical care to all."

Please join us online on Sunday, April 26th for our virtual Yom Haazmaut events. If you have any questions about these events, please contact Chen Nissan at [Israel@thejewishfed.org](mailto:Israel@thejewishfed.org).

## 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 [info@thejewishfed.org](mailto:info@thejewishfed.org) for a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is April 12, 2020 to be considered.

## 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](http://thejewishfed.org/scholarships), or contact the Federation at 574-233-1164. **Applications are due April 1st, 2020!**

# Caring Connections

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Jewish Michiana,

While events over the past few weeks have been unprecedented, Jewish Family Services is working to ensure that the needs of our community are being fulfilled. I have already been contacted by many members of our community asking how they can help during this current situation, and I am grateful that we have a community that is so ready to give. I have recently contacted our congregational Rabbis and synagogue presidents, and am now reaching out to let everyone know what JFS is doing to help in the community, as well as to share ways that you can help. I know that, as always, we will rise up together as a community to support and be supported by one another.

The first area I would like to address is the immediate, tangible needs of

community members. All current JFS clients are being contacted to assess their needs and ensure that they have necessary items. In addition, in consultation with the Food Pantry Committee, we are asking that those in the community who are not current clients but are in need of essential household items please contact me, Charmagne LaFortune, or Nancy Kennedy directly. Our Kosher Food Pantry has some essential hygiene items, and we will do everything in our power to ensure that everyone has what they need.

In addition, many of our community members are becoming more isolated. School closings, remote work policies, restriction of group activities and worship services, and closing healthcare and assisted-living facilities to the public are prudent measures to

## Springing into Action

By Rowan Kelley

slow or stop the spread of COVID-19. While we cannot currently congregate in our normal fashion, our staff and volunteers can ensure that everyone in the community is connected by phone, text and/or email. For those who are physically isolated, we will ensure that they remain connected in the days to come.

If you are not currently a JFS client, and are homebound, immunocompromised, or otherwise at high-risk, please contact me directly! Currently, we can help you to obtain hygiene or other essential household items, and/or connect you to our check-in call list.

Now, I am asking for your help in two ways:

1. If you are able to volunteer and help us ensure that our community members maintain regular contact with others, please contact me. Our staff will work to connect volunteers to everyone who is physically isolated, so that we can offer each other contact, conversation and fel-

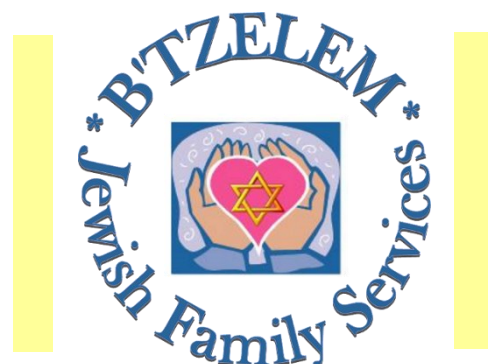
lowship on a regular basis. Volunteers will not be in physical contact with others, only in contact via calls/texts/emails.

2. If you know someone who is physically isolated, please encourage them to contact me, Charmagne or Nancy, and we will work to keep them connected via phone/text/email.

My phone number is 574-233-1164 ext. 1804. My cell phone number is 574-309-1213, and my email is [rkelley@thejewishfed.org](mailto:rkelley@thejewishfed.org). Charmagne's number is 574-233-1164 ext.1806, and her email address is [clafortune@thejewishfed.org](mailto:clafortune@thejewishfed.org). Nancy's phone number is 269-405-7808, and her email address is [jewishfamilyservicesbh@gmail.com](mailto:jewishfamilyservicesbh@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from and working with everyone in the community. I feel very fortunate that whatever tomorrow brings, we will face it together as one small but mighty Jewish community.

Sincerely,

Rowan Kelley



## From the Desk of our Shlichah



*Eli & I at my Graduation*

I'm excited to publish this two-part interview that I did with Eli Rosenbaum, a very unique person who had a major impact on me when I was in high school (and until today). Eli was my teacher in 11th-12th grade. I was fortunate to study in a unique school called "Yachad" that brings orthodox and secular students and teachers together. I interviewed Eli because one of my missions for my Shlichut is to expose our community to different Israeli and Jewish stories. Eli, who lives in the West Bank, has a unique point of view on Israeli society.

As my teacher, Eli was always open to hear my opinions and respected them, just as I learned so much from him. Eli is inspiring to me as a person. On the one hand, he lives according to his values and principles, and on the other hand he respects people who are different than him. I hope you will enjoy reading this interview as I enjoyed writing it. Thank you Eli for sharing your inspiring story with us.

**Q: Tell our readers about yourself:**

A: My father was born to parents who survived the Holocaust in Auschwitz. The Holocaust was

something that was ever present in our home. My mother was born and raised in the Jewish community of Philadelphia in a Conservative synagogue. Her parents were very Zionist. Her mother, who died a year ago, was president of the local chapter of Hadassah.

My mother came to Israel on a synagogue tour and fell in love with Israel. When she graduated high school, she decided to make Aliyah. Then she met my father who was Orthodox. When they got married, they decided to live an Orthodox lifestyle.

My grandmother wrote a spiritual will for our family. In it is written that we should be good friends of one another, to always give Tzedakah, preferably anonymously, and always keep the Ten Commandments. She wrote that she had the honor of being an active participant in the building of the State of Israel and she hoped that that we would continue that same path. Her will is very meaningful to our family, and it guides us in our lives to this day.

**Q: How did you become a settler in the West Bank?**

A: After the '67 war, Judea and Samaria were liberated along with the Golan Heights and Sinai. Then the settlement movement began. It was called, "Gush Emunim". In 1978, my father was studying at a Yeshiva called Merkaz HaRav named after Rabbi

## Getting to Know Our Israeli Brothers: Interview with Eli Rosenbaum *By Chen Nissan*

Kook, the spiritual leader of the Religious Zionist movement (Dati Leumi). A group of young people came together to become the first settlers of Beit El, a place in Judea located just north of Jerusalem.

Since my father grew up in a small farming village near Ashkelon to parents who were Holocaust survivors, he was used to living in difficult conditions. However, for my mother, it was a huge change in her lifestyle. She came from a wealthy family in Philadelphia. She left it all behind so that she could live on a barren hilltop in Judea and settle the land of our ancestors.

**Q: What motivated the settler movement?**

A: Most of the stories of the Bible happened in Judea and Samaria and not in the coastal plain, which was where the Philistines lived. Most of the tribes of Israel lived in the hills of Judea and Samaria (also referred to as the West Bank). That's why they settled in Beit El.

My older sister was the first child born in the new settlement. My father always says that she was the first Jewish child born in Beit El after 2,000 years.

In my eyes, we are seekers of peace. We didn't go looking for wars. We simply wanted to live in the place that our ancestors Abraham and Jacob lived.

We had good relations with our Arab neighbors. We went shopping in nearby Ramallah. We used Ar-

ab taxis, shopped in their markets and went to Arab dentists. It was not dangerous to live there, and we didn't live in fear.

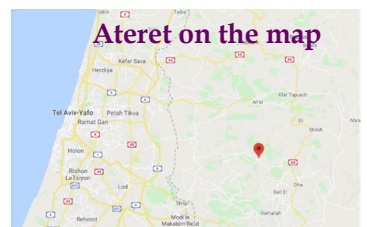
At some point after the First Intifada began in 1987, things changed.

**Q: Tell us about the place you now live called Ateret:**

A: Ateret was founded a few years after Beit El in 1981. After we got married, we decided to move to Ateret after the Second Intifada in 2001. Ateret was going through a crisis. After many terror attacks during the Second Intifada, many people simply left the settlement.

There is a lot of Jewish history that happened here. This is where the battles of Judah the Maccabee occurred. We are a small and warm community. Five years ago, we bought the land legally and G-d willing, we plan on building 120 more units. We have a musical Yeshiva called "Kinor David." I taught there for 7 years before I came to teach in your high school in Modi'in.

*This is the end of the first part of the interview, in next month's article you will read about why Eli decided to teach in "Yachad" school and about what is the ideal Israeli society to his opinion.*





Jewish Federation  
OF ST. JOSEPH VALLEY

# Yom Ha'Atzmaut 2020

## Celebrating 72

## Years of Israeli

# DIVERSITY



Please join us live on **facebook** on  
Sunday, April 26th.

Throughout the day, we will have a  
lineup of speakers to tell us their  
Israeli story!

**Stay tuned**

for more information through email  
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# 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!



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For more information, please contact our office at [Camp@thejewishfed.org](mailto:Camp@thejewishfed.org), or 574-233-1164.



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\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
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## Federation Book Club

By Beth Buechler



The Water Dancer, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Ta-Nehisi Coates’s narrator is Hiram Walker—son of a Virginian plantation owner and a “Tasked” woman. Whether called “wishful thinking,” “magical realism,” or “supernatural,” the novel is a must read. Hiram’s terminology smoothly brings us into his world view and story—“Tasked” for enslaved human beings, “Quality” for masters and their families, and “low whites,” for those, as Hiram puts it: “tolerated publicly by the Quality, but spurned in private.” Note also his use of upper and lower case letters—particularly lower case for “lows.”

“Conduction” is probably the most important word of the book. Endowed with double meaning—you might first think is simply means transporting people via the Underground; however, Hiram’s

African magic turns “Conduction” into teleportation of humans and special objects. The mix of memory, water, and having suffered the abuses of slavery helps Hiram develop this power. Conduction unblocks his most painful memories, and, as these memories become less blocked, Conduction becomes more powerful. The stronger the Conduction, the greater the teleportation distance—and what could be more desirable than distance when attained by the Underground Railroad? This novel also brings forth a delightful entrance and rendition of Harriet Tubman, herself a master of Conduction.

I can’t remember a livelier discussion than we had for The Water Dancer.

The Book Club usually meets monthly at 4 PM however, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, our meetings are to be put on

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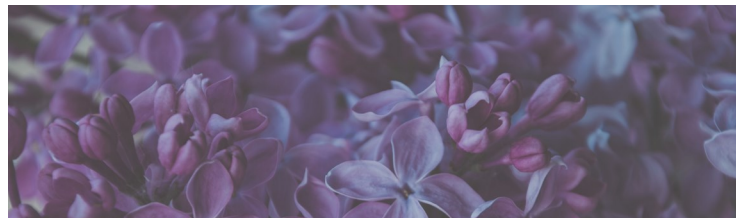
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hold, until further notice. We meet to discuss books of either global or page-turning interest, and not to promote our own writing or that of our friends.

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.

## Our Community Table

By Cristyne Porile

Greetings readers,

This month's OCT entry is a long-time crowd favorite. A crunchy-and-crisp on the outside, soft-and-marshmallow-y on the inside confection topped with luscious mountains of whipped cream and colorful, juicy fruit, Pavlova is beautiful to behold and easy to serve. It makes a particularly nice addition to the Pesach dessert buffet as it is also Kosher for Passover! Topped with real whipped cream for dairy or a non-dairy topping for meat meals, this light and beautiful dessert may well become the same favorite Passover tradition for your family and friends as it is for mine.

Wishing you all a very happy (and delicious) Passover, with love, from Our Community Table.

### Pavlova

Serves 8-10 people

#### Ingredients

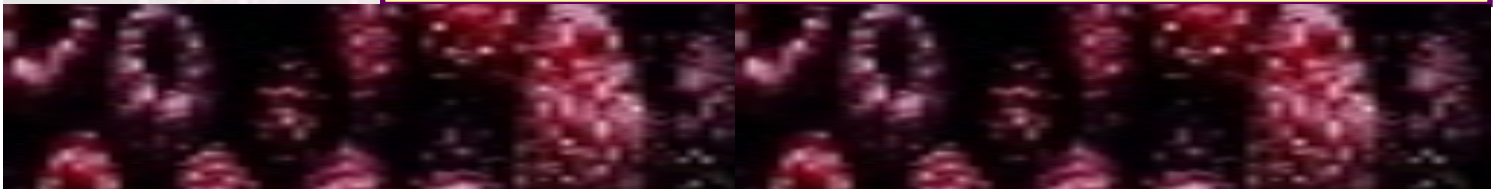
- 6 egg whites
- Salt, a pinch
- 2 cups white, granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1-2 (or as much as you like) cups whipped cream (or non-dairy whipped topping)
- Fruits of your choice (like mixed berries or peaches and plums) for decorating

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit (for standard, electric oven)

**\*\*If you have a gas oven, preheat to 450 degrees F before starting to beat egg whites and just before you put the Pavlova into the oven, reduce the temperature to 300 degrees\*\***

1. In the bowl of an electric mix master, or with an electric hand mixer, beat egg whites with salt at highest speed. When soft peaks form, add sugar--1 tablespoon at a time.
2. When whites are very stiff and all the sugar has been added, blend in the vinegar and the vanilla gently using a spoon--not the mix master.
3. Cover a large cookie sheet with parchment paper or line a large deep-dish pizza tin with aluminum foil. Heap the beaten egg white/Pavlova mixture into a pile in the middle and using a fork (or a spoon) spread the billowy mixture into large circle. If using the pizza tin, shape sides up a bit--if using a cookie sheet, try to shape sides up a bit too, but don't worry if it doesn't appear to be too high. The pile of merengue should be about 3 to 4 inches high throughout and just a bit higher on the edges.
4. Bake in oven for 40 to 50 minutes. Turn oven off but do not open the door. Let the Pavlova cool in oven--as is--until completely cooled. I usually leave it in the oven overnight to completely dry out the merengue. The merengue will be hard, crisp and yellowish on the outside--but will have a soft, marshmallow texture inside. At this point, you can gently cover with tinfoil and keep very dry and at room temperature until you are ready to serve.
5. When ready to serve, pile glorious heaping spoonfuls of freshly whipped cream onto the merengue and generously garnish with strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, (or a mix of all three), or maybe kiwi fruit, pineapple, or peaches-- whatever fruits are ripe, in season and that you like.



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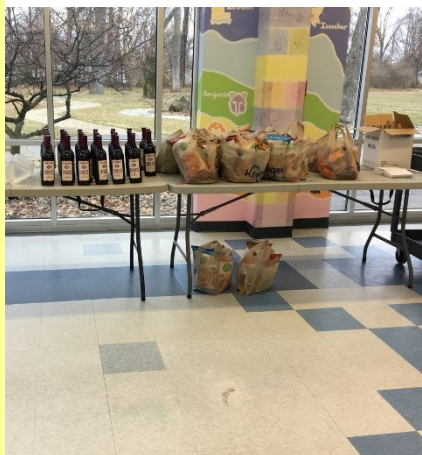
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