

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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2021 Annual Campaign Update Our pledge to you...

...**No matter what** life throws at us, the board and staff pledge to you that your Federation will continue being a welcoming and diverse communal organization centered around Jewish culture, family, lifelong learning, and promoting the rights and well-being of Israel and all humanity.



Until then.....

Moshe Kruger, Executive Director of the Federation, will continue to reach out to our community and will be speaking with large donors and leadership, securing commitments and momentum for the 2021 Campaign.



What: מה ma

The tradition of 75+ years of giving continues with the 2021 Annual Campaign Kickoff but with an updated user-friendly format and time.

When: מתי matáy

In past years the Kickoff was held in the fall. The 2021 opening event will be a full Day of Giving event in February.

How: איך eikh

This virtual Day of Giving will have something for everyone in our community.

Why: למה láma

Your commitment to our community with your annual pledge, funds the renewal and strengthening our community.

Where: איפה eifó

Zoom into this virtual extravaganza from the comfort and safety of your home. Date and schedule to be announced.

Who: מי mi

Everyone in the community is invited to make a pledge. Rediscover your Jewish Federation.

[Click here to make an Early Bird Pledge, or set up a monthly payment with our "Give Now" option!](#)

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Caring Connections *By Rowan Kelley***Stress Tolerance – How do you do it?**

Hello Jewish Michiana,

The American Psychological Association defines stress tolerance as "the capacity to withstand pressures and strains and the consequent ability to function effectively and with minimal anxiety under conditions of stress." As the age of coronavirus continues, and a contentious election cycle looming over everything, I have recently heard many people saying that they are ready for it all to be over, and that 2021 will "have to be" a better year than 2020. With so much change that has happened this year, and uncertainty of what is to come next, I have caught myself, in my anxiety, asking questions like "what is next, and how am I going to deal with it?"

While none of us knew what was in store early this spring, and we have long way to go before things "go back to normal," I have admired how people, both within our community and without, have innovated in two ways: how they "do" their day to day responsibilities, and how they "deal" with current realities that are out of their power to control. I was reminded of the serenity prayer, popularized by its association with alcoholics anonymous and the 12-step movement, and did a little research to look up where this prayer originated. I found that one of the precursors of the serenity prayer is attributed to an 11th-century Jewish poet and philosopher, Solomon ibn Gabirol, who wrote "at the head of all understanding – is realizing what is and what cannot be, and the consoling of what is not in our power to change." To you, the reader, I would ask: What has changed in how you "do" your daily responsibilities? What, if anything, have you had to accept that is out of your power to change? How do you "deal" with it?

Meanwhile at JFS, we restarted our lunch & learn program in October with a presentation and discussion on updates for Medicare enrollment for the next year. Thank you again to Terry Belanger for his presentation, and to those of you who attended! We will continue in this format on November 18th at 12:00 PM. Dr Bill Sarnat, a retired cardiologist and member of our Jewish community, will give a presentation via Zoom on the topic of navigating cold and flu season with the added twist of COVID-19. For more information, and to sign up for lunch and/or the presentation, [click here](#).

Finally, as we at JFS continue to look at how we deliver our services and programs, and the ways that we can improve, we will continue to look back at the community needs survey from August, and ongoing feedback from across the community. [The JFS community needs assessment report can be found by clicking here](#). As always, if you have a current issue that JFS may be able to assist with, please feel free to contact me at rkelly@thejewishfed.org or by calling me at 574-309-1213.

Memorial & Tributes**The Jewish Federation expresses its appreciation to these generous donors:****From the following contributors:**

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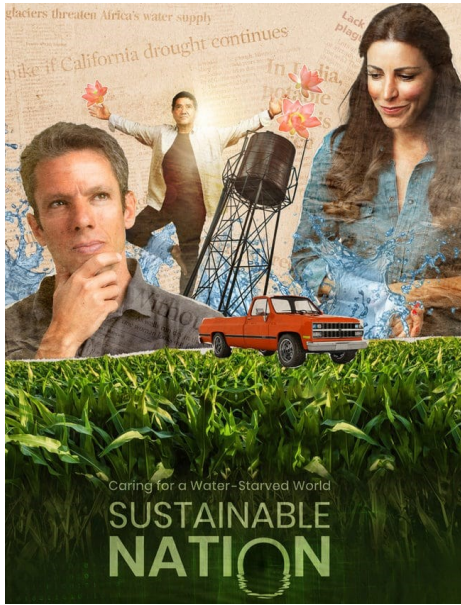
Thanks to all who participated in our Sukkot Community Wall of Art and Treasure Hunt and made it a huge success! We collected 40 feet of canvases and the results were amazing! The love in our community shone through each incredible piece of art to form one amazing wall of unity.



Moshe & Karen Kruger shared their Sukkah with the community. They also shared their family tradition of making Sukkah birdies. Click [HERE](#), to learn from Moshe's mom how to make this fun craft with your family!



Sustainable Nation: Two Events in One Month *By Bob Feferman*



How has Israel, a small country that is 60% desert with a chronic water shortage and a growing population, become a world leader in water sustainability? This month our community will have two unique opportunities to get answers to this important question.

In November, the Community Relations Committee (CRC), under the

leadership of Chairperson Barb Lerman, will sponsor two events that showcase Israel's amazing achievements in the field of water sustainability.

On **Sunday, November 15th at 12:00 noon** we will have a live presentation on Zoom with Omer Bar, an Israeli water engineer who works at Shafdan, Israel's largest wastewater treatment plant. The amazing story of Shafdan is a major reason why Israel leads the world in recycling 85% of its wastewater for use in irrigation in the desert. Omer also took his expertise abroad to help out in a disaster zone.

In 2017, Omer participated in an IsraAid emergency delegation to Dominica, an island country in the Caribbean Sea, which suffered greatly from a hurricane disaster.

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In November, we will also share a link for members of our community to watch the fascinating documentary film "Sustainable Nation." The award-winning movie follows three Israeli innovators who are taking valuable lessons learned from Israel's water shortage to the rest of the world.

In conjunction with these events, Notre Dame's Center for Civic Innovation, headed by Dr. Jay Brockman, will co-sponsor a web event on water sustainability with our friends in Partnership2Gether in Western Galilee. The event will allow experts on water sustainability from both Israel and the United States to share best practices on this important topic.

Israel's achievements in water sustainability are nothing short of miraculous. Avi Jorisch, author of the book "Thou Shalt Innovate," [wrote](#), "As people everywhere turn on their taps, most are not aware that by 2025, at least half the globe's population of 7.6 billion is expected to be living in water-stressed areas... But there is one country that has solved its own water problem and has expertise to share with others. That country is Israel, and today it is perhaps the world's only water superpower."

In order to receive a link to watch the film "Sustainable Nation" and to join the conversation with Omer Bar on November 15th, please rsvp to info@thejewishfed.org.

Our thanks to the Consulate General of Israel in Chicago for its generous support for this event!



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New Episode November 1st!!!

In this month's episode, our Shlichah Chen Nissan is hosting our community members Blanca Sanchez and Ezaquiel Andres.

Blanca and Ezequiel are Sinai Synagogue members, and they came to the US from Mexico a few years ago.

At the podcast, they will talk about their fascinating journey to America and to Judaism and about the challenges of making such a huge change in life.

"Bridging the Gap" came about from our desire to unite the different facets of the community. You can find all of our episodes on our youtube channel ["thejewishfederation"](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqj8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K)! And don't forget to click subscribe!

Nature Knows No Political Borders *By Chen Nissan*

Interview with my friend Yaara Dagoni: a graduate of the Arava Institute

Hi everyone!

We're all experiencing some crazy times politically, socially, and also environmentally.

I see my OCN articles as an opportunity to expose you to the positive things that people do to get closer to each other, to make peace, and increase understanding between one another.

In this month's article, I interviewed my dear friend from Israel, Yaara Dagoni, who was fortunate to study last year at the Arava Institute, which is located at Kibbutz Keturah. I want to introduce you to this special place and its efforts to make peace in the Middle East by increasing environmental justice and sustainability in the region. Thank you, Yaara for this interview!

So can you tell us a little bit about yourself, and why you chose to study at the Arava Institute?

My name is Yaara Dagoni, I'm 24 years old. I was born and raised in Israel, and I'm very interested in environmental and sustainability studies. In two weeks I'll start studying Environmental Studies at the Hebrew University.

I was attracted to specifically to the Arava Institute because they teach how society, environment, and justice are affecting one another. The idea behind the study program is that the conflicts between people and nations create an environmental crisis, because we share the same resources and create artificial barriers that don't really exist in nature.

For example, in some areas of the West Bank, there is no sewage infrastructure, which causes the discharge of sewage into rivers that eventually flow into Israel and harms the water quality.

The same example can be seen also in Gaza, where the sewage is discharged into the sea, to the same seawater that is pumped by the Ashkelon desalination facilities. So we are learning about wider environmental issues in the Middle East, and also more local issues. For example, we had a course about the water in the Middle East, and about the distribution of water between Israel and Jordan.

Alongside our studies, the Arava Institute also works toward creating environmental solutions to these problems, believing that they can create trust between people that comes from our common interest in preserving the environment.

The Arava Institute was first created to be a meeting place for Israeli, Palestinian, and Jordanian students to learn about the land they share. Over the years, it also became a research institute that establishes projects. There are also many international students. It's their opportunity to learn more about the conflict in the Middle East.

Israelis, Palestinians, and Jordanians studying together at the same place is not an obvious thing and does not



always go easily. So alongside the curriculum, once a week we have a dialogue where we can talk about all of our feelings and thoughts.

Is there a specific issue that came up during this dialogue that you can tell us about?

I remember our talks around finding a solution to the conflict. Many times it was very frustrating because we felt like we won't be able to solve it. After a while, I came to an important realization that while trying to find a solution we are skipping a very important step. We are failing to recognize the reality we're living in right now. I felt that we, the Israelis, have a lot to learn about our friends' lives, and I think they also had a great need to tell us everything so all their experiences living under the occupation. There has been a lot of injustice done here, and I realized we can't talk about solutions if we won't hear the other narratives.

Did you ever get to feel guilty during the dialogue?

The conflict affects our lives in very different ways, and as I see it, in an unequal way. So understanding the difference between its effect on the lives of the Israelis and the lives of the Palestinians led me to feel guilty. But I think that now, more than guilt, I feel responsible for this situation and want to make an effort in my life to change it.

This guilt also affected our relationships. Think about it - all Israelis and Americans are talking about the exciting adventures they had around the world and the great plans they have for the future, and there's a huge "elephant in the room," we have such different opportunities in our lives now and for our future.

Can you tell us about a study tour that was enlightening for you?

We had an interesting tour of the Negev where we learned about the unrecognized Bedouin villages. Learning about the Negev desert and its history is something that most Israelis aren't even exposed to. The Bedouin villages are something you see on your way to Mitzpe Ramon and you usually don't even think about. So we

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met with both sides, with the Bedouins and also with the Israelis who live in isolated farms in the Negev.

The most interesting thing on the tour was to hear the narrative about the land in the area. Each group feels very connected to the land and tells the history of it in a different way. I find it interesting how the political situation requires the different groups to stick to their story and to rely on different evidences in the landscape in order to calm their ownership of the land.

I want to go back and talk about the relations between the Israelis and Palestinian students in the group. Did you feel that the Israelis felt comfortable to tell their narrative too? Since there probably were Israeli students who lost friends in the army or family members in terror attacks or had grandparents who are Holocaust survivors... Both sides are paying a big and painful price because of this conflict. Did you feel the Palestinians in the group were able to understand, even for a short moment, the Israeli side in the conflict?

This is a good question since there was a lot of tension around this issue. I felt it was hard for both to tell their personal stories. It was easier to talk about the "national pain", but when it comes to our own stories, a lot of trust is needed. For that reason, many stories and opinions were told in personal conversations that were based on good and close relationships.

I would add that in general, it was harder for us, the Israeli students, to share our stories because sometimes our situation is not symmetric. More than that, the institute is located in Israel, so all students have the opportunity to meet the Israeli society in many ways, whether in the dining room of the Kibbutz, on the bus, or at Friday dinners with our families. On the other side, the Israeli

students are not allowed to enter most places in the West Bank, so our acquaintance with the Palestinian society must have been based on our friends' stories.

After hours of conversations, we were able to come to a common understanding that there are people with interests, our governments, our leaders, who tell us only our narrative and not the other side's narrative. Many people came out from the dialogue with an understanding that both sides just want to live a good and quiet life, and that we can be friends- which is a huge understanding in and of itself! We were able to create strong friendships during this time together.

So after this amazing experience of intense dialogue, do you feel like you are more optimistic about the possibility of living a life together, side by side?

The most important thing I came out with is that this conflict is much more complicated than the slogans "Two States Solution" or "One State Solution." It's all about human relationships and collaboration. I learned that there are many interests behind the ways we are taught about our narratives, and that we have a responsibility to learn it in a deeper way and to try to meet as many sides and opinions as we can.

One thing that gives me a lot of hope, for instance, is the Alternative Memorial Day Service, that brings Israelis and Palestinians together around the common pain we share because of the ongoing conflict between us. Because it relates to what I said at the beginning of our conversation, the first step towards a solution is recognizing each other's reality and story.

I hope that more things like that will grow in the area and make the relationships between the people, no matter what the situations between the politicians, closer and deeper, and will prove to both sides that we can live together much better than what we are told.



Our Community Table *By Deena Abraham*

A number of members of my household absolutely love garlic. I am one of them. Years ago I had heard about a recipe for chicken with 40 cloves of garlic. This was before you could purchase already peeled garlic so the recipe was kind of daunting. I know that there are all sorts of tricks to make peeling garlic easier, but I haven't found them to work as well as they claim. Personally, I've never purchased already peeled garlic. Since we like garlic so much, I spend a lot of time peeling cloves of garlic. It's totally worth it.

Our favorite thing to do with garlic is to roast it and use it as a spread on challah at our Friday night Shabbos meal. There isn't much of a formal recipe, but I'll explain how to do it. Cut the top third off the bulb of garlic and discard. Place the rest of the bulb on a piece of foil and pour a little olive over the exposed top of the garlic bulb. Wrap the foil up to enclose the garlic bulb and bake at 350 for 45-60 minutes, allowing the longer amount of time for a larger bulb. (I bake the garlic while using the oven to bake other things. It's more efficient that way. The flavor of the recipes will not be affected.) Cool at least slightly after removing

from the oven. Squeeze the softened garlic out of the peels onto a small dish and serve. Spread a clove over a piece of challah or the like. Eat and enjoy. Trust me; this is much more delicious than eating challah that has margarine spread over it.

Speaking of margarine, here's another really delicious thing to do with roasted garlic. Make garlic butter. Sometimes I mix the roasted garlic with butter that I've left out to soften. Spread some garlic butter over a soft, fresh roll and you will be eating one of the most delicious things possible to eat. Mentioning margarine reminded me of garlic butter. I'm a big fan of butter. Margarine, not so much.

While the recipe below doesn't call for 40 cloves of garlic, feel free to use more. The more, the better. Garlic gets so mild and delicious when cooked. My kids are always fishing around in the sauce to find the garlic. Honest truth, I have also found myself searching for an overlooked clove that somehow still remains in the pan. (The garlic from this recipe tastes really good on challah, too. Any garlic spread goes well with bread, basically.)



DUCK SAUCE CHICKEN

- ◇ 1-2 onions, sliced
- ◇ 1 chicken, cut up
- ◇ 1-2 garlic bulbs, separated into pieces and peeled
- ◇ Salt, to taste
- ◇ Pepper, to taste
- ◇ Paprika, to taste
- ◇ Basil, to taste
- ◇ 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- ◇ ½ c. duck sauce

Place the onions and chicken in a pan. Take about three cloves of garlic, crush them with a garlic press, and rub on top of the pieces of chicken. Scatter the remaining garlic cloves around the chicken. Sprinkle the seasonings over the chicken. Pour the tomato sauce and duck sauce over the chicken. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 ½ hours.

Federation Book Club *By Beth Buechler*

Educated, by Tara Westover

To become educated is one way to escape from an authoritarian-style, cult-like religious upbringing. A December, 2019 interview with Westover by Jeffrey Goldberg in "The Atlantic" clearly demonstrates how far this oppressed young woman has come since her childhood of endangering her life almost daily working in a junk yard for her father. She's become an essayist, memoirist, fellow historian at Harvard, and what she calls a New York City "urbanite."

Our discussion of the book covered how Westover's family used religion to justify and control, that the mental illness of the father and the abuse cycle perpetrated by father and brother alike caused the author's inability to trust her own memories. We talked about how extraordinarily brave she was/is. Propagation of conspiracy theories such as "Illuminati" running educational institutions was consistently used to hold her and her siblings back, bully them, and turn a deaf ear to their needs. Fortunately for Westover, despite her emotional breakdowns, she found her way to mentors in the form of professors. This was a girl who never stepped into a classroom before the age of seventeen, who graduated with honors from Brigham Young University and later, in 2014, earned a PhD in history from Trinity College, Cambridge.

She most certainly earned the right to the perfectly apt title of her memoir. [Click here to view The Atlantic article](#)

Upcoming Schedule of Books:

The only requirement for attending a session is to read the book as listed for that date.

- **November 5:** The Marsh King's Daughter: a novel by Karen Dionne
- **December 3:** The Lost Man: a novel by Jane Harper
- **January 7:** Begin Again: non-fiction by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.
- **February 4:** The Rosie Project: a novel by Graeme Simsion
- **March 4:** The Secrets We Kept: a novel by Lara Prescott
- **April 1:** American Dirt: a novel by Jeanine Cummins

The Federation Book Club to meet via Zoom at 4 PM for an hour or more on the first Thursdays of the month. We choose books of either global or page-turning interest, and do not meet for the purpose of promoting our businesses, or those of our friends. Contact information to join is as follows: info@thejewishfed.org.

Sheri will forward your email address to the organizer who will invite you to join our sessions via Zoom.



Sunday, November 8th at 3:00 PM

Join us for an incredible program for all ages! First, well known kosher cookbook author Naomi Nachman will lead us through her delicious recipe for pumpkin challah (standard recipe will be available as well). While the challah is rising, members of our community will compete in our very own version of the popular cooking show "Chopped"!

Together, we will cover exciting new Challah tips and techniques, and the winner of the competition will receive a brand new stand mixer!

If you are interested in being a contestant, or to RSVP to receive the zoom link, please email skramer@thejewishfed.org (You will need to be 12 or older and have access to a webcam and zoom to compete.)

Keep an eye out for our email updates!



Thanksgiving **FOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, November 23rd
10 AM-5 PM**

To participate follow these steps:

- 1. Purchase non-perishable food items, paper goods, and personal care items. Please make sure food items have a kosher symbol.**
- 2. Contact Deena Abraham at 574-286-5419 or dsabraham@ameritech.net by Thursday, November 19 to schedule your donation pickup.**
- 3. Simply place items at your door by 10 am Monday, November 23rd to ensure collection.**

We will be collecting in these Zip Codes: 46614, 46617, 46635, 46530



Through Lisa's Lens *By Shani Kramer*

This month was a busy one, thank G-d, for many of us. Besides for school either starting in a physical location or remotely, we had weeks filled with the Jewish Holidays. It was an interesting holiday of Sukkos for many reasons. Covid may have been the main one, but you can't forget the fact that we wore winter coats into the sukkah on the first night of Sukkos and summer clothes on the last night of Shmini Atzeres!

I can't discuss the holiday without admitting that it was tough for me this year to use my "ayin tov" when it came to my most favorite part of Sukkos - Simchas Torah. It's not the goody bags filled with candy that get me excited. It's the oddity of taking my family out, late at night, dressed in our holiday best, to our local shul (synagogue). There's something so wonderful about the cool (sometimes freezing) air and the silence in the streets as the kids wave their flags and fantasize about how much candy they will eat. When we typically get there, we instantly get caught up in the warmth and fervor of dancing with the Torah. Hours fly by and before we know it, we are making the return trip home, albeit with droopy, sugar laden children who, all of a sudden, must get into their beds regardless of the fact that we still have a 10-minute walk to go!

This year, there was very little of the celebration that I have grown so accustomed to. Although, I understood intellectually that this was for the safety of everyone in this community, it was still a bitter pill for me to swallow. Then I was reminded about what the past Pesach (Passover) had been like, when the word "coronavirus" was so new and unfamiliar. We couldn't go anywhere and even social distancing wasn't a thing. I remembered then to be grateful and thankful for the health of everyone in my family and community, and that we had gotten to this holiday with our health and (most) of our sanity intact.

I'd like to share a parable with you that was practically fed to me with my mother's milk. And yet due to Covid, I did not have a chance to share with anyone new this year, as is tradition in my family. I think it really drives home my point.

Have you ever wondered why Simchas Torah is celebrated with Sukkos? Why isn't celebrated after the holiday of Shavuot, when we received the Torah? Wouldn't it make more sense to dance with the Torah right after we received it? There is a beautiful parable from the Dubno Maggid (storyteller) which I will tell over in my own words.

There once was a king, who had a beautiful daughter.

She was so beautiful in fact, that the king felt that he had to keep her hidden from the public. You see, he wanted someone to marry her who would truly appreciate her entirety. So she was sent to live on a deserted island with a group of loyal servants and educators, until it came time for her to be betrothed. Princes and knights from across the kingdom traveled from near and far to have a chance to win her hand. But as they approached the king and asked to see her, they were refused one by one, until there was no one left but the loyal local shepherd. He turned to the king and said "your majesty, I don't why you won't let me see my intended, but I trust you. If she is half the catch that you say she is, I will be so blessed to have her as my wife." And so, they were wed. As the bride walked down to her groom, heavily veiled, the groom could not help but wonder what might be so wrong with his wife that she had to be hidden so. Perhaps an extra arm or leg or maybe she was just incredible foolish and incapable of any coherent speech. At first glance, he was surprised and cautiously optimistic. She was absolutely breath taking and all her limbs seemed to be in the proper place. However, he reasoned that perhaps it was an inner deformity that was cause for all the secrecy. As the months went by, he began to realize what a treasure he had acquired. She was not only beautiful, but impeccably mannered and in her vast knowledge could preverbally "put him in her back pocket"! (My favorite line from my father's version of the story.) He went back to the king and declared that he wanted to make a joyous feast. When he had agreed to marry the princess, he had done so out of loyalty to the king, but now that he had a chance to spend time with her, he realized what a gem he had gotten and wanted to celebrate accordingly.

I feel this year has driven into us so much gratitude for what health and life means. We can't really ever look at it the same way. Our "ayin tov" has been activated by all that we have experienced and lost this year. For that, I am truly grateful.

In my family we have a custom to wish each other a Gutten Vinter, which I imagine is yiddish for a good winter, on the night that Simchas Torah ends. It's tough to let the wonderful holiday go but it's even tougher to start thinking about winter, especially South Bend's winter! This year though, I am going into the cold with a warmer framework. Yes, winter is coming. Thank G-d, winter is coming.

AS WE HONOR THE 1ST YAHRZEIT OF HER PASSING, LISA LERMAN'S MEMORY CONTINUES TO INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY AND BUILD BRIDGES TO CONNECT US ALL AS ONE JEWISH FAMILY. MAY LISA'S MEMORY BE A BLESSING FOR ALL WHO LOVED HER AND THOSE WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPACTED BY THE MOMENTS WE SHARED.



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MEET THE EMIRATIS!



A special live episode of the
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November 10th
1:00 pm ET
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Originally from South Bend, Dan is an author, speaker, and researcher who focuses on Israel, the Jewish world and the Middle East.

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From Our Friends & Partners!

The Hebrew Orthodox Cemetery will have the gate at Jefferson and Calhoun (gate closest to the chapel) open for drive-in access as follows:

- **Thursday, November 26:** 9:30 PM-5:30 PM
- **Friday, November 27:** 9:30 PM-5:30 PM
- **Saturday, November 28:** Cemetery closed for Shabbat, as always
- **Sunday, November 29:** 9:30 PM-5:30 PM



Coming to a TV near you!!



Attention film fest fans! We want to tell you about some exciting developments for the 11th Annual Michiana Jewish Film Festival. Covid will, once again, cause us to present a virtual festival. We learned a lot from our experience with a virtual festival this year and will be applying those lessons and your feedback going forward.

The biggest development will be a change in our schedule. While we still plan to show up to 8 feature films for the festival, we have decided to present them over the course of 8 days, instead of our normal 2/day (as we do for the in-person festival). This means that the festival will be shown in two 3-day blocks, to provide more time to watch each film. As a way to combat winter doldrums, we have decided to hold the first week of the festival from December 27-30 (Sunday - Wednesday)!! Call it the 11th Michiana Jewish Film Festival, Act I. Act II will occur in May 2021, during its "regular" time (May 10-13).

That brings me to the next development: we will be using a platform especially tailored for film festivals, through which you will be able to get information about the films in our festival, purchase tickets, and get access to the films. A big benefit of the platform is that you will be able to watch the films on your smart TV sets, and/or through a dedicated channel available on Roku and AppleTV.

The December OCN will have more details about the specifics.



Camp Ideal Craft Hour!

We're inviting your kids to join us for a fun time of making Menorahs together!

Led by Rebbetzin Sari Gansburg from Chabbad of greater South Bend and Chen, our Shlichah, on

**Sunday December 6th,
2:00 pm**

Register to get the crafts kit your kids will need in order to participate.

The Zoom link will be sent to you the week before the event.

The last date to register is November 24th!!

For more Information contact Chen via

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