

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Communal Wall of Art Z'man Simchateinu,

### *This is our time to rejoice!*

The holidays are going to look different this year to most, if not all, of us. It has been a challenging 6 months of uncertainty and unrest. We are approaching the holiday of Sukkot, one of the most joyous holidays on the Jewish calendar. "Z'man Simchatenu," "This is the time of our rejoicing." What better way to celebrate than to count our blessings? As such, we are inviting our dear community to come out and celebrate with us safely. Beginning Tuesday, October 6th - Friday the 9th, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, we will have a beautiful wall of communal art open for viewing by drive-thru. Simchat Torah goody bags will be available for pick-up after you finish admiring the art.



You can still be a part of this project by emailing [skramer@thejewishfed.org](mailto:skramer@thejewishfed.org) to schedule a time to pick-up your free painting kit. This project is great for all ages!

*Drive-by and see if you can  
pick out your masterpiece  
from the rest!*

## You make everything we do – possible! 2021 Annual Campaign

The past several months have been extremely difficult for many. We've had to remain socially distant and physically apart. We've missed the personal connection with family, friends, and co-workers. During this pandemic, the Federation ensures you will never be alone. We are here for you – sending you and your family warmth, strength, and health in the New Year.

We are not alone because the Annual Campaign provides Jewish Family Services critical support to meet our community's needs. ***This makes the 2021 Campaign more important than ever.*** This is especially true in light of the heart-wrenching decision not to have our traditional Annual Campaign kick-off this Fall because of the coronavirus. We will miss seeing you in person.

Because of the impact of the pandemic, we are in a virtual event planning mode to make our Campaign events to be more engaging, inclusive, and meaningful. We believe the fruits of our labor with the emphasis being placed on taking care of our community will translate into a year of heartfelt giving and renewal.

In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about our exciting virtual Campaign plans to create unique experiences you will want to be a part of.

To make a difference in the lives of others who need your help, please celebrate the New Year by making a gift to your Federation. The Campaign goal is to raise more than \$400,000 in the coming year. Your donation to our community's Annual Campaign matters.

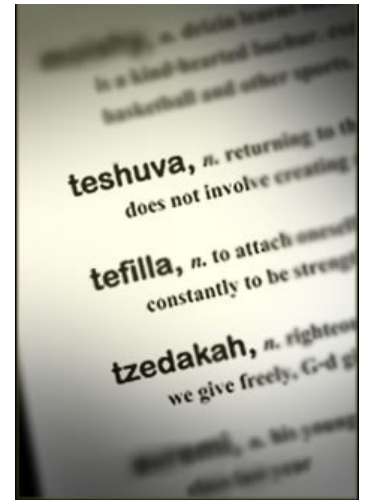
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You make everything we do – possible!

Moshe Kruger

Executive Director



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We here at The Jewish Federation love hearing about your experiences with our programming, news, and staff!

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**Caring Connections By Rowan Kelley**

Hello Jewish Michiana,

As this article finds you, there is a lot happening with Jewish Family Services! As most of you know, we conducted our community needs survey in August, and over 140 households from across the community responded. In a couple of weeks, a summary report from the survey will be available to the community. In the meantime, some of the biggest highlights include:

Most respondents hold Jewish Family Services in high regard and would recommend JFS services to others. Many respondents stated that, whether they had used our services in the past or not, that they are extremely grateful for what we provide to the community. A few people gave us some critical feedback from their interactions with the department, and to those who did so, thank you! We cannot improve if we do not know where our areas for growth are, and your feedback will help us to grow as a social service department.

A lot of the constructive feedback we received involved confusion or lack of awareness about what programs and services JFS currently offers, as well as how to access those programs and services. In this area, we are going to work to implement better communication, to include our web page, brochures, paper, and email communication.

By and large, community members said that they or someone in their household would be most likely to attend health or wellness education programs and/or topic-based support groups. The response to questions about potential new programming indicate that while we are on the right track with much of what we do, we can absolutely expand the educational side of what our department does, and offer programs with more diverse appeal to the entire community.

Based on the feedback we received, one of our first priorities is going to be restarting previous programs, such as the monthly lunch and learn series, starting back up again **October 21st, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**, in virtual format! We are also going to be looking at dates, time, and potential topics for other educational programs to address areas of concern in our community. I am excited that as this year of 5781 begins to improve how we connect with our clients, program participants and the community at large.

On a more bittersweet note, Charmagne, who has served us as a JFS associate over the past year, is leaving at the beginning of October. Charmagne completed her Master's of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in August, and has taken a counseling position with another organization. While we are sad to see her leave, we appreciate her service to the community over the past year, and wish her well in her new endeavors! We will be filling the JFS Associate position as soon as possible, as we continue to engage in remote program and service work, as well as adjusting our offerings to meet the changing needs of the community.

Until next month, I would like to say that if you have any ideas, thoughts, or concerns about our JFS department, feel free to contact me directly at [rkelly@thejewishfed.org](mailto:rkelly@thejewishfed.org). I look forward to the opportunity to connect and discuss how JFS can benefit all areas of our local Jewish community.

**TOGETHER WE DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS**



## From Executive Director Moshe Kruger

### *The High Holidays – Linking the Personal and Beyond*

Jewish tradition offers a full, rich understanding of what it means to be human. We recognize and cherish two interdependent values that are often presented as contradictory. On the one hand, we affirm the sacredness of each individual human life. “One who saves an individual is as though he or she saved the entire world.” On the other hand, we believe that our personal identities are shaped not only as individuals but as part of a whole, as members of a community.

Maintaining this delicate, exquisite balance between individual autonomy and communal responsibility demands constant awareness and diligent practice. Fortunately, the Jewish calendar provides us each year with the High Holiday season, a unique slice of time that invites the most intimate depths of introspection and reflection while simultaneously celebrating the holy diversity of our shared community.

The sage Hillel captured this tension in his famous set of four pithy teachings:

- ◇ “Do not separate yourself from community”
- ◇ “If I am not for myself, who will be for me?”
- ◇ “But if I am only for myself, who am I?”
- ◇ “If not now, when?”

Hillel teaches us that there is no one formula for integrating the public and private spheres of our lives. But his crucial, concluding point seems to be: If not now, when?

For me, this is the crucial take-away from the High Holiday season. Now is the time to enlarge our sense of selves to include the larger community. Now is the time to look beyond our own personal concerns to the challenges and opportunities that we share as a community.

According to Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, self and community are not worlds in conflict; they are realms of action and reflection that cohere and complement each other. He writes in *Celebrating Life*, “Community [...] is where I am valued simply for who I am, how I live, and what I give to others. It is the place where they know my name.”

In my view, the Jewish Federation must strive to embody this sense of a personal community, a public place that “knows the names” of each neighbor. This is no mere technical act of remembering. For me, knowing the names means understanding the unique needs of each member and group and reaching out with programs and services.

Hillel and Rabbi Sacks and the High Holiday season remind us that ultimately, we can only know our truest selves through our commitments and covenants with others.

With warmest wishes,  
Moshe



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**WITH ANNE FEFERMAN & SIMON SPRINGER**

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**WITH LAURIE BARON & LISA LEVIN**

The podcast "*Bridging the Gap*" came about from our desire to unite the different facets of the community. We live in a beautifully diverse city, with Jews from all backgrounds. We believe that if we have a chance to get to know each other, on a personal level, we will see that there is more that connects us than sets us apart.

Join your hosts Shani Kramer, Program Director for the Jewish Federation and Chen Nissan, Israeli Shlichah, each month for 30 minutes of real talk! We may be physically socially distanced at the moment, but that doesn't mean we need to be distant from each other's hearts.

*Keep an eye on Facebook and our email blasts in the coming week for Episode Three!*

## Youth Futures: An Israeli Model For Success *By Bob Feferman*



While Israel has become known as “Startup Nation” for its success in the field of hi-tech, we can also take pride in the Jewish state for innovation in the area of social entrepreneurship. On October 22nd, educational leaders and community members of South Bend will have the opportunity to learn about Youth Futures, a highly successful Israeli mentoring program for at-risk children. The live webinar will take place on Thursday, October 22nd at 12:00 noon.

Created in 2006, Youth Futures is the Jewish Agency’s flagship project for addressing the needs of at-risk children in Israel. Part of our Federation’s overseas allocation supports this and other social programs for underserved populations sponsored by the Jewish Agency for Israel.

What makes the Youth Futures model unique is that the mentors are all highly trained full-time paid professionals. Each mentor works with 16 children for a period of three years. Today, some 300 mentors serve 4,800 children across all sectors of Israeli society.

This webinar is sponsored by the Federation’s Community Relations Committee (CRC) under the leadership of Barb Lerman. Given the success of Youth Futures in Israel, CRC sees its potential for helping the children of underserved populations in South Bend. The goal of the webinar is to plant the seed of the idea for a similar program here in South Bend. Moshe Kruger, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation states, “Introducing this type of human service innovation to South Bend is key to our organization’s future. Jewish non-profit innovation is integral to our mission.”

We learned about Youth Futures through our Community Opinion Leader delegation to Israel sponsored by the Jewish Federation that took place last February. Local community leaders included Michael and Tina Patton and CRC Director, Bob Feferman. The ad-hoc committee that is promoting the project includes: Anne Feferman, Bob Feferman, Moshe Kruger, Barb Lerman, Elisheva Lerman, Michael and Tina Patton, Cristyne Porile and Michael Poole.

To learn more about Youth Futures, see “Danny’s Story.” To participate in the webinar, please RSVP to the ad that will be sent out via e-mail blast in mid-October. We will also have a recording of the event on available our Federation Facebook page.



### *Danny’s Story* *As Told by His Youth Future’s Mentor*

Following a recommendation for Danny to join Youth Futures, as his mentor, I arrived for a meeting with Danny’s teacher to learn more about him. I prepared myself to hear most of the things that she had shared with me – about him being a troublemaker, that he broke a window in the classroom because he was frustrated, that he acts violently, even toward her, etc. But what I wasn’t prepared for was to hear the teacher say: “Lital, it’s him or me; if he stays, I’m leaving!” – the teacher was desperate.

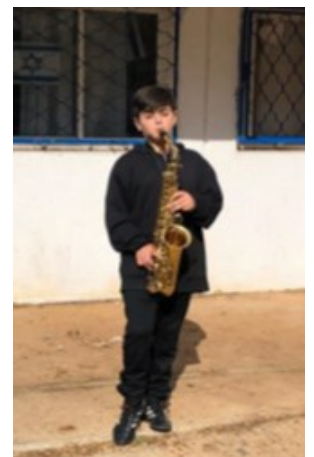
Danny is the son of divorced parents, with suspected sexual harassment in his background. The mother had begun a new relationship which made Danny feel unwanted, so he moved in with his 16-year-old brother who lives alone with another friend. The mother allowed it; it didn’t bother anyone...

When I met Danny, he was in a very difficult behavioral and emotional state, and I could understand why. He entered my heart like I had been shot by an arrow. I decided to take full responsibility for him, from the moment he entered the school gate until the moment he went to sleep. I recruited the principal, who was an amazing partner, to help me with this process. I shadowed him for a long time because it was important to me for him to understand that I was here to stay.

When we met, he had just begun to develop an unhealthy relationship with the police. It’s important to understand who Danny really is in addition to all of this – he is a very charismatic child, filled with good, with the potential to become a leader. He is a child that becomes nervous with touch, even a gentle hand on the shoulder and he could attack you. He is a child. A precious gentle soul crying out for someone to see him.

Thanks to the committees that were formed in the city and a complicated battle, we succeeded in getting him into therapy due to the suspicions regarding the sexual harassment that we think he underwent and his inappropriate behavior.

Slowly, his presence at school increased. I pushed to have him transferred to a small class, where he could receive a suitable solution that was tailored to his needs. He also began playing the saxophone at school, which helped create a bond with his mother’s boyfriend, who also plays, and this eventually led to Danny returning to live with his mother at home. Danny also entered Youth Futures’ unique instrument project. He performed at a school event on stage, which helped him in this new and positive beginning. Danny began to flourish. We still have a very long road ahead, but there is every reason to believe in his ability to continue to flourish.





## One Big Step Towards Peace With the Arab World *By Chen Nissan*



### *The first Israeli delegation landed in the UAE*

Hi Everyone! It's so good to be back in South Bend. I'm really excited and looking forward to seeing you, virtually or safely in person.

Today I wanted to tell you about a big thing that happened between Israel and the UAE in mid-August. The United Arab Emirates and Israel agreed to sign a peace treaty and fully normalize relations. In exchange, Israel suspended its plans to annex parts of the West Bank. This is the first time in 25 years that an Arab state has agreed to normalize relations with Israel.

From my Israeli point of view, I can say most Israelis were very excited to hear about the agreement and the new country that will be soon open to Israeli tourists. We've already started to check on flights and hotels in the UAE.

In this especially difficult time, we can all use some good news. And it is meaningful that we get recognition from an Arab country without giving up any land, as we have in prior peace agreements.

To get a knowledgeable point of view on this agreement, I interviewed Dan Feferman, who's a fellow of the Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI) in Jerusalem.

***Thank you Dan for your time!***

***What opportunities does the peace agreement open between Israel and the UAE? What opportunities will it open between Israel and other Arab countries who aren't included in this agreement (e.g. Saudi Arabia)?***

The peace agreement and normalization of relations opens up many opportunities. First, direct economic relations between the two – Israel is the high-tech hub and UAE is the finance, logistics and services hub – both countries are way more advanced than the rest of the region – both smallish – both threatened by Iran and radical actors in the region. This opens up even more economic cooperation and defense cooperation as well. Economically, trade is expected to reach \$4-5 billion per year within a few years.

On a regional level, this was the first important step needed for the rest of the region to come along. We

can expect a few other countries in the next year to warm ties and even normalize relations. It is a huge blow to the Palestinians, who tried to use their cause to block Israel from establishing formal relations with the Arab world. Saudi Arabia probably won't normalize, but they're already letting us fly over their airspace, Bahrain too. So these are big steps.

The main mosque in Saudi Arabia is hinting toward normalization, the hotels in Dubai are becoming kosher, the Arab League rejected the Palestinians rejection of the peace deal... It's letting things that were blocked for years happen. It's a major paradigm shift in the region.

It won't happen overnight – but clearly, the wheels are moving and things are going in a good direction.

***Will this agreement put more pressure on the Palestinians to be more flexible about a peace agreement with Israel?***

Perhaps in the long run. The rest of the Arabs will finally say out loud what they think in private: Yalla Palestinians, get on board. Take the Trump deal or something similar, and let's all move on. But in the short term, the Palestinians seem to be very bullheaded and will not be able to be pragmatic, even if they benefit. They are more interested in symbolic justice rather than practically making life better.

***What did you hear from Emirati people who you have connections with about this agreement? People are excited about this new relationship with Israel?***

Of course, the Emiratis I'm in touch with are pro-agreement. Not all are. But people are very excited and especially curious. They've been told all their lives bad things about Israel. But many are western educated, worldly, and they meet Jewish business people in the UAE – so they are excited and curious. They want to come to visit Israel. And they are impressed with our success.

Some are hesitant to fully come out as "pro-Israel" because there are many Palestinians, Egyptians, and others working in the UAE and Gulf. So if a company employs Palestinians, the company could lose their workers' support. But the Emiratis themselves (a minority in their own country) are very excited.



*The UAE flag lit on Tel Aviv city hall building to celebrate the occasion!*

## Our Community Table *By Cristyne Porile*

Greetings, Our Community Table readers!

I hope this New Year finds you well and ready for more kitchen adventures. The recipe I have selected for October's OCT is one that is a favorite in my house. I know I always say that, but it is true! This dish hits all the right notes—it is quick and easy to prepare, packs a major flavor punch, can be served warm or at room temperature, and is an extremely healthful dish that I am always happy to serve. I typically prepare this as a side dish to whatever I happen to be making. It has strong, assertive flavors that complement most Middle Eastern, Italian and Spanish styles, though I haven't really paired it successfully with Indian or Asian foods...yet. Perhaps I haven't found the right recipes—but I am willing to continue to try! These chickpeas and greens are great in a salad with lettuce and other vegetable items (or possibly tuna or hard cooked eggs), and are equally cooperative as a component in a Buddha, or other bowl dish, with grains and other vegetable, meat or cheese options, all brought together with a lemony vinaigrette or a lemony tahini-based dressing. Really, the possibilities are almost endless. I would be very interested to hear back from those of you who do make this as to what your favorite way to serve it is. If you are willing, please email your favorite iterations to Our Community Table at [feedback@thejewishfed.org](mailto:feedback@thejewishfed.org). We are always interested to hear what's going on in your kitchen here at Our Community Table. And we are ever hopeful that our very best recipe just might be our next recipe. Wishing you all a happy and delicious New Year!

### **Chickpeas & Dandelion (or Any) Greens Red Pepper Flakes & Hot Olive Oil Dressing**

**Recipe from the super natural every day cookbook,  
by Heidi Swanson**

*Serves 2 as a main dish; 4 as a side*

#### **Ingredients:**

- ◇ 2 cups/10 ounces/280 g cooked chickpeas or 1 (15-ounce can) rinsed and drained
- ◇ 3 Tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ◇ 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped or grated
- ◇ ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- ◇ Fine grain sea salt (or any salt you prefer to use), to taste
- ◇ 3 or 4 large handfuls of young dandelion leaves, stems trimmed (or any green you like best)\*
- ◇ Grated zest of 1 lemon

#### **Directions:**

- ◇ Place the chickpeas in a medium bowl.
- ◇ In a large skillet, cold and before any heat has been applied, place the olive oil, garlic, red pepper flakes and 2 big pinches of salt.
- ◇ Turn on heat to medium and stir until the garlic starts to sizzle, it should not begin to brown.
- ◇ Add the dandelion greens (or whatever greens you are using) to the skillet and stir until they begin to wilt\*\*
- ◇ Stir in the lemon zest.
- ◇ Pour the greens over the chickpeas in the medium bowl and toss.
- ◇ Taste and add a bit more salt if needed.
- ◇ Transfer to a serving platter and serve warm or at room temperature.

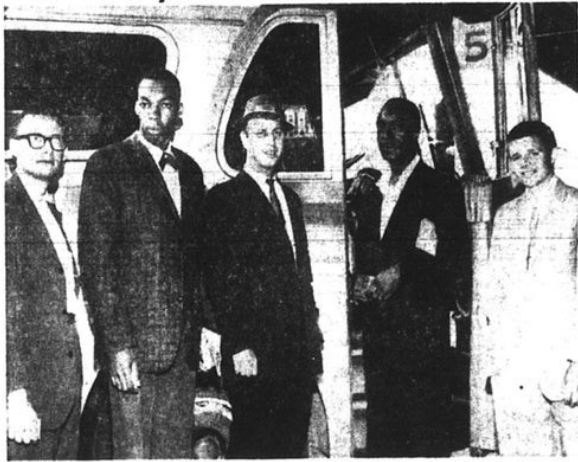
*\*I have never used dandelion greens. I typically use chard or kale, which I stem and cut into a ½ -inch chiffonade.*

*\*\*\*For convenience, I use canned chickpeas, which tend to be a bit firmer than those freshly cooked, and so, I add the chickpeas to the hot skillet at this point and continue cooking until the chickpeas have warmed through and the flavors have mingled. I then add the lemon zest, give it a very quick stir, and turn off the heat.*



## Through Lisa's Lens *By Shani Kramer*

### 'Riders' Leave City for Memphis; Rabbi Says Visit Here 'Pleasant'



**'FREEDOM RIDERS' DEPART FOR MEMPHIS**—After a peaceful, pleasant three-day visit in Chattanooga, five "freedom riders" are shown as they boarded a Greyhound bus today at 10 a.m. for Memphis. They are, left to right, Rabbi Herman Stern, River Ridge, N.J.; Henry Thomas, St. Augustine, Fla.; Rabbi Sidney Shanker, Cranford, N.J.; John C. Harvard, Elizabeth, N.J., and Woolcott K. Smith, Vineyard Haven, Mass.—(Staff photo by Bob Sherrill.)

I found out today that a distant and quite famous cousin of Razel Lerman, long time resident of South Bend, had just passed away. He was 98 years young and had the distinction of taking an active part in two major world events. He was a combat pilot navigator in World War 2 and flew 54 missions as part of the US Army Corps. He also marched along side Rev. Martin Luther King as a Freedom Rider in Alabama in the early 1960s. His name was Rabbi Sidney Shanken.

Razel shared an incredible and little known story about her relative that I found inspiring and so timely as we approach "The Days of Awe."

Rabbi Sidney was preparing to assist on one of his 54 missions that he was to undertake in his illustrious career. This mission happened to coincide with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar.

As Sidney was getting himself a cup of coffee, his gentile fighter pilot approached and confronted him. "Sidney, surely you are aware that today is Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, why are you preparing a cup of coffee?" Sidney replied, "I need this cup of coffee in

order to complete my mission." The pilot drew himself up to his full height and declared, "well if you drink that cup of joe, I'm not flying with you!" Sidney was stunned and indeed fasted and prayed that Yom Kippur for G-d to protect him and his fellow soldiers.

He promised to dedicate his life to Him, should he survive the war and that is what he did. Sidney became a Conservative rabbi in Cranford, NJ who served his congregation for many years.

When given a different perspective into a matter, how do we react? Do we use our "ayin tov," our good eye, to look deep into our souls and make an accounting of sorts like Rabbi Sidney? His incredible journey towards becoming a Rabbi and a community activist shows us that we all have the tools within us. Sometimes all it takes is a cup of coffee and a determined soldier to make the cream rise to the top.

## Federation Book Club *By Beth Buechler*

### The Dutch House, by Ann Patchett

The Dutch House, by Ann Patchett, is a character-driven novel that reads like a memoir. Narrated by Danny, the story follows his life and that of his sister. It follows their mother's abandonment, their father's second wife and two stepsisters, their removal from and subsequent obsession with the infamous house. It feels like an adult fairy tale, a mix between "Hansel and Gretel" (parental abandonment) and "Cinderella," (evil stepmother, two stepsisters), and The Dutch House anthropomorphizes the house, making it a main character.

Due to lagging plot, some of us lost interest halfway through, but stuck with it and enjoyed most of the book. We mentioned realism, symbolism, mental illness, irony, karma, passion, obsession, wealth, poverty, and the concept of what we do with choice. Two of our members suggested a couple of other Ann Patchett novels: Bel Canto and State of Wonder.

My own enjoyment was enhanced by the narrator of the audiobook version—Tom Hanks.

#### Upcoming Schedule of Books:

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

- **October 1:** **Educated: a memoir by Tara Westover**
- **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 Ed-die S. Glaude, Jr.**

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](mailto:info@thejewishfed.org)

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



## A Tribute to Dr. Alan Dowty: *By Professor Yael Aronoff*

### *Bon Voyage, Alan!*

We here at the Jewish Federation hope you are settling into your new digs, out in Seattle!  
Your hometown of South Bend wishes you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Alan Dowty is, simply put, a giant in the field of Israel Studies. He has had, and continues to have, a profound impact on the field in terms of teaching, scholarship, and service. That impact was recognized by the Association of Israel Studies in the form of their most prestigious award, the AIS-Israel Institute Lifetime Achievement Award. He has written 8 books and over 130 articles, and his work has been universally praised as balanced, sophisticated, and insightful, providing accessible frameworks for understanding some of the most complex events and conflicts of the 20th Century.

Just to touch some of his work that I have found most valuable to me, as a scholar and teacher: His book, Israel/Palestine, now in its 4th edition, and its companion reader, is the best book that I have found to teach the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It wonderfully presents both Israeli and Palestinian narratives, thus promoting understanding and empathy, while also using a sophisticated, complex framework and analysis that serves both experts and undergraduate students. I've used different editions of the book in my own teaching with over 1,000 students over the past 15 years, and I frequently recommend it to colleagues and community members. Alan has been generous enough to video-conference with my students after they read his book, and they are honored and enthralled. I can't say enough about what a tremendous service this book provides, and how it has influenced thousands of students, to learn about the conflict in a balanced, complex way, rather than the polemics that often are assigned in many classes on the conflict.

Alan's book The Jewish State: A Century Later is also a classic that I have used in my courses and also uniformly recommend to all who want to have a deeper understand-

ing of Israel. It is an indispensable book to understanding Israeli history, its evolving society, the shifting influence of ideologies, religion, and divisions on politics, while exploring how it can be both a Jewish and a democratic state.

Arabs and Jews in Ottoman Palestine: Two Worlds Collide is another ground-breaking work. In it Alan uses primary research to uncover how religious and ethnic conflicts 125 years ago shaped the continuing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Alan is a fantastic speaker who has given over 500 public lectures all over the world. We were privileged to have him lecture on this new book at Michigan State University.

In addition to his ground-breaking scholarship, Alan has also impacted the field through his tremendous service to the Association of Israel Studies over several decades. Alan is a former President of the Association and continues to provide invaluable service on Association committees. I don't think that he has ever missed an AIS conference. He is liked and respected by all, no matter their discipline, politics, nationality, religion, or age. As the current President of the Association, I seek his wise counsel because of his great knowledge, his own experience having presided over the organization, and because most importantly of all, I know that he is a mensch. Although we know that he will be sorely missed in his Indiana communities, we are so fortunate that Alan continues to impact the field of Israel Studies through his books, his continuing research, his public lectures, and his continuing invaluable service to the Association of Israel Studies.

*Dr. Yael Aronoff is President of the Association of Israel Studies and Professor of International Relations at Michigan State University.*

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#### *Birth Announcement:*

Bill & Jody Comer are pleased to announce the birth of their granddaughter Annabelle (Annie) Rose Comer. Annie's parents are Dr. Adam Comer and Dr. Amber Comer, Great-Grandparents are Jerry and Shirley Gold.

*We welcome contributions to our various funds. Individual acknowledgment cards are sent for each contribution.*