April 2018



Tuesday, April 10,

7:00—8:30pm

Saturday, April 14, 7:00—10:00pm

Monday, April 16, 7:00—9:00pm

Wednesday, April 25, 7:00—8:30pm

Perspectives on the #MeToo Movement

Join us for a panel featuring different perspectives on the #MeToo movement from three different areas: activism, media, and law. The panel will feature Kim Trent, president of Enough Sexual Assault in Detroit (Enough SAID 490 African-American Challenge) - a grassroots volunteer campaign to raise more than \$650,000 to process 1,341 abandoned DNA rape kits in Detroit; Kristen Jordan Shamus, award-winning Detroit Free Press reporter and columnist focusing on women's issues, lifestyle and family stories in metro Detroit and throughout Michigan with more than 20 years of journalism experience; and Blanche Cook, Wayne State University Law School professor who focuses on Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Race and the Law and is actively involved in shaping the emerging nationwide discourse on sex trafficking and victims' rights as it relates to evidentiary issues, race-class-gender profiling, and sex-trafficking statutes. The panel will be moderated by Rabbi Ariana Silverman. This event is open to the community. Wine and cheese will be served.

Motown Dance Patron Party

We're celebrating our friends and supporters as we share a joyous night of appreciation, performance, and community! We will be starting at 7:00pm in our historic building in downtown Detroit with Motown songs, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks. At 8:00pm we will thank our wonderful supporters with a champagne toast and the exquisite voice of local award winning singer/songwriter Britney Stoney and ending with Havdallah at 10:00pm. This is a RSVP-only event. To attend, please email hello@downtownsynagogue.org. If you would like to still support our 2017 "Keep it Free" Annual Campaign, you may make a contribution on our website.

Doing Jewish: A Story from Ghana - Food and Film Screening

Please join Repair The World: Detroit, The Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue, Hazon Detroit, and the JCRC/AJC in partnership with the 20th Annual Lenore Marwil Detroit Jewish Film Festival. Enjoy a pre-screening with traditional African bites provided by chef Phil Jones beginning at 7:00pm. The film will begin promptly at 7:30pm. About the film: Step into the Jewish community in Sefwi Wiawso, Ghana - Exploring isolation to global connection and the challenges and rewards they face along the way. Made over the course of five years, Doing Jewish: A Story from Ghana is a work of love. The affection between the filmmaker and the Sefwi shines as an unspoken part of the story. This is a fascinating study of Judaism and belonging. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit our website for more information.

"We Dont Want Them": A Conversation and Exhibition on Housing Discrimination in Detroit

The "We Dont Want Them" exhibit is part of the Race2Equity Community Engagement Campaign through the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion. The exhibit has toured throughout Metro Detroit since 2010 and has been viewed by hundreds of thousands of people. The exhibit has been in communities at libraries, schools, colleges, places of worship and business organizations. The "We Dont Want Them" exhibit serves as a tool to begin looking deeper into the issues of racial equity in Metro Detroit. The exhibit will be on display in our social hall and accompanied by a conversation with Marsha Music, writer and noted life-long Detroiter with roots in Detroit and Highland Park, where she was an activist and labor leader, and Professor Howard Lupovitch, Associate Professor of History and the Director of the Cohn Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University and fourth-generation Detroiter.