# SHALOM FORT WAYNE

Would you like to become an ambassador to welcome people who are new to the Jewish community or not currently involved?

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Please contact the Federation office: 260 456-0400 or office@fwif.org



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## **JFFW JANUARY 2016 CALENDAR**

January 1 Closed for New Year

Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 Confronting the Shoah

January 7 B'nai Jacob Board Meeting

January 14 Temple Board Meeting

January 18 Office closed for MLK

January 21 JFFW Board Meeting 7:00 PM at the Temple

February 1 Dr. Ronen Hoffman - CRC -History Center -7:00 PM

February 2 & 9 Confronting the Shoah

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# R.O.M.E.O.s

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Venue for January 7, 2016 is: Casa Grande Mexican Grill

Venue for January 21, 2016 is: Flanagan's Restaurant & Pub

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOs for lunch can contact Rich Manalis at 219-877-8825 or richmanalis@me.com





# **ARE YOU MISSING** OUT??

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# Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne



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# Confronting the Shoah

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (JFFW) cordially invites you to attend its six-session program Confronting the Shoah.

The program will be held at the Rifkin Campus (Temple Achduth Vesholom), 5200 Old Mill Road (one mile south of Foster Park) in Fort Wayne.

Sessions will be held on six Tuesdays (January 5th. 12th. 19th, and 26th and February 2nd and 9th). Each two-hour session will begin at 7:00 P.M. in the chapel.

To register, please contact the Jewish Federation of Fort Wavne at 456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org.▶

Dr. Ronen Hoffman **The History Center February 1, 2016** 7:00 PM



# ISIS, Terrorism and Future Civilization

Dr. Hoffman has an extensive history as a politician and war expert in Israel. He is the co-founder of the International Policy Institute for counter-terrorism, served as personal assistant to Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin during his political campaigns and coordinated the Israeli delegation that negotiated peace with Syria.

He was a senior advisor to the Minister of Defense and he advised the Health Minister on international economic cooperation.

Dr. Hoffman is also a former member of Knesset, having served on Israel's defense and foreign affairs committees in the 19th Knesset, eventually chairing the sub-committee on foreign affairs and public diplomacy.

With a Ph.D. in war studies from King's College in London, Dr. Hoffman is an expert in political psychology. He specializes in psychological and cultural barriers in conflict resolution and in political negotiations.

More recently, Dr. Hoffman was a lecturer and researcher at the school of government at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliva.

Light refreshments served.

# What Do Jewish Federations Do?

By Uriel Heilman, JTA's senior writer and former managing editor.

# What's a Jewish federation? It sounds like something from Star Trek.

Jewish federations are centralized charities run by local Jewish communities around the United States. In each community, the federation raises money from local sources and then funds a variety of local, national and international needs — everything from elder housing for local Jews to Jewish identity programming in Russia to reinforcing bomb shelters in Israel. Federation charity supports programs in 70 countries. Non-Jews are among the beneficiaries of federation-supported programs.

#### Is there a Jewish federation where I live?

Probably. There are 151 in the United States and Canada, and they cover pretty much every place with a significant Jewish community, from San Diego to New Hampshire (but not Vermont). About 300 smaller communities don't have federation offices or staff but have associations that raise money and are part of the federations' national network, such as the community in Augusta, Maine. Some federations have intuitive names, like the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, while others do not: Baltimore's is called The Associated; Boston's is Combined Jewish Philanthropies. The national umbrella organization for the federations, which is supported through federation member fees, is called the Jewish Federations of North America.

#### Why were federations created?

Historically, federations were established by local communities to be the central address for Jewish giving. Rather than figure out which charities to support, Jews simply would send checks to their local federation, and the federation would dole out the money according to the needs it assessed — supporting both well-known and little-known causes. In the old days, Jews supported their local federations as a matter of civic duty. Today, fewer Jews feel that way, giving instead to non-Jewish causes or directly to Jewish charities of their choice, and most federations have shrinking donor bases. The number of federation donors has declined by about one-third since 2000, according to sociologist

Steven M. Cohen. Nevertheless, many federations have been able to maintain or increase their fundraising by extracting larger gifts from smaller numbers of people. The tradeoff is that many large donations come with strings attached — directed to specific projects, rather than available for general distribution.

#### Are federations and UJA the same thing?

Historically, federations focused solely on local and domestic needs while local chapters of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) raised money for overseas giving (United Israel Appeal was the UJA arm focused on Israel-related giving). Federations and UJAs began merging their efforts in the 1970s, and in 1999 the national federation organization, the Council of Jewish Federations, formally merged with national UJA to become United Jewish Communities. In 2010, that entity was renamed the Jewish Federations of North America (sometimes called JFNA). United Israel Appeal still exists as its own legal entity, but mostly serves as a pass-through for federation-raised funds destined for Israel.

#### Why do federations still exist?

In addition to their annual fundraising and ongoing communal planning for a wide range of causes, Federation leaders contend that federations remain the only way to harness the collective power of the Jewish community— enabling North American Jewry to respond more effectively to sudden crises like wars in Israel and natural disasters, or slower-moving challenges like Jewish assimilation in America. Over the last year or two, federation emergency campaigns have raised \$55 million for Israel following its 2014 war in Gaza, \$5.2 million for Ukrainian Jews and \$1 million for French Jewish security.

#### How much money do federations raise?

Collectively, about \$900 million per year in annual campaigns, plus another \$1.5 billion in foundation (continued on next page)

# **FWJF FUNDS**

# **Endowment**

- **⇔Community Relations Committee:** To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.
- **⇔Goldenberg Camp Joe Fund:** Every year we get a number of requests for assistance with the registration for our three-week Camp Joe Levine Day Camp.

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A few years ago Audrey Gerson established the Janet Finkel Campership Fund in honor of Janet Finkel. This fund makes it possible to help youngsters go to a Jewish Camp or to a Music Camp.

- **⇔**Holocaust Education Fund

- **☆Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund**
- **⇔Prejudice Reduction Elimination Fund**

# Thank you for supporting the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

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**Jaki and Eric Schreier and Family** made a contribution to the Holocaust Education Committee in honor of **Betty Stein's** 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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A donation was made to the Community Relations Committee by **Betty Fishman**.

Jaki and Eric Schreier made a contribution to the CRC Committee in honor of Manny Silverman's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

#### **⇔Other**

A donation was made in gratitude of the fine work of the **JCRC** from **Jaki and Eric Schreier**.

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A donation was made by **Jaki and Eric Schreier** in celebration of Hanukkah in honor of **Rabbi Kornspan** and **Rabbi Cattapan**.

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**Jaki and Eric Schreier** made a contribution to the Campership Fund in memory of **Shep Weinswig**.

JFFW Fund Donation Form	
Donation from: Name	Fund (pick from list)
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Send card to City/St/Zip	Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne 5200 Old Mill Road Fort Wayne, IN 46807

# Recipes

Taken from www.jewish recipes.org

# **Gazpacho**

#### Ingredients:

2-3 slices of French style bread, crusts removed

- 3-4 red ripe tomatoes (1 lb) chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 small cucumber, peeled & coarsely chopped
- 1 small sweet onion, chopped
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp. fine sea salt, maybe more
- ½ tsp sugar
- 3 tbsp. white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp. sherry vinegar
- 1 cup cold water

Finely chopped tomato, green pepper, and cucumber for garnish

#### **Directions:**

Soak the bread in water and squeeze out. Place tomatoes, peppers, cucumber, onion and garlic in food processor and chop, adding oil, salt, sugar, vinegars and bread.

Process until as smooth as possible, doing in two steps if necessary. Stir in water, taste and add more salt or vinegar to taste.

Chill with an ice cube in each glass or bowl and add chopped vegetables as desired.□



# **Baba Ganoush**

## Ingredients:

2 medium eggplants about 1 ½ lbs total ¼ cup fresh-squeezed lemon juice

½ cup tahini

Garlic, salt & freshly ground black pepper to taste 3 tbsp. olive oil

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

3 olives for garnish

Warmed chunk of pita bread for serving

#### **Directions:**

Preheat oven to 450 F

- 1. Prick eggplants with a fork. Arrange on non-stick cooking sheet and bake until tender and collapsed, 30 to 40 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes. Cut each eggplant in half lengthwise and scoop out the flesh. Place flesh in a food processor with a metal blade and process until smooth. If you prefer to mash by hand, use a fork or potato masher.
- 2. Add lemon juice, tahini, garlic, salt, and pepper to taste and process (or mash) until well blended. Slowly add 3 tbsp. olive oil until mixture is creamy.
- 3. Chill for at least 2 hours.
- 4. Serve in a shallow bowl. Drizzle olive oil over top, sprinkle with parsley and garnish with olives.□



Our condolences go out to the family of Shep Weinswig who passed away on November 24, 2015.

Also, our condolences go out to Niesie Shulkin and family on the passing of Niesie's son-in-law, Hanno Jensen, in Lyons, Colorado on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. money, endowments and emergency campaigns focused on crises like wars or natural disasters. The biggest federation in the country, UJA-Federation of New York, raised \$208 million in its last fiscal year: \$151 million through its annual campaign, \$34 million in planned giving and endowments, and \$23 million for capital projects and special initiatives. That money supported such diverse projects as refurbishing a sauna at a Brooklyn Y, supporting educational leaders on Israeli kibbutzim and providing needs-based scholarships to local Jewish day school students. Overall, federations across the continent manage some \$16 billion in endowment assets.

#### How is federation money distributed?

In 2014, federations gave away approximately \$2.4 billion, according to JFNA. Every community decides its own funding formulas. Of money raised from the annual campaigns, approximately 75 percent is spent locally and 25 percent is sent overseas, JFNA officials say. In 2014, \$225 million of the \$900 million raised from annual campaigns went overseas. In addition, a minor portion of the \$1.5 billion allocated from endowments, foundations and donor-advised funds went overseas.

#### How is federation money distributed overseas?

Most federation overseas money is transferred to the federations' two main overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, with the Jewish Agency getting three to four times as much as the JDC (a JFNA spokesman declined to specify the precise proportions, saying it was a "sensitive" issue). Those two overseas partners then spend the money on individual programs and infrastructure in Israel and elsewhere around the world. In addition, many federations make their own allocations directly to overseas programs, such as to sister cities in Israel. Overall, the share of money federations provide for overseas giving has shrunk in recent years, prompting the Jewish Agency and JDC to do more aggressive fundraising from other sources.

# Jewish Federation Annual Campaign





**JANUARY 2016** 

# November 10 Washington DC Trip with Indiana State Senators and Legislators



# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL - JEWISH FEDERATION OF FORT WAYNE

On Tuesday, November 10, Steve Sarratore, Eric Schreier, and Jaki Schreier joined the Indianapolis JCRC on its fifth legislative trip to Washington, D.C. Eleven state legislators participated in this year's mission. Since 2005, over 50 legislators have traveled with the JCRC. This year's mission featured speakers from several major national Jewish organizations, including the Jewish Federations of North America, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the Anti-Defamation League, HIAS, the National Council of Jewish Women, American Jewish Committee, and more. The legislators also toured the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Reuven Azar, Deputy Chief of Mission at The Embassy of Israel to the United States, was the keynote speaker during dinner.

# **FOCUS ON ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne works to strengthen and enhance the lives of individuals in our community and around the world. We use the funds raised through our Annual Campaign to deliver valuable and necessary services to those in need. We support agencies such as the Jewish Community Relations Council that work to safeguard the rights of Jews here, in Israel, and all around the globe. We use Campaign funds to provide Camp Joe Levine, a Jewish Day Camp; we help fund partner organizations whose missions are aligned with ours, such as Hillel, The Joint Distribution Committee, Jewish Agency for Israel, Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Studies programs at Indiana University and Purdue University, and many other agencies. The more dollars we raise, the better is our ability to meet our own community needs, change lives, and support programs and organizations that serve us all.

With our small Jewish community, our limited dollars require us and our partner agencies to be very creative and resourceful. Please be generous in your gift to the Jewish Federation and help us to continue to build a strong, inspired, and vibrant Jewish community. We are stronger together. Thank you for joining in this partnership.

# JEWISH FEDERATION OF FORT WAYNE Campaign Update

Your donation to Federation is an investment in the Jewish community. This year Federation priorities include helping the needy, engaging the unaffiliated, and as always, supporting Israel and our Jewish brothers and sisters around the world. The Jewish community exists for you and because of you.

\$32,815.00



# **Congregation Achduth Vesholom**

# MEET "MAMELE" DURING YIDDISH MOVIE NIGHT ON JANUARY 16

Join us for a Yiddish movie night and munchies on Saturday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at the Temple when we watch "Mamele" ("little mother"), followed by a discussion led by Dr. Lee Roberts, our Yiddish Class instructor. Don't worry if you don't know any mamaloshen – the musical- comedy-drama has subtitles!

Filmed in Poland in 1938 and directed by Joseph Green, "'Mamele' embraces the entire gamut of interwar Jewish life in Lodz – tenements and unemployed Jews, nightclubs and gangsters, religious Jews celebrating Sukkot – but the film belongs to Molly Picon (known as the 'queen of Yiddish musical,') who romps undaunted through her dutiful daughter role saving siblings, keeping the family intact, singing and acting her way through the stages of a woman's life from childhood to old age," according to the National Center for Jewish Film.

RSVP to the Temple office at 744-4245 by Wednesday, January 13 to say you'll join us for the film. You'll also have an opportunity to register for our next six-session "Journey Into The World Of Yiddish," beginning February 21.

#### **HOT TOPICS & MORE ON SHABBAT**

Please join us for Shabbat worship and special events during January at the Temple:

**Friday, January 1 –** We'll celebrate Shabbat at 7 p.m., followed by Kiddush and a champagne toast to 2016

**Friday, January 8 -** Share a potluck Sabbath dinner and Torah Study at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Shabbat service and Torah reading at 7 p.m. (Please RSVP for dinner by January 6 to 744-4245 and bring a side dish for eight to share.)

Friday, January 15 – Join us for our Hot Topics Shabbat service at 7 p.m. when we'll learn about a current event and how it relates to the Jewish community.

**Friday, January 22** – Our Shabbat service begins at 7 p.m. and includes the Consecration of four kindergarten students. Help us celebrate the start of their formal Jewish learning.

**Friday, January 29** – We will not have a Shabbat service due to our 13th Home Shabbat when Temple members gather in each other's homes for Sabbath dinner.

#### ICE SKATING FOR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP



Students in grades 6 to 8 and their families are invited for an afternoon of ice skating on Sunday, January 31 at 1 p.m. at Headwaters Park with the Temple's Junior Youth Group. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 13 and under. Skate rental is available. Please RSVP to Advisors Matthew Katinsky at mkatinsky@gmail.com





# THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS BAGS FILLED WITH HOLIDAY FOOD

Getting in the holiday spirit, the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays team provided each of our 72 Brightpoint Head Start families in December with a rotisserie chicken and bag full of goodies to complete a festive meal. Each student also received a calendar with year-round fun and educational activities created by Jan Sarratore.

We appreciate the volunteers who shopped, schlepped, and sorted items for this much-appreciated gift to the families. Thank you to all who support this important joint effort of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, Congregation Achduth Vesholom, and Congregation B'nai Jacob.

Throughout the winter, we're collecting boxes of tissues and cans of tuna and soup. Please drop off donations at the Rifkin Campus at 5200 or B'nai Jacob.

Jamie Berger, Thoughtful Thursdays Chair

# Got a Simcha?

Send us your upcoming Bar or bat mitzvah announcement.

Include your child's name, date of your celebration, parents' names and your synagogue affiliation.

Also include a clear picture of your child and a few sentences about his or her hobbies, mitzvah project and siblings. A quote from your child would be terrific!

Send announcements and questions to: jakischreier@fwjf.org.



# What we're reading



# Alvin H. Rosenfeld Professor of English and Jewish Studies

Irving M. Glazer Chair in Jewish Studies
Director, Institute for the Study of
Contemporary Antisemitism, Indiana
University School for Global and
International Studies

Deciphering the New Antisemitism addresses the increasing prevalence of antisemitism on a global scale. Antisemitism takes on various forms in all parts of the world, and the essays in this wideranging volume deal with many of them:
European antisemitism, antisemitism and Islamophobia, antisemitism and anti-Zionism, and efforts to demonize and delegitimize Israel.
Contributors are an international group of scholars who clarify the cultural, intellectual, political, and religious conditions that give rise to antisemitic words and deeds. These landmark essays are noteworthy for their timeliness and ability to grapple effectively with the serious issues at hand.

# **GET WELL WISHES**

Shirley Busack Flora Friedman



# Plaque Honoring Anti-Nazis Missing from Hitler's WWII Bunker

Posted on October 3, 2015 in: <u>Together</u> Comments Off on Plaque Honoring Anti-Nazis Missing from Hitler's WWII Bunker

Polish police investigate theft of sign at Wolf's Lair commemorating opponents of German dictator

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's police say they are investigating the theft of a metal plaque honoring Hitler's opponents which was taken from the site of the Nazi leader's World War II bunker, now on Polish territory.

Police spokeswoman Anna Fic said Friday that an investigation is underway.

The plaque was unveiled at the dictator's "Wolfsschanze" (Wolf's Lair) in the village of Gierloz in 2004 to mark 60 years since a failed bomb plot against Hitler by members of the Germany military, namely Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg.

The unknown thief or thieves unscrewed the 60 by 60 centimetre (24 by 24 inch) plaque and likely walked out with it during the night over the weekend, according to Monika Danielak, police spokeswoman in the neighboring town of Ketrzyn.

"Witnesses said there were German tourists at the site in Gierloz at the time and could help clarify what happened," she told AFP.

"We plan to seek assistance from German police."

A tourist guide noticed Sunday that the plaque had been unscrewed from its stone support.

The Wolf's Lair was Hitler's chief quarters from 1941-44, when the area was in Germany. After the war it became part of Poland and is now a major tourist attraction.

It was the largest of 10 command bases used by Hitler across Germany and occupied Europe after World War II began with the Nazi and Soviet carve-up of Poland in September 1939.

Every year, some 200,000 tourists visit the 250-hectare (618-acre) site featuring ruined concrete bunkers that could house up to 2,000 people and now lie overgrown in a forest.

It is at the Wolfsschanze that the aristocratic von Stauffenberg tried to assassinate Hitler with a briefcase bomb in July 1944.

The bomb killed three officers and the stenographer but the Fuhrer escaped with only light injuries. Von Stauffenberg and three others were executed that same evening.□

# CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

ETHICS CLASS - The ethics class led by Rabbi Kornspan, using A Code of Jewish Ethics Volume 1 - You Shall Be Holy by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, continues with great attendance and a lot of good discussion. Next class is Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., with Tallit and Tefillin at 9:30 a.m.

**TU B'SHEVAT SEDER** will take place following Shabbat Services, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the 11:45 a.m. Kiddush. Please R.S.V.P. with the office and join us for a wonderful celebration of Tu B'Shevat, Jewish Arbor Day and Judaism's approach to caring for our earth.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. and on Shabbat mornings at 9:30 a.m. Havurat No'ar and Confirmation Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

**TORAH CLASSES -** Torah class meets on Shabbat at 12:45 p.m. We are currently studying the Book of Leviticus.

Mishneh Torah class meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. At present we are studying brachot, the blessings we pray. In this class we are learning from Maimonides' classic work on the Written and Oral Torah.

SHABBAT SERVICES - Shabbat morning services are held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. After our services, congregants and guests have an opportunity to enjoy the Shabbat and the camaraderie at our Kiddush.□

# JEWISH FEDERATION OF FORT WAYNE CONDEMNS ANTI-MUSLIM RHETORIC

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne denounces the increasingly intolerant and inflammatory anti-Muslim rhetoric that is currently pulsing through American society. There is no place in America, a nation founded on religious freedom, for discrimination on the basis of religion – or any other immutable characteristic, for that matter. This time it is Muslims who have been singled out, but in past years it has been gays, and before that Catholics, Jews, Japanese, Irish, and other groups that are a part of the fabric of our unique and diverse American society. Our nation, founded by those fleeing religious persecution, is rooted in principles of religious freedom. Religious pluralism is at the very core of our national identity and why religion has flourished in our society.

The Board of Directors finds repugnant any proposal that singles out certain human beings for disparate treatment solely on the basis of their religion. We, therefore, condemn, without qualification, any religious bigotry, which includes calls for a national Muslim registry, selective immigration policies that intentionally allow/prohibit entry to the United States by people solely on the basis of their religion, or outright bans on Muslims traveling to the United States.

We want to applaud those Muslim leaders who have spoken out to reject this hateful ideology of radical Islamist terrorism, and unequivocally rejected hateful interpretations of Islam that are wholly incompatible with the values of religious tolerance, mutual respect, and human dignity.

The absence of religious tests for entry or for office and the freedom of every individual to practice their religion are sources of national strength, not weakness!

Ron Friedman, Jewish Federation President Jaki Schreier, Jewish Federation Executive Director Ronnie Greenberg, CRC Chair