

Federation Pre-Board Meeting - August 18, 2016

(at Jaki's house) Photos by Mary Gottlieb





Planning out events for an exciting year!

ALLOCATIONS



The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne Allocations Committee supports many agencies and organizations here, in the United States, Israel, and around the world. The Allocations Committee will be featuring a different agency or organization each month. This month we highlight the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

The 65,000 square foot Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center opened April 19th, 2009. The museum had multiple purposes but the most important ones are serving as a memorial to the families that perished and the millions lost and, in addition, educating young minds so that they can learn the terrible dangers of prejudice and hatred.

The museum is located at the Northwest corner of Skokie, west of the Eden's Expressway (I-94); the nearest exit is Old Orchard Road. The museum is located just a few hours northwest of Fort Wayne. One feature of the museum, besides the architectural tour of the new building, is that it offers educational talks and lectures. Most recently, scheduled for September 18th, between the hours of 2:00 and 3:30 PM, there will be a lecture by Father Patrick Desbois, who was recently featured on 60 Minutes. This particular event, because of the expected turnout, will be held at Niles North Auditorium in Skokie, IL, 9800 Lawler Road.

"Since 2001, Father Patrick Desbois, a French-Catholic priest, has led a truly historic undertaking of identifying and locating undiscovered mass graves of Jews killed during

the Holocaust in Eastern Europe. In 2004, he began to research the story of the Jews, Roma, and other victims murdered in Eastern Europe during WWII by the Nazi mobile killing units, the Einsatzgruppen. Learn about Father Desbois, featured twice on "60 Minutes" and author of "Holocaust by Bullets", and hear him recount his personal journey to preserve the memory of entire communities that were murdered. Father Desbois' work seeks to advance understanding of crimes committed during the Holocaust by gathering historical, anthropological, psychological, and legal evidence, and through interviews with witnesses before they are gone."

In addition to the lecture series, there are numerous exhibits and learning opportunities at the museum. The museum offers interactive survivor experiences, architectural tours, survivor talks titled "In Our Voices", live performances, film premieres, and a visit to the 27,000 item museum collection.

If enough people are interested, the Federation may be able to arrange a bus trip to the museum to see Father Desbois' lecture or any of the other events. The museum can be googled as Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

-Steve Trotter

JFFW Mission Statement:

To support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

Ball State Hillel



Ball State University has an active Hillel organization and has been growing and providing more Jewish life experiences for students over the past several years.

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne supports Hillels and Jewish Studies programs at Indiana University, Purdue University, and Ball State University through Campaign Allocations.

Events from BSU's Hillel during the past year have included Shabbat dinners, Havdalah ceremonies followed by dinners with Congregation Beth-El Zedeck's engaging and energetic Student Rabbi Jenn, parties for Chanukah and Purim, a Sukkot dinner, and a Passover Seder. Students have a festive time celebrating together at these events and continues to warmly welcome new members to join.

The BSU Hillel ended this year by working on various tikkun olam projects and by joining Butler University's Hillel Chanukah party and saying 'good bye' to outgoing students at their annual end-of-the-year dinner. They have started planning for this year's activities, which will include an interfaith dinner that Hillel will co-host in the fall with various campus religious groups. As BSU's Hillel continues to grow, the upcoming academic year is sure to be fun and fulfilling.●

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS' PLE PROJECT RETURNS



Many of the 72 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. For a sixth year, the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays team would like to provide each of our families with a bag of apples. A tree will be on display at the Rifkin Campus at 5200 that will be decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Friday, October 14. Help celebrate the High Holy Days by assisting in this special way! (Checks may be made out to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.)

Plan to join our team on Wednesday,
September 7 at 10 a.m. when we assemble the
first bag of the school year. Thanks to members
of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne,
Congregation Achduth Vesholom and
Congregation B'nai Jacob for assisting! Contact
Jamie Berger to learn more at
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French swimmer Fabien Gilot.
Silver medal winner, 4 man freestyle relay
Rio Olympics.

The tattoo on his arm reads: "Without them, I am nothing" honoring his grandfather, an Auschwitz survivor



On our way to the lake, we were talking about Camp Joe traditions - IDF Day, Maccabiah Games ... and the only "proper" way to make chocolate balls. Then, someone joked that **Elena** was a camp tradition. That's because nine-year old Elena has attended Camp Joe every summer since she was four, and we all agreed that our camp simply would not be the same without her. As we thought about it, we came up with a long list of campers and counselors who, just like Elena, have become a "Camp Joe tradition." So, for all of us, these three weeks in July are like a fun family reunion (new family members are always welcome), where we reconnect with each other and look forward to coming back year after year.

So, thank you to our **campers and parents** for choosing Camp Joe and making this reunion possible. We are so happy to spend our summer with such a wonderful group of kids!

To our amazing **counselors**, a BIG thank you for your hard work, kindness, joy and energy you brought to camp every day! The wonderful relationships you've built with campers and each other are the foundation of our success!

Thank you, **Jaki Schreier**, for supporting Camp Joe. You do everything possible to make sure that no child misses out on this wonderful camp experience regardless of their financial circumstances!

To **Bonnie Smith**, thank you for your help with all of the Camp Joe publications throughout the year. Your organization when applications are rolling in is invaluable!

Thank you to the Mamayek Family. Your generous donation to Camp Joe was greatly appreciated!

To **Audrey Gerson**, the **Salon Foundation**, and the Jewish Federation **Board of Directors**, thank you for making scholarship funds available to our campers. Your support made it possible for many children to join our camp family!

Thank you to **Penske Truck Rental**. Your generosity has made moving camp supplies in and out of Fox Island more efficient!

Thank you to Rabbi Lenny and Rabbi Kornspan. We enjoyed sharing Shabbat with you!

To **Becky Guttstein**, a BIG thank you for hosting our Israeli counselors this year. You opened your home to them and made their visit here a memorable one. Your hospitality has made it possible for these young people to be a part of our camp!

And to the Goltz Family, thank you for providing an enjoyable Shabbat experience for our Israeli counselors!

We wish everybody a great school year! We look forward to seeing you all again next summer!

Next year's dates are July 3 - July 21, 2017. ●

-Larisa Drozdova and Samantha McGlennen













