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### **Minute With Moshe**

In my first year of listening, community members have described the current situation of the Federation in many ways. One way I've come to explain where we are is that we're stuck in one gear. When you're stuck in gear, it's hard to accelerate toward your stated goals. If you have an idea to energize the Jewish community, please do not hesitate to reach out.

#### Opening the Federation June 6 at 4:00 PM

The Federation plans to open this June with warmer summer weather and more people becoming vaccinated. We are excited to invite the community to our Federation campus to enjoy the first performance in our Summer Concert Series featuring the South Bend Symphony Orchestra To Go woodwind quintet Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 PM. We ask that all guests, volunteers, and staff practice COVID-19 safety protocols, including universal face covering and physical distancing, to help mitigate the risks of spreading COVID-19. See page 3 for program details.

#### Calling All Bubbes and Zaydes!

Are you a grandmother or grandfather? If you have grandkids visiting this summer, we

have the perfect summer plan to enhance their visit -- CAMP IDEAL! Our highest priority is to create and maintain a healthy and safe environment for everyone. When you enroll your child at Camp Ideal, you entrust us with your grandchild's safety and well-being, and in return, we weave Jewish values, culture, learning, and fun into the fabric of camp. Camp runs for six weeks throughout June and July. Create your customized camp schedule by picking specific weeks or enrolling your camper for one or both three-week sessions. For more information, go to the Camp Ideal website at TheJewishFed.org/CampIdeal or call us at 574-233-1164

#### Are you a Visual Thinker?

If so, please send me your sketch of how you visualize our Jewish ecosystem in Michiana by email or by mail at 3202 Shalom Way. South Bend, IN 46615. Sketches on back of a napkin or computer designed schematics are welcomed. To the right you can see what I visualize when I think of Jewish Michiana.

#### My Year 2 Goal: Let's Develop a Community Plan

In Year 1, I listened.

In Year 2, I aim to develop an aspirational community plan.

Building our Road map will be a vital initiative of the Federation in coordination with the entire Jewish community. The promise of our bright and re-imagined future starts with you!

If my year two goals to re-imagine our future gain community traction, I envision a Hineini Working Group (Here I am). Through community survey feedback, parlor meetings, and town halls, this group will identify the dreams that our community wants to turn into realities. The Hineini group will turn data into information and information into actionable ideas that build on our core values, skills, and strengths.

As we ramp up our planning please reach out with any suggestions or concerns.



Moshe Kruger Executive Director 574-233-1164 x1802 MKruger@TheJewishFed.org



Join us at the Jewish Federation at 4:00 PM for a fun afternoon of music and libations with the South Bend Symphony.

All are welcome, we will maintain social distance and childcare will be provided.

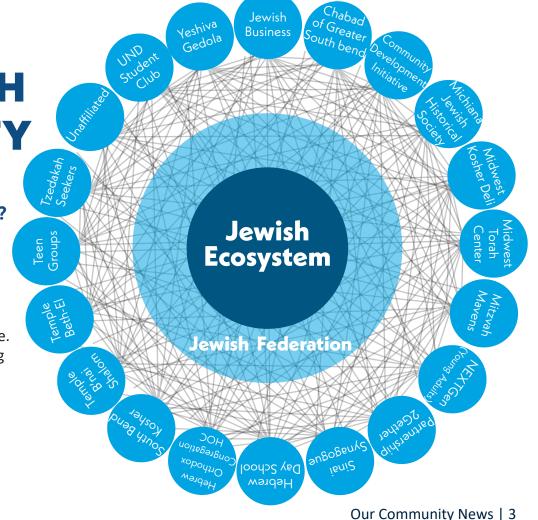
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### HOW I SEE OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY - MOSHE KRUGER

### What is a Jewish Ecosystem?

A community of interacting Jewish individuals, organizations and their environment.

Send us an example of what you think our Jewish ecosytem looks like. Email: MKruger@TheJewishFed.org Mail: 3202 Shalom Way South Bend, IN 46515



### **Caring Connections**

A giant THANK YOU for the wonderful contributions made by the community for our Passover Appeal for Food Insecurity. Your generosity allowed us to assist 46 families to celebrate with joy, and further, remarkably, provided Kosher for Pesach complete meals for 22 of our seniors who live in facilities or alone.

Hooray, Hooray for the Month of May! May is one of my favorite months. It brings sunshine, warm weather, flowers, and family celebrations for Mother's Day. In honor of Mother's Day, JFS recommends the book, <u>The Gift from the Sea</u>. It offers meditations on the complexity of a woman's life, as inspired by the shapes of seashells. Memorial Day at the end of the month heralds the arrival of summer, with picnics and outdoor activities.

### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS:

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This year, Shavuot lands in May. Shavuot celebrates the receiving of the Torah by Moses on Mt. Sinai and the grain harvest. It is one of the four Pilgrim holidays. Imagine what would have happened if Moses, coming down from Mt. Sinai, tripped and fell! Falling is a very real problem for thousands of Americans every year. Join us for our Lunch 'N' Learn on May 19th, as Occupational Therapist, Elizabeth Levine, MSOT, presents a session on Fall Prevention.



### HELPING HANDS CORNER

We have a community member who is searching for a person who can provide overnight care to a male family member one night a week. Individual would prefer to pay privately. If you or someone you know may be interested please call 574-231-8403.

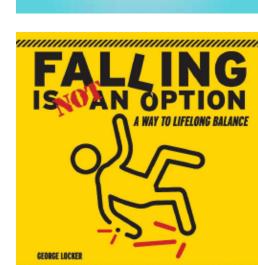


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### A QUICK COFFEECAKE From Our Community Table

This past winter I found myself at a social gathering. After not having been together in one contained place with a group of people in such a long time, this elicited some strong emotions. To be fair, some of the emotions were due to the fact that I was at a funeral. It was a cold winter's day when I attended the graveside funeral of former community member Mrs. Phyllis Szymkowicz. (I must add that regardless of how you feel about wearing a mask, it is a very helpful garment when standing outside in the cold for a long period of time.)

Mrs. Szymkowicz was a Holocaust survivor. When I was growing up, there were many men and women in the community who had endured the unimaginable horrors of the Holocaust. Now, just one generation later, our children are not growing up in close proximity to survivors. There is certainly a disconnect that didn't exist in the past. It's sad. Of course, recorded interviews can give today's kids a taste of what their ancestors or family friends from the past experienced. But it isn't the same as having personally known the person. After the funeral was over, I had a short conversation with a few other attendees about Mrs. Szymkowicz's recipes. One that was most beloved was the coffee cake shared below. Making a recipe that originated with someone who has since passed away is a wonderful way to let the person's memory live on. When I make pickles, I am not just making pickles. I am making my grandmother's pickles. And my family knows it. So, this coffee cake is not just a coffee cake. It's Mrs. Szymkowicz's coffee cake.

When I got home from the funeral I watched *The People Next Door*, knowing that Mrs. Szymkowicz was one of the people interviewed. If you haven't seen it, I highly recommend that you do so. Go to the Temple Beth-El website, click Learning on the left hand side of the screen, click on Holocaust Studies, and then on *The People Next Door*. Over 20 community members from that time who were in Europe during the war share their stories.

#### Deena Abraham

**Community Contributor** 

#### INGREDIENTS

½ pkg. yeast (1 heaping teaspoon) ¼ c. warm water 1 tsp. sugar ½ stick margarine (4 Tablespoons) ½ c. sugar 1 egg 2 c. flour 2 ½ tsp. baking powder ½ tsp. salt ¼ c. pareve milk **Topping:** Chocolate chips, as desired Or Brown sugar Flour Cinnamon

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Mix the yeast, warm water, and teaspoon of sugar in a bowl. Allow to sit for a few minutes to proof.

In another bowl, cream the margarine and half a cup of sugar. Stir in the egg, mixing well. Stir in the dry ingredients, pareve milk, and yeast mixture.

Place the dough into a greased 8" pan. Top with chocolate chips. Or, mix equal amounts of brown sugar and flour (Amounts were not given, but I would guess about a quarter of a cup of each.) and ½ a teaspoon of cinnamon. Sprinkle this mixture over the top of the cake.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes.

### **EXPERIENCE MICHIANA**



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### Remarks at Yom Hashoah Ceremony on Notre Dame Campus

When I was little, my father took me to the Holocaust and Intolerance Museum in Albuquerque. I'd heard of the Holocaust before, read about it, and heard the secondary stories that my parents had shared about survivors that they knew. But standing in the museum as a child, in front of the pillar filled with seeds that marked the millions of lives lost, I truly understood it for the first time.

After that, every Passover my siblings and I would read "The Devil's Arithmetic" by Jane Yolen, a book targeted towards young adults that addresses the Holocaust, a tradition we kept up for many years. We read excerpts from Night by Elie Wiesel at my parents' Seders.

Then, a couple of years ago, the Jewish Club had the honor of hearing directly from two Holocaust survivors at a prayer service. And now, we are all gathered here today, remembering. We remember. We must remember because in the face of great oppression and hate, sometimes this is all we can do.

We can hope and pray and plead to God or others that the circumstances were different. We can wonder why God would allow such injustices or how people could be so cruel to one another. I know I do. We probably all do. And although we may lose our faith, whether in God or humanity, through the experience of such violence and subjugation, we cannot lose our memory.

Our collective memory is something that no one can take from us, something that is ours, something holy, indestructible, and something alive. Bearing witness entails an active engagement with this memory. According to Elie Wiesel, "Whomever listens to a witness becomes a witness", which means that everyone can and should bear witness.

Whether we do so through visiting a Holocaust memorial museum, reading about it or encouraging better education regarding it, or maybe even writing about it just for ourselves, we need to make it real to us and to others.

Of course it is painful to remember, it is hard to look at, and it is difficult to understand what has been lost and what is still at stake but when we decide to look away when it gets hard or uncomfortable, we necessarily lose all of those histories and all of those stories. And if we cannot tell the stories of the oppressed, then we deprive them of their life and therefore of their human dignity.

As Elie Wiesel said in his 1986 Nobel Peace Prize speech, "Of course we could try to forget the past. Why not? Is it not natural for a human being to repress what causes him pain, what causes him shame? Like the body, memory protects its wounds. When day breaks after a sleepless night, one's ghosts must withdraw; the dead are ordered back to their graves. But for the first time in history, we could not bury our dead. We bear their graves within ourselves. For us, forgetting was never an option. Remembering is a noble and necessary act."

We can all bear witness. Elie Wiesel makes this clear.

The question is if we will, if we care enough about one another and those oppressed groups of which we may not be a part, who may not have the liberties afforded to us to speak up and, more importantly, be heard. I hope that, if my words leave any lasting impressions on anyone here, they make you consider this: if you have been given a voice, or if you have fought to have a voice, is it not your duty to use it?

And if you are aware of violence, oppression, or marginalization, is it not necessary to bear witness to it? The least time-consuming or taxing task that we can do is to remember, and yet this is one of the most effective and crucial actions afforded to us. We must remember for the sake of those who still painfully must reflect on what has happened, for those who no longer can, for those who wish they could forget, and for anyone else who has been oppressed.

I recently had the rather obvious realization that history is not what has happened but how we retell what has happened. This understanding of history gives humans all of the power, because we are no longer just the actors but also the storytellers.

So, as you go forth from this prayer service, today, tomorrow, in the future, I want you to consider what stories you will tell about what has happened—both related to the Holocaust and to other forms of violence and intolerance that are essentially ubiquitous in our lives.

Elie Wiesel states, "Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair. I remember the killers, I remember the victims, even as I struggle to invent a thousand and one reasons to hope. There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest."

So, please, I implore you to take a moment to reflect on how you will protest has happened and what continues to happen. How will you remember? How can you bear witness? More importantly, how can you not?

#### Bella Niforatos

President, Notre Dame Jewish Club

### **Federation Book Club**

A Penguin Random House discussion sheet on <u>The Secrets We Kept</u> states, in part, that "The chapters narrated by the typists form a kind of Greek chorus, . . ., anchoring the book in their shared experience—a collective point of view, . . . " \* Author Lara Prescott gives a cohesive chronology of events as seen not only by these typists—an elite group hired to keep the secrets of the content which they type—but also from three main female characters who, whether being mysterious, admired, neglected, or ridiculed, are always the subjects of gossip. Prescott shows us how and why women in the 1950s made some of the greatest spies.

We also see ways in which these women were both powerful and powerless, either taking the reigns for themselves, or taking prison terms in the Russian Gulag in defense of a non-deserving lover. We had a lively discussion about the plausibility of why these women made certain choices, or lack thereof.

If you've read and loved <u>Doctor Zhivago</u>, you'll also enjoy this behind-the-scenes fictitious thriller. You'll see an interpretation of how, rejected by the Soviets, Zhivago first got published in Italy. There are two crucial love stories in <u>The Secrets We Kept</u>, but perhaps the best scene takes place when the novel culminates at the 1958 World's Fair held in Brussels, when the manuscript of <u>Doctor Zhivago</u> was, in real life, smuggled into America for the CIA's Cold War propaganda purposes.

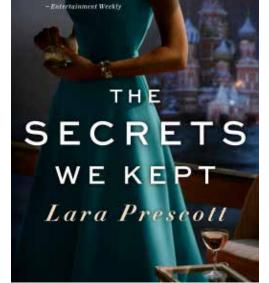
### Suggested Further Reading on Topic:

Doctor Zhivago, by Boris Pasternak

<u>Lara: The Untold Love Story and the</u> <u>Inspiration for Doctor Zhivago</u>, by Anna Pasternak

The Federation Book Club meets 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

The Federation contact person will forward your email address to the organizer who will invite you to join our sessions via Zoom.



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Beth Buechler Community Contributor





### A Trubute to Dr. Bill Sarnat

For those who know Dr. Bill Sarnat, we know him to be a humble person and an excellent physician with a long career as a cardiologist in our local community. With the opportunity to interview Bill, I also learned about the many other contributions he has made to the health of our community, both through the practice of medicine and through medical education.

While growing up in the largely Jewish neighborhood of South Shore on the south side of Chicago, Bill decided to go into medicine at a very early age. You could say that it was in the family. His grandfather owned a drugstore, his father was a dentist, and his uncle was a plastic surgeon.

### What attracted him to the field of cardiology?

Bill attended medical school at Wayne State University. During one of his summer breaks, he did a clerkship at Cedars of Sinai in Los Angeles. It was during that summer that he observed cardiac catheterization procedures that peaked his interest in the field of cardiology.

It was also while he was in medical school that he met his wife Diane on a double blind date. Diane and Bill have been happily married for 51 years. They have three children, Adena, Jeff and Lauren and three grandkids.

Upon graduation from medical school, Bill did a residency in internal medicine at Michael Reese and a fellowship in cardiology at the University of Iowa where he said he "learned how to learn", something especially important in a field that is constantly evolving.

Since Bill was in school during the Vietnam

War era, he fulfilled his military obligation by serving two years in the Navy. Between 1973-1975, Bill practiced general medicine at Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland with the rank of Lt. Commander.

In 1977, Bill and Diane moved to South Bend where Bill began practice at the South Bend Clinic.

In 1982, Bill and his partner Doctor Paul Howard went to St. Joe Medical Center to direct the Coronary Care Unit. Thanks to their hard work, and with the invaluable support of Diane, they succeeded in building the cardiology group to twelve doctors with branches in Elkhart and Goshen. In 2015 Dr. Sarnat received the Blessed Basil Moreau Award for dedication to service and healing from St. Joseph Medical System.

#### Beyond his career as a physician, Bill has also dedicated his life to medical education.

In 1982, Bill began teaching at IU Medical School in South Bend where he still teaches part-time to this day. In 1998, he had the honor of teaching his daughter Lauren, who was a student in one of the classes. For his excellence in teaching, he received the "Outstanding Physician of the Year Award" in 2019 from the IU School of Medicine.

Dr. Mark Fox, Associate Dean and Regional Campus Director, Indiana University School of Medicine – South Bend, wrote, "Dr. Sarnat was dedicated to providing the most robust patient experience for students and Family Medicine residents throughout his career and continued that work when the school expanded its South Bend campus to a four year curriculum."

As a mentor for interns and residents at St. Joe Medical Center, Bill has twice received the "Golden Apple Award" for being an outstanding educator.

Always the perpetual student, Bill looks for ways to improve the field of cardiology. In 2013, Bill was reading about out-of-hospital survival rates for cardiac arrest victims. The national rate was only 5%.

Thanks to his efforts and persistence, Bill convinced the local EMS system to track local data on the issue. He was able to compare local data with national data. As he



studied the issue locally, he learned that the local survival rate was about the same, 5%. Bill believed we could do better.

In 2016, Bill began to work with other local healthcare leaders and with a community organization called Enfocus to address the issue of out-of-hospital survival rates for cardiac arrest. Working with the local EMS system, they developed an innovative idea to train local 8th graders in CPR and the use of defibrillators.

### What began as an idea turned into a major community-wide project.

The project brought 1,200 to 1,800 eighth grade students to the Covaleski stadium for a massive CPR training effort. They also raised money locally to buy mannequins for the students to take home to practice on and teach family members.

Bill believes that there has been a ripple effect from this educational project. Today our local survival rate for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest has increased from 5% to 11%.

For his efforts on this project, Bill received the Key to the City of South Bend from Mayor Buttigieg in 2020. However, Bill emphasizes that this project was a team effort with many people who are equally deserving of recognition.

Never one to turn down an opportunity to help out, Bill also has been a dedicated volunteer, administering the COVID-19 vaccine at the St. Joseph County Department of Health's vaccine clinic at St. Hedwig Memorial Center.

Looking back on his career, in addition to the CPR training program for 8th graders, the things that Bill is most proud of are the many students he trained- including his daughter - and physicians who are now taking care of him. "The legacy is to make sure that what you leave behind is better than what you came in."

There is no doubt that our community is a better place for having Dr. Bill Sarnat here as an outstanding physician and educator.

Bob Feferman

Community Relations Director 574-233-1164 x1815 RFeferman@TheJewishFed.org

### A Tribute to Dr. Bill Sarnat Cont.

Dr. William Sarnat is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine – South Bend and has been teaching at the med school for over 30 years. He first began teaching in the Introduction to Clinical Medicine course and served as the section director for the cardiology curriculum for the second year medical students. Bill designed a great cardiology experience for medical students: his group would close their office for an afternoon and bring in a panel of patients with various conditions so that the students could learn to decipher different abnormal heart sounds, guided by Dr. Sarnat and his partners. It was an extraordinarily effective and valuable learning experience and a tremendous commitment on the part of Dr. Sarnat and his partners.

Dr. Sarnat was dedicated to providing the most robust patient experience for students and Family Medicine residents throughout his career and continued that work when the school expanded its South Bend campus to a four year curriculum. Dr. Sarnat challenged himself and his colleagues to provide a third year cardiology experience and spent countless hours holding EKG seminars for our students. He continues in these roles today and serves as a IUSM physician mentor.

For all of this, Bill was honored as the Outstanding Physician of the Year by the IU School of Medicine – South Bend in 2019.

#### **Dr. Mark Fox**

Associate Dean & Regional Campus Director Indiana University School of Medicine – South Bend





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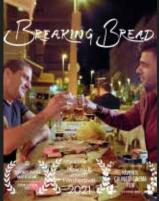


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Breaking Bread

2020, Directed by Beth Elise Hawk Available May 10 - 12

Dr. Nof Atamna-Ismaeel – the first Muslim Arab to win Israel's MasterChef – founded the A-Sham Arabic Food Festival, where pairs of Arab and Jewish chefs collaborate on exotic dishes. A film about hope, synergy, and mouthwatering fare.

Not Rated | Length: 86 min | Country: Israel Language: English & Hebrew w/Eng subtitles

### The Invisible Line: America's Nazi Experiment

2020, Directed by Emanuel Rotstein

The documentary tells the story of The Third Wave, an experimental social movement created in 1967 to explore how the German population could accept the actions of the Nazis. His daring social experiment succeeded, creating a fascist state on campus.

Not Rated | Length: 53 min | Country: Denmark, Germany, USA | Language: English



### **Kiss Me Kosher**

2020, Directed by Shirel Peleg

A love story between clashing cultures and their families, KISS ME KOSHER is a romantic misadventure crossing all borders. Upon meeting, their families immediately collide over a shared history and the prospect of a combined future.

Not Rated | Country: Germany, Israel Language: Arabic, English, Germen, Hebrew w/ Eng subtitles

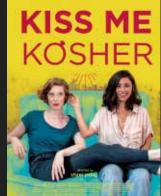
### A Starry Sky Above the Roman Ghetto

### 2020, Directed by Giulio Base

The discovery of a photograph sparks a student to probe the history of Rome's Jewish ghetto and the fate of a little girl. This talented ensemble injects youthful energy into this inspiring interfaith story about the importance of memory, coexistence and reconciling differences.

Not Rated | Length: 100 min| Country: Italy Language: Italian w/Eng subtitles









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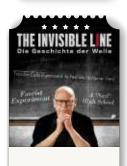




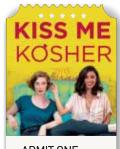


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