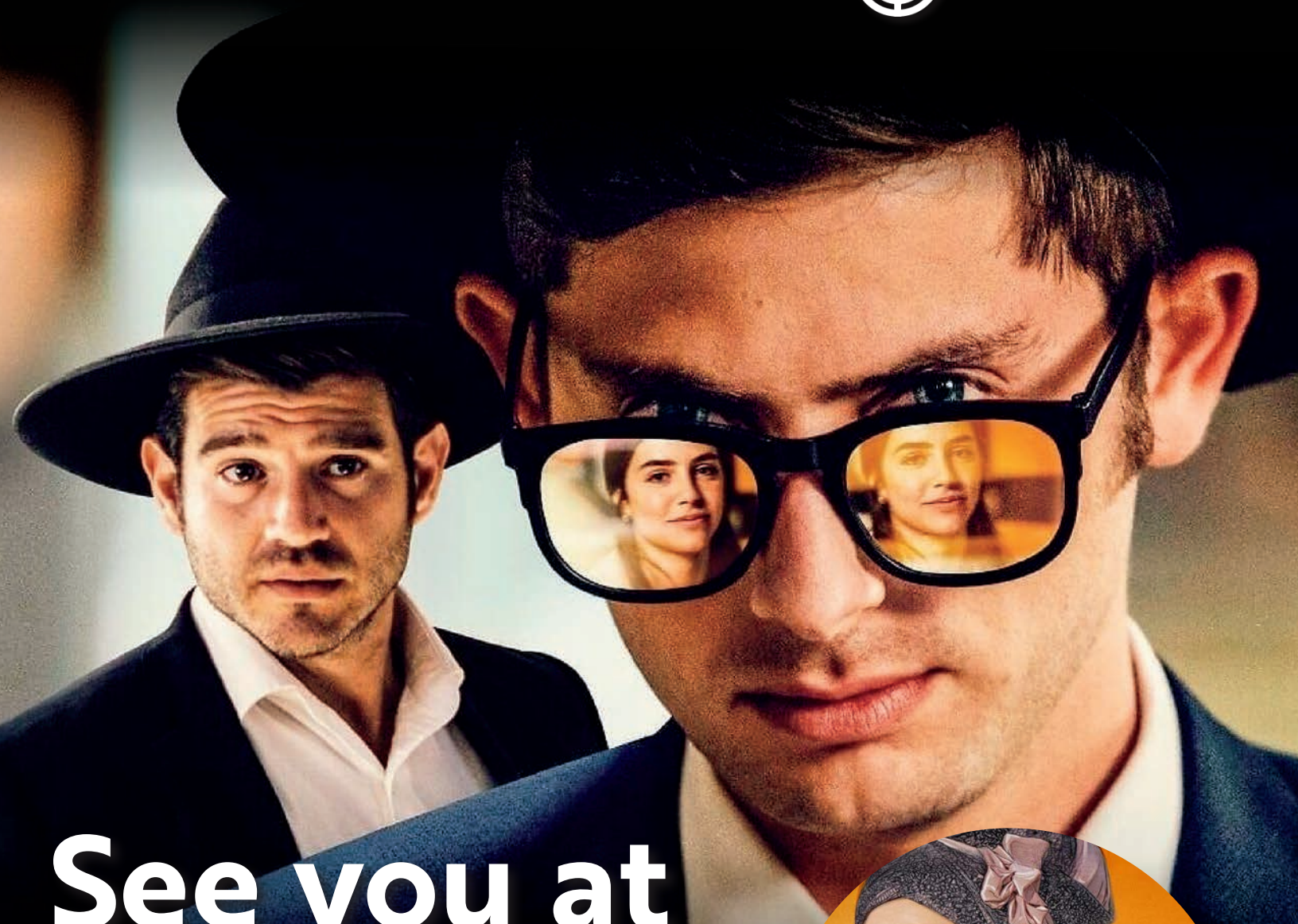


# OUR COMMUNITY Newsletter

May 2023 | Iyar - Sivan 5783



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## See you at the movies

This month, we bring you the  
13th Annual Michiana Jewish Film  
Festival, May 15-18 at Notre Dame  
& select films online May 19-22





## Minute With Moshe

### The yearly countdown between freedom and commitment

As I write these lines, Jewish communities worldwide are marking off the seven weeks between the Festival of Freedom (Passover) and the Festival of Weeks (Shavuot), the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. This special time of year offers an instructive paradox. On the one hand, all eyes look forward to the great moments at Mount Sinai. On the other, according to the sages of the Kabbalah, each of the forty-nine days in the interim has its own unique qualities and opportunities.

This combination of a great, unifying vision buttressed by scrupulous attention to every detail is a powerful engine for synergy. Business synergy is the basis of mergers, acquisitions, or strategic alliances. In our not-for-profit Jewish ecosystem, such strategic actions create economies of scope (meaning efficiencies formed by variety, not volume) by fully utilizing each organization's resources and capabilities.

In some ways, this paradoxical period offers us a snapshot of the present. The Federation and our Jewish community are also constructing new pathways to an

ambitious future, taking care to securely lay each brick in its place.

Since the first Jewish settlers came to this area in the late 1840s, congregational life continuously evolved, stretched, and became home to our uniquely diverse community. Just as we have done in the past, through collective will, recalibrated communal priorities, and creative experimentation, we'll again reshape the Jewish landscape as Temple and Sinai and our other community partners contemplate their future.

In planning for our future, many in the community desire to keep our great traditions of Judaism alive while also honoring what unites us. While the different branches of Judaism reflect our diversity, personal acts of gemilut chasadim (loving-kindness) connect us at its core.

The Rabbis say that such acts are the foundations of the world because they are fundamental expressions of human solidarity and connectedness. Could there be any better-guiding principles for building a strong community?

Good connectivity stimulates community dialogue and belonging to a place. Our community FED Talks reinforce this objective by providing an intersection for divergent views to come together. FED Talk #3 will continue to address community opportunities and challenges to accelerate change. The theme of our next program is A NEW VISION FOR ENDURING VALUES. Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 4.

Whatever direction our congregations ultimately go in, the Federation will tap into our collective "Jewish synergy" and play an essential role in the health and vitality of our local community.

**Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazek – From Strength to Strength May We Be Strengthened. We celebrate the past, but at the same moment, we look to a bright future.**



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# Mother's Day Brunch & Concert

CELEBRATING WOMEN  
SUNDAY, MAY 14 FROM 11 AM - 1 PM  
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## Hundreds turn out for Yom Hashoah & Yom Haatzmaut events

### Yom Hashoah

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance program on April 16th, especially those 8th grade students from Patrick O'Malley and Melissa Lindley's Language Arts classes at Discovery Middle School. The students shared reflections and poems, and displayed artwork inspired by their study of the Holocaust in class. They were joined by Ina Rosenberg, Ruth Isaacs-Holzer, Bob Feferman, Dr. Todd Cummings (Superintendent, South Bend Schools), and Dr. Jerry Thacker (Superintendent, PHM Schools) to light candles in honor of the lives lost during the Holocaust.

We also extend our thanks to the Honorable Judge John Broden for providing

opening remarks, and to our featured speaker, author Danica Davidson, who was interviewed by 8th grader Anton Kozelichki about her new book *I Will Protect You*, co-written with the late Eva Mozes Kor, z'l (see Anton's reflection on PAGE 4).

### Yom Haatzmaut

To commemorate Yom Hazikaron and celebrate Yom Haatzmaut, on April 30th we invited the community to join us for a traditional Israeli lunch prepared by Judy Sassler and her team of volunteers. We heard from our guest of honor, IDF veteran Michael Aaronson, in conversation with our own Shirlee Greenwald, reflecting back on his career in the army. And to cap off a most meaningful afternoon, Israeli American comedian Avi Liberman took

to the stage and had the room rolling with laughter. Special thanks to our Yom Hazikaron candle lighters Michael Aaronson, Dovid & Eliana Brandes, Bob Feferman, Shoshana Feferman, Shirlee Greenwald, David Harper, Elisheva Lerman, Sondra Levin, Sarah Nerenberg, Cristyne Porile, Dan Ravitch and Alon Shemesh.

To our event sponsors, The Lebermuth Company and Steel Warehouse, we can't thank you enough for your generous support of this special program.

And finally, to Shirlee Greenwald and Dan Ravitch for their leadership in and passion for Israel, helping make our Federation's celebration of Israel's 75th anniversary one to remember for a very long time.



8th-grader & Jewish community member Anton Kozelichki interviews author Danica Davidson at our Yom Hashoah program.

## What I learned about the Holocaust from school

### Anton Kozelichki, 8th grade student from Discovery Middle School, shares a reflection

In all my time learning about the Holocaust at both the Jewish Federation and Sinai Synagogue, I have never truly been able to understand the lesson of the Holocaust. Yes, it was one of the worst things to ever happen to the human race, but so what? While it may seem like a blatantly ignorant question to ask, it is a very real question that came to my mind. In my mind, and I'm sure in at least a substantial portion of other kids, I simply couldn't understand what needed to be done.

With this in mind, I was somewhat dreading the fact that I would spend the next nine weeks in school learning and writing about the Holocaust. However, I was pleasantly surprised by what I was being taught. Mr. O'Malley, one of the 8th grade Language Arts teachers at Discovery Middle School and one of the speakers at the Yom HaShoah event, was showing us pictures of antisemitism in our modern world! He showed us defamed tombstones, high schoolers raising the Nazi salute, and celebrities inciting acts of hate against Jews. For once in my Holocaust education, I had been shown not history, but acts of hate being committed in the present.

He connected these acts of hate to the prejudice and racial oppression shown elsewhere in the world. He was the first person to connect the Holocaust to events happening in our present...to events happening against minorities today!

It was eye opening for myself and the entire class.

A few short days after this talk, we started discussing indifference, the feeling of not feeling anything. We read *The Perils of Indifference* written by Elie Wiesel, and explored what it truly means to be indifferent and why taking action is always necessary. We listened to stories about people being indifferent to an old man getting his hair set on fire on the subway and what happened to the one guy who stood up for him. We learned to take action; to stand up for others, not just for ourselves, and not just for people we know, but for everybody.

After all this discussion about indifference and a few assignments related to it, we read *Night* by Elie Wiesel. For those who are uninformed, *Night* is a memoir of Elie Wiesel's experiences in Auschwitz as a teenager. We focused on the book for a while, and just hearing the stories inside Auschwitz from a firsthand account was eye opening in its own right, but afterwards is what really allowed my classmates and me to truly understand the lesson of the Holocaust.

We were tasked with writing an essay about answering an essential question, questions given to us by O'Malley when we first got the book or talking about a theme from the book. For half of the essay, we were to talk about either one of those two

in relation to the book. For the other half we had to relate it to situations happening in the real world.

This essay drew everything together. With our initial talks about hate crimes occurring against Jews, talking about indifference and the need to take action, and now connecting it to the real world, we understood what it was we needed to learn: to never let something like the Holocaust happen again and to take action whenever you see something discriminatory or bad happening.

While it may seem like a straightforward idea to get your head across, Holocaust education doesn't push for this. It pushes to simply remember. Remember the history. However, antisemitism isn't just history, it's a daily occurrence. This is what Holocaust education needs. It needs to follow in the footsteps of educators like O'Malley and connect it to modern day issues. Connect it to the need to take action. Connect it to the idea that this isn't just history.

Yes, it is important to make sure the Holocaust is never forgotten, but that isn't enough. Our youth and future generations need to learn to take action; to make sure that the Holocaust and antisemitism stays history.

**Anton Kozelichki**  
Community Contributor



## Spreading solidarity with Israel

Pizza, boxed wine and a dozen Jews sit in a living room to discuss the political situation in Israel...could be a recipe for disaster, but this first community sitdown in one of our Partnership cities, Toledo, was an amazing way to understand the mind set of everyday American and Israeli Jews living in the US.

Shirlee and I, along with our esteemed guest, Michael Aaronson, traveled to three cities to discuss Yom HaZikaron and Yom Haatzmaut. Together with local Israelis and those who served in the IDF, we represented Israel and spoke about our experiences serving Israel. "This delegation touches a very sensitive nerve in Israel, taking place during Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut," said Michael Aaronson. "Having our American Jewish Brothers and Sisters be part of this Kiruv Levavot (connecting our hearts, or unity), and the fact that those in our partnership participated in solidarity with our homeland, warms my heart."

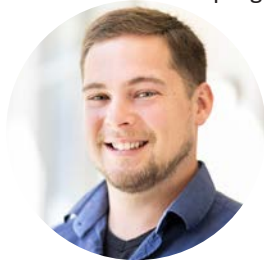
Last month, we also hosted the greatly attended Yom Hashoah program, run in part by students and teachers from Discovery Middle School. For me, seeing the reflections of our young people who learned about the Holocaust only through school is a great insight into how some schools are doing when it comes to going above and beyond just teaching for the test.

With May flowers in bloom, we come to another amazing event in the middle of the month! On May 14th, our Mother's Day Brunch & Concert invites our community to come with their friends and family to enjoy music, amazing kosher

food, and community as we celebrate the important women in our lives. I'm beyond excited to hear the South Bend Symphony Orchestra's String Quartet perform pieces created by Jewish composers. There will be activities for kids who get the jitters sitting still for the concert, and more surprises to enjoy!

Camp Ideal is just weeks away at this point, and we are hard at work to create the best summer ever! We are excited to see all of our Camp families again, and we want to see you as well! Every Friday starting from June 16th, our Shi'Shuk Market will be back with delicious Jewish foods (certified South Bend Kosher), as well as crafts made by the campers and handmade health and wellness products. All proceeds go to local organizations chosen by the campers at the end of each session. From 3:30-4:30 campers will be out in our new Shi'shuk cart selling merchandise and sharing with anyone who comes all about their days at Camp Ideal. Shirlee and Abbee have been hard at work testing new ideas like bath bombs, hand creams, lip balm and more, all made from simple ingredients like herbs and flowers from our community garden!

As always, my door is open, and my phone is ready to hear from YOU with any questions or ideas to make our community programming the best it can be.



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## May Programs

**Mother's Day Brunch & Concert**  
Sunday, May 14 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Michiana Jewish Film Festival (in-person)**  
Monday, May 15 - Thursday, May 18

**Michiana Jewish Film Festival (online)**  
Friday, May 19 - Monday, May 22

**NEXTGen Dinner & a Movie**  
Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 PM

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MICHIANA JEWISH  
FILM FESTIVAL - 8 PM

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The Delegation presents their IDF experience to community members of Dayton Ohio, Beth Abraham Synagogue for Yom Haatzmaut.



## B'TZELEM Jewish Family Services

### WHAT WE DO

We serve Jewish individuals and their families within the larger community by providing social services, referrals and educational programming.

### WHAT WE CAN HELP WITH JFS FOOD PANTRY

Assistance through providing food and gas cards.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited funds for unexpected financial needs in the form of interest-free loans or gifts, following an application process.

### ASSESSMENT & REFERRAL SERVICES

Jewish Family Service provides case management services to individuals experiencing life transitions, emergency situations, and more.

### WELLNESS CHECKS & SENIOR SERVICES

To connect with older adults and assess basic needs as well as provide a friendly point of contact and assistance with necessities.

### TRANSPORTATION

Individual rides to medical and social service appointments.

### SHIP NAVIGATION FOR MEDICARE

Trained staff provide state health insurance program advice.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer to give back and help others in the community.

### CONFIDENTIALITY WITHIN JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

The trust between our clients and JFS is the basis for our success. All transactions and discussions are protected by the highest professional ethical standards of client confidentiality.

### COACHING

## Community Connections

### How Shavuot and Jewish Family Services are Connected

Passover is behind us and the count-up (Omer) to Shavuot has begun. Shavuot commemorates the day that we experienced Hashem's mass revelation and willingly accepted the Torah. With the declaration of **"Na'aseh V'nishmah"**- "We will do and we will listen" – we formally gave our pledge of allegiance to Hashem and His Torah. On Shavuot we officially became the nation of Israel and would soon accept the principle of **"kol yisrael aravim zeh bazeh"**- we are all responsible for each other.

As the Director of Jewish Family Services (JFS), I, like my predecessors, directed and informed by our tradition and heritage, do the utmost to emulate the mandates of collective responsibility, coupled with the mitzvah of **"v'ahavta l'rai'echa kamocho"**- treat (love) your friend as you treat yourself and with the belief that we are created **"b'tzelem Hashem"** - in the image of Hashem. We are dedicated to taking care of our extended family, whether with lifestyle coaching, providing transportation, participation in our virtual food pantry program, etc.

I have written and spoken about our Virtual Pantry program many times. I believe this program truly fulfills the dictum of communal responsibility, treating people as we would want to be treated, and respecting and recognizing that we are all created in Hashem's image. The way the Pantry works is that the eligible client will receive gift cards from various stores of their choosing and are able to buy what they need/want.

When a client needs transportation to a doctor's appointment, shopping, etc., we do our best to provide these services, either with our

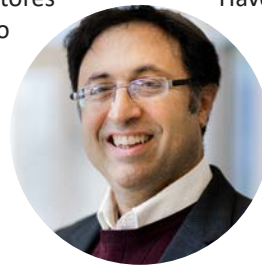
volunteer drivers or staff. And while it may be difficult for some to request help, we are here for you, just as I would hope that you are there for me.

Yet another program that encompasses many of the mitzvot listed above is visiting people at their homes or in various nursing facilities. While the residents or homebound seniors feel the joy of knowing they are not forgotten, the visitor is gifted with hearing stories and history that the seniors have to share with others. As a person who studies and teaches history, I feel enriched by hearing the firsthand experiences of historical moments being brought to life. I truly believe I get more from my visits than my clients, and I am always energized after my visits.

Many times, I am asked to describe what JFS does. After I do, the regular response that I get is, "Oh, so you're involved in **chesed** - acts of kindness - all day. The first time I heard that spin on my work I realized that they were correct. The very essence of JFS is to fulfill the Mishna in Pirkei Avot (1:17) which states "While study of the Torah is important, action is the main thing."

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who participated, donated, and made our Passover appeal a success and continually allows us to operate. It is heartwarming to see the generosity which is constantly shown.

Have a happy and healthy Shavuot.



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## Federation Book Club Returns in May

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Federation Book Club did not meet in April, and will instead resume meeting on May 4th, reading The Clockmaker's Daughter.

The Federation Book Club meets via Zoom at 4:00 PM on the first Thursdays of every month.



Upcoming Books (subject to change)



## Israel vs the "Axis of Resistance"

During the week of Passover, we saw rocket attacks on Israel from both Lebanon, Gaza, and even from Syria. While the American media had trouble connecting the dots to make sense of these attacks, for most Israeli analysts the root cause was clear. The serious security challenges facing Israel can be understood by looking at what is called the "Axis of Resistance" that is coordinated and funded by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Iran's Middle East agenda is not a secret. The strategy is to surround Israel with an "Axis of Resistance." These are Iran's terror proxy forces that include Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Iranian militias in Syria. Iran uses these proxies to "export the Islamic Revolution" and arms them for "resistance" to the very existence of Israel.

The timing of the Hamas rocket attack during Passover was not coincidental. As we saw on the news, the tensions in Jerusalem were manufactured by Iran and its proxies under the slogan of the false accusation that "Al Aqsa is under attack."

The Al-Aqsa mosque is one of two Muslim holy sites on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Anyone familiar with Jerusalem knows that Muslims are guaranteed freedom of worship by Israel in the mosques.

The only thing that the Israeli police won't permit is for extremists to stockpile weapons inside the mosque. It was that confrontation that generated the images that went viral on the news and helped to

promote the false narrative that "Al Aqsa is under attack", and this during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Hamas used this false narrative as an excuse to fire rockets into Israel from both Gaza and Lebanon. What was new in this round of fighting was the presence of Hamas in Lebanon.

It was Hamas that fired the 34 rockets at northern Israel from Lebanese territory on April 6th, specifically at our friends in Western Galilee. Israeli analysts believe that this was done with the permission of Hezbollah, which controls southern Lebanon, and in coordination with Iran.

This was the first time we have seen massive rocket fire on northern Israel since the 2006 Lebanon war.

Sarit Zehavi and Tal Beer, two former IDF intelligence officers, recently wrote, "In our assessment, the extensive rocket fire from Lebanon on April 6th, led by Hamas-Lebanon's military infrastructure, could not have taken place without some operative support from Hezbollah."

The growing coordination between Hamas and Hezbollah actually began two years ago. Middle East expert Jonathan Schanzer brought attention to this dangerous trend in an article in *Foreign Policy Magazine*.

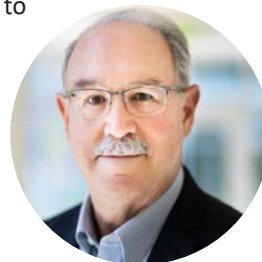
In September 2022 he wrote, "In the wake of the May 2021 Gaza war between Israel and Hamas,

reports in Israel suggested that Iran helped the terrorist group out of a Lebanon-based nerve center or joint operations room."

Given the fact that Hezbollah in Lebanon already has a vast arsenal of rockets makes the growing coordination with Hamas, under the guidance of Iran, an even more dangerous situation.

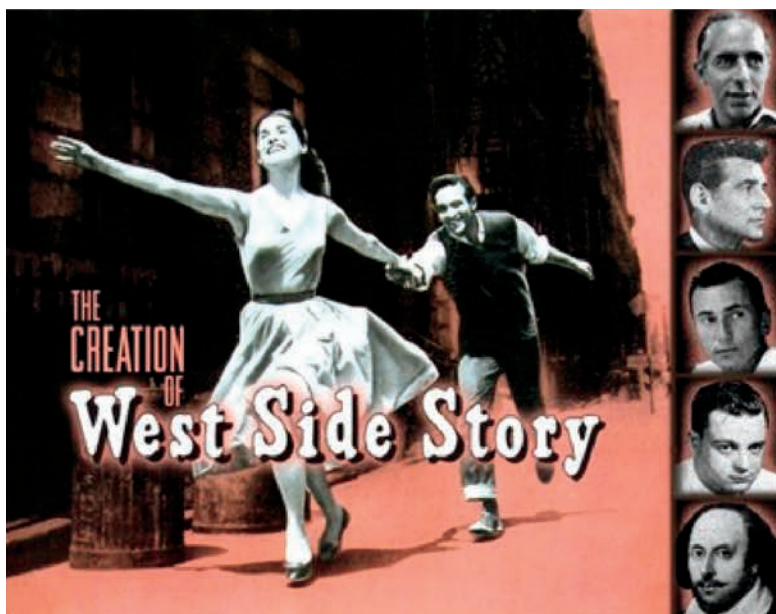
Over the past decade, Iran has succeeded in supplying Hezbollah with a massive arsenal of more than 140,000 rockets. Moreover, Iran has been working to upgrade these rockets into precision-guided missiles. In addition, Iran has been working to build production facilities inside Syria to manufacture precision-guided missiles to supply to Hezbollah. Over the past several years, the Israel Air Force has carried out repeated attacks to destroy these facilities.

With this regional context in mind, the growing coordination between Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran under the "Axis of Resistance" creates a dangerous situation for Israel. Until the international community holds Iran accountable for its deadly agenda, peace between Israel and its neighbors will continue to remain a distant dream.



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# FISH NUGGETS

## From Our Community Table

I have vague recollections about the first time I had tilapia. Mainly, I remember that I didn't like it. But since I kept hearing it praised and seeing recipes for tilapia that sounded good, I figured I'd give the fish another chance.

In general, I think that's a good idea. If you try something and don't like it, the problem might be with the overall recipe and not with the individual ingredients. It's good to be open to trying new things, but also to giving a second chance to something that didn't impress you the first time around.

And that is what I did. I actually tried two different recipes because I bought the said fish at Costco and had quite a lot of it in the freezer. I used half of it for one recipe and half of it another time using a different recipe. And the tilapia was great!

We all liked it a lot. Lesson learned.

The recipe that you will find below is very tasty and also very simple. If you like breaded fish, but avoid deep frying, this is a recipe that you will enjoy. If you love deep frying, but are looking for a healthier alternative, look no further than this Our Community Table column.

If you do not have whole wheat panko crumbs, you can use any panko crumbs. If you don't have panko crumbs, you can use the breading of your choice: bread crumbs, matza meal, etc. The end result will be a bit different than when using panko, but will still taste good.

One last note: Guacamole is a great accompaniment to fish. I highly recommend it. When I was a child, the only time my mother bought avocados

## Fish Nuggets

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. tilapia
- 3/8 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/3 c. cornstarch
- 1 Tbsp. water
- 1 egg
- 1 c. whole wheat panko crumbs
- 2 Tbsp. oil

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut the fish in 1 1/2" pieces.
2. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. Dip in cornstarch.
4. Combine the water and egg.
5. Dip fish pieces in the egg mixture, then coat with panko crumbs.
6. Place on greased baking sheets and drizzle oil over the top.
7. Bake at 450 for 12 minutes.
8. Turn each piece over and bake for an additional 8 minutes.

was when she was going to be making fried fish. I buy avocados almost every time I go to the store and use them in a myriad of ways. But, I can't imagine eating fried or baked breaded fish without guacamole.

### Deena Abraham

Community Contributor

## An update on the status of Temple Beth-El

The following is an update of Temple Beth-El's move into the future. Since we all are looking ahead at options for change, I wanted to describe what we have done and what we still have to do.

From November 18, 2022 through March 24, 2023 (four short months), we showed the building to an interested buyer, negotiated a sales contract, found a temporary location for offices and storage space, arranged to move the Berman Brenner sculptures to the Federation, agreed on arrangements with the Federation to hold our Shabbat services there, as well as other larger functions, closed on the sale of the building, signed the lease, signed agreements, contracted a mover, sorted and labeled everything

in the building, moved what we wanted to keep and actually opened the office at 2955 McKinley Ave, South Bend!

We are on the move, stopping in our temporary office and storage space while we continue to gather information, have congregational discussions, and participate in future task force meetings with Sinai Synagogue and the Jewish Federation. Our vision of our permanent home is forming, although still hazy, as we review our many options. Temple Beth-El leadership agreed to slow down our planning for a few months as Sinai Synagogue begins their process of exploring their future options. We are looking forward to hearing Sinai Synagogue's thoughts about their future at the end of the summer and continuing to

explore Temple Beth-El's future planning. Many questions still cannot be answered at this time: Will we buy a building to renovate? Will we build a new building? Where? Will we share a building with Sinai Synagogue? With another entity? What will the role of the Jewish Federation be in this process? No one has the answers to these questions today.

But one answer has been determined - Temple Beth-El will continue as the Reform Congregation in Michiana. We are certainly not closing down, but rather we are simply relocating.

### Cathy Blum

President, Temple Beth-El





# 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MICHIANA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

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## FAREWELL, MR. HAFFMAN

Monday, May 15 at 6:30 PM

Directed by Fred Cavayé, 2022

Occupied Paris, 1941: All members of the Jewish community are instructed to come forward and identify themselves to authorities. Dedicated jeweler Joseph Haffmann (Daniel Auteuil), fearing the worst, arranges for his family to flee the city and offers his employee François Mercier (Gilles Lellouche) the chance to take over his store until the conflict subsides. But his own attempts to escape are thwarted, and Haffmann is forced to seek his assistant's protection. It's a risky proposition for both men, and one that Mercier's wife Blanche (Sara Giraudeau) is skeptical of. As the couple move into the Haffmann home, the agreement turns into a Faustian bargain, one that will forever change the fate of all.

Sponsored by the Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance

116 min | Country: France | Language: French with English Subtitles

## KARAOKE

Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 PM

Directed by Moshe Rosenthal, 2022

An offbeat, comedic journey that delights and surprises, Karaoke follows Tova (Rita Shukrun) and Meir (Sasson Gabay), a standard aging couple with 46 years of marriage and two grown daughters. They live a comfortable life, with Meir currently on sabbatical from his academic professorship and Tova running a boutique shop. Their lives get a jolt of excitement from their neighbor from above, Itzik (Lior Ashkenazi), who invites them to his penthouse for karaoke nights. Tova and Meir fall hard for Itzik's energetic lifestyle. They enter into a competition amongst their other neighbors and soon themselves trying to win Itzik's attention.

100 min | Country: Israel | Language: Hebrew with English subtitles



## FOUR WINTERS

Tuesday, May 16 at 8:00 PM

Directed by Julia Mintz, 2022

Over 25,000 Jewish partisans fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators from deep within the forests of WWII's Eastern Europe, Ukraine and Belarus. Against extraordinary odds, they escaped Nazi slaughter, transforming from young innocents to courageous resistance fighters. Shattering the myth of Jewish passivity, these last surviving partisans tell their stories of resistance in Four Winters, revealing a stunning narrative of heroism and resilience.

Co-presented with the Civil Rights Heritage Center

90 min | Country: USA | Language: English

Visit [MichianaJewishFilmFestival.com](https://www.MichianaJewishFilmFestival.com) for tickets and learn more about the 2023 Michiana Jewish Film Festival.





## MY NEIGHBOR ADOLF

Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 PM

Directed by Leon Prudovsk, 2022

This bittersweet comedy is set in Colombia during May 1960, just a few days after the abduction of the Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann by Mossad agents in Argentina. Polsky (David Hayman), a lonely and grumpy Holocaust survivor, lives in the remote Colombian countryside. He spends his days playing chess and tending his beloved rose bushes. One day, when a mysterious old German man (Udo Kier) moves in next-door, he suspects that his new neighbor is Adolf Hitler. Because nobody believes him, he embarks on a detective mission to find the evidence. But, in order to gather evidence, he will need to be closer to his neighbor than he would like. So close that the two could almost become friends.

96 min | Country: Israel, Poland, Columbia | Language: English, German, Hebrew, Spanish

## HUMMUS FULL TRAILER

Wednesday, May 17 at 8:00 PM

Directed by Asaf Kobrovsky, 2022

Three very different shipping containers are mistakenly mixed up resulting in a scramble to find the correct trailer. Johnny Saloniki (Michael Moshonov), the innocent son of a mafiosa, is pulled into the family business to find the missing trailers before time runs out. Hummus Full Trailer is a colorful and hilarious look at how a mix of folks can discover each other's secrets all while trying to keep a wedding on track, hitmen away, and flowers alive.

92 min | Country: Israel | Language: Hebrew with English Subtitles



## SHTTL

Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 PM

Directed by Ady Walter

A filmmaker (Moshe Lobel) returns from Kyiv to his rural village to marry the love of his life. He is expected to marry the Rabbi's daughter (Sharon Azrieli), which disrupts the balance of the whole town. In one unflinching shot, this film presents a day in the life of a Jewish village before it disappears. SHTTL is the story of the inhabitants of a Yiddish Ukrainian village at the border of Poland 24 hours before the Nazi invasion, known as Operation Barbarossa. Today, there are no such villages in existence; the production fully reconstructed a traditional 'Shtetl' outside of Kyiv. Following the filming, the set was to be turned into a museum but has since been destroyed in the ongoing political crisis between Russia and Ukraine.

108 min | Country: France, Ukraine | Language: Yiddish with English subtitles

## MATCHMAKING

VIRTUAL streaming only, May 19-22

Directed by Erez Tadmor, 2022

Moti Bernstein is the son every mother wants, a student every Rabbi loves to teach, the ideal Yeshiva study mate, the perfect match for every bride. He has it all: a good family, a brilliant mind, and he is not bad looking either.... In search of a wife, he will meet the best girls in the Jewish orthodox world but will fall for the one girl he can never have. The only one he wants. Against everything he knows and every value, he holds dear, Moti will be forced to go out on a limb in the most unexpected and unusual of ways. All that remains is to see who will win. The system or the inner voice.

96 min | Country: Israel | Language: Hebrew & Yiddish with English subtitles



## RECKONINGS

VIRTUAL streaming only, May 19-22

Directed by Roberta Grossman, 2022

They met in secret to negotiate the unthinkable: compensation for survivors of the largest mass genocide in history. Holocaust survivors were in urgent need of help, but how could reparations be determined for the unprecedented destruction and suffering of a people? Directed by award-winning filmmaker Roberta Grossman, this documentary recounts the tense negotiations between Jewish and German leaders. Under the constant threat of violence, they forged ahead knowing it would never be enough, but hoping it could at least be an acknowledgement and a step towards healing.

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74min | Country: USA | Language: English



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## A Message From Our Film Festival Leadership

I am pleased to be presenting you with the lineup for this month's film festival and hope you will join us either virtually or at DeBartolo! The committee and I have been working diligently over the past several months to get us here, reviewing hundreds of trailers and watching dozens upon dozens of films to find the right mix for this year's edition. The 8 films we landed on will delight, provide perspective and hopefully lead to thoughtful discussions with other filmgoers.

Between films on Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday May 17, please take advantage of the tables set up in the lobby outside the theatre to bring your dinner and enjoy fellowship with your friends in attendance.

See you at the movies!

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	<b>1</b> 9:15–10:00 AM Women's Zumba 1:00–4:00 PM Mahjong 5:00–6:30 PM Meet Camp Young Judaea	<b>2</b> 9:15–10:00 AM Women's Zumba 7:00–8:30 PM Ethics of Our Fathers with Rabbi Lindow	<b>3</b> 1:00–4:00 PM Mahjong	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Jewish History with Rabbi Nebel	<b>5</b> 8:29 PM Candles	<b>6</b> Parshat Emor  9:32 PM Havdalah
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:15–10:00 AM Women's Zumba 1:00–4:00 PM Mahjong	<b>9</b> Lag B'omer 9:15–10:00 AM Women's Zumba 7:00–8:30 PM Ethics of Our Fathers with Rabbi Lindow	<b>10</b> 1:00–4:00 PM Mahjong	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Jewish History with Rabbi Nebel 4:00–7:00 PM Federation Garden Club	<b>12</b> 8:36 PM Candles	<b>13</b> Parshat Behar Bechokotai  9:38 PM Havdalah
<b>14</b> Mother's Day 11:00 AM Mother's Day Brunch & Concert	<b>15</b> 9:15–10:00 AM Women's Zumba 1:00–4:00 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM Farewell, Mr. Haffman	<b>16</b> 9:15–10:00 AM Women's Zumba 5:30 PM Karaoke 8:00 PM Four Winters	<b>17</b> 1:00–4:00 PM Mahjong 5:30 PM My Neighbor Adolf 8:00 PM Hummus Full Trailer	<b>18</b> Spring Art Exhibit ends 6:30 PM SHTTL	<b>19</b> Yom Yerushalayim  8:43 PM Candles	<b>20</b> Parshat Bamidbar  9:45 PM Havdalah
 <b>Michiana Jewish Film Festival at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center</b>						 <b>MJFF Virtual Films</b>
<b>21</b> Rosh Chodesh Sivan	<b>22</b> 9:15–10:00 AM Women's Zumba 1:00–4:00 PM Mahjong	<b>23</b> 9:15–10:00 AM Women's Zumba 7:00–8:30 PM Ethics of Our Fathers with Rabbi Lindow	<b>24</b> 1:00–4:00 PM Mahjong	<b>25</b> Erev Shavuot  8:49 PM Candles	<b>26</b> Shavuot Office Closed  8:50 PM Candles	<b>27</b> Shavuot  9:51 PM Havdalah
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