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The Story of the International Undertaking that Rescued 1.5 Million Jews from the Former Soviet Union

Join us for a blockbuster evening with Natan Sharansky—along with Marvin Lender, former Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Operation Exodus Campaign and Event Chairman Joel Tauber—to commemorate Operation Exodus and Jewish Detroit's role in helping build new lives for 7,000 refugees.

Jewish Family Service Annual Meeting
May 17, 2016 @ 6:30pm
Congregation Shaarey Zedek, Southfield

In the early 1990s, after years of persecution, Soviet Jews were rescued as part of an international undertaking known as Operation Exodus. This historical movement raised close to one billion dollars, and its influence led to the release of more than one million Soviet Jews.

In Detroit, 7,000 Soviet Jews arrived and Jewish Family Service, as the Refugee Resettlement agency, played a central role in helping these newcomers acclimate to their new lives.

We'll be celebrating this piece of history on May 17th at our annual meeting. And we invite you to join us for what promises to be an exciting and moving evening.



Natan Sharansky

A leader in the struggle for the rights of Soviet Jews, Natan Sharansky spent nine years in prison on trumped up charges of treason and espionage, and was released only after massive public campaigns. He made aliya on the very day of his release, and eventually served in four successive Israeli governments, as Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. In 2009 he was appointed Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The author of three books and the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Mr. Sharansky remains a champion of the right of all people to live in freedom.

JFS Award Winners

- Mentor of the Year: Sarah Tupica-Berard
- Volunteer of the Year: Larisa Korot
- Patti Nemer Employee of the Year:
To Be Announced on May 17th

To register or for more information visit
jfsannualmeeting.org or call 248.592.2339

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MISSION POSSIBLE

JFS Annual Meeting SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

CHAMPION \$5,000 and above	FREEDOM FIGHTER \$2,500	RESCUER \$1,000	
Full page gold ad	Full page gold ad	Full page ad	
4 tickets to pre-glow strolling dinner with Natan Sharansky	2 tickets to pre-glow strolling dinner with Natan Sharansky	2 tickets to pre-glow strolling dinner with Natan Sharansky	
Reserved table at event	Reserved table at event	2 reserved VIP seats at event	
TITAN \$500	PARTNER \$250	ALLY \$100	FRIEND \$36
½ page ad	¼ page ad	⅓ page ad	Name inscribed in the Book of Honor
2 reserved VIP seats at event	2 reserved VIP seats at event		

Please note there are a limited number of tickets for the pre-glow strolling dinner.
Suggested donation of \$18. Everyone welcome and free to the public.
Reservations required due to limited capacity.

For sponsorship opportunities
please visit jfsannualmeeting.org

Or contact Debra Marcus
at 248.592.2327 or
dmarcus@jfsdetroit.org
by March 10th for your name
to be listed on the invitation.

Note: Sponsorships received
after March 10th will be listed
in the Book of Honor and other
promotional materials before
and at the event.

All sponsors will:

- Be included on the 5,000
invitations (if received by March 10th)
- Be recognized in print, signage
and online promotions before
and at the event
- Have an ad in the Book of Honor,
to be distributed at the event to
the 500+ expected attendees

WILL YOU be one of THE 100?

100

MENSCHES

One in four women will experience domestic abuse.
And one hundred men are doing something about it.

Formed at the end of 2015, the 100 Mensches are
working to raise awareness and provide education of
this all too prevalent issue impacting our community.

First up? An essay contest challenging high school
seniors to share how their Jewish values help create
a future free of domestic abuse. The top three
submissions will be awarded college scholarships
totaling \$5,000.

For more information visit 100mensches.org or
contact Ellen Yashinsky Chute at **248.592.2666**
or eychute@jfsdetroit.org.



The Wineman Family

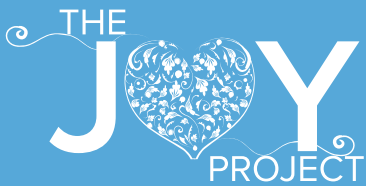
HOLIDAY HELPERS

Thanks to our community, 758 individuals
received holiday gifts last year as part of our
Adopt a Family Program. Such generosity is
made possible by people like the Wineman family.

“In past holiday seasons, our friends have
hosted parties where they ask guests to bring
a wrapped gift for a children’s toy drive,” explains
Heidi Wineman. “I’ve always admired how they
gave back and knew it would be something
I would like to share with my family.”

Heidi and her husband Henry, along with
13-year-old Jack and 11-year-old Jane,
shopped for a family whose wish list included
basic household items. The kids were surprised
that the items were all things that they
themselves have and take for granted.

“It spurred conversation about prioritizing
needs and wants. And they asked if we could
also buy toys and other fun things in addition
to the requested items,” says Heidi. “It was a
great family mitzvah project all the way around.”



What is The Joy Project?

The Joy Project annually supports
services to more than 3,000
women and children in need
through Jewish Family Service.

Often times, these families
go without access to food,
transportation and housing, or
are facing a crisis due to a job loss,
illness, domestic violence situation
or other life circumstance.

**A gift to The Joy Project gives
them the support—and the
hope—they need.**

Make it a MOTHER'S DAY FILLED WITH JOY

**Just like the fashionable women in your life,
we’re sprucing up our look.**

Send a newly designed tribute card to your mom, and all
the women who bring you joy, through The Joy Project,
JFS’s annual Mother’s Day tribute program. When you
purchase one of these beautiful tribute cards, your loved
ones will receive a card with your personal message.
Funds raised through The Joy Project will help us provide
critical, life-changing services for women and families in
our community.

For more information, or if you’re a first time supporter of The Joy Project,
call Jenny at **248.592.2339** or email joyproject@jfsdetroit.org.
If you’ve previously participated, look for an order form in your mailbox
in early April.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the LIFE OF A CHILD

Mentor Connection is looking for men in the
Oakland County area who are interested in learning
more about becoming a mentor.

If that’s you, please contact Natalie Kahn at
248.592.2264 or nkahn@jfsdetroit.org.

**It’s a one-year commitment you’ll remember
for a lifetime.**



Mentor Dylan
and Mentee Justin



Mentor Steve
and Mentee Mitchell

“I would like to take this opportunity to say
thank you to my son’s mentor! This has been
such a joy to have you be a part of my son’s life.
My son gets so excited to know that you guys
are going to do a new adventure together.
This means the world to me as a single mother.
I can’t thank you enough for taking time out
of your family life to spend it with my son.
Thank you, to you and your family.”

–Parent of a mentee