

## 2017 Annual Campaign Kickoff



The Sephardic Banquet, held on October 22, 2017, was a great success. Our Jewish community chefs prepared a fabulous repast. The quantity, the variety, and the beauty of the dishes were outstanding and so, so tasty. Our community is blessed to have such talented chefs. The sangria and vodka flowed and a good time was had by all. Sheldon Low performed his "If Not Now, When" from his latest album, *Life*. Jackie Shapiro, the new regional director for the networked communities of the Jewish Federation Midwest Region spoke, as did Daniel Nathanson, executive director of the Jewish Federations of North America/Network of Independent Communities. They updated us regarding our Federation response to the emergencies in Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico, California and Mexico.

They also described how our annual campaign donations are helping the residents of our sister city, Dimona. One program—Lunch and Learn—assists disadvantaged students many of whom are of Sephardic extraction to be more successful in their studies. We also heard about the use of our funds in Tblisi, Georgia.

Steve Flaster was presented with a gift of appreciation for all his hard work on the campaign. He spoke of the generosity of the Jewish community and our tradition of compassion for those in need.

Thank you for your support. If you have not yet made your pledge to our campaign this year please consider doing so. You should have received information about donating and a pledge envelope. Call Shelly at 517-332-1916 if you need further information on donating. You may also donate online at [JewishLansing.org](http://JewishLansing.org); however, such online donations costs us approximately 7%, so if you choose to donate on line, please consider adding the 7% to your contribution—many thanks!

