

INVITATION

Please join us for a reception for the opening of a photography exhibit titled...

It Takes a Village: From Gondar to Jerusalem

May 19 - June 7, 2013 ... 4th Floor Atrium
Michigan State University College of Law

The exhibition recounts the resettlement of Ethiopians from Ethiopia to Jerusalem. The photos are striking and depict the traditional lifestyle that they left behind for life in a modern, high-tech, democratic society in Israel. Most of the Ethiopians emigrated from Ethiopia to Israel during two massive waves of immigration mounted by the Israeli government – "Operation Moses" in 1984 and then again during "Operation Solomon" in 1991. Recently, it has been estimated that Israel is now the home of about 140,000 citizens of Ethiopian descent who mostly reside in the smaller urban areas of central Israel.

Wine & Cheese Opening Reception – May 22, 2013 – 5:00pm-7:00pm
... with comments by Lisa Lobenthal* at 6:00pm
4th Floor Atrium
Michigan State University College of Law

Parking is available at the meters in the parking ramp adjacent to the Law College

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Lisabeth Lobenthal was born into Jewish Communal Service; her father served as the A.D.L. Executive Director in Detroit for 35 years. It was only natural that some of this passion would rub off. She began her journey with a NFTY trip to Israel which changed her relationship to both Judaism and the Jewish communal world. As a result, she earned her degree in Religious Studies from the University of Michigan and after several summer ulpans (schools dedicated to the intensive study of Hebrew) in Israel, ultimately went to live in Israel after college graduation.

She then earned a Masters in Jewish Communal Service from Brandeis University and began her official career in Federations, serving as the Women's Division Director, Jewish Community Relations staff person, and Young Leadership Director in two Federations. Not long thereafter, she moved on to become the Executive Director of two synagogues and stayed in that field for 13 years. Recently, she turned back to focus on her love for Israel serving as the Los Angeles Area Director for American Friends of Magen David Adom; now, in her current role at the Jewish Agency for Israel, she has the opportunity to combine her love of Israel and dedication to Jewish continuity.