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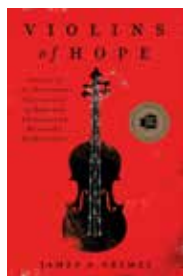
DR. JAMES A. GRYMES
AUTHOR OF
“**VIOLINS OF HOPE**”

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

AT 7PM

Yom HaShoah is the annual day of remembrance of the Holocaust. On this day, special efforts are made to remember those who suffered, those who fought, and those who died.

Dr. James A. Grymes is the author of *Violins of Hope: Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour*. A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, *Violins of Hope* tells the remarkable stories of violins played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust and of the Israeli violin-maker dedicated to bringing these inspirational instruments back to life.



Violins of Hope won a National Jewish Book Award in 2014. The Violins of Hope will be coming to Fort Wayne this November. As our community prepares for this historic residency, please join us on May 6, 2019 as we learn more about the inspirational stories behind the instruments. Dr. Grymes will sign his book and greet attendees. Books will be available for purchase.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Reception to follow

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation



INSTRUMENTS of HOPE

Join us for an Art & Music Gala that highlights the artistic, written and visual expressions of New Tech Academy and University of Saint Francis students. Students have developed art pieces, documentaries and spoken word that brings to life the use of music in the past and present.

Monday May 13, 2019 | 6-9 pm

University of Saint Francis
Robert Goldstine Performing
Arts Center

431 E. Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Light snacks and drinks provided. Live Music will be performed by the Youth Orchestra.

Thank you to our sponsors:



The Community Relations Committee (CRC) presents:

PATHWAYS TO PEACE



with
Mark Lavie
Tuesday, May 21
7 pm
[History Center](#)



This event is free and open to the public.
Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

VOLINS OF HOPE



A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, **Violins of Hope** is a collection of instruments that tell remarkable stories of the defiance, resilience, and legacy of Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, and of the Israeli violinmaker dedicated to bringing these inspirational Strings of the Holocaust back to life.



Amnon Weinstein has spent the last two decades locating and restoring violins that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. He dedicates this important work to 400 relatives he never knew. These grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins remained in Eastern Europe when Weinstein's parents, Moshe and Golda, immigrated in 1938 to Palestine, where Moshe opened a violin shop. After the war, Moshe learned that his entire family—400 in all—had been murdered during the Holocaust.

After becoming one of the most respected violin makers in the world, Amnon determined to reclaim his lost heritage. He started locating violins that were played by Jews in the camps and ghettos, painstakingly piecing them back together so they could be brought to life again on the concert stage. Although most of the musicians who originally played the instruments were silenced in the Holocaust, their voices and spirits live on through the violins that Amnon has lovingly restored. He calls these instruments the **Violins of Hope**.

Violins of Hope have toured many cities around the world and will now come to Fort Wayne November 9–24, 2019. Organized by lead partners, the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) and the [Fort Wayne Philharmonic](#), a steering committee of local professionals has been formed to work with area partners on a community-wide series of events focusing on these instruments. The sound, presence, and stories of **Violins of Hope** Fort Wayne will drive the creation of music, visual art, theater, public conversation, interfaith dialogue, readings, and educational activities throughout Northeast Indiana. Most importantly, [Fort Wayne Philharmonic](#) and [Youth Symphony Orchestra](#) musicians will bring to life the humanity and stories of those who owned these precious instruments through dozens of local area performances on the instruments.

Written and submitted by Jim Palermo, Managing Director, Fort Wayne Philharmonic

Upcoming Events

June 5
Martin Luther King, III
Time TBD
Scottish Rite

June 30
Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Annual Meeting
* 3 pm - Business Meeting
4 pm - Program
Rifkin Campus

All events are free and open to the public

* Please note that the Business Meeting is only open to Federation members



MERKAS MA'ASE

Tikkun Olam in Action

MA'ASE · מעשה · מעשיה

Four Israeli guests from the organization Merkaz Ma'ase joined us on Monday, April 8th to talk about the amazing work they do with underprivileged youth in Israel – providing volunteer-year programs that help integrate young people from the periphery into Israel society. The guests spoke to school groups and at an evening program that was open to the public. Speakers included CEO Yossi Malka and two program alumnae: Aya Fares, who is Druze, and Rachel Yaskias, an Ethiopian Jew. They were delightful and we enjoyed hosting them in Fort Wayne.



WHAT WE SUPPORT

Camp Joe Levine

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP JOE LEVINE

Camp Joe is just around the corner! Join us in July and experience all the exciting adventures and fun times at our summer camp. Learn about Israel and its culture, play your favorite sports and games, hike, swim, and observe nature up close at the beautiful Fox Island! The lake, the Nature Center, the trails, friends – old and new - and, of course, our dedicated staff, all await your child's arrival.

It is our goal to make sure that all children are able to participate in this wonderful program. Camper scholarships are available. If you are interested in a scholarship for your child, please mark "yes" at the bottom of the application or contact the Jewish Federation directly at 260-456-0400.



Camp runs Monday – Friday, July 8 – July 26, 2019. Applications are available online at www.fwjf.org or by request from the FWJF. We hope to hear from you soon. We look forward to sharing this great camping experience with your child.

Camp Joe Levine



Help is Available

We know that during these trying times, we can all use a little help once in a while. For those in need, we do offer food vouchers and gas cards. Please call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400. All calls are confidential.

We are also accepting donations of gas cards. If you would like to make a donation, please send in a check with "gas card" in the memo or call the office.

Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund



This Fund was set up to offer an interest-free loan up to \$2,000 to members of the Jewish community who are undergoing financial hardships. Please call the Federation office at 260.456.0400 to speak to someone confidentially.

Charitable Adult Rides and Services (CARS)

Do you have a car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or airplane that you no longer need or use?



Donating them has never been easier! Simply choose [CARS](#) and their trained staff will guide you through the donation process.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP?

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) is proud to have an amazing volunteer social worker* helping those of us in need. If you or someone you know in our Jewish community would like to talk to our social worker, please call the office at (260) 456-0400 or email us at office@fwjf.org. All calls and emails are confidential.

***Social work** is an academic discipline and profession that concerns itself with individuals, families, groups and communities in an effort to enhance social functioning and overall well-being.

CALENDAR

MAY 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| KEY: JFFW - Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (The Federation) BJ - B'nai Jacob (the Synagogue) | CAV - Congregation Achduth Vesholom (the Temple) RC - Rosh Chodesh (Women's Group) RO - ROMEOs | | 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV | 7:00 p.m. BJ Board Meeting - BJ | JFFW Office Closed 7:00 p.m. L'dor Vador & Camp Blessing Shabbat Services - CAV | 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services - BJ |
| 9:45 a.m. Religious School - CAV 2:00 p.m. Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society - ACPL Downtown | CAV Office Closed 3:00 p.m. Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society - USF 7:00 p.m. Yom HaShoah Commemoration - CAV | 7:00 p.m. Temple Book Club - CAV | 7:00 p.m. Mishneh Torah - BJ | Noon - ROMEOs - RO 6:30 p.m. CAV Board Meeting - CAV | JFFW Office Closed 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV | 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services - BJ 12:45 p.m. Torah Study - BJ |
| | CAV Office Closed 6:00 p.m. New Tech Academy Art Project Reception - USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center 7:00 p.m. Ethics Class - BJ | 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV | 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV | 7:00 p.m. JFFW Board Meeting - CAV | JFFW Office Closed 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV | 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services - BJ 10:00 p.m. Shabbat Services & Bar Mitzvah - CAV |
| 7:00 a.m. Bus trip to Skokie Holocaust Museum 9:45 a.m. Religious School - CAV | CAV Office Closed | 7:00 p.m. CRC Mark Lavie - History Center | | Noon - ROMEOs - RO | JFFW Office Closed 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV | 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services - BJ 10:30 p.m. Shabbat Services & Bat Mitzvah - CAV |
| | JFFW, CAV & BJ Offices Closed | | | | JFFW Office Closed 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV | |

CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

CELEBRATE SHABBAT AND SIMCHAS AT THE TEMPLE

Begin your weekend with Shabbat at [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#), including several b'nei mitzvah and special events. Please also make a note that our summer worship schedule begins on Friday, June 14 when services will move to 6:15 p.m. throughout the summer.

Please join us on:

- **Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m.** – L'dor Vador Shabbat service, with participation by our Religious School students and older members of the congregation. We'll also offer a special blessing for children attending a Jewish summer camp.
- **Fridays, May 10 & May 17 at 7:30 p.m.** - Shabbat service
- **Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m.** – Shabbat service and Bar Mitzvah of Manasse Ogendi, son of Deborah Ash. Kiddush follows.
- **Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat service
- **Saturday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m.** – Shabbat service and Bat Mitzvah of Vivian Flapan, daughter of Goldy Carbanaru & Dave Flapan. Kiddush luncheon follows.
- **Friday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat service
- **Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m.** – Shabbat service and Bat Mitzvah of Grace Gephart, daughter of Betsy & Geoff Gephart. Kiddush luncheon follows.

Find out more at www.templecav.org.

CIVIL WAR NOVEL NEXT TOPIC FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Sister of Mine by Sabra Waldfogel is the next title for the Temple Book Club. We'll discuss this historical Civil War novel with the author via LiveChat on Tuesday evening, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. The book focuses on the daughter of a Jewish plantation owner and her maid, a slave named Rachel. A copy is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TO WRAP UP 9TH YEAR IN MAY

The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers will assemble the final bags of the school year on Wednesday, May 1 at 11 a.m., followed by a volunteer luncheon and meeting in the Goldstine Chapel.

Thoughtful Thursdays will finish its 9th year in May providing bags of food and household items for 70 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. Upcoming bags include laundry detergent and toilet paper.

Thank you to our volunteers from Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs

CATCH THE TINCAPS WITH ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

Join members of Congregation Achduth Vesholom on Saturday, July 20 for a trip to Parkview Field to watch the [Fort Wayne TinCaps](#) play the Cedar Rapids Kernels, followed by the [Three Rivers Festival fireworks](#).

The game starts at 6:05 p.m. Tickets for seats in the All-Star section behind home plate are \$12 per person. Please call the Temple office at 744-4245 by Friday, July 1 to reserve your seats and send your check (made payable to "CAV- The Temple"). We will not order extra tickets, so please make your reservations and payment by the deadline. No refunds will be issued for cancellations.

We'll let you know when your reserved tickets will be available for pick up at the Temple so that everyone can meet that evening at the ballpark. Thanks to Mike Barasch for organizing our annual Temple Night at the TinCaps.

MAHJ AND MADGE – A GREAT COMBO

Please join us for weekly mah jongg in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center! [Sign up for open play](#) on Sunday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Monday evenings. Enjoy our beautiful space, friendly conversation, and a chance to play this centuries-old Chinese game. We'll also be offering beginner's lessons again this summer so contact the Temple office to be notified when details are available. We also have [mah jongg resources](#) in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library.

SPECIAL SHAVUOT SERVICE IN HONOR OF RABBI LENNY

Please join us for a special Shavuot service and Oneg Shabbat on Friday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. honoring Rabbi Lenny for serving as the Temple's spiritual leader for the past three years. We'll have an opportunity to offer our good wishes and offer a blessing as a congregation for Rabbi Lenny and Karen. Rabbi Lenny, who finishes his tenure at Achduth Vesholom on June 30, became our 22nd spiritual leader in July 2016.



CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat morning services are held each Saturday at 9:15 a.m. After our services, congregants and guests have an opportunity to enjoy Shabbat and camaraderie at our Kiddush.

RABBI'S SCHEDULE

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan will be conducting services and will be available for appointments May 11 - 18.

CLASSES WITH RABBI KORNSPAN

Mishneh Torah Wednesday, May 8 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
We are presently learning about the melachot, the creative activities we refrain from doing on the Shabbat to make it a unique oasis in time.

Torah study Saturday, May 11 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
We are now studying Vayikra, Leviticus, and learning from the classic commentators, while also discussing our own insights.

ETHICS CLASS

Our next class will meet on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. We will be dialoguing about ethics as taught by the Torah. Currently we are studying about the deleterious effects of anger.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.



FINDING FAMILY AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) is pleased to host [Dr. Elizabeth Anthony](#) for two presentations on Sunday, May 5 and Monday, May 6. She is the [International Tracing Service](#) and Partnerships Program Manager at the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#).

The ITS collections became available in Germany and at digital copy-holding institutions around the world in November 2007. This service is a valuable resource for researchers interested in studying issues focused on victims of Nazi persecution. These presentations will give attendees an introduction to the ITS collections and their function, and are generously supported by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the [PFW Institute for Holocaust & Genocide Studies](#), the University of St. Francis, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.

On Sunday, May 5, Dr. Anthony will speak about the use of the ITS to find victims of the Nazis. This Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society program will be held at 2 p.m. at the [Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](#) and is open to the public. On Monday, May 6, she will present a similar program at 3 p.m. at the University of St. Francis Downtown Business Center, 826 Ewing St. [Irv Adler](#), president of the NEIJGS and a Temple member, will be part of this presentation as well. He will explain how he used the ITS database to find the last surviving member of his Viennese family.



OUR CONNECTIONS



Western Galilee, Israel | Budapest, Hungary

THE PARTNERSHIP DISCOVERY PROGRAM -FOR LIFETIME LEARNERS-

Oct. 27 - Nov. 4, 2019

~ Not including travel time. In the Western Galilee from October 27 - 31, 2019,
then in Budapest, Hungary from November 1-4, 2019 ~

The Partnership Discovery Program provides an opportunity for “young” retirees to experience our Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Region (and additionally Budapest, Hungary) with in-depth, thought-provoking lectures and field trips with local experts in the areas of Security, Multiculturalism, Arts, Sustainability & Tolerance. Participants will be encouraged to share dialogue on these topics with each other and the facilitators. Programs will be of interest to new and returning visitors to our region.

This trip is very unique, it will give the participants the opportunity to know more about everyday life in our region, talk to them face-to-face in their living rooms and places of work. The visit will give you an opportunity to gain a better and deeper understanding of life in the region, and acquire personal relationships with our volunteers and other people of the Western Galilee.

~SEE BACK FOR ITINERARY DETAILS~

REGISTER BY JUNE 1, 2019:
Contact Heidi Benish at heidib@jafi.org

REGISTRATION FEE

\$500 for the Western Galilee portion, in addition to flights. The Partnership picks up the program costs, accommodations and most meals in the region.

Partnership Discovery in Budapest is an **additional \$500** including hotel, program and some meals, not including flights.

U.S. Central Area Consortium | Western Galilee | Budapest



Mazel Tov!

We are so proud of the following members of our community:

Manasse Ogendi, son of Deborah Ash, on his Bar Mitzvah

Zoey Zemmol, daughter of Dana & Jay Zemmol, on her Bat Mitzvah

Vivian Flapan, daughter of Goldy Carbanaru & Dave Flapan, on her Bat Mitzvah, and

Grace Gephart, daughter of Betsy & Geoff Gephart, on her Bat Mitzvah



FUNDS AND DONATIONS

JEWISH FEDERATION FUNDS

ENDOWMENT

- Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund
- Baum/Goldenberg Scholarship
- Emergency Cash Assistance Fund
- Holocaust Education Fund
- Jewish Experience Fund
- JNF - Plant a tree in Israel
- Prejudice Reduction Elimination Fund
- Thoughtful Thursdays Fund
- Community Relations Committee (CRC):
To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.
- Goldenberg Camp Joe Fund:
Every year we get a number of requests for assistance with the registration for our three-week Camp Joe Levine Day Camp.



- Janet Finkel Campership Fund:
In April 2008, Audrey Gerson established the Janet Finkel Campership Fund in honor of Janet Finkel. This fund makes it possible to help youngsters go to a Jewish Camp or to a Music Camp.
- PJ Library:
Supports reading anytime of the day, but we know that many families sit down to read books at bedtime, in their pajamas. PJ Library books can be enjoyed any time you want a good story.
- The Martha Rothenberg Replane Theater & Creative Arts Fund:
This fund was created in Memory of Martha Rothenberg Replane to honor her memory and her love for theater and creative arts. The fund will be used to encourage theater and creative arts presentations and knowledge in our community.

DONATIONS

Holocaust Education Fund

- A donation was received from Jaki & Eric Schreier in appreciation of the Violins of Hope's Steering Committee.

WE MAKE
A LIVING
BY WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE
A LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.

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JFFW Fund Donation Form

Donation from: Name _____ Fund (pick from list) _____

Donor Address _____ In honor of _____

Donor City/St/Zip _____ In memory of _____

Send card to: Name _____ Notes: _____

Send card to address _____

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Send your donation and this form to:
Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne
5200 Old Mill Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

R.O.M.E.O.s
(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

May 9– Temple
5200 Old Mill Road

May 23– Club Soda
235 E. Superior Street

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can contact Denny Reynolds at 260-637-0507 or dennisreynolds@me.com

In observance of
Memorial day,
our office will be closed Monday,
May 27, 2019



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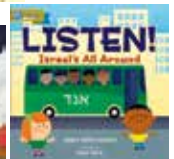
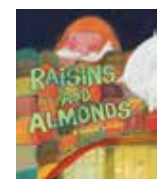
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Which books did you receive this month?



Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne
Mission Statement:

To support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

[PJ Our Way](http://www.pjlibrary.org) is for kids ages 9-11. It is kid-driven - they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based their own interests and reading level.

To make the choice easier, our website includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

