

# chailights

OCTOBER 2019

## **FAMILIES LOST AND FOUND:**

### **TRACING MY VIENNESE ROOTS AFTER THE HOLOCAUST**



Temple member [Irv Adler](#) will share an intriguing story about tracing his Viennese roots while searching for information about his grandmother and family during the [George R. Mather Lecture](#) on Sunday, October 6 at 2 p.m. at The History Center, 302 E. Berry St. His talk is called 'Families Lost and Found: Tracing My Viennese Roots After The Holocaust.'

The discovery of letters written by Irv's grandmother from 1938 to 1941 identified unknown relatives and led to a poignant reunion. Irv will chronicle his family's Holocaust story and the path followed to discover, meet, and become acquainted with long lost family members. Irv's talk is presented as part of the [Violins of Hope](#) programming.



## **Klezematics are coming to the Embassy Theater!**



As part of the [Violins of Hope](#) project, the [Klezematics](#) will be at the [Embassy Theater](#) on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm.


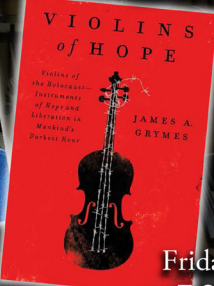
If you would like to join Rosh Chodesh at this concert, please let the [Federation](#) office know how many tickets you would like no later than October 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are priced at \$25.00 each. Your check will be your reservation.

We hope you can join us!




Set your DVR for some amazing [PBS39](#) programs!

## PRIME TIME 39

Join us on channel 39.1 on Friday, November 8 as host Bruce Haines hosts an insightful discussion with **JAMES A. GRYMES**, author of the book *VIOLINS of HOPE*.

Friday NOV. 8 @ 7:30pm @ 39.1

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## PRIME TIME 39



Join us on channel 39.1 on Friday, Nov. 15 as Bruce Haines welcomes **Avshalom Weinstein**, son of the founder of *VIOLINS OF HOPE* to the PBS39 Studio for this program.

Friday NOV. 15 @ 7:30pm @ 39.1

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## HANUKKAH:

### A Festival of DeLights

Saturday, December 14 12:00 Noon @ 39.4






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## HANUKKAH:

### A Festival of DeLights

Sunday, December 15 6:30PM @ 39.1






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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JAKI SCHREIER



### “VIOLINS OF HOPE” IS COMING SOON...

After two years of planning, The **Violins of Hope** project is almost here. So what is “Violins of Hope?” It is a collection of 54 restored instruments played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. These instruments have survived concentration camps, pogroms and many long journeys to tell remarkable stories of justice and free expression. Led by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, over two dozen partner groups and organizations have come together for a community-wide series of events centered on these instruments during the period of November 9th to November 24th. The sound, presence and stories of Violins of Hope have driven the creation of music, visual art, theater, public conversation, interfaith dialogue, readings, and a multitude of educational activities throughout Northeast Indiana.

Amnon Weinstein, a luthier and one of the most respected violinmakers in the world, 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 the 400 relatives he never knew. These grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins stayed behind in Eastern Europe when Amnon'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 had all been murdered during the Holocaust.

Amnon started locating violins played by Jews in the camps and ghettos, painstakingly piecing them back together so they could be brought back to life again on the concert stage. Although most of the musicians who originally played the instruments were silenced by the Holocaust, their voices and spirits live on through the violins that Amnon has lovingly restored. He calls these instruments “Violins of Hope” because they live on as they're played by the musicians at the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and the Fort Wayne Youth Symphony.



We invite you to peruse through the attached ‘rack card’ with Violins of Hope programs and take every opportunity to attend as many events as possible. When speaking to other communities that hosted Violins of Hope, they all said the same thing – “this project was a game changer for our community”.

As the High Holy Days are now upon us, I wish each of you a happy, sweet and healthy New Year! With Yom Kippur approaching, my thoughts always go to the process of teshuvah. I ask you all for forgiveness if I or any member of our staff have spoken or done anything to alienate you or any member of our community. We encourage you to do the same with each other knowing that with constructive dialogue and an open heart, we can do amazing things together as a people.

L'Shanah Tovah



Our office will be closed on the following days in observance of Rosh Hashanah (October 1), Yom Kippur (October 9), Sukkot (October 14 & 15), and Simchat Torah (October 21 & 22). Shana Tova!

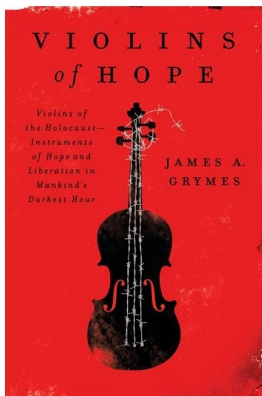




# VIOLINS *of* HOPE FORT WAYNE

**November 9 - 24, 2019**

***Violins of Hope*** will be one of the most novel, daring, and groundbreaking collaborations of its kind ever to be presented in Fort Wayne, scheduled from November 9 – 24, 2019. There has never been a coming together of so many institutions across multiple disciplines around one artistic theme in the history of Fort Wayne.



***Violins of Hope Fort Wayne,***  
**under the direction of lead partners**  
**Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne**  
**and**  
**Fort Wayne Philharmonic,**

**will be a community-wide collaboration of music, visual art, theater, public conversation, interfaith dialogue, reading, and educational presentations designed to commemorate the defiance, resilience, and legacy of those who were affected or silenced by Nazi Germany.**

Books available for purchase (\$16.99) at the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's office.

Event information available at: [violinsofhopefortwayne.org](http://violinsofhopefortwayne.org)

## SECURE COMMUNITY NETWORK (SCN) SUBMITTED BY: STEVE TROTTER

### Adas Israel Congregation – Duluth, Minnesota

A 117-year-old synagogue in Duluth burned to the ground on September 9th. Four days later, police arrested a 36-year-old Minnesota man for allegedly setting the fire that destroyed the oldest Modern Orthodox synagogue in Northern Minnesota.

Matthew J. Amiot was booked on first-degree arson September 13th after allegedly setting the historic house of worship ablaze. No one was inside at the time, though six Torah scrolls.

At a Sunday news conference, Police Chief Mike Tusken said “there is no reason to believe this is a bias or hate crime” at this time. Authorities have not determined the motive.

According to Duluth fire chief Shawn Krizaj, firefighters responded to the Adas Israel Congregation at 2:30 a.m. September 9th. Krizaj explained at Sunday’s news conference that the fire initiated outside of the building but “quickly spread through voids in the wall space and spread throughout the synagogue.”

The structure was consumed by flames until dawn when it collapsed. It took five hours of hosing down the building before the fire subsided, leaving behind charred debris, which Duluth assistant fire chief Brent Consie called, “pretty much a total loss.”

Local police and fire departments and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have collaborated to determine

the fire’s cause. The investigation is still ongoing.



Rabbi Phillip Sher, who leads the Adas Israel Congregation, called the firefighters “heroic.”

“They went into a building that was still burning to save some of our artifacts,” he said. “The bravery of these men is just incredible.”

Police said that they arrested Amiot on Friday, September 13th but postponed a news conference to announce additional details to Sunday, so the Jewish community could observe the Sabbath.

At the Sunday news conference, Amiot, who was not Jewish, was unknown to the Adas Israel Congregation. He was being held in the St. Louis County jail and will appear at court in Duluth on Monday, September 16th.

The Adas Israel Congregation, built in 1901 and founded by Lithuanian Jewish immigrants, housed approximately 40 families and 75 members.

On Sunday, Sher said he was consoling and reassuring his members, noting that “true Judaism is in the heart, not in the building.”

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(To be continued in November)

### Culinary Diplomacy: The Roots of Jewish Food

Ticketed - Reservation Only

**Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

**Joseph Decuis,  
91 North Main St., Roanoke, IN 46783**



Would you like to have Joseph Decuis prepare one of your family recipes for this Culinary Diplomacy event? Please send us a family recipe and story of food from a traditional Jewish meal from Europe or Eastern Europe. All recipes will be considered for this delicious meal!

Please send recipes and stories no later than October 15 to [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) or mail it to us at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

[Learn More](#)

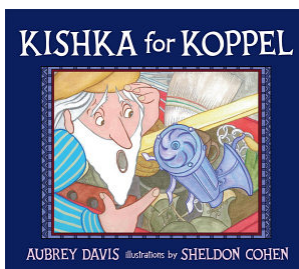
## Start a Gratitude Journal for the New Year

The “Jewish New Year” is here! If your family is looking for a [new resolution](#) for the new year, consider starting a [gratitude](#) journal together. You’ll be able to embrace the Jewish value of [hakarat hatov](#) all year long – and have a new tradition to pass on as well!

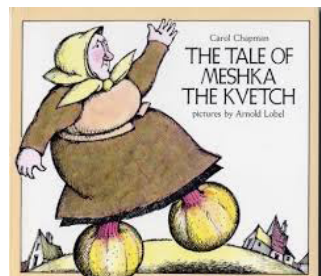
Follow along with the directions below to start a gratitude journal with your kids. Each child can have his or her own, or make one journal for the whole family to write in together.



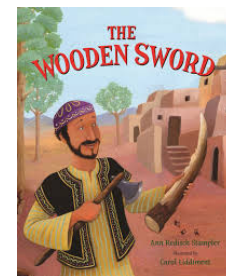
## This Activity Works With These Books:



*Kishka for Koepel*



*The Tale of Meshka the Kvetch*



*The Wooden Sword*

## Supplies

- Journal or notebook
- Colorful pens
- Stickers (optional)

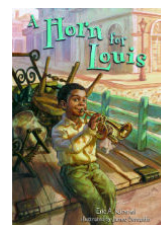
## Directions

- Choose a pretty journal or decorate a notebook with some stickers or other art supplies.
- Using some fun, colorful pens, encourage your kids to write down at least one thing that they are grateful for each day.
- Pick a time of day to do your journaling. You can kick off the day by journaling in the morning, or journal at dinner time and then share your thoughts with your family.

**TIP:** Bedtime is also a lovely time to journal – it will help you appreciate the day as it comes to a close.

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## What was in your mailbox this month?





# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>KEY:</b>  <b>JFFW - Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (The Federation)</b>  <b>Traditional - CAV</b>	<b>Reform - CAV</b>  <b>RC - Rosh Chodesh (Women's Group)</b>  <b>RO - ROMEOS</b>  <b>Special Events</b>	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 1	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 2	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 3  <b>6:30 p.m. CAV Board Meeting - CAV</b>	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 4  <b>7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services &amp; Yahrzeit Plaque Dedication - CAV</b>	<b>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</b> 5
<b>9:45 a.m. Religious School - CAV</b> 6 <b>1:00 p.m. Cemetery Service - Lindenwood</b> <b>2:00 p.m. Irv Adler - History Center</b> <b>2:30 p.m. - Cemetery Service - Jewish Cemetery</b>	<b>CAV Office Closed</b> 7	8	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 9	10	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 11  <b>7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV</b>	<b>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</b> 12
<b>9:45 a.m. Religious School - CAV</b> 13	<b>JFFW and CAV Offices Closed</b> 14	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 15	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 16	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 17  <b>7:00 p.m. JFFW Board Meeting - CAV</b>	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 18  <b>7:30 p.m. Religious School Potluck dinner, Sukkot and Shabbat Services - CAV</b>	<b>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</b> 19
20	<b>JFFW and CAV Offices Closed</b> 21	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 22 <b>5:45 p.m. Simchat Torah Dinner</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Service - CAV</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 23	<b>Noon - ROMEOS - RO</b> 24  <b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b>	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 25  <b>7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV</b>	<b>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</b> 26
<b>9:45 a.m. Religious School - CAV</b> 27	<b>CAV Office Closed</b> 28	29	30	31		

## ONE COMMUNITY - TWO TRADITIONS

### CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH US

*L'shana Tovah!* Please join us at Congregation Achduth Vesholom for an exciting [High Holy Days](#) season as we welcome a new rabbi, guest cantors, and celebrate for the first time with two worship traditions!

For New Year 5780, we have an expanded service schedule that includes Reform and traditional options. Sukkot programming includes S'mores in the Sukkah, learning in the sukkah with Rabbi Winnig, and worship options. A festive Simchat Torah dinner and service also will celebrate B'yachad (Together), the historic joining of Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob last summer. Visit our [calendar](#) for complete details.

Reform services will be led by [Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig](#), Achduth Vesholom's new spiritual leader for the coming year. She will be joined by [Cantor Yvon F. Shore](#), Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at [Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion](#) in Cincinnati, with accompaniment by [Maestro Robert Nance](#). The Temple's Hazemir Choir led by Dr. John Planer will sing on Kol Nidre and Yizkor.

Traditional worship will be led by Cantor Michael C. Small, our guest spiritual leader from Chicago. An attorney, Cantor Small is an active member and shaliach tzibur at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, IL.

Plan to join us at the Temple (5200 Old Mill Road):

- **Rosh Hashanah – Second Day** – Tuesday, October 1
  - 8:30 a.m. – Traditional service
- **Cemetery Services** – Sunday, October 6
  - 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery
  - 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery
- **Erev Yom Kippur Service** – Tuesday, October 8
  - Traditional Services - Minchah at 7 p.m. and Kol Nidre at 7:15 p.m.
  - Reform Service - 8 p.m.
- **Yom Kippur** – Wednesday, October 9
  - **Traditional Services**
    - 8:30 a.m. - Shacharit
    - 11 a.m. - Yizkor
    - 5:15 p.m. - Minchah
    - 6:30 p.m. – Ne'ilah
    - 7:30 p.m. – Ma'ariv
    - 8 p.m. – Havdalah
    - [Break-the-Fast](#) follows Havdalah – Please make a reservation by Wednesday, October 2 for the meal hosted by the ROMEOs.
  - **Reform Services**
    - 10 a.m. Morning Service
    - 3 p.m. – Afternoon Service

- 4:30 p.m. – Yizkor Memorial Service
- 5:30 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service
- [Break-the-Fast](#) follows Ne'ilah – Please make a reservation by Wednesday, October 2 for the meal hosted by the ROMEOs.

### CEMETERY SERVICES AND BOOK BURIAL SET FOR OCTOBER 6

Memorial services will be held Sunday, October 6 at 1 p.m. at [Lindenwood Cemetery](#) and 2:30 p.m. at [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#). Join Rabbi Winnig for the traditional *El Maleh Rachamim* and *Kaddish* prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers. Following the service at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery, we'll also bury worn Hebrew holy books and other Jewish items from B'nai Jacob and Achduth Vesholom. For more information or to arrange transportation, call the Temple office.

### SUPPORT APPLE PROJECT FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

The Jewish community's [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) Apple Project fundraiser is back for a 9<sup>th</sup> year helping to supply a bag of apples for each of the 72 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple. Many of the students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. In October, we'll provide each with delicious Honeycrisp apples purchased from a local orchard. Thoughtful Thursdays, an effort of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, provides twice-monthly bags during the school year of food and household items for the Brightpoint families.

This mitzvah is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days season! A tree is on display at the Rifkin Campus with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Wednesday, October 2. (Checks may be made out to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project).

Thoughtful Thursdays is marking its 10<sup>th</sup> year. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, October 2 at 10 a.m. to assemble the next bags. Thanks to Thoughtful Thursdays Co-Chairs Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz. Contact Jamie Berger to learn more at [jberger02@comcast.net](mailto:jberger02@comcast.net).

### LEARN IN THE SUKKAH WITH RABBI WINNIG

Celebrate Sukkot during two special study opportunities with Rabbi Winnig in the sukkah:

- **Share breakfast and learning** on Monday, October 14 at 10 a.m. You'll have a chance to get acquainted with Rabbi Winnig and participate in the ritual of the Lulav. RSVP by Friday, October 11 to (260) 744-4245 so we know how much food to purchase.

## ONE COMMUNITY - TWO TRADITIONS - CONTINUED

- **Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah with Rabbi Winnig** on Thursday, October 17 from noon to 1 p.m. Share learning and conversation. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided.

### SHARE S'MORES IN THE SUKKAH

Join us for S'mores in the Sukkah on Sunday, October 13 from 11 a.m. to noon and help our Religious School students decorate for Sukkot in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Come shake the lulav and etrog during a brief, child-friendly service and enjoy a nosh.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, October 4 so we have enough food. Thanks to Leah Hadashi and Ellen Tom for coordinating.

### SHAKE THE LULAV AND ETROG AT SUKKOT SERVICES

Celebrate Sukkot with us during two worship opportunities when we'll shake the lulav and etrog and observe the fall harvest festival:

- **A traditional Erev Sukkot service** will take place on Sunday evening, October 13 at 7 p.m. at the Temple. Please help to make a minyan so that Kaddish can be recited.
- **Our Sukkot and Shabbat service** on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. at the Temple will be led by Rabbi Winnig. We'll also celebrate Consecration with five students and their families as they mark the beginning of their formal Jewish studies.

### JOIN US FOR BREAK THE FAST

The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious break-the-fast meal at Congregation Achduth Vesholom on Wednesday, October 9. Join us following [Yom Kippur services](#) for tuna salad, egg salad, kugel, bagels, herring in sour cream, and other delicacies.

The Temple this year is offering two worship options on Yom Kippur. Because the services will end at different times, a break-the-fast will be served at the end of each.

Reservations are required to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Wednesday, October 2 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOS, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

Volunteers are needed help with setup and other tasks. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance. Thanks to Chuck Replane and Denny Reynolds for co-chairing!

### CELEBRATE B'YACHAD (TOGETHER) AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Join us for a festive evening of friendship, family, and Jewish community on Tuesday, October 22 to celebrate the annual cycle of Torah reading and the coming together of Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob as one congregation with two traditions!

This special Simchat Torah celebration includes a delicious catered dinner hosted by Al Zacher, singing and dancing with the Torah, and unrolling the scrolls as Rabbi Winnig reads the end of

Deuteronomy and the beginning of Genesis. Orin Reynolds will provide spirited music.

A Yizkor service begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 5:45 p.m. and the Simchat Torah service begins at 7 p.m. Kindly RSVP for dinner by Tuesday, October 15 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

### START YOUR WEEKEND WITH SHABBAT

Celebrate Shabbat with us at the Temple in October. Friday night services begin most weeks at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig. Our new Saturday morning lay-led service continues weekly at 9:15 a.m.

Sharing the joy of Shabbat is a wonderful way to start the weekend, enjoy new friendships, learn Jewishly, and grow spiritually. Friday evening worship will continue in the Reform tradition and Saturday morning services will be more traditional.

Plan to join us:

- **Friday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat service and dedication of yearzeit plaques added in the past year. Rabbi Winnig will lead the service with Cantory Yvon Shore
- **Friday, October 11 & 25 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat worship led by Rabbi Winnig
- **Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m.** – We'll celebrate Sukkot and Shabbat, along with Consecration of five children in kindergarten and first grade beginning their formal Jewish study. Come shake the lulav and etrog.
- **Saturday, October 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 9:15 a.m.** – Shabbat service

Please join us for worship, followed by Kiddush. Find the complete schedule at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

### BRUCE COLEGROVE SHARES STRINGS OF INSPIRATION

The women's orchestra at Auschwitz-Birkenau was one of the most eclectic, controversial, talented - and inspiring - in the world.

Temple member Bruce Colegrove will share with the Fort Wayne community some of the most remarkable events in the life of this group – and also the context of brutal horror in which those events occurred. He'll present his talk "Strings of Inspiration: Tragic Loss and Courageous Survival in the Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau" on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 p.m. at the Temple.

A long-time Hebrew teacher at Achduth Vesholom, Bruce is a 20-year faculty member at Canterbury High School. Five years ago, he decided to teach a "May term" course on Music in the Holocaust and has since become an ardent researcher in Holocaust studies. Bruce is always delighted to welcome visits to his website: <https://thegirlsintheauschwitz.band/>



## ONE COMMUNITY - TWO TRADITIONS - CONTINUED

### NEW FOR 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CORNED BEEF SALE: WHOLE KOSHER SALAMI!

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen – including whole kosher salami offered for the first time - when the Temple's 18<sup>th</sup> annual [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns on Thursday, November 7.

Assist in topping last year's sales of 1,200 sandwiches & 60 sponsors to support the Temple! Order meals, become a sponsor, tell your friends about our mouthwatering meal, and volunteer your time.

Boxed meals are \$15 each when ordered by Friday, October 25. After that date and at the door, meals are \$18 each. Each meal includes a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

**New this year:** Hebrew National whole kosher salami (12-oz. size) will be available for \$12 each.

[Online ordering](#) is back again – or [download an order form](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). We've also got additional pounds of corned beef for sale for \$18 per pound. Delivery service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Friday, October 25 for \$10 per address.

[Become a sponsor](#) by donating \$100 or more to help underwrite our costs by Friday, October 25. Names of individuals and businesses will be recognized in every meal and on our website, and posted the day of the sale at the Temple.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 6 for [Prep Night](#) from 6 to 9 p.m. and for [Deli Day](#) on Thursday, November 7, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m. Contact the office to say you'll help. Thank you to our Co-Chairs Larry

Adelman and Samara Sheray

### MAHJ AND MADGE – A GREAT COMBO

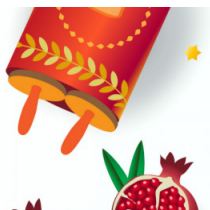
Please join us for weekly mah jongg in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center! [Sign up for open play](#) on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m., and Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy our beautiful space, friendly conversation, and a chance to play this centuries-old Chinese game. We also have [mah jongg resources](#) in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library.



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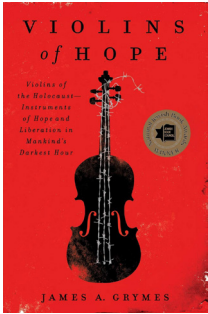
*Shana  
Tova!*



***The Jewish Federation of  
Fort Wayne's Board of  
Directors and Staff wish  
you a year filled with health,  
wealth and happiness!***

## Music Inspires, Part II

- We have a new bulletin board up in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library – **“Music Inspires.”** In honor of the upcoming **“Violins of Hope”** programs, we’re honoring the courage and resistance that music inspires in the Holocaust titles from our collection.



- In the adult non-fiction section, the three best-known titles by far are James Grymes’ **“Violins of Hope,”** Martin Goldsmith’s **“The Inextinguishable Symphony,”** and **“Orchestra of Exiles”** by Josh Aronson. The first two authors have spoken here in Fort Wayne, so don’t need much introduction. Mr. Aronson’s book focuses on violinist, Bronislaw Huberman, and his rescue of Jewish musicians to begin the Israel Philharmonic. It is an incredible story.

- Two more non-fiction books may also be of interest. **“Hiding in the Spotlight: A Musical Prodigy’s Story of Survival,”** by Greg Dawson, tells the story of the author’s mother, a talented child pianist living in the Ukraine. **“The Children of Willesden Lane,”** by Mona Golabek, also relates the story of the author’s mother.

In this case, Lisa Jura Golabek escaped from Austria to London on the Kindertransport and dreamed of becoming a concert pianist.



- Moving to the adult fiction shelf, we have four books worth mentioning, two of which are part of our Temple Book Club discussions this year. If you missed our September book club, Alyson Richman’s **“The Garden of Letters”** is set in Italy and features a young woman cellist. Later this year, we’ll discuss **“Tasa’s Song,”** by Linda Kass, which tells the story of a young violinist in eastern Poland. Two other novels that address the Holocaust less directly are Lauren Belfer’s **“And After the Fire,”** which we read last year in our Temple Book Club, and **“The Girl from Berlin,”** Ronald Balson’s latest novel.
- For teen readers, we have two novels to feature. **“What the Night Sings,”** by Vesper Stamper, follows a young singer after her liberation from the concentration camps, and received the Sydney Taylor Book Award last year. **“The Sound of Freedom,”** by Kathy Kacer, follows the protagonist’s father as he auditions for Bronislaw Huberman’s orchestra in Palestine.
- Along with a young reader’s version of Mona Golabek’s **“The Children of Willesden Lane,”** for our middle grade readers, we have several titles on the juvenile fiction shelf. **“Search for Lottie,”** by Susan Ross, is our newest book. A contemporary young musician follows the mystery of her great-aunt Lottie. **“The Dollmaker of Krakow,”** by R.M. Romero, and **“The Wren and the Sparrow,”** by J. Patrick Lewis, are both Sydney Taylor Notable Books. The latter is a picture book for older children, as is **“The Harmonica”** by Tony Johnston. Two other short chapter books are Michael Morpugo’s powerful novel, **“The Mozart Question,”** and Maurine Dahlberg’s **“Play to the Angel,”** about a young pianist.
- Finally, we have two videos to consider in addition to our book titles. **“The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life,”** is told by a Theresienstadt survivor, directed by Malcolm Clarke. **“Swing Kids”** is a better-known film about young fans of American Jazz in Nazi Germany.
- As we approach these powerful **“Violins of Hope”** programs, please take advantage of our collection of related books and videos. A simple self-checkout is available whenever you’re in the building, and our full catalog is available online at [www.librarycat.org/lib/cavlibrary](http://www.librarycat.org/lib/cavlibrary).

## HOLOCAUST GENEALOGY AS PART OF VIOLINS OF HOPE



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is pleased to present the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Megan Lewis at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. As one of the **"Violins of Hope"** events, her presentations discuss the research involved in tracing and documenting victims of the Holocaust. Many family historians try to find information on family members, even distant relatives who were killed during the Holocaust. In addition to the standard reasons people start researching their ancestors, documenting the lives of Holocaust victims becomes an act of remembrance.

Megan will give two presentations that afternoon. The first, **"The Basics of Holocaust-Related Genealogical Research,"** will discuss how to get started with Holocaust-related genealogical research including the information needed to start and online resources that are good places to begin. It then will review different types of resources - archival, printed, and digital - and provide tips on how to find them. Both well-known and no-so-well-known sources will be discussed.



The second presentation, **"Putting the Pieces Together,"** will begin at about 3:30 p.m. She will provide cases studies of how multiple collections in different formats come together to document one individual's history. The case studies will come from different parts of Europe. Holocaust-era research contains challenges unique to this time period but also has the hurdles all genealogists face. With persistence many of these can be overcome.

Megan Lewis started working at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1998. She spent 12 years conducting research on individuals working for the Museum's Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center. In 2010 she moved to the Museum's Library and Archives reading rooms where she works as reference librarian. Since then she has expanded her familiarity with family history material in the Museum's archival collections. She has a BA in history, a Master's of Library Science, and a post-master's certificate in the curation and management of digital assets.

Previously Megan has presented at multiple International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies annual conferences, genealogical societies around the United States, the American Library Association conference, and several conferences/workshops about Nazi looted art including a talk at the NS-Dokumentationszentrum in Munich. Megan has conducted independent research on family historians' use of Holocaust testimonies, which she has presented at conferences in Israel and Poland. In addition, she has contributed several articles to Avotaynu, the journal of Jewish genealogy.

Thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of this program, and to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for the photo. Please plan to join us for this important program.

## MEMBER DNA LUNCH



**NEIJGS** members had an enjoyable lunch in September with Sara Allen, the leader of the ACPL Genealogy Center's DNA special interest group. Sara answered lots of general and specific questions about DNA testing and spoke also about the specifics of Jewish research as it pertains to DNA testing.

The NEIJGS is thrilled to be able to offer these "ACPL Expert" lunches to our members two to three times per year. The informal setting is perfect for Q & A, and we are tremendously lucky to have the resources of the Genealogy Center here in Fort Wayne.



## ODDS & ENDS

### Curiosity Day at Barnes & Noble - Jefferson Pointe



A few families came out to celebrate the creator of Curious George, H.A. Rey, on Sunday, September 15th. We read a few stories and colored a few pages.

Our next collaboration with Barnes & Noble will be on Sunday, December 15 at noon when we will celebrate Hanukkah!

Everyone is invited to this free event.



Thank you to PJ Library and the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

### Violins of Hope Docent Training



Training is in high gear! Drs. Carol & David Lindquist, Violins of Hope Steering Committee members, have been very busy educating our docents. Some of the docents will be helping in the schools with presentations, some will be at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art and some will be used where needed.

On September 24, the docent training group was privileged to be able to Skype with Luthier Amnon Weinstein. [Click for the YouTube video with Mr. Weinstein.](#)

Our final docent training is taking place on October 2 at 1 pm. If you are interested in attending, please let the Federation office know (260) 456-0400 or [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org).



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*To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.*
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*Every year we get a number of requests for assistance with the registration for our three-week Camp Joe Levine Day Camp.*



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- **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.*

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##### Holocaust Education Fund

- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in appreciation of Irv Adler and his upcoming Mather lecture on October 6.

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

October 10– No lunch this week

October 24– Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine  
4411 Coldwater Road

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOs for lunch  
can contact Denny Reynolds at (260) 637-0507  
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## 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](mailto: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.