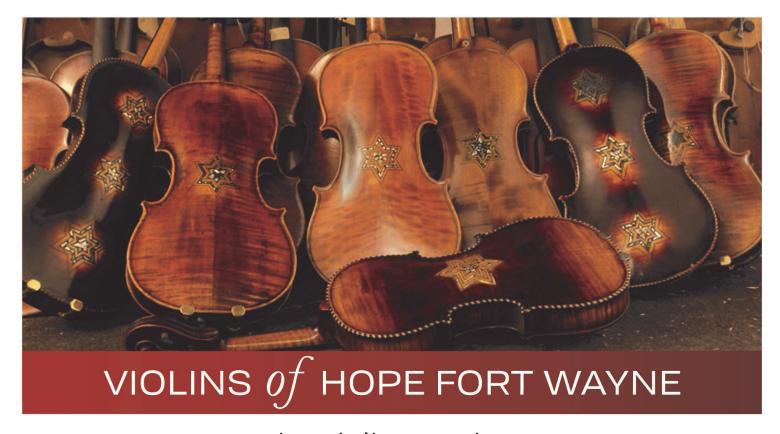


**NOVEMBER 2019** 



The violins are here!
For a list of events go to:
<a href="mailto:violinsofhopefw.org">violinsofhopefw.org</a>



Global Day of Learning 2019 Sunday, November 17 at 11 a.m.

For more information see page 18.



Our mission is to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

### **OP ED - JAKI SCHREIER**

# The Stirring Sounds of Survival

Amid the horrors of Auschwitz, a classical musician came to embody the ideals of heroism
Op Ed submitted to the Journal Gazette, October 13, 2019



In researching the Violins of Hope project that 27 organizations (the largest coalition of groups the city has ever brought together) are sponsoring this November, I've come across many amazing stories of true heroism.

Like many of us in these times of

superficial and loosely awarded prestige, I struggle with the overuse of the word "hero." A true hero is a person who tirelessly strives to put another human being's needs and safety above their own. A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, Violins of Hope comprises a collection of instruments that tell remarkable stories of the defiance, resilience and legacy of Jewish musicians during the Holocaust.

One hero is violinist Alma Rose'.

Alma came from an ethnically Jewish family and was the niece of the famous composer Gustav Mahler. Her father, Arnold Rose', was the longtime concertmaster of the Vienna Philharmonic and was the founder of the world-famous Rose' String Quartet.

From her birth in 1906, Alma was groomed for stardom by her father, who had pulled himself up by his fiddle strings from Romanian poverty to Viennese glory. In 1926, she made her debut as a violinist in Bach's Double Concerto, accompanied by her father. She won notoriety as founder of "The Waltzing Girls of Vienna," a female classical pops orchestra which she led as conductor-soloist in concert tours throughout Europe. During the Depression years, Alma succeeded in providing badly needed employment

for women.



The group was forced to disband when Nazi Germany annexed Austria in 1938. Alma was rounded up by the Nazis only 90 minutes before she would have reached freedom in Switzerland.

Her final journey began in an inhumanely packed cattle car of a German "Judentransport" (Jewish transport) in 1943. She spent the next nine months as a prisoner in the shadows of four crematoriums of the slave labor extermination camp called Auschwitz. Alma immediately employed her most powerful tools – her strong will and her music. Her weapon of choice was the violin.

Alma assembled a ragtag collection of terrified musicians into a women's camp orchestra. Their survival literally depended on how well they played. She convinced her persecutors that the ensemble was essential to the camp and under her leadership it expanded to 45 members.

She put superhuman effort into her task. One survivor described Alma as "turning the orchestra upside down on its head. ... We played from morning to night." During her tenure as conductor, none of her musicians were gassed –a miraculous feat under the most hellish of environments.



In a 1996 interview, cellist Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, a member of the women's camp orchestra, said she did not believe that Alma was motivated by fear of the Nazis.

It was rather an escape somehow – into excellence. Her insistence on perfection reminded her musicians that beyond the crematorium death smoke might still be the hope – of life, of love and of beauty. Alma pushed herself and the orchestra, full of faith that, if they played well enough, they would be allowed to live.

Alma's death in the camp, it is believed, was the result of disease that was all too rampant. The women's orchestra continued to play. All but two of Alma's musicians lived to see the end of the war.

The violinist, Alma Rose', is an example of a true hero.

I thank the City of Fort Wayne and its citizens for their support of the Violins of Hope project and in bringing these inspirational Strings of the Holocaust back to life.







# PrimeTime39: Violins of Hope Fort Wayne

Free

Friday, November 1, 2019 at 7:30 pm Fort Wayne PBS39 (39.1)

Learn more about *Violins of Hope* and get a preview of the events surrounding its Fort Wayne exhibition in this conversation with project organizers Jaki Schreier, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and Jim Palermo, Managing Director, Fort Wayne Philharmonic. This program encores November 2, 6:30 pm and November 3, 8 pm on PBS39 Explore (39.4)

Learn More



# Bearing Witness: Holocaust Through the Eyes of Soldiers

Free

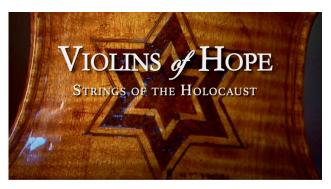
Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm History Center, 302 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802 George R. Mather Lecture Series Kayleen Reusser

Noted author Kayleen Reusser has interviewed hundreds of World War II veterans and will tell stories of the Holocaust through their eyes. Shared will be stories from her three books, We Fought to Win: American World War II Veterans Share Their Stories; They Did It for Honor: Stories of American World War II Veterans; and We Gave Our Best: American World War II Veterans Tell Their Stories. Visit also kayleenreusser.com for more information about her work.

<u>Learn More</u>







# PBS39: Violins of Hope, Strings of the Holocaust

Free

Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 9:00 pm Fort Wayne PBS39 (39.1)

Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust," narrated by Academy Award-winner Adrien Brody, is a documentary featuring Israeli violinmaker Amnon Weinstein and his efforts to restore violins recovered from the Holocaust. Some were played by Jewish prisoners in concentration camps; others belonged to the Klezmer musical culture, which was all but destroyed by the Nazis.

Learn More



# PrimeTime39: Author James Grymes, "Violins of Hope"

Free

Friday, November 8, 2019 at 7:30 pm Fort Wayne PBS39 (39.1)

Musicologist and author James Grymes discusses his chronicling the beautiful and haunting history of violins played by Jews in the Holocaust. "Violins of Hope: Violins of the Holocaust – Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour" received a National Jewish Book Award. This program encores November 9, 6:30 pm and November 10, 8 pm on PBS39 Explore (39.4)







# **Exhibition Opening Reception**

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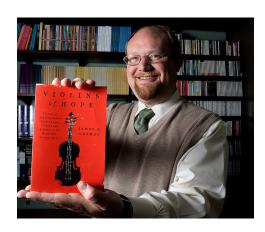
Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm Weatherhead Gallery, Ian and Mimi Rolland Center, School of Creative Arts · University of St. Francis. 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808

A special Exhibition Opening Reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Rolland Art Center. This event is free and open to the public.

The exhibition begins with a space that imparts basic information about Jewish history and culture, then progresses to display cases containing Strings of the Holocaust. Visitor spaces will impart a sense of respectful dignity, encouraging engagement and reflection about storied violins that will never be silenced.

Information at art.sf.edu, 260.399.8064 or by email.

Learn More



# A Conversation with James Grymes about Violins of Hope

Free

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2:00 pm Allen County Public Library Theatre, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

PBS39 President and General Manager Bruce R. Haines will moderate a book discussion that combines an interview with the author and questions from audience members about the book. 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.







# Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Symphony Orchestras: The Violins Live On

**Tickets Required** 

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm Auer Hall At Rhinehart Center For The Performing Arts, Purdue Fort Wayne Campus, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Troy Webdell, director

This concert features works by Jewish composers Lukas Foss, Erwin Schulhoff, and Philip Glass, all linked to the Holocaust, giving voice to the violins that have survived and lived on.

Learn More



## **The Pianist**

Tickets Required

November 10, 12, 14, 15 & 17 at 7:00 pm November 20 & 21 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Cinema Center, 437 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Nominated for 7 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and winner of 3, The Pianist stars Oscar winner Adrien Brody in the true-life story of brilliant pianist and composer Wladyslaw Szpilman, the most acclaimed young musician of his time until his promising career was interrupted by the onset of World War II.

<u>Learn More</u> Tickets are not yet on sale.







# Opening Event: Violins of Hope

Tickets Required

Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm Fort Wayne Museum Of Art, 311 E. Main St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

The Violins of Hope two-week commemoration of music, visual art, dance, theater, public conversation, interfaith dialogue, and educational activities officially begins with a screening of the documentary of Violins of Hope, followed by a moderated discussion with book author Dr. James Grymes and luthier Avshalom Weinstein, son of Violins of Hope founder Amnon Weinstein, led by Fort Wayne Museum of Art President & CEO Charles A. Shepard.

Learn More

## 5 Violins from the Shoah

Free

Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, BUT GENERAL ADMISSION APPLIES TO VIEW THE MUSEUM'S MAIN EXHIBITIONS, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, 311 E Main St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Monday, November 11 through Sunday, December 1, 2019

Five extraordinary violins from the Violins of Hope collection will be on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art from November 11-December 1: The German Star of David violin, Ponar Klezmer violin, Vilna Klezmer violin, Hakkert violin, and the Buried violin. Each tells an amazing story about the Jewish musicians who performed on them during the Holocaust, serving as a reminder about the defiance, resilience, and legacy of a people. The instruments will be on display in the main lobby and atrium. The violin exhibition is free and open to the public, but general admission applies to view the Museum's Main Exhibitions. For more information, visit fwmoa.org or violinsofhopefw.org.

### **EXHIBITION HOURS:**

Closed (Mon) 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat) 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Thur) 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sun)







# Guitars and Violins: Tone, Wood, and Structure as Described by the Luthiers That Build Them

Tickets Required · Free

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm Sweetwater Sound, 5501 US-30, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Two master luthiers — one specializing in violin, the other in guitar — are coming to Sweetwater to demonstrate the ways in which they approach and practice their craft. Both artisans curate, build, and painstakingly restore string instruments, creating spectacular, priceless works of art that are as pleasing to the eye as they are to the ear. This discussion will be led by guitar luthier Ren Ferguson and third-generation violinmaker Avshalom Weinstein. Musical demonstration and Q&A to follow.

Learn More



# Violins of Hope: Stories of Defiance, Resilience, and Legacy

Tickets Required · Free

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm Allen County Courthouse, 715 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Fort Wayne Ballet, Heartland Sings, Purdue Fort Wayne Choral Ensembles, Fort Wayne Children's Choir

Works by Beethoven, Barber, Korngold and others will fill the rotunda at the Allen County Courthouse. A guest speaker will weave a narrative throughout the concert, telling stories about the heroic musicians who inspired the creation of these Strings of the Holocaust.

Reserve Tickets







PBS39: Eva A-7063

Free

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 9:00 pm Fort Wayne PBS39 (39.1)

At 10, she survived experiments by Nazi doctor Josef Mengele. At 50, she helped launch the biggest manhunt in history. Into her 80s, after decades of pain and anger, she traveled the world to promote what her life journey taught: Hope. Healing. Humanity. "Eva A-7063," a documentary by Ted Green, Mika Brown and WFYI (Indianapolis) tells her full unvarnished story for the first time, inspiring viewers around the world.

Learn More



## PBS39: A Call To Remember

Free

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 10:30 pm Fort Wayne PBS39 (39.1)

David Schaecter takes viewers on an emotional journey through his life story – from a bucolic childhood in Czechoslovakia to his and his brother Jakob's struggle for survival in Auschwitz, and finally, to David's dramatic escape from the Nazis. David, the only member of his family to survive the Holocaust, would eventually immigrate to the United States and help found the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach in hopes of educating a younger generation about World War II and the Holocaust. Through David's story, viewers witness the cruelty of intolerance, but also the power and will of the human spirit.







### **Shabbat Service**

Free

Friday, November 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm Congregation Achduth Vesholom, 5200 Old Mill Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807

A special Shabbat service will combine traditional prayers and songs with music performed on the Violins of Hope.

Learn More



# PrimeTime39: Violins of Hope Fort Wayne – Avshalom Weinstein

Free

Friday, November 15, 2019 at 7:30 pm Fort Wayne PBS39 (39.1)

Avshalom Weinstein is a third-generation violin maker and restorer. Weinstein's paternal grandfather, Moshe, who immigrated to Israel in 1938, started to buy Holocaust violins after the war, when other Jewish immigrants, with no homes to return to, started also to make their way to Israel. Weinstein discusses the preservation work that has become known as Violins of Hope and talks of several violins brought to Fort Wayne for the exhibition and performances. This program encores November 16, 6:30 pm and November 17, 8 pm on PBS39 Explore (39.4)







## **Ghetto**

**Tickets Required** 

November 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23 at 8:00 pm November 17 at 2:00 pm

Purdue University Fort Wayne Williams Theatre; 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., 46805 Purdue Fort Wayne Department of Theatre

Ghetto (Hebrew: גישו) is a play by Israeli playwright Joshua Sobol about the experiences of the Jews of the Vilna Ghetto during Nazi occupation in World War II. The play focuses on the Jewish cabaret-style theatre in the ghetto, incorporating live music and including as characters historical figures such as Jacob Gens, the chief of the Jewish Police and later Head of the ghetto. It is part of a triptych of plays about the resistance movement, which also includes Adam and Underground.

Learn More



# Violins of Hope: Music from the Shoah

Free

Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 1:30 pm Allen County Public Library Theater 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic's premier ensemble, the Freimann String Quartet, will offer a captivating program of Holocaust era works by Korngold and Shostakovich, as well as traditional Jewish and klezmer tunes, ending with the main theme from John Williams' score to the 1993 Oscar winning film Schindler's List.







# Three Rivers Choral Festival: Voices of Hope

**Tickets Required** 

Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 4:00 pm Purdue University Fort Wayne, Auer Performance Hall, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

This program will feature the Purdue Fort Wayne University Singers, Heartland Sings, Fort Wayne Children's Choir, and other area choirs in a collaborative concert featuring David McCullough's multi-movement work, Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps. The text of every song from the cantata, originally in Polish, but sung in English, was written by prisoners held in the concentrations camps of Nazi Germany's Third Reich. This reverent and powerful joint concert will feature over 100 singers in the Auer Performance Hall at the Rhinehart Music Center.

Learn More



### The Klezmatics

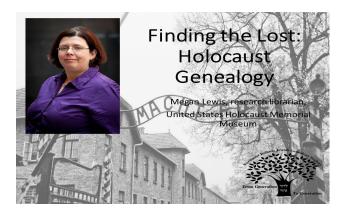
**Tickets Required** 

Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

The Klezmatics are globally renowned world music superstars—and the only klezmer band to win a Grammy award. The group emerged out of the vibrant cultural scene of New York City's East Village in 1986 with klezmer performances steeped in the tradition and spirituality of Eastern European Jewish roots. Their music is wild, mystical, provocative, reflective, and ecstatically danceable.







# Researching Victims and Survivors: Holocaust Genealogy

Free

Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 2:00 pm Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, 900 Library Plaza; Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Lecture by Megan Lewis of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Presented by Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society

Megan Lewis is a well-known reference librarian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum who will present a lecture about how to use unique genealogical resources to research family history. Source materials from the personal collections of Holocaust survivors and victims, and letters and official documents such as passports and diplomas, extensive photograph archives, and oral histories can provide clues about how to trace Holocaust victims, survivors, and family members.

Learn More



# Defiance: Screening of the Movie, Starring Daniel Craig

Free

Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm Purdue University of Fort Wayne, College of Professional Studies, Neff Hall, Room 101; 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

In 1941 the SS is slaughtering thousands of Eastern European Jews. The Bielski brothers, Tuvia (Daniel Craig), Zus (Liev Schreiber), and Asael (Jamie Bell), manage to escape and take refuge in the forest where they played during childhood. The brothers turn their daily struggle for survival into a battle against the German forces that have occupied their country, with over a thousand others joining the fray. Journalist Assaela Weinstein, daughter of Asael Bielski, one of the Bielski partisans immortalized in Defiance, is the wife of Violins of Hope founder Amnon Weinstein. Please return tomorrow, Tuesday, November 19, for a panel discussion about the Bielski Partisans featuring noted experts, including Asael Bielski's grandson, Avshalom Weinstein.







# Perspectives on Defiance: The Courage of the Bielski Partisans

Free

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm Purdue University Fort Wayne, College of Professional Studies, Neff Hall, Room 101; 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

A panel of noted Holocaust scholars examines the movie Defiance and the Bielski Partisans who triumphed in saving over 1,200 souls. Dr. David Lindquist, associate professor emeritus in the Educational Studies Department at IPFW, Museum Teacher Fellow and Regional Museum Educator with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Dr. Barry Jackisch, specialist in modern German history, and Dr. Ann Livschiz, associate professor, PFW, specialist in Soviet and Eastern European history, are joined by Avshalom Weinstein, Violins of Hope luthier and grandson of partisan Asael Bielski. The panel will discuss the German invasion, death squads, Partisan response, and the unique perspective of the legendary Bielski family.



# **Jewish-Catholic Prayer Service**

Free

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig from Congregation Achduth Vesholom joins Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in a prayer service that focuses on the beauty of the Psalms, and the religious connections shared and revered by the Jewish people and Catholics. Music will be performed on the Violins of Hope, with selections from both Jewish and Catholic faith traditions.







# Culinary Diplomacy: A Melody of Jewish Foods

Tickets Required · Ticketed - Reservation Only

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm Joseph Decuis Farm, 6755 E 900 S, Columbia City, IN 46725

Jewish life revolves around the dining table. Ceremonies and celebrations involving food link the cultural and religious symbolism of the Jewish people, from Shabbat meals and the High Holidays to local favorites savored by families near and far. This special dinner merges favorite recipes of prominent Fort Wayne citizens traced back to their countries of origin, with a dessert favorite of the Amnon Weinstein family. Melding Jewish foods with the art of diplomacy beautifully pairs with the legacy of the Violins of Hope being presented in Fort Wayne between November 9–23.

More Info



# Fort Wayne Philharmonic: Violins of Hope

Tickets Required

Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 7:30 pm Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Closing Concert

Andrew Constantine, conductor Igor Yuzefovich, violin

Sixteen violins that survived the Holocaust. Three composers banned by the Nazis. Violins of Hope tell stories of defiance, resilience, and legacy, a testament to the power of music.

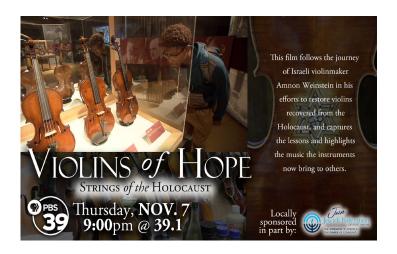
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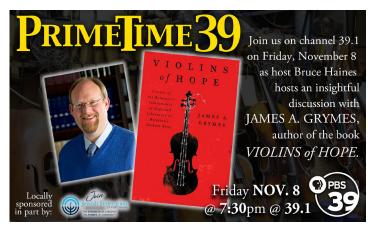
Mahler – Symphony No. 1 in D major, "Titan"

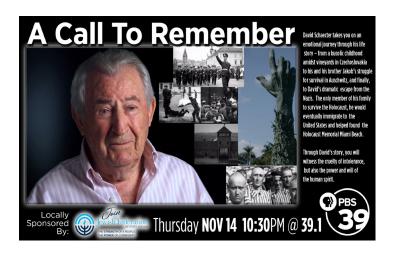
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### **UPCOMING PBS39 PROGRAMS**









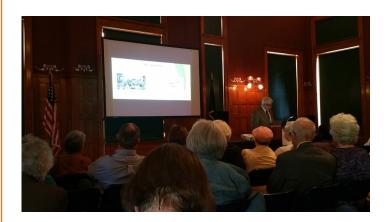






### **IRV ADLER LECTURE**

Thank you, Irv Adler, for your wonderful presentation at The George R. Mather Sunday Lecture Series at the <u>Fort Wayne History Center</u> on October 6. What a great way to open the <u>Violins of Hope</u> project!





### **CONFRONTING THE SHOAH CLASSES**



Our Confronting the Shoah classes for 2020 with Dr. David Lindquist will be held on January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25. Please call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 or email us at office@fwjf.org\_to reserve your spot!





### **GLOBAL DAY OF LEARNING**

# Global Day of Jewish Learning Returns to Fort Wayne

3 live TED-style talks presented by noted Israeli educators and journalists.

# Sunday, November 17, 11 a.m.

Partnership2Gether (P2G), your way to participate in a world-wide community of Jews from mid-sized communities like ours, is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

P2G is pleased to invite you to attend the next session of this exciting program.



Fighting Over the Image: Conflicts in the Digital Age. **Moran Yarchi**, PhD, Head of the Public Diplomacy Program in IDC, Herzliya.



The Invisible Thread: Voices of the American Jewish Communities. *Diana Bletter,* Author, Journalist.



Hebrew Roots Jewish Routes. Jeremy Benstein, PhD, Founder of Heschel Center for Sustainability.

Who: ONLY 10 slots available (the room is small), please reserve early.

**What**: 15 minutes for each speaker followed by Q&A from viewers from our participating P2G cities in the US and Hungary.

When: Sunday November 17, 11 am ET. Program lasts just 90 minutes.

**Where**: Conference room of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center at the Rifkin Campus, 5200 Old Mill Rd, Fort Wayne

Why: Enjoy 'little bites' of Jewish Learning. See descriptions for details on the speakers.

**How**: Call the Federation office to reserve your spot. 260-456-0400









### **PJ LIBRARY**

# A Fun Recipe For Kids: Cubed Fruit Salad With Yogurt Dip



As parents, we're always trying to get our kids to enjoy healthy treats with meals. If you're lucky enough to have children at home who try anything, they'll love helping you whip up the zesty dip for this unusual fruit salad. And if you've got picky eaters, you'll love this fun treat inspired by the finicky robot in the latest episode of *Have I Got a Story For You*, "Moon Station One."

### **Ingredients:**

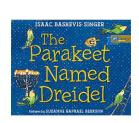
- 1 watermelon
- 1 pineapple
- 15 oz. container vanilla yogurt
- 1 lime, zested
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, finely chopped

### **Preparation:**

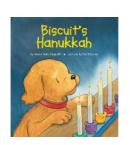
- 1. To carve the watermelon, lay the watermelon down on its side, and slice off about a 1-inch thick piece from both the top and bottom.
- 2. Stand the fruit up, and now that it is level, slice down the sides to carve off the rind.
- 3. Once the rind has been removed, slice the watermelon into cubes.
- 4. To carve the pineapple, use the same method of slicing off the top and bottom, to create a level surface to carve the skin, and then cut into cubes.
- 5. In a small bowl, combine the yogurt, lime zest, and fresh mint. Serve alongside cubed fruit.

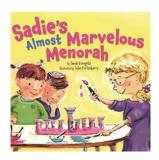
## What was in your mailbox this month?













### ONE COMMUNITY - TWO TRADITIONS - CONTINUED

#### INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE BRINGS COMMUNITY **TOGETHER**

Share an interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving highlighting our shared stories of immigration and resettlement throughout the ages on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. The Temple is pleased for an eighth year to host Fort Wayne's annual community interfaith service.

Representatives from 10 religious organizations will participate, including Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne Stake: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Imani Baptist Temple, Peace United Church of Christ, Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne.

### NEW FOR 18th 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 18th annual Corned Beef on Rye - Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday. November 7.



Samara Sheray SUPPORT FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDYAS: FROM APPLES TO

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

# THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

The Jewish community's continued support for Thoughtful Thursdays helped us provide fresh fruit in October for the 72 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. This month, we're giving a 10- to 12-pound turkey and trimmings to each of our families for Thanksgiving, along with cooking instructions.

Through generous donations to Thoughtful Thursdays' 9th annual Apple Project during the High Holy Days, we were able to provide a bag of Honey Crisp apples in mid-October to each family.

A special thank you to all who contributed toward this effort! Thank you to Janet Katz for picking up and delivering the

> apples and to Jamie Berger, Jan Finkel, Suzy King, Kay Safirstein for packaging them.

Our "turkey project" grew out of our efforts over several years to give away

several turkeys through a drawing among the families. Last year, a Temple member who wished to remain anonymous paid for 35 turkeys, hoping to inspire others to support the effort. We raised enough money to provide a turkey for each of our families and their teachers. Thank you to Hod Hefer for his continued help with this project.

Again this year, we are seeking donations of \$18 each through Monday, November 25 to help us purchase enough turkeys for all the families and teachers. Please make your check payable to "CAV - The Temple," indicate that your donation is for turkeys, and send to the Temple at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. We welcome additional volunteers to our next bag assembly morning on Wednesday, November 6 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.

We also are very grateful to Ellen & Mick Tom for donating toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults and children for dental hygiene bags for the families.

With cooler weather upon us, we also are seeking donations of children's sweatpants in sizes 3T-8.

Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays cochairs

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. 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



### ONE COMMUNITY - TWO TRADITIONS - CONTINUED

#### START YOUR WEEKEND WITH SHABBAT

Celebrate Shabbat with us at the Temple this month, including a special Violins of Hope Shabbat service on Friday, November 15 at 7 p.m. Worship services this month also include an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 p.m.



Friday night services begin most weeks at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig. Our 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, November 1, 8, and 22 at 7:30 p.m. –
- Friday, November 15 at 7 p.m. Violins of Hope Shabbat service led by Rabbi Winnig and <u>Cantor Yvon</u> <u>F. Shore</u> with the Temple's Hazemir Choir under the direction of Dr. John Planer. A quartet of musicians will be playing the <u>Violins</u> of Hope as well.
- Tuesday, November 26 at 7 p.m. Interfaith Thanksqiving Service
- Friday, November 29 No Shabbat Service
- Saturday, November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 9:15 a.m.
   Shabbat service

Please join us for worship, followed by Kiddush. Find the complete schedule at <a href="https://www.templecav.org">www.templecav.org</a>.

#### **READ AHEAD FOR JANUARY'S BOOK CLUB**

The next <u>Temple Book Club</u> is Tuesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. when we discuss Renee Rosen's "Windy City Blues," and holding a "LiveChat" with the author.

This historical novel is set in 1960s Chicago, in the middle of the blues and civil rights movements. Leeba Groski, a woman from an Orthodox Jewish family who really wants to be a musician, and Red Dupree, an African-American blues guitarist, are the central characters. From author Mary Morris, "Rosen captures the birth of Chicago blues from its shabby inception to its raucous success. She gives us a world of blacks and Jews, migrants and immigrants, musicians and their admirers. I was engrossed by this novel."

A copy of the book can be borrowed from the <u>Rabbi Richard B.</u>
<u>Safran Library.</u> Please join us for our discussion in January.

### 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'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.



### MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF FOSTER KIDS

Religious School students will be providing birthday boxes for local children ages 3 to 13 in foster care through a yearlong tzedakah project. The boxes will include cake mix, a can of frosting, birthday candles, a banner or streamers, a new children's book, a gift card, and a personalized note with birthday wishes.

Principal Leah Hadashi said the goal is to raise enough funds to make 60 boxes by May 2020 to deliver to the Allen County Foster Parent Association. Weekly tzedakah collected at Religious School will go toward the project.

How can you help?

- Please spread the word of our project.
- Volunteer your time to help assemble birthday boxes during the Temple's annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday morning, April 19.
- Donate funds. Each box will cost approximately \$36. Tzedakah donations towards this project would be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to "CAV – The Temple" and earmarked for "birthday boxes."

Please call the Temple office or contact Leah to learn about more ways that you can help. What is foster care?



### NORTHEAST INDIANA JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

#### GENEALOGY SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE UNVEILS NEW DATABASE



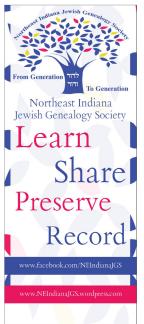
Visitors to the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy's "Fort Wayne Jewish Family Day" in September got a look at the new "Family Tree" the society is creating. The Fort Wayne Jewish Families database currently includes over 4,000 past and present members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish community. Cemetery records, memorial plaques, vital records and obituaries are just some of the materials we're collecting to share and preserve the history of Fort Wayne's Jewish families.

The main goal of the database is to assist people in finding and saving their family history, preserving information from a variety of records all in one place. In addition to what is currently included, we will continue to pursue census records,

congregational records and more as we move forward.

The tree itself is available to members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society and can also be accessed through the computer in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Information about living people is restricted to 2-3 members actively researching for the database.

You can help share and preserve our history by contacting <a href="MEIndianaJGS@gmail.com">NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com</a>. We're particularly interested in photographs, documents and stories of Fort Wayne Jewish families. Consider joining us to help with the search. More information is available at <a href="https://neindianajgs.wordpress.com/">https://neindianajgs.wordpress.com/</a>.



There is always something to be thankful for.



The Board of Directors and the staff of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, are thankful for all of you!

Please note that our office will be closed on Thursday, November 28.

Happy Thanksgiving!



### **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 threeweek 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 honor of the Violins of Hope sponsors and partners.



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A long-time local businessman and proud member of Fort Wayne's Jewish community who wishes to remain anonymous is contributing to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne in honor of:

- Chuck Surack for his leadership and contributions to Fort Wayne and the welfare of all its resident, in so many significant ways, for so many years; **David Lindquist** for being honored as "One of the Righteous" and
- Jim Palermo, Managing Director of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, for his amazing contributions to the Violins of Hope project.



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

November 7 - No lunch this week - Corned Beef Day

November 21 – 800 Degress Wood Fired Pizza 10020 Lima Road

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

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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 <u>Federation</u> 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 <u>CARS</u> and their trained staff will guide you through the donation process.

### Do You Know Someone Who Needs Help?

The <u>Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne</u> 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 <u>office@fwif.org</u>. 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.

