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## FEBRUARY 2020

**It is not too late!**

### Confronting the Shoah

This course provides participants with comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge regarding the Nazi Holocaust.

**Presented by: Dr. David Lindquist**

**When: February 4, 11, 18 and 25**

**Who:** adults, teachers, principals, historians, high school juniors & seniors

**Where: Rifkin Campus 5200 Old Mill Road**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Cost:** No cost for Federation members, teachers, principals, historians, or students.

\$5.00 for everyone else to cover cost of materials

**Call the office at (260) 456-0400 or email [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org)**



**We hope you can join us!**

The women of the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh group](#) will be meeting at

[Naked Tchopstix](#) (8607 US Highway 24 W)

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

for dinner and lively conversation!

Please RSVP to the office (260) 456-0400 or [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) no later than Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

See you soon!

mark  your **Calendar**

Come meet author **Jane Gabin**  
Sunday, **March 15, 2020**  
Time TBD

**Yom HaShoah**  
Monday, **April 20, 2020**  
**7 pm**  
Rifkin Campus

**People of the Book**  
Monday, **April 27, 2020**  
**7:30 pm**  
Rifkin Campus

**PJ Library - Short Hikes for Short Legs**  
**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**  
**9 am**  
Little River Wetlands Project/Eagle Marsh

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

## GUEST COLUMNIST - REVEREND BILL MCGILL

### In Honor of Black History Month

**"Like anybody, I would like to live a long life; longevity has its place. But, I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And, He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."**

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Less than 24hrs would pass before the life of this great American hero's life would run out of gas. We had just heard him declare "I'm not fearing any man" but little did he know an assassin had developed a sordid execution plan. The struggle had caused him his life, created grieving children and a wife, and left a void that still remains in the journey to rid our nation of racial strife. This ground on which we stand is still far from the promised land, and almost daily we are reminded that for some of us things are certainly less than grand. We have made undeniable progress but there are still miles to go in the process. Our nation is still, in the words of the late Maya Angelou, "the yet to be United States of America."

In his book, "I May Not Get There With You. The True Martin Luther King, Jr.," Dr. Michael Eric Dyson suggests that "amnesia also makes it easier for Americans to believe that racial progress was an inevitable feature of American history. Amnesia makes people forget that the specific problems between blacks and whites are not faceless, nameless, voiceless, and raceless. It can also make us forget that racial problems are not self-resolving." Indeed, no process is ever inevitable and in fact, if issues are left unaddressed the results almost always end up regrettable. Our nation cannot continue to be so adored that its inequities are patently ignored. If this present political environment is indicative of the majority's intellectual and moral alignment, then our nation is headed to even more dangerous levels of confinement. Instead of a premise based on the "land of the free," some segments of our society want to create the "land of me." It is a not so subtle return to the "Southern Strategy of 1968" that appealed to people's baser instincts about race, who believed that people of color should be kept in their place. Many of us hoped that the use of such tactics on the political stump would ultimately cause its proponents to end up in the dump, but unfortunately such rhetoric seems to be getting them over the hump. For those of us working daily and diligently for unity such developments cause us to wonder if his journey to the mountaintop was simply an act of meaningless futility.

Well, I still believe as Dr. King did then, that the issue is not whether but when. It remains an attainable goal but it requires an honest inventory of our citizen's soul. The enemies of Dr. King's "beloved community" are trusting the traditional reliance of the majority's silence. His contention that "there comes a time when silence is betrayal" needs to be heard now more than ever. If freedom and equality is our choice, then we must find the courage again to speak with one voice. When acts of hatred are executed against Jews, we must condemn them collectively or morally we all lose. When the poor continue to be shut out of opportunity's door, we must think creatively of ways to balance the economic score. When the cost of health care is more than the average citizen can bear, we must denounce it as patently unfair and at the core of many people's sense of despair. In this year that represents perfect vision, we must all see that a united nation should be our primary mission. We must see with clarity and then act with charity. If we choose to remain blind, we will find ourselves in an inevitable bind, and the measure of progress we've enjoyed will begin to rapidly rewind.

**Rev. Bill McGill, Senior Pastor - Imani Baptist Temple – Fort Wayne, IN – 260 410 3430**

**RABBI PAULA JAYNE WINNIG**  
**LETTER TO THE JOURNAL GAZETTE EDITOR**  
**JANUARY 14, 2020**

**Indiana's Jewish leaders commit to fighting bigotry**

The sad news of another attack on the Jewish community, most recently on the seventh night of Hanukkah at a rabbi's home in New York, leaves us anxious, sad, fatigued, and searching for a meaningful response.

The Indiana Board of Rabbis condemns all these acts of violence. We mourn those who were murdered and pray for the healing of the victims. IBOR affirms the unity among all Jews, regardless of level of observance, including orthodox, non-orthodox and secular. We are one people: am Yisra'el.

IBOR also affirms our connection with the many faith communities of Indiana, and we commit to fighting bigotry in all forms. And while we recognize and support the need for increased security in our Jewish institutions, we continue to practice Judaism without fear, and are proud to work with our partners to promote tolerance, acceptance, civility and justice during the new year and new decade.

**Rabbi Brian Besser**

*Bloomington*

**Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig**

*Fort Wayne*

*on behalf of the Indiana Board of Rabbis*

**WHAT WE SUPPORT - SECURE COMMUNITY NETWORK (SCN)**

**submitted by Steve Trotter**



"May the children of the stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the goodwill of the other inhabitants while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree. And there shall be none to make him afraid."

President George Washington

wrote to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island – August 21, 1790

Tragically, anti-Semitic incidents have increased dramatically in the United States and Europe and two hundred and thirty years later, the Jewish community questions how safe we are under our vines and fig trees. Sadly, we were reminded of these threats with latest of attacks over Hanukkah. Unfortunately, the current violence aimed at Jewish communities throughout the United States is the worst this country has ever experienced. These rash of attacks is very troubling but not necessarily unique. Close to 1900 incidents of anti-Semitism were reported in 2018, according to the [Anti-Defamation League](#).

Under the leadership of the [Jewish Federations of North America](#) and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the [Secure Community Network \(SCN\)](#) has been at the forefront of an innovative, collaborative and cooperative national homeland security initiative that educates the Jewish community to potential threats, leverages government and private sector resources to better protect and secure our communities and continues to remain a top focus on the intelligence, homeland security and law enforcement agencies charged with safeguarding the United States from the risk of terror attacks that have become a persistent threat over the past decade.

Our strength is found in our diversity, we are a country of many beliefs, faiths, backgrounds, religions, and politics. This greatness has made America a beacon of hope and strength for millions of people for centuries.

We strive for the democratic ideal of a 'more perfect union' by strengthening the values we were founded on, including the freedom of religion. There is no place in our sacred democracy for hatred in any form.



JANE GABIN - SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020



# The Paris Photo

by Jane S. Gabin



*Photos by Alfred L. Gabin (1944)*

**About the Book.** *The Paris Photo* is a story of how the traumas of

wartime ripple into the present. It creates a vivid picture of life during the dark days of the Occupation, and also portrays the contemporary city that reveals, around almost every corner, its own scars from the war.

Although a work of historical fiction, *The Paris Photo* was inspired by actual events, the discovery of a mysterious photograph and the ensuing search and revelation. The book is set partly at the end of WWII, partly in recent time, linked by a picture taken in 1945. Ben Gordon is sent to Paris by the US Army, his unit arriving shortly after Liberation. He locates a Jewish family on behalf of someone he knows in New York, learning that the father and grandfather have disappeared: “deported” shortly after their German invasion. Ben steps in and virtually becomes part of the family, serving as an especially important figure for the 12-year-old son. They all learn together, bit by bit, with the other residents of the city, the terrible truth of what being “deported” really meant for the Jews. The book’s second part takes place recently, when Ben Gordon’s adult daughter, Judith, going through her father’s possessions after his death, finds an old photo of him in uniform, with two women and a child in Paris. Although she knows her father had been stationed there, Judith has never heard him mention this particular family. On a whim, she decides to apply her research skills to finding the boy, who must be 80 if still alive. What she discovers is much more than historical fact.

Interweaving mystery, romance, and historical research, *The Paris Photo* is aimed at adults – and mature high school students, as well. Sometimes fiction can have more of an effect on them than a history text.

**About the Author** Jane S. Gabin is a writer and educator from New York City and now based in Chapel Hill, NC. She has published several works of non-fiction, dealing with literary history, but *The Paris Photo* is her first novel. In order to write it, she made several trips to Paris, recreating her father’s travels within the city, and pursuing extensive research. With a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a BA from Queens College (CUNY), she has taught at Chapel Hill High School, Queens College, UNC-CH, Meredith College, and in lifelong education at NYU and at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Duke University. She also has overtly twenty years’ experience in college admissions, working for a decade in the admissions office of a highly selective university, and then on the other side of the desk as a college counselor at independent schools in the NYC metro area. She is active in her community, travels whenever possible, crafts her own greeting cards, and plays the accordion.

**Book Website:** [www.theparisphoto.com](http://www.theparisphoto.com)



# What an honor!



Violins of Hope was nominated and won the Arts United Outstanding Collaboration Award! Jim Palermo, Managing Director, Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Jaki Schreier, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne received the award on January 18, 2020. Mazel Tov!



# CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2020

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>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</b> 1
<b>9:45 a.m. Religious School - CAV</b> 2 <b>12:30 p.m. Tallit-Making Workshop CAV</b>	<b>CAV Office Closed</b> 3	<b>6:30 p.m. Ethics of Forgiveness - CAV</b> 4 <b>7:00 p.m. Confronting the Shoah - CAV</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 5	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 6	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 7 <b>Home Shabbat - No Shabbat Services</b>	<b>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</b> 8
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<b>2:00 p.m. NEJGS: Hidden Gems of Jewish Genealogy - ACPL</b> 16	<b>JFFW and CAV Offices Closed</b> 17	<b>7:00 p.m. Confronting the Shoah - CAV</b> 18	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 19	<b>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</b> 20 <b>7:00 p.m. JFFW Board Meeting - CAV</b>	<b>JFFW Office Closed</b> 21 <b>7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV</b>	<b>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</b> 22
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## **Immerse yourself in Eastern-European Jewish History**

We have an exciting travel and learning opportunity for our community – an opportunity to experience the richness of Jewish history and culture in eastern Europe!

The 2020 Partnership2Gether (P2G) Summit will be June 22-25 in Budapest, Hungary, our European consortium partner. We will learn about Eastern Europe's Jewish renewal – largely powered by young adults, many of whom only recently learned of their own Jewish heritage.

But wait, there's more! Who goes to Europe for only three days? Not to worry: There are two exciting pre-summit programs.

From June 15-21, join members from other US P2G communities for a fully escorted tour of Prague and Vienna with an emphasis on sites of Jewish interest. June 21-22 offers an intense focus on the Budapest Jewish community, leading up to the Summit itself.

Participate in all three, or choose just one or two parts of this great adventure.

### **What is Partnership2Gether (P2G)?**

Now nearly 25 years old, P2G connects small regions within Israel with communities around the world, especially in the US. It offers opportunities for interaction through cultural, social, medical, educational, and economic programs, often on a face-to-face basis.

In 2015 we joined 15 other smaller communities, many in the Midwest, and Budapest, Hungary, to partner with the Western Galilee region in northern Israel. By joining P2G, we have been able to direct a portion of our Israel funding toward its programs and have gained access to events here at home as well as in other P2G communities and in Israel.

In the past five years, our affiliation with Partnership2Gether has brought many exciting opportunities to our Federation – and to the whole Fort Wayne community.

- Two visiting doctors from the Western Galilee Medical Center spoke at a large public program, as well as to local medical students, about the cultural diversity at their hospital and in the region in general.
- Fourteen women from the region – Jewish, Christian and Muslim members of Women Creating a Dialogue – came to Fort Wayne for three days. During their visit they spoke passionately and movingly at two large public programs and in visits to area schools, sharing stories about the close friendships they've formed despite their different cultural backgrounds.
- Federation members have also enjoyed P2G's hospitality in the Western Galilee, several on personal trips and others at scheduled conferences and summits. Some have also participated in summits at other cities in the US consortium.

### **Now – back to the trip:**

The prices are:

**Part One** June 15-21 is \$2999 pp (double)

**Part Two** June 21-22 is \$300 pp (double)

**Part Three** (the Summit itself) is \$675 pp (double)

### **But we'll help pay for it!**

**We are excited to offer the following subsidies for Federation members who attend the P2G Summit (Part Three).**

\$500 per person for attending Parts Two and Three.

\$1500 per person total for attending all three parts.

***See the flyer for more details. Trans-Atlantic airfare is not included.***



JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF  
LOUISVILLE, INDIANAPOLIS AND THE CONSORTIUM

# JEWISH TO JOURNEY

*Prague, Vienna,  
and Budapest*

JUNE 2020



Join us on this three-part guided impactful experience. Participate in all three, or choose one or two parts of this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

## PART ONE: JUNE 15-21

### Prague & Vienna

In partnership with the Jewish Federation of Louisville and other Consortium Federations, organized by Da'at Educational Expeditions.

#### Highlights:

*Prague – The Golden City*

- Castle District
- Franz Kafka Museum
- Old Jewish Cemetery
- Vitus Cathedral
- Terezin ghetto camp
- Altneuschul, Europe's oldest synagogue

*Vienna – City of culture and music*

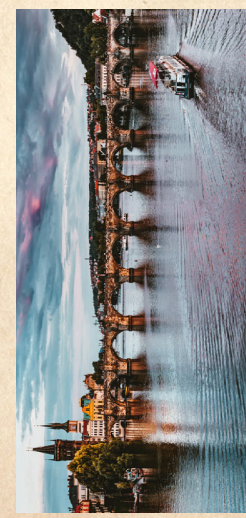
- The Prater
- Jewish Museum
- Stephen's Cathedral
- Kunsthistorisches Fine Arts Museum
- Nameless Library at Judenplatz Holocaust Memorial

#### Costs:

\$2,999 (double) / +\$610 (single supplement)

For full itinerary, hotel information, and to register, visit:

<http://bit.ly/JourneytoEurope2020>



**Costs are land only, include hotel, guide, bus, most meals and entrance fees**

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For more information contact

Michele Boukai at [mboukai@jfgi.org](mailto:mboukai@jfgi.org)  
or (317) 475-4274.

## PART TWO: JUNE 21-22

### Tour of Budapest with Partnership Communities

Acquaint yourself with this beautiful city and thriving Jewish community, touring with friends from our consortium cities and Israel.

#### Highlights:

- Old Buda
- Heroes' Square
- Jewish Quarter
- Dohaney Synagogue
- House of Parliament
- Shoes on the Danube Memorial

#### Costs:

\$300 (double) / +\$70 (single supplement)

To register and pay, visit:

<https://www.jewishyoungstown.org/summit2020>

## PART THREE: JUNE 22-25

### PARTNERSHIP2GETHER Summit in Budapest

This is the first Partnership Summit in Budapest through the U.S. Central Area Consortium, Western Galilee and Budapest.

#### Highlights:

- Enjoy the opportunity to learn about Budapest's past, its current happenings and future plans
- Meet the emerging Jewish community while discovering new Partnership opportunities
- Enjoy the company of friends from the 16 US communities, Budapest and the Western Galilee while we share Partnership experiences, brainstorm new ideas and discover new ways to engage our communities.

#### Costs:

\$675 (double) / +\$180 (single supplement)

To register and pay, visit:

<https://www.jewishyoungstown.org/summit2020>





# NORTHEAST INDIANA JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

## HIDDEN GEMS OF JEWISH GENEALOGY

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is proud to host genealogist, Marlis Humphrey, on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. The program is free and open to the public.

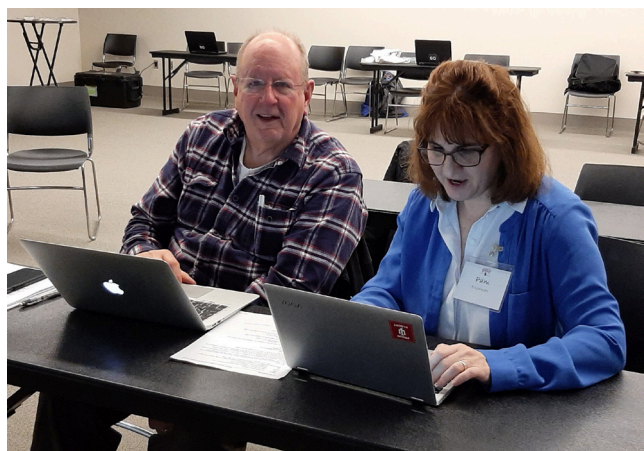
Marlis is a well-known researcher and speaker and is the immediate past president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. She is also a member of the JewishGen Board of Governors, Executive Director of the Documentation of Jewish Records Worldwide Project, and the president of the Florida State Genealogical Society. She has a Masters Degree in Management of Technology and a BA in Russian Language.

Ms. Humphrey will be giving two programs in February. The first, "Hidden Gems of Jewish Genealogy," will showcase more than a dozen resources that may not be so obvious to researchers – both beginners and experienced genealogists. The second, "Discovering Your Shtetl," will help researchers make that connection to their ancestral town. The challenges of family name changes, border changes and differences in town names will be addressed, and resources as varied as DNA testing, Jewish newspapers, and *landsmanschaften* will be discussed. Thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for their support.

Please plan to join us for a wonderful afternoon of Jewish genealogy! More information about the NEIJGS can be found at our website at <https://neindianajgs.wordpress.com/>, or our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>.

## NEIJGS MEMBERS ENJOY WORKSHOP

Members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society enjoyed their first member workshop on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Designed for "beginners and breakthroughs," the event aimed to get members moving forward with their family history, whether as beginners or more experienced researchers. The ACPL Genealogy Center's Curt Witcher began the event with suggestions for getting started and best practices, and then he and staff member, Melissa Tennant joined NEIJGS board members to work one-on-one with nine members who attended the workshop. They were able to take advantage of the library's databases and printed resources for their research. The NEIJGS hopes to offer this type of workshop to its members on an annual basis in the future.





#### HELP THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS PROVIDE WARM SOCKS

When it is cold out, no one should have to go without socks! The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays team is seeking monetary donations toward the purchase of new socks for men and women.

The socks will be distributed through our Fresh Start program, which assists men, women, and young adults who are exiting various segments of the judicial system. Please earmark any donations for "Thoughtful Thursdays socks," with checks payable to "CAV - The Temple." We also continue to collect hotel-size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash for Fresh Start.

Our regular Thoughtful Thursdays project continues this month when our volunteers gather on Wednesday, February 5 at 10 a.m. to assemble bags for the 72 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple. In addition to food and household products, this month's bags will include a special Valentine's Day treat.

Thank you to all who continue to support our Thoughtful Thursdays efforts and our volunteers from [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

#### ETHICS OF FORGIVENESS, ANGER AND ENVY

Join us for adult learning with Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig on Tuesdays, February 4 & 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Temple to explore the ethics of forgiveness, anger and envy.

We will use the book, *A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume 1*, by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin as our basic text. Please read pages 196-327. Please RSVP to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or by calling the Temple at (260) 744-4245.

#### NEXT TITLE FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB: TASA'S SONG

Continuing with our music theme for the year, the [Temple Book Club](#) will be discussing [Tasa's Song](#) with author Linda Kass on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. She will join us by LiveChat, made possible by the [Jewish Book Council](#).

Awarded the Bronze Medal in Historical Fiction by the Independent Book Publishers, the novel is inspired by the author's mother and her survival of the Holocaust. Set in eastern Poland, Tasa is a young violinist trying to survive the opposing German and Russian forces.

Since our music theme is inspired by the Violins of Hope, it seems fitting to end the year with a book that so closely ties into that program. From *Publishers Weekly*, it is "a memorable tale of unflinching courage in the face of war—and the power of love and beauty to flourish amid its horrors." The book is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

#### PRIZES, FOOD, & FUN FOR ALL AGES AT PURIM CARNIVAL

Enter the costume contest for children and adults, play new and favorite games, bid on items during the silent auction, enjoy lunch, and join the fun at our annual Purim Carnival returns with a new look on Sunday, March 8 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Temple.

The fun includes:

- Bagel darts, bounce house, basketball and more
- Bingo for the grown-ups (\$1 per card - begins at 1 p.m.) with Mike Rush calling out the numbers to win fun prizes.
- Lunch featuring cheese pizza, Casa salad, fruit, kugel, lox and bagels, and, of course, hamentashen
- Silent auction to benefit the youth group
- Beer from Chapman's Brewery, Wine, and Bloody Mary Bar
- Costume contest for adults and children - prizes for best costume

Admission is \$5 per person, with no charge for children six and under. Save the date to join us for our Purim service on Monday evening, March 9.

**Thank you to the Carnival Committee:** Leslie Cohen, Geoff Gordon, Shai Hadashi, Matthew Katinsky, Amy Shepsman Krouse, Samara Sheray, and Ellen Tom

#### START YOUR WEEKEND WITH SHABBAT

Celebrate Shabbat with us at the Temple during February, including a special service with Artist-in-Residence [Alan Goodis](#).

Friday night services begin most weeks at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig. Our Saturday morning 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.

Plan to join us:

- **Friday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. – Souper Bowl Shabbat** - Dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Shabbat worship.
- **Saturdays**, February 1, 8, 15, 22 at 9:15 a.m.
- **Friday, February 7** – No service due to Home Shabbat when members gather at host homes for Sabbath dinner.
- **Friday, February 14 & 21 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m.** – We welcome Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis, a contemporary Jewish musician.

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

#### PLAY MAHJ AT THE TEMPLE

Do you like to play mah jongg? Please join us for weekly games in the Temple's Madge Rothschild Resource Center! Go to our [sign-up page](#) for the latest dates and times. Cost is \$2 to play. Come and make some new friends; all levels of players are welcome! If you'd like to join our e-mail list for mah jongg updates, please let us know at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).



# BE AWARE



Dear Community Member,

We have noticed a sharp increase in scams targeting seniors in our area. Please share this letter with your family and loved ones. Swindlers posing as utility workers, deliverymen, sweepstake administrators and IRS employees have attempted to rob unsuspecting seniors of their bank accounts and nest eggs. These criminals have bilked innocent people in our community out of many thousands of dollars.

This happens, in part, because honest, good citizens are trusting and don't expect to be taken advantage of. Most of us are shocked when this happens to us because we would never treat others this way.

## **The following are some examples of scams that have recently taken place:**

1. Victim receives a phone call from a "grandchild" in trouble in a foreign country - ostensibly on a break from college or on a study abroad program. This call is full of static so it is impossible to clearly identify the caller. The "grandparent" is asked to wire funds to the grand child in trouble. The "grandchild" asks the grandparent to please not inform the parents because the parents will be too worried and upset.

**Tip: If this happens to you, please contact your grandchildren directly. Do not use any numbers given to you by the caller. Furthermore, immediately contact your children and inquire about the authenticity of call.**

2. An official or robot sounding call from an "IRS agent" stating that there is a problem with taxes that can only be solved by sending back taxes to the "IRS". The caller states that failure to do so is punishable with severe fines or jail time.

**Tip: Never, ever respond to these calls. The IRS does not make threatening calls to individuals over the phone. If you have a problem with the IRS, you will be notified by other means. If you receive a letter, please check it out with an attorney or ask a trusted friend who will help authenticate a letter.**

3. Pyramid purchasing schemes. The victim is instructed to purchase several gift cards and mail them to different addresses with the promise of receiving even more gift cards in return.

**Tip: Gift cards should only be given to people you know.**

4. Sweepstakes awards: The victim is contacted and told that he or she is the recipient of a prize. The victim is promised a large monetary prize once "taxes" on the prize have been paid. "Taxes" in the form of checks and gift-cards are sent to the scammer.

**Tip: If you are promised a large prize or cash award, confirm this by validating it. If an award is authentic you will be able to verify it. Ask for the name of the company giving the award, ask for phone numbers, ask for references.**

5. Computer hackers: A caller announces that the victim has a computer virus. The caller says that the victim's computer will crash and all files will be erased unless a cash amount is sent to the caller.

**Tip: There is no way for a caller to know if there is a virus on your computer. Never give out any identifying information or your passwords to anyone who calls.**

6. Auto mechanic scammers: A senior was approached by a "mechanic" at a stoplight. The "mechanic" said he noticed dents and scratches on her vehicle and recognized her from the dealership where he worked. He knew the name of her dealership because she had a plastic cover around her license plate identifying her dealership. The victim assumed that she knew the "mechanic" - or at least had a connection with him through her dealership and thus agreed to let him fix the dents and scratches. She was told that the "mechanic" would do this at a discounted rate but when she asked the "mechanic" the price, he told her not to worry, he would take care of her. She was told to pull off the road into a parking lot where the car was painted and patched. She was then told to pay \$4000 for the repairs. When she objected, she was told that she would be followed to her bank where she would be forced to withdraw cash. She withdrew \$1500 from her cash station and told the robbers that was all

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she had. When she began to panic, they drove off quickly, leaving her feeling devastated and violated.

**Tip: Never follow someone off of the road into a parking lot or uninhabited area. If you do not recognize someone, do not engage in any conversation. If someone asks you for money and says they will follow you to your cash station for a withdrawal, avoid doing this. Go inside the bank instead. If you are afraid, TELL SOMEONE!! Even a bystander can interrupt a crime.**

***These are some of the most common types of scams that are perpetrated against unsuspecting seniors, but there are many more out there.***

**If this happens to you, it does not mean that you are stupid or uninformed. These deceptive people are very good at their job. In fact, our embarrassment and reluctance to share our experiences is the key to their continued success.**

Please remember...

- If something feels uncomfortable or not right, listen to your gut. Do not do anything that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- If something sounds too good to be true, it likely is!
- Never give identifying information over the phone - if you have doubts or questions, get the caller's phone number and ask to call them back. If they will not give a call back number, hang up!
- A bank or the IRS will never ask you for your Social Security number or account numbers over the phone! Don't give them out to anyone!

### **Whom to contact:**

Call the Jewish Federation office - (260) 456-0400 - We will help talk you through it.

Law Enforcement - Fort Wayne Police Department (260) 427-1222 or your local Police Department

Family and Friends

Your Financial Institution - Your personal bank

The Social Security Administration - (800) 772-1213

IRS - (800) 829-1040



**The Jewish Federations**  
OF NORTH AMERICA

### **Statement on Anti-Semitism Executive Order**

*Following the decision of U.S. President Donald Trump to sign an executive order regarding anti-Semitism, The Jewish Federations of North America made the statement below:*

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) welcomes the new executive order, which adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Association (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism. The executive order is modeled on language in the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, which has benefited from bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress and formalizes a definition of anti-Semitism that can be used in discrimination cases throughout federal agencies. It bolsters tools that help prevent discrimination on college campuses, which have been hard hit by a near 90% increase in anti-Semitic incidents over the past three years. It is deplorable that Jewish students continue to experience hate and hostility. These new tools are not inconsistent with first amendment protections, which we will continue to uphold and defend.



## 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

##### General Operations

- A donation was received from the Pittsburgh Foundation in honor of **Michael & Jo Ellen Rush**
- A donation was received from Josh & Wendi Wallet in honor of **Stanton Deitch**

##### Holocaust Education Fund

- A donation was received from Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig in honor of **Jaki Schreier** and **Jim Palermo**

##### Janet Finkel Campership Fund

- A donation was received from Janet Finkel in appreciation of **Suzi King, Marc Nusholtz, Bonnie & Lee Pomerantz, Chuck Replane, Donna Tourkow** and **Jay Zemmol** for taking the time to drive me back and forth to Temple



#### Online Donations Accepted!

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) now accepts [online donations](#). You may contribute to our General Fund, or select a specific fund that you want to support. In addition, you may elect to have a donation made in Honor of or In Memory of an individual, and a card will be sent letting them or their families know the donation has been made.

It's secure, fast, and easy to support the work the Federation does to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

Thank you for your support. It is sincerely appreciated!

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

**February 13– Baan Thai Restaurant**  
3235 N. Anthony Boulevard

**February 27– Cosmos Restaurant**  
9807 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 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.

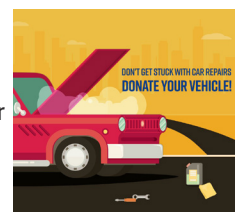
**Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund**



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.