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MARCH 2020



Jane S. Gabin
author of

"The Paris Photo"

Join us for a book discussion and Q & A

Sunday, March 15, 2020

2 pm

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THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

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Book available for purchase - Light refreshments served

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You Don't Want to Miss This Concert!

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir Youth Chorale, the high school ensemble of the organization, will present the Young Artist Concert on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. The program will feature works of Jewish composers and include Leonard Bernstein's monumental "Chichester Psalms." Featuring the choir's

oldest singers, the audience will enjoy some of the finest young artists from the community. The Fort Wayne Children's Choir serves nearly 300 students from across the region. Students audition into one of the eight performing choirs. This concert will be one to be sure to attend!



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



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JAKI SCHREIER

2019-2020 Annual Campaign – Smart Choice for Jewish Living – 99 Years of Service



The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Annual Campaign is your smart choice for effective and meaningful giving.

The Jewish Federation funds and supports a community-wide network of organizations that do two things:

- 1) Care for people in need here at home, in Israel, and around the world, and
- 2) Nurture and sustain Jewish life and learning today and into the future.

With each gift, we address so many causes that are important to our community from hosting the **Violins of Hope** in November, feeding the hungry to funding Jewish education, Holocaust education to supporting breakthrough initiatives like PJ Library, Partnership2gether, and Send a Kid to Israel programs. We increase access to Jewish learning and culture. We work with our partners to support institutions here and overseas that shape and strengthen Jewish identity: camps, schools, youth clubs, Hillels, and community centers. We support Jewish cultural programming and are determined to touch as many people as we can with these opportunities.

We help foster Jewish identity in Israel. We support Jewish education in state secular schools, summer camps and early

childhood family programs. We help provide Jewish heritage programs for at-risk youths and immigrants, and support pluralistic academies and cultural programs. We identify new ways to engage young people. Communities all over the world are struggling with the challenge of reaching children and young adults who are disengaged. At the same time, many young people who only recently learned they are Jewish are hungry to learn more. Together, we're nurturing Jewish life around the world. Your gift helps bring young Jewish people together from Israel and around the world. They study, work on service projects, develop leadership skills and celebrate their peoplehood, injecting life into a global Jewish renaissance.

The Jewish Federation also has a long track record of carrying out big, bold initiatives, and mobilizing great resources during times of crisis. We helped airlift thousands of Ethiopian Jews to safety in Israel. We helped rescue and resettle more than one million Soviet Jews. And we have provided lifesaving humanitarian relief around the world.

In fact, the impact of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne here at home, in Israel, and around the world is extraordinary, but not a surprise. Together, we ensure that the programs, institutions, and values that enrich the fabric of our Jewish community remain vibrant and strong. And that's smart.

If you have not made your Annual Pledge for 2019-2020, be smart and be generous!

Thank you.

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2019 - 2020

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** Payment arrangements are available upon request



Immerse yourself in Eastern-European Jewish History

Join an exciting travel and learning opportunity for our community – your time to experience the richness of Jewish history and culture in Eastern Europe!

The 2020 Partnership2Gether (P2G) Summit will be held 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! A pre-tour June 21-22, Jewish Budapest and Beyond, offers an intense focus on the Budapest Jewish community.

The prices are:

Part One (pre-tour) June 21-22 is \$300 pp (double)

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

Trans-Atlantic airfare is not included. But there is help to pay for the trip!

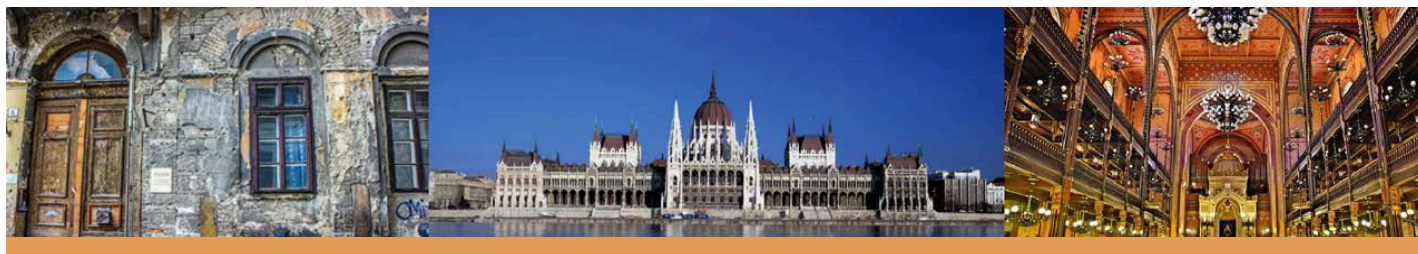
We are excited to offer the following assistance for Federation members who will attend the P2G Summit:

- \$100 Early Bird Discount for those who register by March 1 (offered by P2G)
- \$575 toward registration for the first six persons who register for Part Two (from Federation)
- \$500 additional per person for attending Parts One and Two (Pre-Tour and Summit) to help with airfare and other personal expenses. (From our Federation).

See the flyer for program details on the Pre-tour and the Summit!

Our financial assistance makes it easy to enjoy your own vacation itinerary with travel before and/or after the Budapest programs.

Please call Dan Zweig at 260-672-8772, or the Federation office at 260-456-0400 for more information.



Don't miss our first Partnership Summit in Budapest!

U.S. CENTRAL AREA CONSORTIUM | WESTERN GALILEE | BUDAPEST

2020 PARTNERSHIP2GETHER Summit **June 22-25 in Budapest, Hungary**

~ June 21-22—Optional Pre-Tour of Budapest ~

Join us in beautiful Budapest to learn about their process of Jewish community renewal and acquaint yourself with this fascinating city. Meet the emerging local Jewish community members and hear stories of Budapest's past and current happenings. Discover new Partnership opportunities as you get to know staff and lay leaders from the 16 US Central Area Consortium Communities, Budapest and the Western Galilee. We'll share Partnership experiences, brainstorm new ideas and discover new ways to engage our communities.

COSTS

PRE-TOUR: Jewish Budapest & Beyond

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

~ Appropriate for First Timers ~

Includes: hotel, breakfasts, bus, guide, two lunches (dinner on your own)

Sun. June 21 at 10 am to Mon. June 22 at 4 pm

Pre-Tour Includes: Heroes' Square, Jewish Quarter (Dohaney Synagogue and the Jewish Museum), House of Parliament, Shoes on the Danube Memorial, Old Buda, and more!

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER SUMMIT

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

Includes: hotel, breakfasts, bus, program costs, three lunches, three dinners, coffee and snacks

The Summit starts on Mon. June 22 at 6 pm with dinner and concludes on Thurs. June 25 at 1 pm.

There will be an Early Bird Discount (\$100) for those who register for the Summit by March 1, 2020.

Register Today: www.jewishyoungstown.org/summit2020



QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Jaki Schreier, (260) 456 – 0400, jakischreier@fwjf.org

Bracha Zuriel, P2G Consortium Director, brachazuriel@gmail.com

WHAT WE SUPPORT - SECURE COMMUNITY NETWORK (SCN) submitted by Steve Trotter

The rising tide of anti-Semitism threatens more than Jewish lives

- We are all concerned about anti-Semitism and how it affects the Fort Wayne Jewish community today.
- The growth of anti-Semitism in recent periods is very disturbing not only to our country but to this world.
- A very recent Journal Gazette banner headline stated “anti-Semitism violence is on the rise” and the New York Governor is calling it “domestic terrorism”
- How does a Jewish community as small as ours deal with this threat?



HELP WANTED!



We would like to give a big thank you to Becky Guttstein for hosting our Israeli Counselors for the past four years! As Becky retires from hosting, we are in need of a new host family. Please help us continue the wonderful tradition of including Israeli counselors at Camp Joe, as our campers benefit immensely from this unique way of learning about Israel and Judaism. It is also a rewarding experience for the host families, as the relationships they build with these young people tend to extend far beyond camp and continue for many years.

If you are interested in hosting counselors from Israel or want more information, please contact the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](http://www.jewishfederationoffortwayne.org) at 260-456-0400.

Jewish Federations and PJ Library



By Jerry Silverman

**BOARD MEMBER, HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION
FORMER PRESIDENT AND CEO, JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA
PROUD PJ LIBRARY GRANDPARENT**

PJ LIBRARY CAME AT AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR JEWISH FEDERATIONS – after a recession and as the world was changing, when federations needed to reconsider what it meant to reach out to community. Relational strategies were in the zeitgeist. Many organizations were experimenting with getting inside of participants’ lives rather than demanding they show up in formal spaces. Curious leaders of Jewish federations were asking, “How do we make connections between our historic and sacred network of organizations and people’s living rooms?”

Amcha, the people, were increasingly staying where they were (we thought), but our institutions still provided opportunities for fulfillment, joy, and Jewish exploration. Some agencies were offering opportunities for Jewish federations to invest in their relational experiments, but these were only early investments, too distant to be influential on federations’ strategies. In a relational environment, how could Jewish federation leaders change how they think about Jewish education, including program methodologies, funding, and metrics? PJ Library offered a response to all of this.

More than 90% of Jewish federations fund PJ Library. In most communities, federations also play a role in operating the program. Many accompany the books with strategies meant to engage more families deeper in Jewish life. Through relational connectors, PJ Library subscribers form playgroups, participate in tzedakah projects, and come together en masse to celebrate holidays with crafts, stories, and ritual. They sing the Havdalah blessings over ice cream in town squares and crowd into bookstore corners for storytime.

As they developed these initiatives, Jewish federations needed to adapt and consider the implications of a program like PJ Library for their work. Many of these considerations may seem old hat now, but ten years ago we had only instincts (not proof texts) for all of this. Being in ice cream shops and bookstores, working with people who aren’t members, creating a program outside of agency walls – all of that needed to be figured out, learned, and practiced.

Some of our best creativity has emerged in thinking through how we introduce PJ Library subscribers to camp, preschool, and day school. We’ve figured out part of the answer, that introductions come in slow tastes of these programs (an afternoon, a day, a Shabbat), and federations will continue to build wider and longer pipelines.

Ten years ago, PJ Library gave federations a laboratory in which to study all of these principles, enabling federations to successfully do this kind of engagement work with families with young children and then apply the same principles to teens, 20-somethings, families with school-age children, and empty nesters.

For Jewish federations, PJ Library has brought to life what Jewish engagement and community can look like today: diverse, accessible, life-based, relational, and rooted in doing. It has become the centerpiece of a robust Jewish engagement agenda.

It is not surprising to me that PJ Library was the brainchild of Harold Grinspoon, a breakthrough thinker and one of the *g’dolim* (Hebrew for greatest) of our time. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation has been an invaluable leader. The product is fresh and continually interesting. It is supportive of implementing professionals, shown by the annual PJ Library International Conference, the many in-person and web-based learning opportunities, and the online resource center offering how-tos, downloads, and guidelines.

I am deeply grateful for this precious gift to the Jewish community. I know it will continue to impact countless lives for many years to come.

Originally published in the Winter/Spring 2020 edition of PROOF, a PJ Library magazine. Visit pjlibrary.org/PROOF for more.



In November, the Jewish Community came together with the State of Indiana to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This was a good time to remind ourselves of why our community maintains a strong commitment to engage in matters of public policy.

The Indianapolis JCRC was organized and established by what was then the Jewish Welfare Fund in 1942. All across the country other Jewish communities were establishing similar organizations and the “Jewish community relations movement” was born. The time period should provide a clear understanding of what the impetus behind such a movement was. Today we know that US leaders had a fairly clear understanding of the plight of European Jewry, even in the earliest years of the Nazi regime. Our community’s leaders knew what was happening as well, and tried to raise alarm bells. Unfortunately they were relatively ineffective in getting American policy makers to offer support for the European community.

During and after the events of WWII and the Holocaust our community knew that we could never let this happen again. We had to better assert ourselves in the “public square,” build strong relationships with our elected leaders, and engage in public policy. This tradition continues today. The very best way that we can protect ourselves is to ensure that we live in a larger general community that is healthy, economically stable, educated, civically minded, pluralistic, and secular. These are the things that will prevent democracy from failing like it did in Nazi Germany. Today the JCRC’s engagement on matters of public policy largely remains focused on these issues, but also includes maintaining strong bipartisan support for the State of Israel, and working to prevent or limit contemporary genocides. Every step we take in the halls of the Indiana Statehouse or the United States Capital, and every conversation we have with our elected leaders has a direct connection to those dark days. What we have been able to contribute to our community, to our country, and to the World, by engaging in the public square and the public policy process is immense. We should be very proud of how far we’ve come.

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EXCITING NEWS FROM CAMP JOE!!!

Registration for Camp Joe has begun and applications are pouring in! Even though it's only March, it is exciting to think that summer camp with all of its wonderful adventures is just around the corner. Be sure to reserve your weeks (July 6, 13 and 20) soon ! Applications are available online at fwjf.org or call 260-456-0400 to request an application.



Camp Scholarships are available

It is our goal to make sure that all children are able to participate in camp this summer! Camper scholarships are available on a first-come first serve needs basis. If you are interested in a scholarship for your child, please submit a [scholarship form](#). For additional information, contact the office at 260 456-0400, office@fwjf.org or www.fwjf.org.

S.K.I.P (Send a Kid to Israel Program)

Established in 1984, by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) in partnership with Congregation [Achduth Vesholom](#), and revised in November, 1999, the program has provided a savings vehicle for many families and has helped make a trip to Israel a reality for so many of our youth. The Federation portion of the savings plan is provided by income from the Federation Endowment Fund for members of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

The Federation, for each year a child participates in S.K.I.P., contributes \$200.00 per year per child. This is matched by a Congregational contribution of \$75.00 per year. Your parent contribution, on behalf of each participating child, is \$175.00 or more per year.

The program is available to local youth enrolled in their respective congregational religious schools in grades 1-10. The fund may be used for an organized trip to Israel any time after grade 10 until the youth reaches age 23.

Each S.K.I.P account is matched by a gift from the **HY AND LORRY GOLDENBERG BIRTHRIGHT FUND** and the **MINNETTE AND MEYER RUCHMAN FUND**.

Looking for a bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation or special gift for one of our local youth, then please consider making that gift to their S.K.I.P. Fund account. An acknowledgment will be sent to you and a card indicating your gift will be sent to the designee.

Enrollment packets will be sent to all families not yet enrolled. If you do not get a packet or have any questions, please contact Federation's Executive Director Jaki Schreier at jakisichreier@fwjf.org or (260) 456.0400.

CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:45 p.m. Religious School with Alan Goodis - CAV</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Tallit-Making Workshop - CAV</p>	<p>CAV Office Closed</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Temple Book Club - CAV</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</p>	<p>JFFW Office Closed</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV</p>	<p>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</p>
<p>9:45 a.m. Religious School - CAV</p> <p>Noon Purim Carnival - CAV</p>	<p>CAV Office Closed</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Purim Service followed by Pasta Dinner - CAV</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Traditional Purim Service - CAV</p>	<p>JFFW Office Closed</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</p>	<p>Noon - ROMEOs - RO</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</p> <p>6:30 p.m. CAV Board Meeting - CAV</p>	<p>JFFW Office Closed</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Religious School Dinner - CAV</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Shabbat Service and Prayerbook Presentation - CAV</p>	<p>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</p>
<p>9:45 a.m. Religious School - CAV</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Rosh Chodesh with Jane Gabin - CAV</p>	<p>CAV Office Closed</p>		<p>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - CAV</p> <p>7:00 p.m. JFFW Board Meeting - CAV</p>	<p>JFFW Office Closed</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services - CAV</p>	<p>9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service - CAV</p>
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	<p>CAV Office Closed</p>				<p>KEY:</p> <p>JFFW - Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (The Federation)</p> <p>Traditional - CAV</p>	<p>Reform - CAV</p> <p>RC - Rosh Chodesh (Women's Group)</p> <p>RO - ROMEOs</p> <p>Special Events</p>



JOIN US FOR MUSICAL WEEKEND WITH ALAN GOODIS

We're very excited to welcome back Artist-in-Residence [Alan Goodis](#) for a musical weekend on February 28-March 1 at the Temple, including a spirited Shabbat service on Friday and a special "coffeehouse" on Saturday evening. He'll also join our Religious School students on Sunday morning.

A contemporary Jewish musician playing more than 150 events a year, Alan works to build relationships and community through music at congregations, Hillels, youth conventions, and Jewish summer camps.

He has been a favorite at Achduth Vesholom for many years. A Toronto native, Alan is a proud alum of Goldman Union Camp Institute, our regional URJ camp in Zionsville. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Codi, and daughter, Noa, and is the son-in-law of Temple members Cindi & Richard Wismer.

Please share in a special Shabbat service led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig with Alan on Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m. An Oneg Shabbat follows.

Alan will entertain us coffee-house-style on Saturday, February 29 at 7 p.m. at the Temple. Celebrate Leap Day night with Havdalah, music, desserts, and coffee. RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Wednesday, February 26.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Alan's visit and VP Programs Kathy Sider for coordinating the weekend.

NO TICKET TO RIDE NEEDED FOR BEATLES-THEMED PURIM SERVICE

Let's come together for Purim with a little help from our friends! Hold Esther's hand as she gently weeps for the Jewish People and deals with the nowhere man (not to be named here) who will twist and shout.

Dress in your best '60s- and '70s-themed outfit (mop top wigs optional!) and join us on Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. Led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig, we'll tell the story of Purim with tefillot set to Beatles music. Grab a grogger and, well, shake it up, baby, now! Cheer for Mordechai as he offers help to find the Sun as we help Esther to feel fine and all sing "obla di, obla da."

Afterward, a pasta dinner will be served (suggested contribution: \$5 per person). RSVP for dinner to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, March 6. A traditional reading of the Megillah will begin at 7:30 p.m. We welcome all to participate in services and need people willing to read part of the Megillah. Play a role in the service and help serve the meal!

For those interested in participating, please attend a rehearsal on Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the Temple. We can work it out! The music will be familiar!

We'll have plenty of groggers, but please also bring boxes of macaroni and cheese to shake and then donate to the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#).

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 (including a jewelry item designed and donated by Amy Shepsman Krouse), enjoy lunch, and join the fun when our annual Purim Carnival returns 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.

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

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? FIND OUT AT CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Passover begins on Wednesday, April 8 when we retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Please join us for the second Seder on Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. We'll read the Haggadah led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig and dine on a traditional Pesach meal.

Students enrolled in the Temple's Religious School may attend at no charge by making a reservation and when accompanied by a parent.

Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 with your reservations by Thursday, April 2 and then follow up by sending your check made payable to "CAV - The Temple." The meal will be catered by [Splendid Fare](#). When you RSVP, please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian entrée.

The cost for Temple members is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-12 who are not enrolled in the Religious School, and free for children under age 3. For non-members, the cost is \$36 for adults, \$18 for children 3-12, and free for children under age 3. No refunds will be issued for cancellations or no-shows. Reservations after the April 2 deadline will be taken if space is available. An accurate count is needed to prepare the appropriate amount of food.

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Thank you to Rabbi Winnig and the Seder Committee: Leah Hadashi, Scott Goldberg, Janet Finkel, Melissa Kessel, and Ruth Minkoff.

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS *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](#). Please RSVP to the Temple at (260) 744-4245.

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](#).

SHARE SHABBAT AND PURIM AT THE TEMPLE

Celebrate Shabbat and Purim with us during late February and March at the Temple, including a special service with Artist-in-Residence [Alan Goodis](#) and a Beatles-themed shpiel.

Friday night services begin most weeks at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig. Our Saturday morning service begins 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, February 28 at 7 p.m.** – Shabbat service with Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis
- **Saturday, February 29** at 9:15 a.m. – Shabbat service
- **Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat service
- **Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28** at 9:15 a.m. – Shabbat service
- **Monday, March 9** – Beatles-themed Purim celebration at 6 p.m., followed by pasta dinner. At 7:30 p.m., Rabbi Winnig will read from the Megillah.
- **Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m.** – Shabbat service and presentation of prayer books to our 5th grade students in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies.
- **Friday, March 20 & 27 at 7:30 p.m.**

Please join us for worship, followed by Kiddush. Find the complete schedule at www.templecav.org.

GETTING READY FOR PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

We're currently taking names of children eligible to enroll in our PreK-Kindergarten Program on Sunday mornings for the 2020- 2021 school year. If you have a child who will be four years old on or before August 1, 2020, please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 no later than April 1, 2020. Children must be members of the Temple to enroll in Religious School.

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.



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 CONNECTIONS

Genealogist Marlis Humphrey Presented “Hidden Gems”



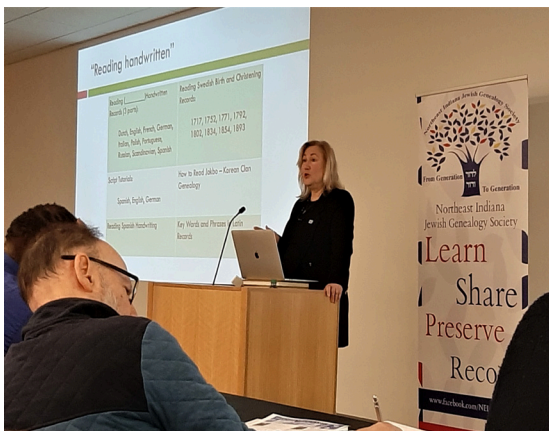
The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society was thrilled to host genealogist Marlis Humphrey, for a free public presentation at the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center on Sunday, February 16th. Among those attending the program were visitors from Muncie, Indianapolis, and Monroe, Michigan.

Ms. Humphrey's two fact-filled presentations covered “Hidden Gems of Jewish Genealogy” and “Finding Your Shtetl.” Among the “gems” featured were several useful websites for language-learning, photographs, and ethnic newspapers. She also highlighted new technology that can help with research and family interviews. “Finding Your Shtetl” covered a huge amount of information about finding census records, naturalizations and passenger manifests, as well as overcoming the challenges of name changes of both families and locations. Following the programs, NEIJGS members enjoyed a dinner with Marlis at the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation

for their support of this program.

For its next public program, NEIJGS will host Jeannie Regan-Dinius from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Nolan Altman from the International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies for a program of “Jewish Cemeteries – Indiana and Beyond.” Ms. Regan-Dinius is an expert on Indiana cemeteries, and Mr. Altman has long been involved with JewishGen's Online Worldwide Burial Registry. Plan to join us on Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the ACPL Genealogy Center for this fascinating program.

In its second year, the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society now boasts more than 45 members. Benefits of membership include dinners with our guest speakers, a quarterly newsletter, access to our Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, lunches with ACPL Genealogy Center staff members, and an annual member workshop. For more information, check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>, our website - <https://neindianajgs.wordpress.com/>, or contact us at NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com.



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

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- A donation was received from **Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig**.

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- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in appreciation of **Fran Adler & Mike Rush** and the members of the Rabbinical Search Committee.



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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)

March 12 - The Hoppy Gnome
203 E. Berry Street

March 26 - Casa Grille
411 E. Dupont 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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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.

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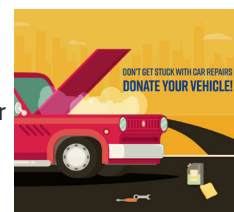
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