



APRIL 2020

New Date: Sunday, October 18, 2020



Jane S. Gabin
author of

"The Paris Photo"

Join us for a book discussion and Q & A
Sunday, March 15, 2020
2 pm

Rifkin Campus at 5200



Free & open to the public
Book available for purchase - Light refreshments served
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Our community Yom HaShoah Commemoration, scheduled for April 20th and our annual People of the Book, with author Ron Suskind, originally scheduled for April 27th have been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date. As soon as we have new dates, we will let you know.



Our office is currently closed until at least April 19, 2020.
Our staff is working remotely and checking emails and voicemails on a regular basis.

You can reach us at (260) 456-0400 or office@fwjf.org.

Our thoughts are with our community during this unprecedented time.

Be well and stay healthy!

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

IN OUR DARKEST TIMES CAN BE OUR FINEST HOUR



These are uncertain, challenging times for the world, our country, Israel, and our community.

March normally brings about the promise of spring, preparations for Pesach, and the NCAA basketball tournament. However, we now find ourselves grappling with the uncertainty of what will happen in the coming days, weeks, and months. We have most likely all said these words, "this moment in time is like no other I've been through" and see it as an understatement.

For most of us, we've never experienced anything of this magnitude in our lifetime. We have most likely watched movies or read Stephen King novels about "mysterious" illnesses that completely changed our society, never really thinking that something like that could actually occur. And yet, here we are.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our government has implemented closures and set restrictions in an effort to slow down the spread of the virus. Many businesses and organizations are closed, including schools and universities, bars, restaurants, stores, and museums. For businesses and organizations that are still open, some have had to make the difficult decision to cancel and postpone events, and require their employees to work from home.

Our [Jewish Federation, Temple](#), and the agencies located at the Rifkin Campus are no exception. This decision was made with great consideration and care for the health and safety of our members, Brightpoint families, and staff.

Although the day-to-day operations may appear different right now, there is still a lot of work to be done. The Temple and the Federation are working together to ensure our most vulnerable community members' needs are met.

We sincerely hope you and your loved ones remain resilient and healthy during this trying time. If you, or anyone you know, needs help, please contact the office at (260) 456-0400 or email us at jakischreier@fwjf.org or office@fwjf.org.

We'd like to leave you with this amazing quote. It appeared in an article in "Grown and Flown". It reads "When the Apollo 13 oxygen tank failed and the lunar module was in danger of not returning to earth, Gene Granz, the lead flight director, overheard people saying that this would be the worst disaster NASA had ever experienced - to which he is rumored to have responded, "With all due respect, I believe this is going to be our finest hour."

Imagine if we could make our response to this crisis our finest hour. Try to imagine if a year or two from now we look back on this and tell stories of how we came together as a team in our community, in our state, in our nation and across the world.

The Apollo 13 crew made it their finest hour by letting go of the word, "I" and embracing the word "we". And that's the task required of us. It can only be our finest hour if we work together. You are all on the team. We need all of you to shine in whatever way you can.

Yes, these are uncertain, challenging times. What is certain is that, together, we will meet the challenge.

May we go from strength to strength.

COMMUNITY

**Pirkei Avot 2:4 - Hillel says:
Do not separate yourself from the community.**

In order to be safe we do need to separate ourselves from the community physically, but we should be spending as much time as possible being in touch with each other socially through video calls, phone calls, texts and email. We have the technology to stay connected to our community throughout this national and global crisis; we each have the power to make a difference in the lives of our family members and friends by committing to connecting to each other each and every day.

Technology also gives us so many - actually, an overwhelming number of - ways to learn and/or be entertained as we spend more and more time confined to our homes. We thought we would share just a few we think you might enjoy:

- Zoom: Many individuals and organizations are using Zoom for video calls and classes. If you would like to use this program but don't know how, you can learn more from [this link](#).
- PJ Library has wonderful ideas for projects and crafts to keep families busy; check out those details from [this site](#).
- [92nd Street Y](#) is offering many classes and concerts online.
- Jewish Community Centers around the country are offering all sorts of online engagement opportunities; check out the details from [this site](#).
- Do you like to play mahjong? If yes, check out this [cool online version](#) offering many free games a day.
- Love watching Broadway shows? [Broadway HD](#) is offering a 7-day free trial you might want to check out.

Remember we each have a responsibility to help flatten that [COVID-19](#) curve: Wash your hands. Disinfect all surfaces touched in your home and, if you are going to work, there as well (don't forget about light switches and thermostats along with all the other surfaces). Stay home if possible - a minimum of 6' from others if you leave your home.

We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought incredible stress into all of our lives. While the Jewish Federation is currently closed in regards to in-person meetings and programs through April 19th, our staff members are still working their normal hours and are available to help members of our community in any and all ways we are able.

We will get through this TOGETHER, as a community.



PBS39



A black and white photograph of a group of Jewish American soldiers in World War II uniforms, standing and kneeling in front of a background of vertical red and white stripes. The title "GI★JEWS" is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters, with "JEWISH AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II" in smaller text to its right. Below the title, it says "Sponsored in part by:" followed by the "Join Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne" logo and the "PBS Fort Wayne" logo. The broadcast information "SUN APRIL 19 @ 2PM" is at the bottom left.

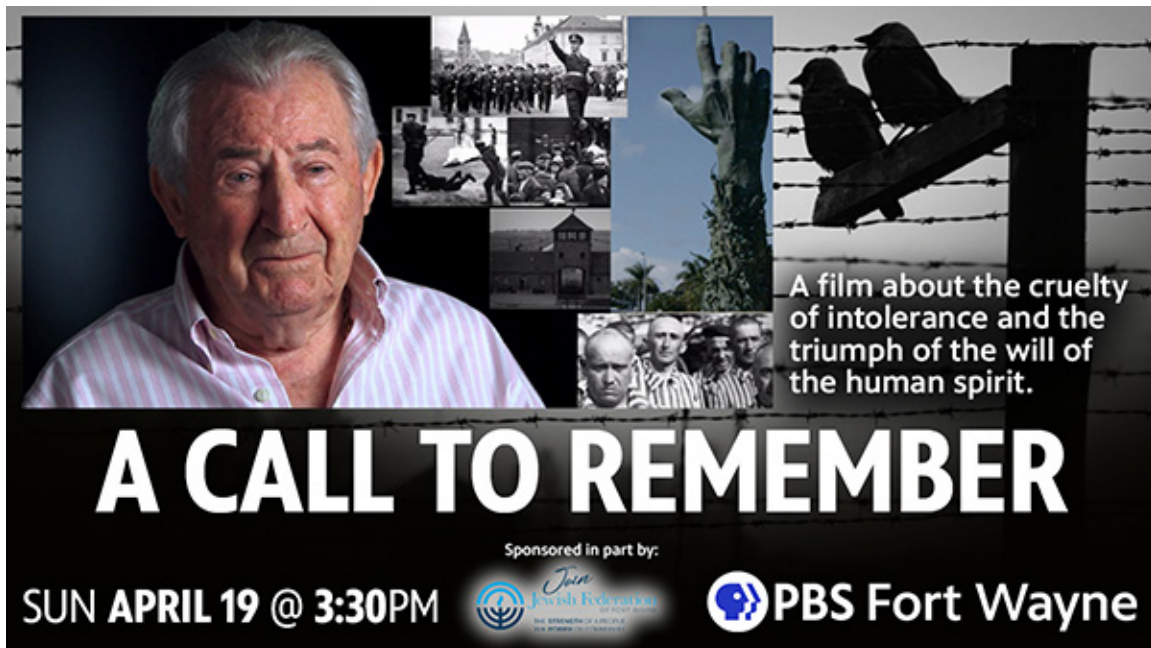
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A collage of images including a portrait of an elderly man, historical photos of soldiers, a statue of a hand reaching up, and a bird perched on a barbed wire fence. The title "A CALL TO REMEMBER" is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, it says "Sponsored in part by:" followed by the "Join Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne" logo and the "PBS Fort Wayne" logo. The broadcast information "SUN APRIL 19 @ 3:30PM" is at the bottom left. A quote on the right reads: "A film about the cruelty of intolerance and the triumph of the will of the human spirit."

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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.

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](#) at 260-456-0400.

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 congregational religious school 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 supplemented 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 jakischreier@fwjf.org or (260) 456.0400.

Passover History and Traditions

The Jewish holiday of [Passover](#) is one of the most widely celebrated holidays in the Jewish calendar. Learn more about the history and traditions of Passover with this quick guide.

The Passover Story

The Passover story comes from the first half of the Book of Exodus in the Bible. These pages describe the Jewish people's plight under slavery in Egypt, and their subsequent escape to freedom. Find kid-friendly versions of the Passover story [here](#).

History



Passover falls on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan (late March or April). Depending on your tradition, you might celebrate Passover for seven days, while others observe the holiday for eight days.

Passover is both agricultural and historical in origin. Also known as *Chag haAviv*, the "Festival of the Spring," it reminds us of the early spring harvest in the former land of Canaan, now Israel. Much more commonly recognized for its historical significance, Passover is also known as *Zman Cheruteynu*, "The Season of Our Freedom."

The name Passover is symbolic of the Angel of Death "passing over" the Jewish homes while killing the first born of the Egyptians, the last of the Ten Plagues before Pharaoh let the Jews go.

Traditions

Cleaning

During Passover Jews refrain from eating *chametz*, food with leavening such as bread, cookies, or pasta. Before Passover begins, families will clean their homes to clear out the *chametz*. Check out the stories [Izzy the Whiz and Passover McClean](#) and [Company's Coming](#) to learn more.

Eating Matzah

During Passover, you'll probably eat matzah, a cracker-like bread substitute representing the bread that didn't have time to rise when the Jews fled Egypt. Find some of our favorite matzah recipes [here](#).

The Seder

The [seder](#), held on the first one or two nights of the holiday, consists of a festive meal, the retelling of the Exodus story, and several other rituals and traditions, like finding the afikomen (a piece of matzah hidden during the ceremony), singing songs like "[Dayenu](#)," and opening the door symbolically for the prophet Elijah.

The Haggadah

During the seder, families will read from the [Haggadah](#) to tell the story of Passover and pass down the traditions and lessons of the story to their children, relatives, and friends. In Hebrew, *Haggadah* means «telling.» This book is basically a

guide for the seder and includes prayers, blessings, songs, and information for how the seder should be performed. Families everywhere add their own personal touches to make the script of the *Haggadah* their own.

The Seder Plate

During the seder, a special seder plate is adorned with symbolic foods that illustrate the story. Watch the [video](#) to learn more.

Asking the Four Questions

Traditionally recited at the seder by the youngest child present, the Four Questions ask about certain Passover rituals:

On all other nights we eat either leavened or unleavened bread. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened matzah?

Answer: To remind us of the haste with which our ancestors left Egypt.

On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs. On this night, why only bitter herbs?

Answer: To remind us of the bitterness of slavery.

On all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once. On this night, why do we dip them twice?

Answer: Some say to remind us of our coming and going from Egypt.

On all other nights we eat sometimes sitting and sometimes reclining. On this night, why do we all recline?

Answer: To remind us of how free people relax.

Hiding the Afikomen

At the seder table, three matzahs are placed in a stack. Near the beginning of the seder, the middle matzah is broken in two pieces, and the larger piece of this matzah is called the *afikomen*. This piece will be wrapped and hidden, to be found at the end of the meal.



Opening the Door for Elijah

On each table is a goblet of wine called "Elijah's Cup." During the meal someone will open the door to welcome the prophet Elijah, exemplifying the line from the Haggadah "Let all who are hungry, come and eat."

Singing "Dayenu"

Many families will sing "Dayenu" during their seder. The word *dayenu* means "it would have been enough." This joyous tune celebrates the many blessings God bestowed upon the Jewish people during their exodus from Egypt in ancient times. You can find several versions of «Dayenu» [on our Passover playlist](#).

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The [Partnership2Gether \(P2G\)](#) trip that was originally scheduled for June 22 -25, 2020 to Budapest, Hungary has been postponed. Once a new date has been scheduled, we let you know.

Let's stay connected. P2G has some amazing online events. See below or [click here](#)

Israeli Singalong
with
Shuli and Moshe Dayan



March 22nd
2:30pm EDT

**PARTNERSHIP2GETHER
WESTERN GALILEE**

**ONLINE
ACTIVITIES**



**March - April
2020**

Click each event to connect

Virtual Tours
Achziv Beach
by
Idan Zaccai


March 31st
11:00am EDT



Old Akko
by
Daniel Arama

April 6th
11:00am EDT

Beer and Bagel
P2G get together



March 29th
1:30pm EDT

Jewish Budapest
by
Endre Ozsváth




April 2nd
1:00pm EDT

#FacingCorona2Gether




Mussar Lesson
by
Susan Goldberg
Schwartz



April 5th
1:00pm EDT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
www.facebook.com/p2gwgali

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE TEMPLE

To be responsible to our congregational community, Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Board of Directors made the difficult decision to close our building through at least Saturday, April 18 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. All worship services, education classes, and social programs are canceled or being held by virtual communication methods.

Sadly, this means we will not have a second night Seder on April 9, nor will we publicly be able to celebrate Leo Powell's Bar Mitzvah on April 4. We will be sharing virtual Passover Seder information on our website at www.templecav.org. While Leo and his parents, Marnie & Mark Lowden and Jason Powell, will be celebrating his milestone privately, we look forward as a Jewish community to calling Leo to the Torah at future date.

Please watch for updates on [our congregational Facebook page](#) as we share online streaming of some worship services and educational programs in the coming weeks. Our website at www.templecav.org will provide updated information.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO RABBI SAFRAN!

Our Fort Wayne Jewish community wishes a very happy and healthy birthday to Rabbi Emeritus Richard B. Safran on his 90th birthday on Monday, April 6!

Rabbi Safran served as Congregation Achduth Vesholom's spiritual leader for 26 years, retiring in 1995. He's lived in Tucson for many years since.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TEAM REVISES SCHEDULE

The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers will not meet in April. We hope to meet on Wednesday, May 6 at 11 a.m. to assemble the final bags of the school year for our 72 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple.

Thank you to all who contributed money to help purchase socks for our Fresh Start program to assist men, women, and young adults who are exiting various segments of the judicial system. We also are continuing to collect hotel-size shampoo, conditioner and body wash for Fresh Start.

Thoughtful Thursdays is nearing the end of our 10th year and we couldn't have accomplished so much without the many committed and loyal volunteers. Following our final bag, we'll gather for a volunteer appreciation luncheon and meeting. Thank you to our volunteers from Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).



Our board of directors and staff wish you all a very Happy virtual Passover!

Looking forward to seeing you in person soon!

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.

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!

every contribution is
hugely valued

thank
you!

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

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

April 9 - No Lunch - Passover

April 23 - Mad Anthony Brewing Company
1109 Taylor Street

**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.

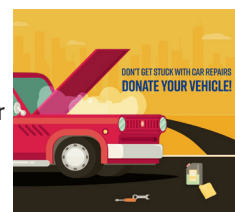
Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund



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. 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.