



# chailights



JUNE 2020



## Camp Joe Cancelled

After many hours of careful consideration, we have concluded that we cannot implement the kind of procedures that would be necessary to safely run Camp Joe Levine this summer. The safety of our children and staff has always been and will continue to be the ultimate determining factor. Regretfully, we are cancelling Camp Joe for 2020.

Looking forward to seeing you next summer!

## 99th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF FORT WAYNE

will commence on  
June 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
via ZOOM\*

Everyone who has contributed  
to the 2019 - 2020 Jewish  
Federation Annual Campaign is  
eligible to vote in this election.

\* More information regarding  
Zoom will be forthcoming soon.

*You're invited!*



### UPCOMING SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has  
submitted the following slate of  
officers for the Jewish Federation  
of Fort Wayne for 2020-21:

**President:** Ben Eisbart  
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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

**Surely there is a future and your hope will not be cut off.  
Proverbs 23:18**



Even though we can't be together in person, please know that each of you are in our thoughts each and every day. The COVID-19 pandemic can be overwhelming and disorienting, to be sure. There are certain things that each of us can do - wash our hands, wear our face masks and follow the guidelines for social distancing. However, the enormity of this pandemic and the dramatic changes it has brought into our lives has left many of us feeling out of control. Whether we realize it or not, we are always dealing with some level of uncertainty and lack of control. These last few months have just added a new level of and confusion when it comes to uncertainty.

One very important element that is in our control is how we choose to treat our fellow human beings, whether it's our family, friends, those we deal with in stores, on the telephone, in traffic or anywhere we find ourselves. Let us remember that each person we meet is dealing with their own level of uncertainty.

About ten years ago, the **"Ten Commandments of Human Relations"** was clipped from a bulletin titled, Central Conference of American Rabbis. It has been posted in Federation and Temple bulletins over the years and its author is unknown. This is reprinted by permission of the Jewish Post & Opinion.

- 1) Speak to people. There is nothing so cheerful as a word of greeting.
- 2) Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
- 3) Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of his/her own name.
- 4) Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, you have to be one.
- 5) Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a joy to you.
- 6) Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everyone if you try.
- 7) Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism.
- 8) Be considerate of the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: Yours, the other person's and the right side.
- 9) Be eager to lend a helping hand. Often, it is appreciated more than you know. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
- 10) Add to this a good sense of humor, a huge dose of patience and a dash of humility. This combination will open doors and the rewards will be enormous.

Finally, I'd like to share a few quotes that have come my way and brought me comfort during this difficult time.

**"It's only temporary. All of it."** In essence, the hard stuff will pass and so will the good stuff. May this thought both relieve some anxiety and encourage us to really appreciate things for what they are.

**"Don't wait for things to be good to be grateful."** Gratitude makes the hard stuff bearable and the good stuff even sweeter. Let us remind ourselves of this over and over again, especially on really challenging days. Even in the midst of a bad day, there is something good to recognize and appreciate.

**"What we are quickly learning is that so much of what we thought mattered, does not."** When we feel like we're losing our footing, we search for meaning to become grounded again. It's then that we can more easily identify what matters and what doesn't.

We can endure much more than we think we can; all human experience testifies to that!

Be Well!

## 2019 - 2020 DONORS (AS OF MAY 15, 2020)

### Thank you to our generous donors!

Your gift to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne provides much-needed support here at home, in Israel and to struggling Jewish communities in over 70 countries around the world. We hope to add your name to our list!

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# Jewish Educator Coping with Covid Requires Navigating Uncertainty

BY AMY HIRSHBERG LEDERMAN



I'm no stranger to the fear and angst that living with chronic uncertainty can generate. For the almost four years that my husband, Ray, lived with cancer, we spent many of our days tiptoeing through a landmine of medical complexities, holding our collective breath in fear of the next exigency. After his passing almost five years ago, I never imagined there would come a time when those same feelings would resurface. But I was wrong.

Unlike a personal medical crisis however, Covid-19 is a crisis of global proportions from which no one is exempt.

We are all equal in the eyes of Covid. Each of us is now living in an altered universe where many of the assumptions and expectations upon which our daily lives have been based no longer apply or exist. We have no map, no compass by which to navigate except, perhaps, a sense of communal responsibility and an abiding belief that "this too shall pass."

I listen to others and hear my own truths reflected in their words. We have trouble focusing; we sleep too much, eat too much, drink too much – as we try to fill the hours and days of sheltering in place. We obsessively watch news as we look for more closets to clean and photos to scrapbook.

We ask ourselves questions for which there are no certain answers: Will our families remain safe and healthy? How long will this last and what will it do to our minds, bodies and bank accounts? What will life look like once the pandemic has subsided? How will our world change?

Like many of us who have dealt with personal trauma, illness or loss, time has enabled me to look back and reflect on what I learned from living through an extended period of "not knowing" or being able to predict the outcome. This is what I learned.

I discovered from making my bed each morning that the simplest of actions can create a sense of order as we face a new day. I recognized that it was much easier to maintain a positive, hopeful attitude when I did some form of exercise or act of self-care every day.

I realized that avoiding the elephant in the room was not as helpful as "riding" it. Facing up to my fears and concerns was initially very difficult but in the end, it enabled me to make concrete decisions that served my family better than if I had ignored the realities.

I set a day each week, (for me it was Friday, the Jewish Sabbath), and told myself that all I needed to do was to make it through until the following Friday. Focusing on getting through week by week, rather than day by day or even hour by hour, gave me strength and determination because at the end of the week, I wanted to say: "We made it."

And perhaps, most significantly, I never lost sight of all of the many beautiful things in my life and marriage – even in the face of losing them. Cultivating gratitude is a game changer when running a marathon of uncertainty.

I have no crystal ball or means by which to know more than anyone else about what will happen during and after this unprecedented time in history. But if we all do the best we can do, individually and communally, I believe we will emerge stronger and more aware of how much we treasure the families and communities that we have built.

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To prevent COVID-19 it is safest to avoid physical contact when greeting. Safe greetings include a wave, a nod, or a bow.

How should I greet another person to avoid catching the new coronavirus?



#Coronavirus #COVID19

9 March 2020

How should I wash fruit and vegetables in the time of COVID-19?

Wash them the same way you would in any other circumstance.



Before handling them, wash your hands with soap and water.

Then, wash fruit and vegetables thoroughly with clean water, especially if you eat them raw.

17 April 2020

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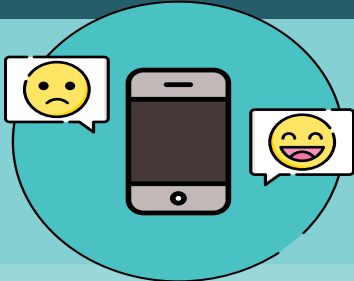


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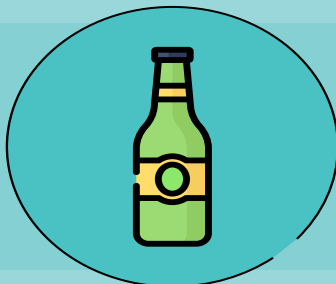
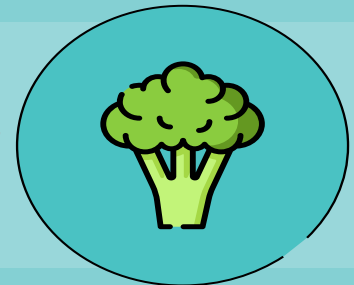
## Coping with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak



It is normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared or angry during a crisis.

Talking to people you trust can help. Contact your friends and family.

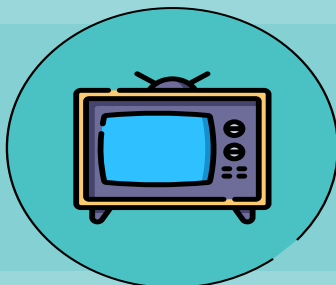
If you must stay at home, maintain a healthy lifestyle - including proper diet, sleep, exercise and social contacts with loved ones at home and by email and phone with other family and friends.



Don't use smoking, alcohol or other drugs to deal with your emotions.

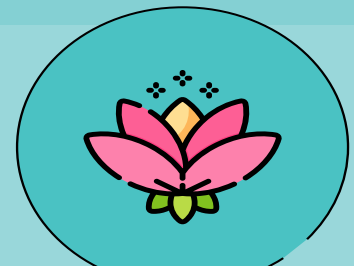
If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.

Get the facts. Gather information that will help you accurately determine your risk so that you can take reasonable precautions. Find a credible source you can trust such as WHO website or, a local or state public health agency.



Limit worry and agitation by lessening the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage that you perceive as upsetting.

Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous life's adversities and use those skills to help you manage your emotions during the challenging time of this outbreak.



<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>



# A Mitzvah a Day (at Home)

Enjoy a month of mitzvot with your family. Just print this checklist and try a new activity each day. There are 30 activities total – that’s one for each day of the month – to inspire your family to do a mitzvah each day.

- ☐ Clean out the closet and donate clothes you don’t wear  
**clothing the needy, tzedakah**
- ☐ Make a “Get Well Card” for a friend who doesn’t feel well  
**visiting the sick**
- ☐ Help a bug find its way outside  
**kindness to animals**
- ☐ Help a parent with a chore  
**respecting parents**
- ☐ Compliment someone  
**respect, joy**
- ☐ Make a bird feeder  
**kindness to animals**
- ☐ Interview a grandparent, aunt, or uncle, and write down their story  
**passing on traditions, honoring elders**
- ☐ Write “thank you” notes  
**gratitude**
- ☐ Put toys away  
**peace in the home, honoring parents**
- ☐ Turn old tshirts into something new, like a grocery bag or pillow  
**not wasting needlessly**
- ☐ Count your blessings  
**gratitude**
- ☐ Collect canned goods for a food bank  
**feeding the hungry**
- ☐ Call someone who might be lonely  
**kindness**
- ☐ Plant flowers for pollinators  
**caring for the environment**
- ☐ Learn to compost  
**not wasting needlessly**
- ☐ Tell a joke to someone and make them laugh  
**joy, creativity**

- ☐ Hang a thank you sign on your door for the mail carrier  
**gratitude, joy**
- ☐ Invite someone to join you for dinner by video  
**kindness**
- ☐ Draw a cheerful sidewalk chalk message  
**kindness, creativity**
- ☐ Make cards for isolated seniors  
**kindness, honoring the elderly**
- ☐ Make origami hearts to send to loved ones  
**kindness, creativity**
- ☐ Send a food delivery gift card  
**kindness, feeding the hungry**
- ☐ Start your meal with a gratitude circle  
**gratitude**
- ☐ Design and hang peace flags  
**peace, creativity**
- ☐ Show love for a local business (buy a gift card or leave an online review)  
**community**
- ☐ Grow windowsill plants from vegetable scraps or seeds  
**caring for the environment**
- ☐ Paint rocks and put outside for neighbors  
**kindness, creativity**
- ☐ Sing a song for your neighbors from your window or porch  
**joy, community**
- ☐ Tell your family members one thing you love about them  
**kindness, peace in the home**
- ☐ Prepare a snack for a family member  
**peace in the home, honoring parents**



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### In Case you Missed It!

#### Jerusalem Day

— which celebrates the Reunification of the City of Jerusalem, was May 21. Since 1967, after over 2000 years, the entire City of Jerusalem, including the location of our ancient Temple is under Israeli sovereignty. Idan Zaccai, the Partnership Young Adult Chair (and tour guide by profession) took us on a virtual tour of the reuniting of Jerusalem. [See the recording here.](#)

#### Sliding Dors - Second Generation

Establishing groups of people in every community (American, Israeli and Hungarian) who are second generation to Holocaust survivors, who will tell the story of their families for memory preservation.

The groups from the different communities will meet each other virtually and hopefully, in the not too distant future, will also meet face to face.

The work plan is currently being developed. At this point we are asking for indications of interest - not a commitment. Please let Dan Zweig ([dan.zweig@frontier.com](mailto:dan.zweig@frontier.com)) if you would like to get more info when it's available.

**We R Family** – a new program designed to virtually connect between families from the US and the Western Galilee. The idea is to create a pool of families who are interested in creating the connections and are able to connect every two weeks for a Shabbat Shalom/Have a good week call with another family across the ocean.

[Click here for more information and the link for registration.](#)



“

Kindness is realizing that we're all in this together. ”

– RAKtivist



Our office is currently closed due to COVID-19.

Our staff is working remotely and checking emails and voice mails on a regular basis.

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

Our thoughts are with our community during this unprecedented time.

Be well and stay healthy!



## WE ARE HERE TO HELP



### Help is Available

We are very fortunate to have a Social Worker who is able and willing to assist any member of the Fort Wayne Jewish community in need of services.

She works for us as a volunteer, on an as needed basis.

If you become aware of someone in the Jewish community who may need assistance at some point, please let us know. Obviously, this would be kept in the strictest of confidence. Contact us at 260.456.0400 or [office@fwj.org](mailto:office@fwj.org).



### 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.

To all the father's and father figures in our community, we wish you the happiest of days!

*Happy Father's Day!*



#### SHARE SHABBAT AND APPRECIATION OF RABBI WINNIG

Please join us for a virtual Shabbat service on Friday, June 19 at 6 p.m., led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig when we'll also have the opportunity to thank her for serving as Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Interim Rabbi during an eventful year. Join us for a virtual Oneg Shabbat following the service. [Find the link](#)

Rabbi Winnig, who finishes her tenure at Achduth Vesholom on June 30, became our 23rd spiritual leader in August 2019. During that time, she helped with the transition at the Temple as we welcomed new members from the former Congregation B'nai Jacob and worked with the ritual committee to integrate worship traditions.

With respect for the long history of B'nai Jacob, Rabbi Winnig led a meaningful deconsecration ceremony of the synagogue building on Bittersweet Moors Drive and a burial at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery of worn books and unneeded sacred items. She also created a beautiful Simchat Torah service as part of our B'yachad (together) celebration.

As part of the community-wide Violins of Hope programming sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic in November, she created a Shabbat service incorporating the music of European Reform synagogues in the years leading up to the Holocaust. Also through Violins of Hope, Rabbi Winnig participated with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in a Jewish-Catholic prayer service focusing on shared religious connections.

Most recently, Rabbi Winnig provided a vital role in offering virtual worship, including an online bar mitzvah, and numerous learning opportunities for the Jewish community during the COVID-19 pandemic that led to the temporary closing of the Temple and Rifkin Campus. Throughout the past year, she made deep impressions on congregants during life-cycle events.

Rabbi Winnig leaves Fort Wayne for a new position on July 1 as Interim Rabbi at Congregation Rodef Sholom in Youngstown, Ohio.

Please join us in offering our appreciation for Rabbi Winnig's role in a most unusual year at Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

#### THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS SUPPORTS BRIGHTPOINT FAMILIES

During this difficult time due to COVID-19, many families are struggling to put food on the table. Among those most affected are the Brightpoint Head Start children. We are working with Brooke Hartman, who supervises the Brightpoint program at the Temple, to continue to support the Thoughtful Thursdays families.

In April, we purchased a \$25 Kroger gift card for each of the 68 families because we were unable to assemble the usual bags

from Thoughtful Thursdays. Since the Head Start program will not begin again until September, we decided to provide a \$20 Walmart gift card for each of the families.

The families are very appreciative of the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program. I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful initiative started by Jamie Berger and look forward to beginning our 11<sup>th</sup> year in the fall.

Have a wonderful summer and stay safe!  
*Sally Trotter, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chair*

#### CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH US ONLINE

Begin your weekend with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community with our Temple family from your home in June. Sabbath services will be led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig or lay leaders via Zoom videoconferencing on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Please check for any schedule changes at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) or on our [congregational Facebook page](#).

Have your candles and wine nearby as we offer blessings together on Fridays, June 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 6 p.m. as part of our Sabbath service. [Find the link](#)

During the service on June 19, we'll thank Rabbi Winnig for her spiritual leadership the past year as Achduth Vesholom's Interim Rabbi. A virtual Oneg Shabbat follows. [Find the link](#)

Our Saturday morning service on June 6, 13, 20, and 27 will begin at 10 a.m. and include a Torah reading. Kiddush follows. [Find the link](#)

Even though we're temporarily not meeting in person, Shabbat is a special time to reflect, pray, sing, and see friends. Find strength in coming together, help offer a Mi Shebeirach prayer for those in need of healing, and to support those saying Kaddish for a loved one.

#### SAVE THE DATE TO WELCOME RABBI MEIR BARGERON

Please join us on Friday, July 10 at 6 p.m. via videoconferencing when [Rabbi Meir Barger](#) leads his first service as Congregation Achduth Vesholom's 24<sup>th</sup> spiritual leader, followed by a virtual Oneg Shabbat. [Find the link](#)

#### COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE TEMPLE

Activities in the Temple building are cancelled while we continue to monitor recommendations from government and health officials. A re-opening date has not yet been determined, but we are planning a phased-in approach. Shabbat services and other in-person Rifkin Campus activities will resume as soon as we are safely able to do so. Virtual services, classes, and programs are being offered. Please visit our website at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) and our [Facebook page](#) for updates.

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- Emergency Cash Assistance Fund
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- 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.*



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

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#### 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)

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

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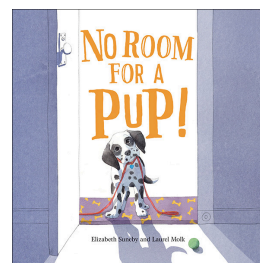
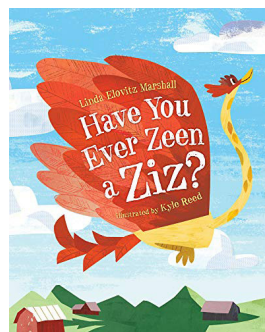
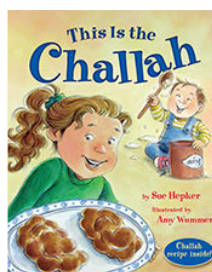
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**Which books did you receive this month?**

A program of the [Harold Grinspoon Foundation](http://Harold Grinspoon Foundation), PJ Library is made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. Families with kids ages 6 months through 8 years old with Judaism as part of their lives, are welcome to sign up.



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