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JULY/AUGUST 2020

The Goldie DuBow Award - presented by Ben Eisbart at the Federation's Annual Meeting

The Goldie DuBow Award was established to honor Federation members who, through word and deed, have contributed to improving the "Quality of Jewish Life" within the Greater Fort Wayne Jewish Community. To be a recipient, the individual must demonstrate exemplary qualities such as leadership, creativity, sound judgment and behavior by "Doing Jewish" as they live their lives.

The award was named to memorialize Goldie DuBow, a Chicago transplant to Fort Wayne, whose voluntarism and positive attitude enhanced Jewish life as she found it and in so doing made our Jewish world better.

Unlike Goldie, who spent several years of her life in Fort Wayne, this year's recipient is a relative newcomer to our Jewish Community. Nonetheless, the contributions made by this individual have added immeasurably toward furthering the sense of "kehillah" within the Greater Fort Wayne Jewish landscape.

In no small way did this individual facilitate the transition to "One Community – Two Traditions" by demonstrating leadership, sensitivity, creativity and the wisdom of Solomon needed to traverse uncharted waters...



It is my distinct honor and with high regard that I announce the recipient of the 2020 Goldie DuBow Award: Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig.



RABBI MEIR BARGERON NAMED TEMPLE'S 24TH SPIRITUAL LEADER

We are very pleased to welcome Rabbi Meir Barger as he joins Congregation Achduth Vesholom as the Temple's 24th spiritual leader.

In unanimously recommending Rabbi Meir to the Temple's board, the Search

Committee members said they had "found a man who is warm, approachable, empathetic, and kind. He is intelligent and thoughtful and has a deep love of Judaism. He is eager to reach ordination and step into the position of a congregational rabbi. We were all very impressed with his authenticity."

We also welcome Rabbi Barger's husband, Jon Tam, to Fort Wayne.

all the best

We wish Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig all the best as she

begins her new adventure in Youngstown, Ohio. All the best!

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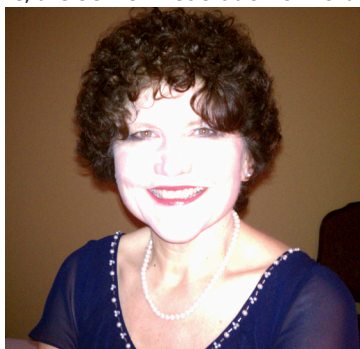


Our mission is to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JAKI SCHREIER

Annual Meeting Speech

We, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, welcome you to our first ever Virtual Annual Meeting. Even though we can't be together physically, we can still come together as a community and share in our accomplishments. We hope to share soon the plans of our 100 year/Centennial during 2021.



My heartfelt gratitude goes out to our amazing staff, the Board of Directors, committees and members for their commitment that has made our small Federation successful. Let us all continue to remain dedicated to the values of our Mission Statement... "To support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel and throughout the world..."

Since we last met, our Federation has experienced a number of outstanding positives.

For two remarkable weeks in November 2019, something so very special happened in Fort Wayne...The Violins of Hope, led by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. During two years of painstaking planning, our belief was that this commemoration of music, visual art, public conversation, interfaith dialogue, readings, and many other educational activities would have lasting meaning and significance. None of us could have imagined the outpouring of interest, community-wide support and ultimately the recognition that this project would engender.

The amazing members of the Violins of Hope Steering Committee determined early on that the project would focus on both the memory and legacy of those who were murdered and of those who survived the Holocaust. Themes of Defiance, Resilience, and Legacy were rightly chosen to guide the Violins of Hope project.

Nearly 30 unique and independent community partners poured their hearts, souls and resources into making this a true collaboration. Each of these community partners invested their time, talent and treasure to create a model of community undertaking, unique in the City of Fort Wayne's 200-year history.

Between the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Youth Symphony Orchestra, over 250 musicians brought to life the sound, presence and stories of Violins of Hope. Through dozens of local area performances, they honored the memories of the brave musicians who owned, played and yes, for most, gave their lives to play these precious instruments.

The JFFW thanks the educators, scholars, community representatives and the many dedicated volunteers. Whether it was creating the award-winning sophisticated arts and educational programming...serving as docents, gallery greeters, or even drivers for the violin maker, Avshi Weinstein, or for the

"Violins of Hope" author, Dr. James Grymes...all these wonderful volunteers performed their tasks to perfection. Thank you!

A goal of the VOH Steering Committee, including Board members Carol Adelman and Ben Eisbart, was to seek out ways to tell the stories and bear witness to the brave musicians who originally played these "Strings of the Holocaust." These musicians were deported from their homes, endured untold hardships, were beaten, forced into hard labor and lost their lives. We acknowledge and commemorate their sacrifices. We as a community are reminded that their heroic aspirations will remain a cause for optimism. We know that a wellspring of beauty can emerge from morally desolate barbarism.

Because the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and the JFFW were able to bring Violins of Hope to Fort Wayne, one unique local school... New Tech Academy High School, partnering with the University of Saint Francis, won the International New Tech Network Project of the Year.

The New Tech Network, founded by Bill Gates, includes 210 schools worldwide, 80,000 students and 5,000 teachers that submitted projects for consideration. It should be noted that the judges of all the project entries said that not only was New Tech's "Instruments of Hope" by far the best project submitted this year, but the best project submitted anytime in the Network's history. Federation President Ben Eisbart calls Violins of Hope the "gift that keeps giving".

We recall the lovely Yiddish word used to signify something blessed and meant to be..."Bashert". We truly believe that the visit of Violins of Hope to Fort Wayne was...Bashert.

For bringing together the largest arts community collaboration in their entire history, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne were the recipients of Fort Wayne's Arts United signature and first-time-ever "Outstanding Collaboration" award.

The Violins of Hope Fort Wayne was made possible because of the financial generosity we successfully sought from supporting foundations, corporations, cultural institutions and fellow citizens, and of your financial support of the Jewish Federation. Thank you all!

"Confronting the Shoah," the annual six-week class taught by Dr. David Lindquist, was once again successful, predominantly attended by members of the non-Jewish community, including many teachers.

The JFFW continues to expand well-person visits, phone calls, and the delivery of holiday and get-well Shabbat gift bags to both members of the Jewish community and to special friends.

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PRESIDENT - BEN EISBART

Annual Meeting Speech



I hope that you and your family are safe and well. To say the least, these are unusual times ... nothing like we've ever experienced before, and we hope that you're weathering these days as best you can.

The Federation is proud to serve the Greater Fort Wayne Jewish Community, now as before, keeping you informed and connected through the pandemic. Our work this year, as in the past, has only been possible through the dedication of both our staff and the numerous volunteers who are committed to "doing Jewish".

2019-2020, our 99th activity year, to quote Dickens, was both "the BEST of times and the WORST of times." After a year of planning, we celebrated with "Violins of Hope," which to this day (or at least until I sheltered at home) community folks stop me in the grocery store, at the Library, or at The Phil, thanking the Jewish Community for making it all happen ! Our programming along with that of our partners reached new and larger audiences with the

message Zochar – remember.

We must never forget.

And then, as the New Year 2020 arrived, reports started to come out from China that something was amiss...and our WORLD changed. For years we have trumpet-ed our success in building for the future. But now we cannot kid ourselves. This is not business as usual. No longer can we talk about how far we have come. This year, it's all about how far we have to go. It's a new world in which we live and each of us must bring to bear all our energy and experience to meet head-on the challenges which lie ahead.

A measure of any democracy's health is whether it can sustain both vibrant debate and civility.

As the Jewish Federation of North America (of which we are a member) wrote, "We are outraged and sickened by the violence of the Minneapolis officers that led to death of George Floyd. We share in the heartbreak, pain and sorrow provoked by his loss and the many others through sordid acts of hate and bigotry." May their memory be for a blessing.

"Ultimately, it is not hatred of those who desecrate the public square that threatens America's finest ideals. It is the indulgence and indifference of others who should know better."

"These are indeed challenging and sobering times. But for we, as Jews, our response has never been to shirk from our responsibilities. It is during times like these that we must demonstrate how we can make the world, our world, a better place by "Doing Jewish" !

It is a reflection of our tradition, our values, and our history. For as Hillel wrote, "If I'm not for myself, who will be for me? But if I'm only for myself, what am I? And if not now, WHEN?"

Be safe and stay well.

“ 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.

Our thoughts are with our community during this unprecedented time.

Be well and stay healthy!



Resources for Talking With Kids About Racism



Repairing the world, *tikkun olam*, starts at home. Right now, even if it feels uncomfortable, it's important for families to talk about race and racism together.

Related: [What is Jewish About Respecting Differences?](#)

The following resources offer starting points for parents, educators, and caregivers about how to handle conversations about race, racism, diversity and inclusion, even with very young children.

For Parents

Quick Links for Parents:

10 Tips for Teaching And Talking to Kids About Race via *Embrace Race* and *MomsRising*

An Anti-Racist Reading List via *New York Times*

They're Not Too Young to Talk About Race via *The Children's Community School*

Social Media Accounts to Follow:

Embrace Race has a wealth of resources, including free webinars, to "help parents practice raising and caring all kids, in the context of race." [Follow Embrace Race on Facebook](#)

The Conscious Kid is "an education, research and policy organization dedicated to reducing bias and promoting positive identity development in youth. We partner with organizations, children's museums, schools, and families across the country to promote access to children's books centering on underrepresented and oppressed groups." [Follow Conscious Kid on Instagram](#).

Here Wee Read is run by a diversity and inclusion expert (and mom) Charnaie. The mission is to help fellow parents find diverse books and educational products to help raise curious kids. [Follow Here Wee Read on Instagram](#)

For Children Under 5

Diverse Board Books for Babies and Toddlers

Early Childhood Books for Talking About Racial Identity via *Social Justice Books*

Multicultural Board Books for Babies via *Pragmatic Mom* and *Multicultural Children's Book Day*

Kids Ages 6 and Up

Curated Book Selections About Race and Racism via *ADL*

How to Talk to Kids About Race: Books and Resources That Can Help via *Read Brightly*

Picture Books That Help Children Tackle Race and Racism via *What Do We Do All Day*

Podcasts and Videos



[Talking Race With Young Children](#) via *NPR*



[Helping Kids Process Violence, Trauma, and Race in a World of Nonstop News](#) via *Common Sense Media*

Jewish Voices

What We in the Black Community Need From Jews Right Now via *The Forward*

The Black Jews Are Tired via *Reform Judaism*

Try to See Me via *Be'chol Lashon*

More

Talking About Race via *National Museum of African American History & Culture*

Resources for Race, Equity, and Inclusion via *We Need Diverse Books*

How to Talk to Kids About Racism, Racial Violence, and Police Brutality via *USA Today*

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Stories, Art and Playful Exploration: A PJ Library Learning Opportunity

[PJ Library](#) challenged all of their communities earlier this year to engage families in settings outside Synagogues or JCCs with creating open-art projects. Open art means that you are creating something with a variety of materials that are provided and available for you to choose from. The biggest component of open art is your imagination! There is no right or wrong way to produce your masterpiece!

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) and [PJ Library Fort Wayne](#) partnered with [Little River Wetlands Project](#) for Short Hikes for Short Legs on two Wednesdays, June 17 and June 24. The program was geared towards 3 - to 5 - year olds, and the topic was "What are Pollinators."

We began our event at the barn at Eagle Marsh. We talked about who are pollinators and what is pollination. We read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle, who as you know starts out as a caterpillar but turns into a beautiful butterfly who happens to be a pollinator! We then went on a short hike for short legs and collected leaves, grass, flowers, dirt etc. for our art project. When we got back from our hike, the kids made insect pollinators out of their collection. They glued their treasures onto paper. They did such a nice job – no one wanted to leave!



Was the hungry caterpillar here?



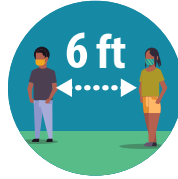
Important Information About Your Cloth Face Coverings

Print Resources Web Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html>

As COVID-19 continues to spread within the United States, CDC has recommended additional measures to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. In the context of community transmission, CDC recommends that you:



**Stay at home
as much as
possible**



**Practice social
distancing
(remaining at
least 6 feet away
from others)**



**Clean your
hands often**



In addition, CDC also recommends that everyone wear cloth face coverings when leaving their homes, regardless of whether they have fever or symptoms of COVID-19. This is because of evidence that people with COVID-19 can spread the disease, even when they don't have any symptoms. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

How cloth face coverings work

Cloth face coverings may prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading respiratory droplets when talking, sneezing, or coughing. If everyone wears a cloth face covering when out in public, such as going to the grocery store, the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 can be reduced for the community. Since people may spread the virus before symptoms start, or even if people never have symptoms, wearing a cloth face covering may protect others around you. Face coverings worn by others may protect you from getting the virus from people carrying the virus.



General considerations for the use of cloth face coverings

When using a cloth face covering, make sure:

- The mouth and nose are fully covered
- The covering fits snugly against the sides of the face so there are no gaps
- You do not have any difficulty breathing while wearing the cloth face covering
- The cloth face covering can be tied or otherwise secured to prevent slipping



Wash your cloth face covering after each use in the washing machine or by hand using a bleach solution. Allow it to completely dry.

For more information, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html>



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Your Direct Connection to Israel

[Partnership2Gether \(P2G\)](#) is a program of the [Jewish Agency](#) and the [Jewish Federations of North America](#). The vision of P2G is to build a global and united Jewish people made up of a tapestry of strong, lively, flourishing and interconnected Jewish individuals, families and communities working together to enrich Jewish continuity, identity and cultural understanding between Jews in Israel and their peers around the world. [Read more here.](#)

The Impact of
COVID-19 On Healthcare
in Israel, Budapest and USA.

Save the Date

July 19th | 12 pm EST
19:00 Israel | 18:00 Budapest

More details to follow



International Medical Panel - Impact of COVID-19 on Healthcare in Israel, Budapest and USA.

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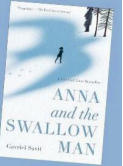
July 26 | 1:00 pm EDT

20:00 Israel | 19:00 Budapest

with

GAVRIEL SAVIT

For discussion about his book
Anna and the Swallow Man



P2G Book Club -

July 26th @ 1pm EST | 19:00 BUD | 20:00 ISL

Meet Gavriel Savit, author of *Anna and the Swallow Man* for a discussion about the book. Contact Avital at avitalbe@jafi.org. Thank you Springfield for the connection!



WE R FAMILY

Partnership2Gether Western Galilee invites you to connect with families from across the ocean.

Now, more than ever, our solidarity and connection with each other and our Partnership family, are vital.

Each participating family will be paired with a partner family. The project is based on bi-weekly communication.

New Engagement program!

We R Family - Partnership chairs Efrat Srebro and Michelle Korin are reaching out to families, with an offer to engage in intimate connection with another family from our Partnership communities.

For more info please contact [Efrat](#) or [Michelle](#).

Changing Paradigms: Israelis Raised Money to bring American Non-Jewish Leaders to Israel

We are all wondering what tomorrow will bring and what will be the “new normal” ..?? We know paradigms must change. Here is one that is already happening.

“They are fighting our war!” was the reaction of a group of Israeli business owners who visited the Jewish communities of Indianapolis and Omaha—two of 16 Jewish Federations who are partnered with the Western Galilee of Israel in the context of the Jewish Agency for Israel’s (JAFI) Partnership2Gether program. After hearing a presentation on the communities’ fight against BDS, the Israelis, “Friends of the Partnership,” came home knowing they had to do something. Together with the communities, they devised a plan to bring non-Jewish Community Opinion Leaders (COLs) to Israel; the Israelis would share their lives in the multi-cultural Western Galilee and join the visitors in a brief tour of the country. Clearly, the Friends and the US communities reasoned, if the COLs experienced the Western Galilee through the eyes of its residents, they would go back home with a new awareness about Israel and the Middle East.

The process was not easy. This was breaking new ground. The Partnership2Gether program is supported primarily by allocations from the American Jewish Federations. The “Friends” needed to raise money to make this idea come true. It was important to them that the money *be raised from Israelis*. With the help of the Partnership staff, the Friends created a crowd funding campaign and worked very hard to raise \$20,000 from Israelis for this endeavor.

This past February, the COL trip actually happened! Nine Jewish Federations of the Consortium each chose a COL (whose trip was funded by the Israeli-raised money) and sent an accompanying Jewish staff or lay representative, to ensure a continued relationship between the COL and the Jewish community after their return. The group of 20 spent 4-1/2 days in their Partnership area of the Western Galilee, experiencing its diversity. They met Jewish, Druze, and Christian and Muslim Arab leaders. They met with municipal officials, the Galilee Medical Center director, nonprofit CEOs, Partnership volunteers and staff. They heard the personal and professional stories of these individuals. They saw the Golan Heights and were treated to warm, wonderful home hospitality. Each COL also spent a morning with professionals of organizations according to his/her personal interests.

“I found out that there is a country here, beyond the conflict,” wrote Marshawn Wolley, lecturer and columnist from Indianapolis, in the Indianapolis Business Journal. “Israel is a country that is deserving of the right to exist.”

“I see minority groups can be helped. I have lessons that I can use back home,” said Julius Oliver, City Commissioner in Youngstown, OH.

"I never had much of a relationship to the Jewish community but now I see we have a basis to build bridges between the African-American and Jewish communities. There are similarities in our struggles and now we are family", said Pastor Michael Patton, director of the local NAACP chapter in northern Indiana.

The "Friends of the Partnership" did not only raise the money for the COL trip. Their involvement and feeling of ownership created a unique experience for the COLs. Granted, many organizations successfully bring non-Jews to Israel to explain the geopolitical reality and convey the complexity of the Middle East. This trip was different. The "tour guide" was a Partnership volunteer. Those that addressed the COLs at each site visit in the region were in fact part of the Friends or Partnership volunteers. Moreover, a number of volunteers and staff accompanied the group throughout their trip. The hosts made the touch personal and formed relationships with the participants, intending to create something that has a "life beyond" for the US communities and their connection with Israel. Together with its immediate impact on the participants, the trip also laid the groundwork for future collaborations as part of the web of personal, organizational and institutional connections between the 16 communities and the Western Galilee, between Israel and the world. Examples are: a museum director who could collaborate in the future with the Ghetto Fighters' Museum and the Israel Museum, an Indiana IT director and church pastor who could work to bring the Israeli model of Youth Futures to her community, or a university provost who can develop new opportunities for their students and faculty to connect with academic institutions in Israel.

The Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership2Gether is a platform that is ready for the new paradigm. The Partnership gave Israelis the opportunity to gain knowledge and compassion for the American Jewish communities. They were moved to raise the money locally and partner with the US communities in creating this initiative. This opens the door to further efforts in Israeli fundraising for Partnership activities. In addition, the Partnership's greatest core competency--creating personal connections and strengthening identity and communities--showed its power to impact the non-Jews and Jews who joined this unique opportunity. The pilot worked, we have to do it again and bring others to copy us!

Bracha Zuriel is the Director of the Central Area Consortium since the inception of the Partnership. The Consortium includes the Jewish Federations of: Austin, Ft. Worth and San Antonio, TX; Buffalo, NY; Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown, OH; Louisville, KY; Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, NW IN and St. Joseph Valley, IN; Peoria and Springfield, IL; Des Moines, IA and Omaha, NE. She works closely with the Partnership staff who planned and executed the program. The Consortium is partnered with the Western Galilee and Budapest through the auspices of JAFI's Partnership2Gether Unit.

SHARE SHABBAT AND WELCOME RABBI MEIR BARGERON ON JULY 10

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 24th spiritual leader, followed by a virtual Oneg Shabbat. [Find the link](#)

We're excited to welcome Rabbi Barger and his husband, Jon Tam, to our Temple family!

Rabbi Barger begins at the Temple on July 1. He was ordained in May at [Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion](#) in Los Angeles.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH US ONLINE

Begin your summer weekends with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community with our Temple family from your home. Sabbath services are being held via Zoom videoconferencing on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Please check for any schedule changes at www.templecav.org or on our [congregational Facebook page](#).

Have your candles and wine nearby as we offer blessings together on Fridays. Rabbi Meir Barger will lead his first service as our new spiritual leader on Friday, July 10 at 6 p.m. [Find the link](#) for Friday evenings.

Our Shabbat morning services on Saturdays include a Torah reading. Kiddush follows. [Find the link](#) for Saturday mornings.

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.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS IN AUGUST

Registration will begin in August for students in pre-kindergarten through high school for Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Religious School. Children must turn four by September 1 to enroll.

Mark your calendar for the first day of class on Sunday, September 13. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 for more information about Religious School or joining the congregation. Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children.

Jaki Schreier's speech continued from page 2

Our volunteer social worker, Fran Volante, has enthusiastically reached out to members of our community, showing kindness and respect. She is a blessing to us all.

Through the Community Relations Council, we've initiated writing Letters to the Editor and Op-Eds for our local newspaper, the Journal Gazette. We have signed letters directed to local and national leaders requesting they do the right thing for citizens of all ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Due to the scholarships made available by the Janet Finkel Scholarship Fund and the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, Camp Joe Levine had a record attendance in 2019. These scholarships provided an amazing outdoor experience for children who may not have been able to otherwise attend Camp Joe or any camp. Shabbat services and core Jewish values are all taught and for many of the children, Camp Joe is the highlight of their year.

Unfortunately, Camp Joe had to be canceled for 2020 as we could not assure the safety of the campers and staff during this pandemic. Due to COVID-19, it was imperative that we postpone key signature programs including People of the Book, Yom HaShoah, Rosh Chodesh, Partnership 2Gether, PJ Library and Holocaust Educational experiences. All of these will be rescheduled...G-d willing!

Our nation has been shaken by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and other similar horrific events. We acknowledge that this is not an isolated incident and as the representatives of the Jewish community, we are grappling with the meaning of racially motivated violence. In recent years, we have seen an alarming rise, from both the right and the left, in deadly racism and in anti-Semitism both here

in Northeast Indiana and in the world. It brings to mind Elie Wiesel's warning about the danger of being silent. *"Human lives are endangered when human dignity is in jeopardy...whenever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must, at that moment, become the center of the universe."*

Therefore, let us be the leaders of change we want to see in the world. Let us all, as a community, stand up for justice by speaking out and taking action, when we see injustice. Let us continue to do deeds of kindness, **Chesed**, as we are commanded to do.

We would like to thank Rabbi Paula Winnig for her extraordinary spiritual leadership and support during this past year.

The Jewish Federation continues to thrive due to our outstanding leadership, from President Ben Eisbart, the amazing and supportive Board of Directors, the committee members and our volunteers. We also thank each and every one of you who have shown your support with your attendance and generous contributions. There are truly no words that can express how very appreciative we are for each and every one of you.

We are called upon to do **Avodah**, or holy work, by caring for one another, not only fellow Jews, but all of humanity, here in Fort Wayne and throughout the world.

Thus, let us, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, continue with our noble task of being a vibrant light unto our community and to all nations. As your Director, I thank you all for your support this past year and your support in the years to come. Again, thank you so very much! Toda Raba...

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.



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.





GENEALOGY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 PROGRAMS

Though planning for upcoming public programs is currently a challenge, the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is moving forward with a full year of great speakers. We hope that all will be able to visit us in person, but if necessary, we will use technology to bring these experts directly to you!



We plan to begin our season with our second annual "Fort Wayne Jewish Family Day" on Sunday, October 18th on the Rifkin Campus. Beginning at noon, we will offer scanners to digitize your photographs, advice on tracing your family history, and more! Come check out our Fort Wayne Jewish Families database, with more than 5,000 past and present members of our community.

At 2:00 on Sunday, November 15, "Sherlock" Cohn, photo genealogist, will be our first presenter at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. Ava Cohn is an internationally-known professional genealogist who specializes in the dating, identification, and interpretation of family photographs and portraits.

Genealogist Mark Halpern will be our guest on Sunday, February 14, 2021. At 2:00 he will present "The Basics of Jewish Research in Poland," and at about 3:30, "A Deeper Dive Into Galician Records." Mark works with JRI-Poland, JewishGen, the IAJGS and helping others research their roots. He serves on the Board and Executive Group of JRI-Poland, is the founder of Bialystok Area Jewish Genealogy Group, and is on the Advisory Board of Geshen Galicia. Mark was honored in 2018 with the IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) Lifetime Achievement Award.



On May 2, 2021, world-renowned genealogist and computer guru Stephen P. Morse will join us at the ACPL Genealogy Center. Known perhaps equally for his invention of the 8086 computer chip and his genealogy prowess, he has brought these skills together with his One Step Website, a search aid for researchers. His two programs will include his "One-Step Website – a Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools" and "Searching the 1950 Census with and without a Name Index." When the 1950 Census is made public in 2022, it will not automatically have an index. He will discuss the tools he has made available to help researchers dig into the census right away.

Finally, we have re-scheduled our "Indiana Jewish Cemeteries" with Nolan Altman from IAJGS and Jeannie Regan-Dinnius from the Indiana DNR. That program, in conjunction with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, will be presented on Sunday, November 14th at the ACPL Genealogy Center.

Happy
Summer



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- **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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JNF - Plant a Tree in Israel

- A donation was received from **Robert Elliott** in honor of **Bill & Florence Schuler**.

Thoughtful Thursdays Fund

- A donation was received from **Laurence Mastbaum** in honor of **Leonard & Cookie Mastbaum**.

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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

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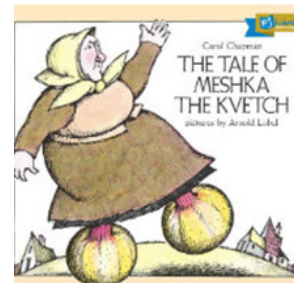
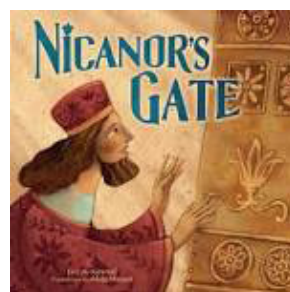
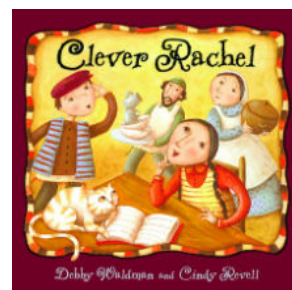
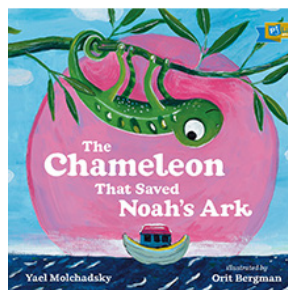
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Which books did you receive this month?

A program of the 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.



PJ Our Way is for kids ages 9-11. It is kid-driven - they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based on their own interests and reading level. To make the choice easier, our website includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

