

SEPTEMBER 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS



Harbor from the Holocaust Tuesday, September 8 10 pm

Produced by WQED, Harbor from the Holocaust is a one-hour film that will explore the extraordinary relationship of these Jewish refugees and their adopted city of Shanghai, even through the bitter years of Japanese occupation 1937-1945 and the Chinese civil war that followed. It was a relationship that produced some exceptional artists, statesmen and authors, as well as 'ordinary' people who survived to carry on their Jewish religion and traditions that would have otherwise been consigned to oblivion. Rivaling all elements and in tragic contrast to those who could *not* escape, this is a Holocaust story of life.



YOU made this celebration possible! Join us on

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1:30 – 2:15 pm ET, to hear about the impact you've had during this challenging time — in our community and around the world!

RSVP now: cvent.me/5VMblD #KvellWithMe #CommunalKvell #JewishTogether



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

YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN...



Shana tova!

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne Board of Directors and Staff, we wish each of you and your loved ones a healthy, safe and prosperous 5781!

Rosh HaShanah suggests that it benefits us to review our efforts over the prior year, always looking for areas to be better, do more for others, to celebrate that we are a year older, more experienced and, hopefully, wiser, to improve on the choices we make. We ask ourselves if we're opening our hearts in the hopes of improving the quality of our lives, and those for whom we care about and are responsible for.

On Yom Kippur, we ask G-d for forgiveness for the wrongs we have committed and ask to be inscribed in the Book of Life for the coming year.

Typically, Jews come together for these very significant days of awe. However, this is not a typical year and these are not normal times. During the upcoming High Holy Days we will be connecting with our community virtually. Although this isn't the ideal situation we wish for, we are thankful that the technology exists to assist us in this time of need.

For 99 years, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, along with its partner agencies and congregations has been here to assist those

in need, especially during difficult times. Now is no different. Throughout this past year, the Federation has continued to provide support to those in need both locally and around the world, programming (in sometimes modified form to fit the times) and education that is tailored to fit the needs of our community; and engagement and advocacy with respect to issues of importance to the Jewish people. The Federation's ability to continue to serve the Jewish community in these challenging times has reinforced the vital role that the Federation plays.

Many of us are witnessing first hand the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of this crisis on peoples' lives. We fully realize and appreciate the important role that our community plays at times like this. Throughout history, the Jewish people have always come together to overcome challenges. Even in a time of social distancing, we are stronger together to accomplish things that we cannot do on our own.

We invite you to join us, if you haven't already, in supporting our community, whether with your time or financial support - to help those who need it. The Jewish Federations Annual Campaign provides the basic infrastructure that supports our local Jewish community, in Israel and around the world.

From our families to you and yours, we wish you a safe fast and look forward to coming together next year for the HH Days with family, friends and as a community.

Stay healthy and be well.



While we can't know what this year will bring, we can pray for a better one than last. Share your wishes for the new year! #DearNewYear



GUEST - DR. REV. BILL MCGILL John Lewis Torch



"What is happening right now in the poorest communities in America – which are largely black communities – is the worst situation black America has faced since slavery. The way out must begin by the people in these communities taking matters into their own hands. They are not powerless. They are not voiceless. They must demand to be valued by the society that surrounds them. They must demand to be respected. At the same time, they must value and respect themselves. Too many of our young people in these communities have little or no respect left for one another or for life itself. They fight, they shoot, they kill one another over nothing but crumbs

- material crumbs like a pair of over-priced basketball shoes, or territorial crumbs like the loyalty of a neighborhood gang. They kill over these trivialities because crumbs are all they know - all they believe they can have. I truly believe that if we don't invest more in our young people, we are headed for disaster. And this is where the revolution must begin. A revolution of values. A revolution of attitude. The people, young and old alike, need to organize, to form a movement, a movement fueled not just by anger and rage, but by moral authority, by a sense of human righteousness fueled by the spirit. I have been poor. I know what it is like. And I know that it is possible to pool our interests, to gather our resources, as scant as they might seem. And I am not talking just about money. I am talking about courage and strength of character, about stepping back and deciding what is important and valuable about life in the long run, not just how to make ourselves happy today, or maybe tomorrow. We need to think twice about wasting ourselves and what money we have on alcohol and clothing and jewelry and cars, on having a good time. There is nothing wrong with any of these things, but at a time of crisis there need to be priorities. These things are sedatives, they are seductive, and they turn our attention and effort and strength away from the work that is necessary if we are to survive as a society."

-Representative John Lewis

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GUEST - DR. REV. BILL MCGILL

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He was the last of the "Big Six", who spent their entire adult lives trying to perfect Americas racial and equality mix. When I saw him last fall at Congressman John Conyers funeral in Detroit, it was during a process where Dr. C. T. Vivian and other legends that I've brought to Fort Wayne, were working earnestly to provide us with a personal introit. So, when I got the news that Dr. Vivian had entered the Church Triumphant, my heart was filled with sadness and discomfort, but to get the call hours later in the same day that Congressman John Lewis had joined him in eternity, my mind and spirit were plunged into a deep sense of uncertainty. For nearly four decades now I have been working earnestly for change, but I have always been strengthened by the reality that one of our

Icons was somewhere in range. While I am certainly thankful for those precious few soldiers like Rev. Jesse Jackson, Ambassador Andrew Young, and Sister Diane Nash, who remain; but none of them possess the resume of surviving multiple episodes of brutality and pain. John Lewis had to live and serve with a fractured skull, but his belief in the principles of non-violence as a strategy to fulfill the promise of America never grew dull. And in these days of often undisciplined, unorganized rage, we need a voice like his to help move our community to the next stage. Over the last month I have been called an "Uncle Tom" and "House Negro" for not being Downtown for the initial night of protest, but those who know me best know I do not carry social media access in my pocket vest. It remains impossible to be somewhere of which you are unaware. But as I saw the drama unfolding on the news, I had no doubt that our city was experiencing a potentially deadly fuse. A part of me was traumatized because I lived in the epicenter of the **Hough Riots** in Cleveland, Ohio during that bloody summer in 1966, and saw firsthand what happens when violence is used as a social remedy fix. All these years later there remain empty lots and buildings that were burned out, and not even the presence of a renowned medical facility like Cleveland Clinic has enabled total recovery to sprout. So, I salute this new generation of social activists but also encourage them to address issues of activity in our own houses that are nothing less than scandalous. People should not be called a "snitch", when they turn in people who sent someone to an untimely graveyard ditch. We now have double the number of homicides than we did this time last year, and yet there has been no outrage against those who cause innocent family members to shed many a tear. There seems to be no outrage toward those who engage in drug-dealing, even though it remains the greatest culprit of our young people's destiny stealing. Yes, we must speak truth to power, but we must be just as vigilant against those inner forces that are causing our hopes and dreams to sour.

Rev. Bill McGill, Senior Pastor - Imani Baptist Temple







Your Direct Connection to Israel

Partnership2Gether (P2G) is a program of the <u>Jewish Agency</u> and the <u>Jewish Federations of North America</u>. 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.

From Our Friends at Partnership2Gether!

We are excited to share with you a diverse list of a 'la carte programs from our <u>Partnership2Gether</u>. We invite you to sign up for the programs that spark your interest! These programs are a great way to engage with Jewish communities throughout our <u>Partnership2Gether</u> Consortium without needing to leave your home.



Sept. 13th @ 1 pm ET - Raise a toast with Partnership friends!

Yuval (Joov) Har-Gil, owner and master distiller of Julius distillery, first craft distillery in Israel, located in the Western Galilee, will lead a guided tasting of two of his products. The distillery uses locally grown ingredients, making its products true Farm to Bottle Spirits!

In the event we will hear from Yuval about his vision and will try together.

- 1. **Marc de Galilee** Eau de vie that is made from red grape pomace. Aged in oak barrels for 3 years.
- 2. **Eau de Vie de Etrog (citron)** eau de vie distilled from local citrons (Etrogs) that were mashed and fermented at low temperatures to retain the natural aromas.

RSVP NOW for the event, then place your order online HERE!





How to Host a Virtual Dinner Party for the High Holidays

Since March 2020, families everywhere have



created new routines, improvised work from home setups, and moved to virtual get togethers

and social distancing.

With different parts of the world, and different states in North America, opening at different rates, many families will be celebrating the High Holidays a bit differently this year.

If you're staying close to home but still want the feeling of a big Rosh Hashanah or break-the-fast meal, here are two short guides to host a virtual gathering.

These tips can also be adapted for virtual Shabbat dinners, general get-togethers, or celebrations any time of the year.

Virtual Gathering: Home-Cooked Edition

Want the feel of a home-cooked meal from your own home?

Related: Learn about the Center for Disease Control (CDC)'s guidance around Covid-19 and prepared foods.

With a little bit of online organization and the magic of video chat apps, you can share your staple holiday dishes with nearby friends and family. Just follow these steps:

1. Assign the Dishes

Who will make the round challah? Or Aunt Lulu's famous black eyed peas? Where's the recipe for Safta's kugel? You can start an email chain, google doc, or use a system like Doodle or Meal Train to assign dishes. Or set up a private Facebook group (and use it for future virtual gatherings) and use the "poll" option — users can add their own additions.

2. Make Individual Packages for Each Family
Use take out containers, zip top bags, or mason
jars that can be recycled and used again to

portion out an amount of your dish for each household participating in your virtual gathering.

3. Prepare a Drop off Schedule

If you all live in the same neighborhood, is there one central place where families can drop off individually packaged items and then arrive to do pickups later? Alternatively, elect one person from each household to safely drop off dishes to every other participating family. Don't forget your masks and sanitizer.

4. Gather (Virtually) to Eat Together

Jump on Zoom, Google Hangouts, or the video

meeting room of your choice to nosh, chat, and toast to a sweet new year all together.



Virtual Gathering: Delivery Edition

Is your family more spread out? Or are you just tired of cooking? Follow these two steps to enjoy the same meal all together.

1. Find an Online Delivery Service

Harness the magic of the internet and find a cross-national (or global) delivery service to have a favorite meal sent to the entire family. Want matzo ball soup from Brooklyn and knish from Chicago? Services like Goldbelly or iGourmet can make that happen.

2. Organize and Order

Designate one person to order for everyone. Use a virtual payment option like Venmo, PayPal, or CashApp, to pool everyone's money for your order. Then just place your order and relax.

3. Gather Virtually to Eat Together

Repeat the final step from the previous section.

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FEDERATION BOOK CLUB



We're delighted to introduce the **FEDERATION BOOK CLUB**, which will be featured in each issue of the Chailights. We welcome you to read these books along with us and share your thoughts with that of the reviewer.

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A great place to start this book club journey is with prolific author and 2012 People of the Book speaker, Erik Larson's newest book, **THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE**.

There are countless books about World War II, but there's only one Erik Larson. Over his career, he has developed a reputation for being able to write about

disparate subjects with intelligence, wit and beautiful prose that read like a novel.

THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE is a sprawling, gripping account of Winston Churchill's first year as prime minister of the United Kingdom, and it's a real page turner.

When King George VI appointed Churchill to replace Neville Chamberlain in 1940, he wasn't an obvious choice. Churchill was considered to be 'flamboyant, electric, and wholly unpredictable."

However, Churchill won over the British public in short order, in large part to his now famous speech in which he proclaimed, "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills, we shall never surrender."

Erik Larson details Churchill's successful efforts to persuade President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to help the British out as Churchill realized that 'only the industrial might and manpower of America would ensure the final eradication of Hitler and Socialism."

In **THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE,** Larson shows in cinematic detail, how Churchill taught the British people the 'art of being fearless." Drawing on diaries, archival documents and once secret intelligence reports, he provides a new lens on London's darkest year through the day to day experiences of Churchill and his family.

THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE takes readers back to a time of true leadership, when in the face of unrelenting horror, Churchill's eloquence, courage and perseverance bound a country, and a family together. Happy Reading!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOOKS:

October: AMERICAN DIRT by Jeanine Cummins

November: LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE by Celeste Ng

December: THE COLOR OF LOVE by Marra B. Gad

January: THE BOOKWOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK by Kim Michele Richardson

February: FAST GIRLS by Elise Hooper

March: **JUST MERCY** by Bryan Stevenson

April: **LITTLE** by Edward Carey



VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING





Jane S. Gabin

author of



"The Paris Photo"

Join us for a book discussion and Q & A Sunday, October 18, 2020

2 pm via Zoom Jour Jewish Federation
OF FORT WAYNE
THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.

Free & open to the public Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support



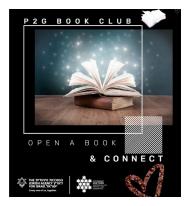




Cafe Anglit continues to grow, as more applications are received on our sign up form. Share this unique opportunity for connection!

Sign Up HERE

* NOTE: Cafe Anglit is designed for conversational practice purposes. Prior language knowledge is required.



The <u>P2G Book Club</u> is starting a new book: "Book of Fathers" by Hungarian author *Miklós Vámos*.

It's a great opportunity to spread the word and invite people to join in!

Click here to send Avital an email.



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 <u>Efrat</u> or <u>Michelle</u>, or fill in the <u>online form</u>.





HIGH HOLY DAYS WORSHIP MOVES ONLINE

L'shana Tovah! Please join us at Congregation Achduth Vesholom when we celebrate the High Holy Days 5781 online as a community, gathering together – albeit in a different way than previous years – to hear the sound of the shofar and offering prayers for renewal, forgiveness, good health, and peace.

As we begin a year like no other, we'll share Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur virtually to maintain the safety of our extended Temple family while also embracing the opportunity to experience the holidays in new and significant ways. Both Reform and traditional worship options will available for a second year. Find the schedule.

Only the clergy, service leaders, and a very small number of support personnel will be in the building. This will allow us to offer a worship experience from the bimah and our familiar sacred spaces, as well as follow distancing guidelines. We will not hold any inperson services in our sanctuary or the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel.

Rabbi Meir Bargeron will lead Reform worship with Cantor Yvon F. Shore and Maestro Robert Nance. Cantor Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, also joined us last year for the High Holy Days.

Returning to lead our traditional services is Michael Small, who previously served as the guest spiritual leader for the holidays at Congregation B'nai Jacob. An attorney, he is an active synagogue member at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, IL, where he frequently davens as a *shaliach tzibur* (prayer leader) and gives lay sermons.

Please join us by livestream when we delve deeply into the meaning of these sacred days. We warmly welcome guests to join us for worship. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for information about accessing online services.

Begin the sacred season on Selichot when we gather on Saturday, September 12 at 8:15 p.m. for Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings. We'll also change the Torah covers to white.

Rosh Hashanah will be celebrated on September 18-20 and Yom Kippur on September 27-28. <u>Visit our website</u> for more information about online worship, cemetery services, Drive-in Shofar & Tashlich services, virtual Break-the-Fast, High Holy Days food drive, and Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.

CEMETERY SERVICES SET FOR SEPTEMBER 13

Memorial services will be held Sunday, September 13 at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery and 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish

<u>Cemetery</u>. Join Rabbi Meir for the traditional *El Maleh Rachmim* and *Kaddish* prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing. For more information or to arrange transportation, call the Temple office.

ENROLL YOUR CHILD FOR JEWISH LEARNING

Registration is underway for an exciting year of Jewish learning in the Temple's <u>Religious School</u> for children in pre-kindergarten through high school. Since the Temple building currently is closed, classes will begin via Zoom on Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Children must turn four by September 1 to enroll. Please look for registration materials at www.templecav.org. Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children. Contact us for more information at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

HELP THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS APPLE PROJECT BEAR FRUIT

Help supply a bag of apples for each of the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the Jewish community's 10th annual <u>Thoughtful Thursdays</u> Apple Project. Many of the students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. We provide them with delicious Honeycrisp apples purchased from a local orchard.

This mitzvah is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days season! A tree will be on display at the Temple decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Wednesday, September 30.

Donate online at www.templecav.org. Indicate your gift is to "Project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays," along with the name(s) you would like to appear on the tree at the Temple. You can also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.

The tree will be on display in the lobby and the apples will be added with the names you choose for each donation. Until we are back in the building, pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's Facebook page as it 'grows'.

Thoughtful Thursdays will begin its 11th year this fall! Plan to join the Jewish community's teams as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head Start families in need.

Contact Jamie Berger (<u>jberger02@comcast.net</u>) or Sally Trotter (<u>sartrotter@gmail.com</u>) to learn more.

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CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH US FROM YOUR HOME

Begin your weekend with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community throughout September with our Temple family from your home via Zoom videoconferencing.

Rabbi Meir Bargeron will lead services on Fridays at 6 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship on Saturdays at 10 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. Please have your candles and wine nearby when we say the blessings together.

Please note that Rosh Hashanah begins on Shabbat this year so our schedule will change on Friday evening, September 18 (traditional worship at 6:30 p.m. and Reform service at 8 p.m.) and on Saturday, September 19 (traditional services beginning at 9 a.m. and Reform at 10 a.m.). <u>Visit our calendar</u> for details.

We warmly welcome guests to join us for worship. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for information about accessing online services.

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

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COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION

The staff and leadership of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne are continuing to prioritize the health of our community as we move forward. Taking into consideration the constant number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, and upon the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, we will remain closed to the public until further notice.

We continue to work on various programs and engagement opportunities in an effort to keep connected with our community. Our staff continues to work remotely, and are available via email. We check our voice messages regularly in the event you prefer to call us. We will return your phone calls as soon as we are able.







High Holy Day Schedules (all services/events are online unless otherwise indicated):

- Selichot Saturday, September 12
 - 8:15 p.m. Begin the holiday season together with Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings as we change the Torah covers
- Cemetery Services Sunday, September 13
 - 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery
 - 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery
- **Erev Rosh Hashanah Services** Friday, September 18
 - 6:30 p.m. Traditional service
 - 8 p.m. Reform service
- Rosh Hashanah Saturday, September 19
 - Traditional services
 - 9 a.m. Shacharit
 - 10 a.m. Torah service and D'var
 - 11 a.m. Musaf
 - 10 a.m. Reform Service
- Rosh Hashanah Second Day Sunday, September 20
 - **Traditional services**
 - 9 a.m. Shacharit
 - 10 a.m. Torah service and D'var
 - 11 a.m. Musaf
 - All Congregation
 - 2 p.m. Drive-in Shofar and Tashlich services at the Temple
- **Erev Yom Kippur Services** Sunday, September 27
 - Traditional Service Mincha at 6:45 p.m. and Kol Nidre at 7:15 p.m.
 - Reform Service 8 p.m.

- Yom Kippur Services Monday, September 28
 - **Traditional Services**
 - 9 a.m. Shacharit
 - o 10 a.m. Torah, Haftorah, D'var, Yizkor
 - 11:30 a.m. Musaf
 - o 6:15 p.m. Mincha

 - 7:30 p.m. Neilah
 8:10 p.m. Havdalah
 - **Reform Services**
 - 10 a.m. Morning Service

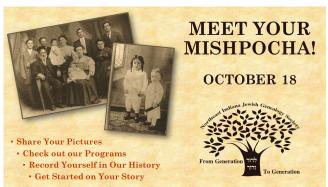
 - 3 p.m. Afternoon Service 4 p.m. Yizkor Memorial Service
 - 5 p.m. Neilah (Concluding) Service
 - **Break-the-Fast**
 - 8:15 p.m. Join us online via Zoom for a brief meet-andgreet, with restorative snacks in hand, to wish one another a Shanah Toyah
- Erev Sukkot & Shabbat Service Friday, October 2 at 6 p.m.
- Sukkot & Shabbat Service Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m.
- **Shabbat Service** Friday, October 9 at 6 p.m.
- Shemini Atzeret, Shabbat & Yizkor Service -Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m.
- Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration - Sunday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.







MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA!



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is going virtual for its October 18th Family Day event. "Meet You Mishpocha" will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18th. Registration information will be posted shortly on our website. We're excited to take advantage of Zoom's ability to reach family in Northeast Indiana and around the world!

Our fall programs are "photo focused." Dig up your old family photos and we'll help you digitize and organize them. NEIJGS members will have a "Lunch and Learn" with the ACPL Genealogy Center's photo expert in September, and our November public program will feature photo genealogist, Ava "Sherlock" Cohn. Ava is an expert in picking out clues from your old photographs. Once you have your pictures ready to share with her, she can tell you more about the people in the photographs.

October's "Meet Your Mishpocha" will feature photo help as well. We can assist you in digitizing your photographs and will encourage you to contribute digital copies of your pictures to our Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database. This "family tree" has grown to almost 6,000 people, with cemetery records, vital records, and census records included. We'll offer virtual "tour" of the database at our event. Come check out Madge Rothschild's connection to Temple founders, see how you're related to other members of the Jewish community, or just make sure we have things recorded right! For those curious about their own family history, or how to get started, we'll have our experts on hand for consultations.

Do you know of someone outside of Northeast Indiana that might be interested in joining us in October? We're looking for e-mail addresses of anyone with Jewish ancestors from the area and would appreciate any help we can get in finding them. If you can help or if you have any questions, please contact us at info@NEIndianaJGS.org. Updates and registration information can be found on our Facebook page, at https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/, or on our website, at www.NEIndianaJGS.org.



Avoid the Three Cs



Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:



Crowded places

with many people nearby



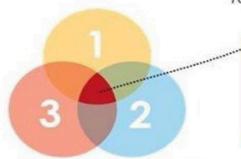
Close-contact settings

Especially where people have closerange conversations



Confined and enclosed spaces

with poor ventilation



The risk is higher in places where these factors overlap.

Even as restrictions are lifted, consider where you are going and #StaySafe by avoiding the Three Cs.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces



Maintain at least 1m distance from others



When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes



Wear a mask if requested or if physical distancing is not possible

If you are unwell, stay home unless to seek urgent medical care.



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.

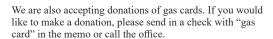
She works for us as a volunteer, on an as needed basis.

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@fwi.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 <u>Federation</u> office at (260) 456 - 0400. All calls are confidential.





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 <u>CARS</u> and their trained staff will guide you through the donation process.



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.



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 threeweek Camp Joe Levine Day Camp.



In April 2008, Audrey Gerson established the Janet Finkel Campership Fund in honor of Janet Finkel. This fund makes it possible to help youngsters go to a Jewish Camp or to a Music Camp.

PJ Library:

Supports reading anytime of the day, but we know that many families sit down to read books at bedtime, in their pajamas. PJ Library books can be enjoyed any time you want a good story.

The Martha Rothenberg Replane Theater
 & Creative Arts Fund:

This fund was created in Memory of Martha Rothenberg Replane to honor her memory and her love for theater and creative arts. The fund will be used to encourage theater and creative arts presentations and knowledge in our community.

DONATIONS

General Operating Fund

A donation was received from Juan Suarez

Janet Finkel Campership Fund

 A donation was received from Susie Miller in memory of Myra Sussman

JNF - Plant a Tree in Israel

A donation was received from Jaki & Eric Schreier in honor of Rabbi Meir Bargeron

The Martha Rothenberg Replane Theater & Creative Arts Fund

 A donation was received from Jo Ellen & Mike Rush in honor of Chuck Replane's 80th birthday A long-time local businessman and proud member of Fort Wayne's Jewish community who wishes to remain anonymous is contributing to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne in honor of:

- Jaki Schreier for her exemplary leadership;
- New Tech Academy, teacher Jeff Roberts and the graduating class of 2019 for their outstanding Holocaust Studies program and for winning the Best in Network Award; and
- The founders of Advancing Voices of Women (AVOW), Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Rachel Tobin-Smith, Patti Hays and Faith Van Gilder for their contributions to causes of civil rights and social justice.



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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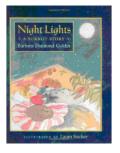


Which books did you receive this month?

A program of the <u>Harold Grinspoon Foundation</u>, <u>PJ Library</u> 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.

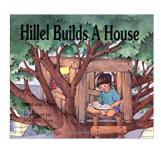












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choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based on their own interests and reading level. To make the choice easier, our website includes summaries and



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.