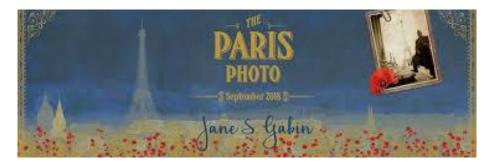


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# Jane S. Gabin

author of



# "The Paris Photo"

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

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

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

Please join us! Zoom info will be shared in our weekly email.

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From our family to yours!

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**

#### WE CAN DO GOOD IN THE WORLD BECAUSE OF EACH OF YOU!



Because the impact of COVID-19 has affected each and every one of us, the idea that we are one community is even more unmistakable. These past months have been extremely difficult for many. Our community members have been presented with enormous challenges, and

unfortunately, the impact of the current pandemic will be felt for a long time to come. It is, therefore, vital that we remember that we are all in this together, and we are all here for each other. Everything we do as individuals and as a community will define who we are when this pandemic is over.

Likewise, the work of our own Federation, the Jewish Federations of North America and the many agencies we serve is as important as ever. The work we do is made possible because of the support from **each and every one of you** who contribute to our community's Annual Campaign. **The Annual Campaign** ensures that critical programs and services are available to those of us in NE Indiana, our nation and to our international partners where they are needed the most.

Thanks to each of you who participated financially to the 2019-2020 Campaign, we have been able to make significant contributions to both regional and overseas agencies including, but not limited to:

- Ball State University Hillel
- Indiana University Hillel
- o Purdue University Hillel

- Indiana Jewish Historical Society
- o Indiana University Jewish Studies Program
- Purdue University Jewish Studies Program
- o Candles Holocaust Museum
- Illinois Holocaust Museum
- Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA)
- Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith
- o Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council
- Jewish War Veterans of the USA
- o Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- Secure Community Network (SCN)
- Jewish National Fund (JNF)
- o American Friends of Magen David Adom
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
- Yad Sarah
- o Religious Action Center (RAC)
- Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion
- Partnership 2-Gether (P2G) Western Galilee Region
- Birthright
- Israel Action Network (IAN)

Your donation to our community's Annual Campaign really matters. Each and every gift received makes an important difference. The Campaign allows us to continue to navigate the current crisis and the years ahead. It will enable our Federation and our partners to continue to serve those in need long after this pandemic has passed whenever that may be - and it will help us to emerge from this crisis stronger together.

Thanks to you, we have been able to 'do well so that we can do good'!

**Dr. Scott Salon**, Allocations Committee Chair **Jaki Schreier**, Executive Director

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION**

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

- RAKtivist

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.



#### **THOUGHTS**

## **JCPA Mourns the Loss of Ruth Bader Ginsburg**



The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) mourns the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She was a true hero and a champion of justice and equality.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg rose from the humble beginnings of an immigrant Jewish family in Flatbush to become a Supreme Court Justice. As a lawyer and advocate, she fought to change laws and policies that advanced reproductive rights and equality for all.

As a Supreme Court Justice, she upheld many of the positions central to JCPA's mission. "To make life a little better for people less fortunate than you, that's what I think a meaningful life is," she explained.

In 2002, Ginsburg received JCPA's Albert D. Chernin Award, which recognizes individuals whose life work best exemplifies the social justice imperatives of Judaism and the protection of the Bill of Rights, particularly the First Amendment.

"The best way to honor Justice Ginsburg's life is to continue to fight for equality and to deter the rollback of women's reproductive rights," stated David Bernstein, JCPA's President and CEO. "Her work and legacy live on in our work."



#### **THOUGHTS**

# THE JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA WECLOME THE SIGNING OF THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS

On Setpember 15, the Jewish Federations of North America's chair of the Board of Trustees Mark Wilf and President and CEO Eric Fingerhut joined nearly 1,000 guests on the White House Lawn to witness the historic signing of the peace accords between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu meet with U.S. President Donald Trump prior to the ceremony, followed by a four-way meeting between Trump, Netanyahu and the foreign ministers of the UAE and Bahrain, Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, who are signed the accords for their countries.

"We welcome the signing of the Abraham Accords. We hope and expect that this agreement will expand Israel's ability to live in peace with its neighbors, a development Israel has long sought," said Mark Wilf, chair of the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Federations of North America.

"President Trump and his team have made regional peace a priority and deserve much credit for this historic accomplishment. We are pleased to be at the White House today to witness the signing of the Abraham Accords," said Eric Fingerhut, President and CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America.









#### **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.

#### 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.



### Cello Concert - October 14th @ 12:00 pm ET

Join a virtual concert by Robbie Hausmann, BPO Cellist and participant of the last Music2Gether program (Dec. 2019). Robbie and his colleagues worked with local conservatories to promote talented young musicians, both Jewish and Arab. Following the concert, Avital Ben-Dror, Partnership's Community Engagement coordinator, will share stories and pictures from the Music2Gether delegation. RSVP by email HERE





### What is Simchat Torah?

The autumn months are full of Jewish holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot! But did you know that there are more holidays that take place during these joy-filled weeks?



One of these holidays is *Simchat Torah*, which means "rejoicing of the Torah" in Hebrew. This day is the exuberant conclusion to the fall holiday season in the Jewish calendar. It is an unforgettable outpouring of joy and celebration, all about one thing: the Torah, the first five books of the Bible.

### What Happens on Simchat Torah?

On Simchat Torah, the Torah scrolls are taken out in synagogues all over the world, and the singing and dancing begins! The celebration includes a reading of the final portion in the Torah. When reading the Torah is completed, it is immediately begun again. The first chapters of the book of Genesis are read aloud, kicking off a new yearly Torah cycle. One of the highlights of the service is when the children present are called up for an *aliyah*, the blessing that precedes a Torah reading.

## How Do People Celebrate?

In addition to attending services, there are also lots of fun traditions associated with Simchat Torah. In some communities, the Torah scroll is brought around for everyone to look at. People will dance and wave colorful flags in celebration. Looking for a way to celebrate with your family? Here are seven fun things to do with kids on Simchat Torah.

#### More

Read one of these stories to learn more about Simchat Torah:





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#### FEDERATION BOOK CLUB





"AMERICAN DIRT"

A novel by Jeanine Cummins

This novel, published in January of 2020, begins with this intro:

"FEAR KEEPS THEM RUNNING HOPE KEEPS THEM ALIVE YESTERDAY LYDIA HAD A BOOKSHOP YESTERDAY LYDIA WAS MARRIED TO A JOURNALIST YESTERDAY SHE WAS WITH EVERYONE SHE LOVED MOST IN THE WORLD

TODAY, HER 8 YEAR OLD SON IS ALL SHE HAS LEFT FOR HIM, SHE WILL CARRY A MACHETE STRAPPED TO HER LEG

FOR HIM, SHE WILL LEAP ONTO THE ROOF OF A HIGH SPEED TRAIN FOR HIM, SHE WILL FIND THE STRENGTH TO KEEP RUNNING"

AMERICAN DIRT opens with the sudden, violent intrusion of an unthinkable event; the cold-blooded execution of an entire Mexican family including a father, grandparents, and cousins – 16 innocent members of Lydia Perez's family. The reason for the execution was retaliation.

Lydia Perez is a Mexican middle-class mother of an 8 year old boy named Luca, and the wife of a journalist, Sebastian. In addition to running the household, Lydia owns a bookstore in Acapulco, where she and her family live. Javier, the kingpin of a newly organized cartel becomes a regular customer. Lydia and Javier become good friends by way of their mutual love of books. He is erudite, charming, and very attractive. The writing suggests that he is physically attracted to Lydia. She does not know that he is a ruthless killer.

In 1917, the murder rate for journalists in Mexico had grown to be the highest it had ever been. Sebastian, unaware of his wife's friendship with Javier, publishes an expose of the cartel. In response to the expose, Javier orders an execution of the entire family. The massacre occurs during a family gathering at the grandparents' home. This is the catalyst for the rest of the story. Luca and his mother escape execution by hiding in the bathroom. (I defy anyone to read these initial pages and not continue to read the rest of the novel.) I was hooked and I couldn't turn the pages fast enough.

The remainder of the novel records Lydia and Luca's journey north to the United States. This account really opened my eyes to the difficulties the migrants face both physically and emotionally. Meeting other migrants facing horrors in their homeland, learning of the disturbing motives of many Coyotes, and of the dangers of traveling through the desert to the border, made me take another look at how I feel about migrants crossing into the U.S.

American Dirt was advanced as an Oprah book and has been hailed as the next <u>Grapes of Wrath</u>. However, along with the accolades, there is much controversy associated with this novel. The critics center their criticism around the author's own credentials and her purpose for writing this novel. Jeanine Cummins faces accusations of not being Mexican, not having lived in Mexico, and not having the experiences of the many Mexicans crossing the border. Ms. Cummins herself had stated that she wished "someone with skin more brown than hers" had written of the plight of the migrants. However, the author counters much of the criticism by describing her 4 years of being involved in the writing process, including extensive travel in Mexico and interviews with real people living in Mexico. I encourage everyone to read this controversial novel and make their own decisions.

Jeanine Cummins is married to an immigrant, who was undocumented at the time that they met. It took him 5 years to propose because he wanted his green card before he proposed. She is a United States citizen who comes from a family of mixed cultures and ethnicities. Her grandmother is from Puerto Rico. Ms. Cummins has written 3 previous novels: The Outside Boy, The Crooked Branch, and A Rip in Heaven. American Dirt is her most recent novel. It is an excellent read and I highly recommend it.

Reviewed by Cookie Mastbaum

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOOKS:**

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

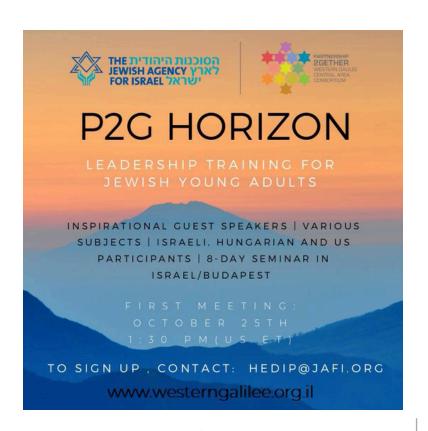
February: FAST GIRLS by Elise Hooper

March: **JUST MERCY** by Bryan Stevenson

April: LITTLE by Edward Carey



#### VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING



#### October 25th @ 1:30 pm ET

Young Adults Committee is looking for passionate young adults (ages 25-45) to join our new leadership training program - HORIZON.

After the online season, participants will take part in an 8-days seminar in the Western Galilee + Budapest, hopefully in the fall of 2021.

Registration and more info: hedip@jafi.org



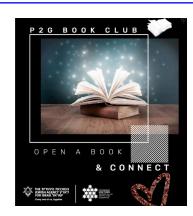




Cafe Anglit continues to grow, as more applications are received on our sign up form. Share this unique opportunity for connection!

#### 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 Michelle, or fill in the online form.





## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS PROVIDES A SAFETY BOOST

As we navigate these difficult times of COVID-19, we have learned of another way in which the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program can help our Brightpoint Head Start families. Brooke Hartman, Brightpoint site director at the Temple, recently shared that they are in need of car booster seats for some of the children.

This new need is because parents will not be coming into the Temple building to drop off or pick up their children. Instead, they will wait in a car line, with Brightpoint staff bringing the children in and out of the building. Staff members want to be sure that a child is properly restrained (as in a booster seat). In an effort to keep the children safe and continue to focus on upholding Judaism's highest priorities of maintaining life and health, we have donated 10 Graco booster seats (at \$25 per seat) to the program.

Thank you for your support of Thoughtful Thursdays as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head Start families in need.

Please contact Jamie Berger (jberger02@comcast.net) or Sally Trotter (sartrotter@gmail.com) to learn more.

#### JOIN US ONLINE FOR SHABBAT

Begin your weekend with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community throughout October 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.

Our Shabbat services this month also will include Sukkot observances on October 2-3 and Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor on October 10. Simchat Torah will be observed on Sunday, October 11 at 10 a.m. Visit our calendar for more information. 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.

#### SHARE SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate Sukkot with our Temple family during two online worship opportunities when Rabbi Meir Bargeron will shake the lulav and etrog as we observe the fall harvest festival. Please join us:

- Friday, October 2 at 6 p.m. (Reform) via Zoom
- Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m. (Traditional) via Zoom

Since our building is closed, we will construct the Temple's sukkah outside the building rather than in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. While we will not host our traditional decorating session, please stop by during the holiday to enjoy the sukkah.

## OBSERVE SHEMINI ATZERET AND YIZKOR WITH US

Please join us for our Shemini Atzeret Shabbat service and Yizkor on Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. via Zoom, led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron and Ron Friedman.

Meaning "the eighth day of assembly," <u>Shemini Atzeret</u> follows the seventh day of Sukkot in the Diaspora.

## CELEBRATE SIMCHAT TORAH AND CONSECRATION

Share in a joyous <u>Simchat Torah</u> celebration on Sunday, October 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom, led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron, when we also will celebrate Consecration with Achduth Vesholom students who are beginning their Jewish education. We will also complete the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy and begin the Book of Genesis.

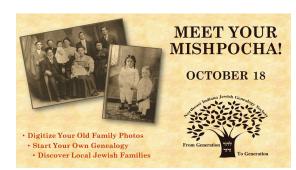
We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for information about accessing online programming.





#### **MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA WITH NEIJGS!**

October is Family History Month, and the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is cel-



ebrating with a "Meet Your Mishpocha" virtual event on October 18th at 1:00 p.m. Designed to help people connect with their Jewish roots, the event will feature advice on digitizing photographs and starting your family history. Directors of the Jewish community's Oral History Video Project and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society will also be on hand to answer questions. And we'll offer virtual tours of the Society's Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, which has grown to include over 6,000 past and present members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish community. Door prizes available to attendees include a free DNA kit!

Whether you're considering starting your own family history, or curious about the history behind the names you see around the Temple, we'd love to have you join us! Registration is required for the event, and the link can be found on our website at <a href="https://neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/">https://neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/</a>. If you know of anyone outside the area who might be interested, please spread the word! For more information, contact <a href="mailto:info@NEIndianaJGS.org">info@NEIndianaJGS.org</a>. Thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for their support of this event.

#### **FALL IS PHOTO FOCUSED**

Members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society met with the ACPL Genealogy Center's Kay Spears to discuss photographs at their first virtual "Lunch and Learn" last month. We discussed best practices for digitizing and storing photographs and touched on photo editing and manipulation. We spent some time analyzing two member pictures as well. NEIJGS holds two informal "Lunch and Learn" programs each year which are informal gatherings for sharing information and asking questions.

Although Ava "Sherlock" Cohn is unable to present for us in November due to family illness, we are thrilled that another famous photo detective, Maureen Taylor, will be speaking for us on November 15<sup>th</sup>! At 2:00 that afternoon, she will present "No Language Barrier. Immigrant Clues in Photographs." From her website, "Family historians often overlook the ethnic evidence sitting in their photo albums. Using case studies and examples, this special presentation illustrates how to read immigration clues in pictures taken in the United States and abroad." Maureen is exceptionally well-known in the genealogy world, and we are honored that she agreed to join us at the last minute. She will also give an additional program for NEIJGS members. Registration will be required to attend the event, and the link is available on our website at <a href="https://neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/">https://neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/</a>.



#### **COVID - 19**

#### How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask

CDC has updated its mask-wearing guidance. CDC recommends that you wear <u>masks</u> in public settings around people who don't live in your household and when you can't stay 6 feet away from others. Masks help stop the spread of COVID-19 to others

#### Overview

- Wear masks with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Masks should be worn by people two years and older
- Masks should NOT be worn by children younger than two, people who have trouble breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask without assistance
- Do NOT wear masks intended for healthcare workers, for example, N95 respirators

#### **How to Select**

When selecting a mask, there are many choices. Here are some dos and don'ts.



How to Wear

#### Do wear a mask that:

- Covers your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Fits snugly against the sides of your face



#### How to Clean

Masks should be washed regularly. Always <u>remove masks correctly</u> and <u>wash your hands</u> after handling or touching a used mask.

- Include your mask with your regular laundry
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask
- Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry



https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html



#### 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.

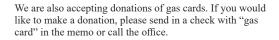
She works for us as a volunteer, on an as - needed basis.

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 <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 three-week 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 Doris Gottlieb in memory of Marvin Gottlieb.
- A donation was received from the Jewish Community Foundation of S. Arizona and Vivian Skadron in memory or Goldie DuBow and in honor of the Goldie DuBow award.

#### JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

A donation was recieved from Jaki & Eric Schreier in memory of Deborah Lauinger.

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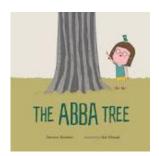
#### Which books did you receive this month?

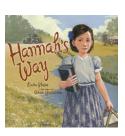
A program of the <u>Harold Grinspoon Foundation</u>, <u>PJ Library</u> is made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. Families with kids ages 6 months through 8 years old with Judaism as part of their lives are welcome to sign up.













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.

