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MARCH 2021

Upcoming Events

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne in partnership with Partnership2Gether presents:

"Beer at the Root of Early Civilization – The Anthropology of Beer"

Presented by Micah Soltz

Sunday, March 7 at 1 pm via Zoom



Take a virtual tour of the [Chapman's Brewing Company](#)

Interactively taste 4 different beers

Hear about the impact brewing beer has had on human civilization around the world

[RSVP and Zoom information](#)

The program is part of the Federation's participation in Partnership2Gether with other communities in the U.S., Western Galilee, and Budapest, Hungary.

This event is free and open to the public. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne
Rosh Chodesh
Invites you to "meet" Minnette Baum



Join us via [Zoom](#)
Monday, March 8, 2021
6:30 pm
When Harriet Miller presents
"The Life and Times of
Minnette Baum"

This event is free and open to the public.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.



Chef Marla Cohen
Cooking Sh*t-arein for Pesach



Update your traditional Passover Menu with tips and tricks from Chef Marla including

- Perfecting Matzoh Ball making
- Learning how to properly cut Brisket to keep Bubbe's recipe perfect
- Upgrading your Gefilte Fish and many more...

Join us Sunday, March 14th at 3pm

Save the Date!

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Yom HaShoah (Holocaust) commemoration will take place virtually on **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7 pm**. Our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Barry Jackisch, Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Toledo**.

Zoom information will be available the beginning of April.

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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.



GUEST COLUMNIST - MICAH SOLTZ

“Beer at the Roots of Civilization: the anthropology of beer”

Despite the resurgence the beer industry has enjoyed over the last 2-3 decades through the craft beer movement, beer in its many forms has been with humanity since the dawn of civilization. Fermenting fruits and grain in the quest to nourish body and soul goes hand-in-hand with the earliest evidence of complex human social organization. In conjunction with “[Partnership2Gether](#)” (P2G), Micah Soltz, Vice President of Sales and Operations for Chapman’s Brewing Company in Angola, Ind., will lead a virtual tour of a modern craft brewery and presentation on the role of beer and brewing in human cultural development.



The presentation will begin with a “virtual tour” around the facilities of Chapman’s Brewing Company during which we will discuss the modern process and the equipment used for brewing beer. Participants are highly encouraged (but not required) to join in the sensory panel portion of the event, in which we will taste through four of Chapman’s Brewing Company’s core beer styles, discussing the history and flavor components of each historical beer style. We will conclude the day’s event exploring the role of brewing and beer in the development of complex human social groups around the world.

Along with an M.A. in anthropology, Mr. Soltz spent eight years as a college instructor teaching various topics in archaeology, biological and cultural anthropology. He has spent the last eight years working in alcohol sales and currently oversees all sales and operational aspects of Chapman’s Brewing Company in Angola, Ind. Join Micah on Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. as he leads a “virtual tour” around a modern craft brewery, exploring the topics of how beer is made, along with a tasting component and culminating in a presentation of “Beer at the Roots of Civilization”.



If you would like to join in the sensory panel tasting portion of the event, feel free to sign up for your sample pack of 4 beers and 4 Chapman’s branded sample glasses at shop.chapmansbrewing.com. Click on the “P2G Event Pack”, select your P2G community, what day you want to choose for delivery (delivery option is only for participants living in NE Indiana). While encouraged, neither purchase nor consumption of alcoholic beverages is required for participation or attendance of this event.

If you live in NE Indiana, your beer will be delivered directly to your home on either Friday, March 5 or Saturday, March 6 depending on which option you choose in the dropdown menu provided. Chapman’s Brewing company’s delivery service begins delivery each day at 3:30 p.m., and Indiana State Law requires that someone 21 or over be present at the time of delivery. Delivery drivers will text you approximately 30 minutes prior to their arrival. If you have any specific delivery requirements or instructions (gate code, don’t ring bell or deliver after 5 p.m.) then please leave them in the “notes” section during checkout; we will do our best to accommodate requested delivery times.

If you live outside of NE Indiana but in one of the participating communities listed in the dropdown menu, then please select your city and P2G’s community network of volunteers will be assisting in organizing pickup areas for your community before the event.



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](#)!

Along with 13 other U.S. cities and Budapest, Hungary, our Federation belongs to the Central Area Consortium, partnered with the Western Galilee area of Israel. Our members have benefited from programs we've offered with guests who've come from the Western Galilee to Fort Wayne, as well as opportunities to travel in our Partnership area. We are excited to share with you a diverse list of a la carte programs from our [Partnership2Gether](#). 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 [Partnership2Gether](#) Consortium without needing to leave your home.



PARTNERSHIP2GETHER PRESENTS

Women's
**ROSH HODESH
GATHERING**

*Connect with Partnerships' 19 communities,
for a celebration International Womens' Day!*

- Rosh Hodesh Ceremony
- Women Make a Difference:
meet local WG entrepreneur
- Learn2Gether Session

March 14th
1:30 pm ET

19:30 BUD
20:30 ISL

RSVP: rebrand.ly/P2G-Hodesh

 THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL
Every one of us, together.

 PARTNERSHIP 2GETHER
WESTERN GALILEE CENTRAL AREA CONSORTIUM

Women's Rosh Hodesh Gathering
March 14th, 1:30 pm ET
Celebrate International Womens' Day with women from across our Western Galilee (WG) Partnership communities.

[RSVP HERE](#)

and join our [Facebook group](#)!



MUSIC 2GETHER

VIRTUAL TUTORING WITH ISRAELI MUSIC STUDENTS

Partnership2Gether is looking for musicians and music teachers, who are interested in volunteering monthly to give virtual music lessons for students in the WG.

January - June 2021

For Details Contact:
AvitalBe@Jafi.org



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PJ Library and PJ Our Way Authors Receive Honors for Their Books

Each year, two awards represent the most prestigious honors in the Jewish children's literature community. They are the [Sydney Taylor Book Award](#), given by the [Association of Jewish Libraries](#), and the National Jewish Book Award, given by the [Jewish Book Council](#).

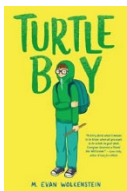
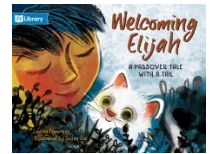
PJ Library and PJ Our Way are proud to have book selections recognized and awarded by these organizations, as well as two titles that received the [American Library Association's Schneider Family Book Award](#), honoring books featuring the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences. We are excited to celebrate these accomplishments with our incredible roster of authors and illustrators. Here are the current and upcoming PJ Library and PJ Our Way selections that received this year's awards:

Sydney Taylor Book Award Gold Medalists

Welcoming Elijah: A Passover Tale with a Tail by Lesléa Newman

Recommended for ages 4 to 5

Inside, a family is enjoying a traditional Passover seder. Outside, a little kitten is cold, damp, and hungry. How will the kitten find its way from the outside in? Here's a hint: Its name is Elijah.



Turtle Boy by M. Evan Wolkenstein

Upcoming PJ Our Way selection

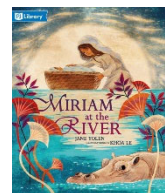
A boy who has spent his life living inside a "shell" discovers the importance of taking chance in this friendship story.

Sydney Taylor Book Award Silver Medalists

Miriam at the River by Jane Yolen

Recommended for ages 7 to 8

When Miriam places her baby brother Moses in the Nile, she is filled with fear and trepidation -- but she also has courage and faith. The events that follow make up one of the most famous and exciting of all the stories in the Bible.



Sydney Taylor Book Award Notable Books



The Eight Knights of Hanukkah by Leslie Kimmelman

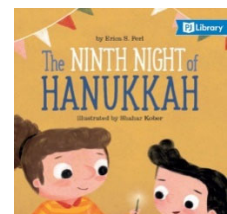
Recommended for ages 5 to 6

The whole kingdom has gathered to celebrate Hanukkah, but a dastardly dragon keeps interrupting the festivities. Can the Eight Knights of Hanukkah set things right?

The Ninth Night of Hanukkah by Erica Perl

Recommended for ages 6 to 7

Max and Rachel have just moved -- and they're looking forward to celebrating Hanukkah, but the box with their menorah is still in transit. For all eight nights of Hanukkah, Max and Rachel have to figure out other ways to make the holiday special. Then, when their menorah arrives the day after Hanukkah finishes, they have a brilliant idea.





Beni's War by Tammar Stein

PJ Our Way selection recommended for ages 11+

Beni's brother Motti is in the army when the Syrians attack Israel on Yom Kippur. Their other brother was a hero in the Six-Day War, but Beni can't even stand up to the bullies at school. Can he find a way to be a different kind of hero?

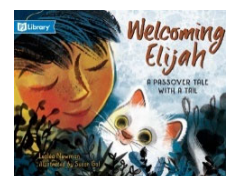
In addition to these awards, congratulations to the following: upcoming PJ Our Way author Sofiya Pasternack on a silver medal for her book *Anya and the Nightingale*, PJ Our Way author Laura Shovan on a notable mention on *A Place at the Table*, and Ruth Behar, a [PJ Library Author Incentive Award](#) recipient who was recognized for her book *Letters from Cuba*.

National Jewish Book Award Winner

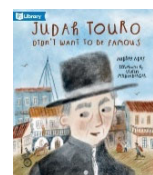
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National Jewish Book Award Finalists



Judah Touro Didn't Want to Be Famous by Audrey Ades

Recommended for ages 8+

Judah Touro made his fortune, and now he wants to spread his wealth by doing good works. There's just one catch: He doesn't want anyone to know he's doing them. This true story of an early American philanthropist may inspire other secret do-gooders!

Additional congratulations to upcoming PJ Our Way author Sofiya Pasternack on being a finalist for her book *Anya and the Nightingale* and to PJ Library author Uri Shulevitz on being a finalist for *Chance: Escape from the Holocaust*.

Schneider Family Award Winners

Itzhak, a Boy Who Loved the Violin by Tracy Newman

Recommended for ages 7 to 8

Young Itzhak Perlman loves the violin...but he does not love practicing. After a near-fatal bout with polio, Itzhak learns to persevere -- and before long, he finds himself on the international stage.



Get a Grip, Vivvy Cohen! by Sarah Kapit

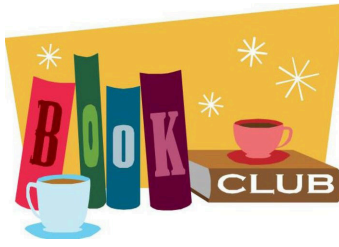
Upcoming PJ Our Way selection

In this novel-in-letters, autistic eleven-year-old Vivvy Cohen won't let anything stop her from playing baseball—not when she has a major-league star as her pen pal.

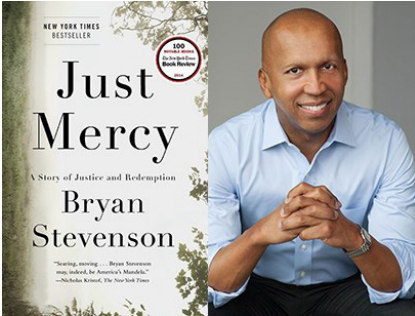
Additional congratulations to PJ Our Way author Kimberly Bradley for a [Newberry Honor](#) for her book *Fighting Words*. The Newberry Awards are given to authors of the most distinguished contributions to American literature for children.

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FEDERATION BOOK CLUB



JUST MERCY by Bryan Stevenson



On behalf of the members of the **FEDERATION BOOK CLUB**, we thank Kathy Sider for suggesting the book **JUST MERCY**, written by Harvard Law School graduate and co-founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, Bryan Stevenson. Kathy

also reviewed the book and led the book club on an excellent discussion. **JUST MERCY** is a memoir that personalizes the continual struggles against injustices by one activist lawyer.

Bryan Stevenson uses his outstanding communication and written skills to show the unfairness of the justice system in our country. Almost weekly, DNA analysis exposes false convictions while the predominance of racial minorities in the prison systems and jails would suggest systemic bias. Mr. Stevenson shows how studies often cast doubt on the accuracy of eyewitness testimony. We often read about executions that have been horrifically botched.

Bryan Stevenson's great-grandparents had been slaves in Virginia. His grandfather was murdered in a Philadelphia housing project at the time that Bryan was a teenager. Bryan grew up in humble surroundings by hardworking parents who encouraged his education and inspired his passion for social justice. He began representing poor clients first in Georgia and then in Alabama upon his graduation from Harvard Law School. He was a co-founder of the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama.

The book focuses solely on the work at this agency and its clients. The main narrative tells the story of Walter McMillian, whom Stevenson represented beginning in the 1980s for killing a young white woman in Harper Lee's hometown of Monroeville, Alabama. McMillian, who didn't have a serious criminal history, continued to proclaim his innocence. Because McMillian, who was Black, was having an affair with

a white woman, Stevenson makes the case that McMillian was vulnerable to prosecution. Stevenson lays out the court case against McMillian because it is outrageous. There were many eyewitnesses with McMillian at a church fundraiser during the time of the murder. McMillian is put on death row before the trial even takes place. An almost entirely white jury returns the sentence of life in prison; however, the judge takes it upon himself to convert life in prison to the death penalty.

Kathy sent the members of the book club a link to the '60 Minutes' segment on this miscarriage of justice. When McMillian was finally released from prison in 1993, his case made the cover of The New York Times. The exoneration burnished Stevenson's reputation for his work on the systemic issues around racial injustice and jurisprudence in America.

Mr. Stevenson used the McMillian case to illustrate his and his agency's commitment to the individual defendants. The more success Stevenson has fighting what seems like hopeless causes, the more support he has attracted. He won the MacArthur "genius" grant, Sweden's Olof Palme prize and many other distinctions and awards. His efforts attracted enough federal and foundation support to field an entire professional staff. Against tremendous odds, Stevenson and his staff have worked to free many people from wrongful or excessive punishment, going before the U.S. Supreme Court five times.

Stevenson once said in a TED talk, "We will ultimately not be judged by our technology, we won't be judged by our design, we won't be judged by our intellect and reason. Ultimately, you judge the character of a society...by how they treat the poor, the condemned, the incarcerated."

The ultimate message of this book is how through one man's refusal to sit quietly, evil can be overcome, a difference can be made.

These are timeless truths.

Written by Jaki Schreier

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

April: **LITTLE** by Edward Carey

CALENDAR

MARCH 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | CAV Office Closed 1 7:00 p.m. Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer | Hebrew School 2 7:00 p.m. Book club | Hebrew School 3 7:00 p.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Meir | Hebrew School 4 | JFFW Office Closed 5 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Services | 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 6 |
| Religious School 7 1:00 p.m. Anthropology of Beer 7:00 p.m. Study the Five Books of Moses with Rabbi Kornspan | CAV Office Closed 8 6:30 p.m. Life & Times of Minette Baum with Harriett Miller 7:00 p.m. Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer | Hebrew School 9 7:00 p.m. Confronting the Shoah 7:00 p.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Meir | Hebrew School 10 | Hebrew School 11 6:30 p.m. CAV Board Meeting | JFFW Office Closed 12 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Services | 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 13 7:00 p.m. Jewish Trivia Night with Havdalah |
| Religious School 14 1:30 p.m. Rosh Hodesh 3:00 p.m. Pesach Cooking with Chef Marla 7:00 p.m. Study the Five Books of Moses with Rabbi Kornspan | CAV Office Closed 15 7:00 p.m. Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer | Hebrew School 16 7:00 p.m. Confronting the Shoah 7:00 p.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Meir | Hebrew School 17 | Hebrew School 18 7:00 p.m. JFFW Board Meeting | JFFW Office Closed 19 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Services | 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 20 |
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| 5:00 p.m. Virtual Second Seder 28 | JFFW & CAV Office Closed 29 7:00 p.m. Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer | 7:00 p.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Meir 30 | 31 | | KEY: JFFW - Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (The Federation) Traditional - CAV | Reform - CAV RC - Rosh Chodesh (Women's Group) RO - ROMEOS Special Events |



THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TO INCREASE FOOD FOR FAMILIES

As the pandemic continues, the number of Brightpoint Head Start children attending classes at the Temple looks to remain low for the rest of the year. Because of this, we are able to increase the amount of food sent home each month through the end of the year as part of [Thoughtful Thursdays](#).

This month we will be sending home bags that include pancake mix, syrup, maple sugar oatmeal, cereal bars, peaches, pretzels, bags of fresh oranges, dishwashing liquid, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, toilet paper, and more.

In May we are planning to include a small Mother's Day gift with the food items that will be sent home with the children. A colorful striped, 9X4" bag will be filled with small toiletries, such as perfume samples, emery boards, clear nail polish, etc. We are requesting donations of these items. If you can help, please contact Sally Trotter: sartrotter@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because there is a pandemic!

Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AT ONLINE JEWISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Join Congregation Achduth Vesholom for a fun-filled virtual Jewish Trivia Night led by Kathy Sider with Havdalah led by Rabbi Meir Barger on Saturday, March 13 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

All ages are invited to play – enter as a household or an individual. Prizes will be awarded for the winners in each category as well as the overall winner! Please register by Thursday, March 11 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or email office@templecav.org.

Information on how to connect will be sent via email to those who RSVP by the deadline. Please note: Each individual or team will need two devices to play, i.e. computer and mobile phone or iPad/tablet and mobile phone. For more information or questions, you may contact Kathy at ksider812@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH US FROM YOUR HOME

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

Throughout the month, Rabbi Meir Barger on 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.

We warmly welcome guests to join us for online worship. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for information about accessing online services. Visit the Temple website at www.templecav.org for any schedule changes as dates approach.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH 'NOTORIOUS RBG' AUTHOR

Learn more about the life and times of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg during "An Evening with Irin Carmon," co-author of *Notorious RBG*, on Monday, April 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. on Zoom. Organized by the Temple's Social Action Committee, the program is open to the Jewish and greater community.

This is the first in what we hope will be a continuing series of journalists speaking directly to our members about issues of the day and the newsmakers who make the decisions regarding those issues, "Behind the News." The author will speak about the late Justice Ginsburg one of the Supreme Court's most liberal justices, and how her presence on the Court has affected the laws of our country. In a program filled with humor and inside stories, Carmon shares the time she spent with Justice Ginsburg to prepare for the book's publication in 2015, plus the rich history of one of America's most admired women. The hour will include a question-and-answer segment.

Although our program this year is virtual due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our goal is to bring in a journalist annually to inform us of national or international news that affects us every day. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

This year we were extremely lucky to secure Carmon so soon after the untimely death of Justice Ginsburg in September 2020. Her story is one that will provide insight into the life and mind of Justice Ginsburg, and we are the first venue to schedule Carmon after the vacancy occurred on the Court.

This event is open to all who have a thirst for knowledge and an interest in the country's changing landscape. Please feel free to share the news and the registration information with your friends. The link will be sent through the weekly email to our extended Temple family. Others may contact us at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 for access information.

Carmon is a journalist co-author with Shana Knizhnik of the top ten, non-fiction New York Times bestselling *Notorious RBG*, and a frequent speaker around the country. A *New York* magazine senior correspondent and on-air CNN contributor, she reports and comments on gender, politics, and the law. Carmon and her co-author were featured in the award-winning and Oscar nominated 2018 documentary *RBG*.

WEEKLY LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Expand your Jewish knowledge and friendships by being part of our growing community of lifelong learners. Three weekly study options are available online for those interested in a deeper exploration of Torah or Hebrew texts. [Learn more and find the schedule](#). Links are sent through the weekly email to our Temple family. Guests are invited to contact us at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 for access information.

Torah Study With Rabbi Meir

Delve into important lessons in the weekly Torah portion with Rabbi Meir Barger on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Study the Five Books of Moses with Rabbi Kornspan

Read and study the Torah, verse by verse, with classic commentaries by Rashi, Rashbam, Seforno and many others during a weekly study group led by Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan on Sundays at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer

Study the Hebrew texts – both Orthodox and Reform – of the daily and Shabbat liturgies on Mondays at 7 p.m. led by John Planer on Zoom.

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MORE THAN 400 ATTEND PROGRAMS ON POLAND AND GALICIA

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society was thrilled to host genealogist Mark Halpern for two virtual programs on February 14. The two programs drew over 440 participants from around the world, including Australia, Israel, England, France, Germany and Sweden! Attendees learned a great deal about the records available in Poland and the Ukraine, and how to access them.

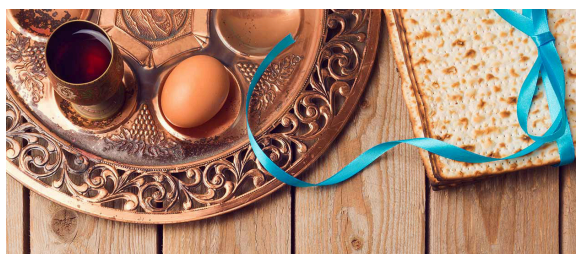
NEIJGS members will have the opportunity this month to learn about online newspaper sources at a virtual "Lunch and Learn" with Melissa Tennant, from the ACPL's Genealogy Center. Then in April, we look forward to welcoming Wendy Soltz on Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. for a program on "Northeast Indiana Historic Synagogues and Influential Families." Wendy will speak on three historic synagogues: 1889 Ahavath Sholom in Ligonier, 1914 B'nai Jacob in Fort Wayne, and 1936/7 Sinai Temple in Marion and highlight some of the families who helped to build them and create sacred spaces for their communities. During the presentation, she will also discuss the larger Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project which she started in 2018 with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS). This project uses ArcGIS mapping technology to pinpoint and describe over 90 Indiana synagogues.



Wendy is currently an Assistant Professor of History and the Director of the Public History Program at Ball State University. Previously, Wendy was Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and History at Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio, and Executive Director of the IJHS. Soltz received her PhD in Modern Jewish, 19th- and 20th- century US, and public history in 2016 from the Ohio State University. We're excited to add some local history and genealogy to our calendar!

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this virtual program. The link to registration can be found at the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/.

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The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Board of Directors and staff wish you a Happy Passover!

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? WE'RE HAVING A VIRTUAL 2ND SEDER!

Over the years, Congregation Achduth Vesholom usually has hosted a community Seder on the second night of Passover to retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt. Last year, in the early days of the pandemic, we did not come together in person for a Seder, but instead met briefly online on the first night to light candles and offer holiday greetings.

This year, we're pleased that the Temple's Second Night Seder returns – albeit on Zoom. Please join us on Sunday, March 28 at 5 p.m. for a family-friendly virtual Passover Seder, led by Rabbi Meir Bargeran.

We will share a ritual meal only, focused on the [Seder Plate](#), while we commemorate our people's redemption from slavery by reading from the Haggadah. The one-hour program will conclude in time for families and friends to have their own Passover meals. See the Temple's weekly e-mail, [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for more detailed information as the date approaches. Guests are welcome. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for access information.

COVID - 19

Wondering how you can do your daily activities safely while protecting yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19?

The more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.

So, think about:

How many people will be there?
Will the space be indoors or outdoors?
Will you spend a lot of time with others?
("PST" here's a hint – think People, Space, and Time.)

Learn more about assessing the risk when you're deciding to go out:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/deciding-to-go-out.html>

#CDC #PhysicalDistance

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ASSESSMENT DURING COVID-19

LOWER RISK

HIGHER RISK



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

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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](mailto:office@fwj.org) 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.



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.

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.

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

– RAKtivist



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.

FUNDS AND DONATIONS

JEWISH FEDERATION FUNDS

ENDOWMENT

- Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund
- Baum/Goldenberg Scholarship
- Emergency Cash Assistance Fund
- Holocaust Education Fund
- Jewish Experience Fund
- JNF - Plant a tree in Israel
- Prejudice Reduction Elimination Fund
- Thoughtful Thursdays Fund
- Community Relations Committee (CRC):
To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.
- Goldenberg Camp Joe Fund:
Every year we get a number of requests for assistance with the registration for our three-week Camp Joe Levine Day Camp.



- **Janet Finkel Campership Fund:**
In April 2008, Audrey Gerson established the Janet Finkel Campership Fund in honor of Janet Finkel. This fund makes it possible to help youngsters go to a Jewish Camp or to a Music Camp.
- **PJ Library:**
Supports reading anytime of the day, but we know that many families sit down to read books at bedtime, in their pajamas. PJ Library books can be enjoyed any time you want a good story.
- **The Martha Rothenberg Replane Theater & Creative Arts Fund:**
This fund was created in Memory of Martha Rothenberg Replane to honor her memory and her love for theater and creative arts. The fund will be used to encourage theater and creative arts presentations and knowledge in our community.

DONATIONS

Holocaust Education Fund

- A donation was received from **Michelle Ball**

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- Donations were received from an **anonymous donor**

every contribution is
hugely valued

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We appreciate Mayor Tom Henry for being one of the first signers of the [MAYORS UNITED AGAINST ANTISEMITISM](#). This is an initiative of the American Jewish Committee and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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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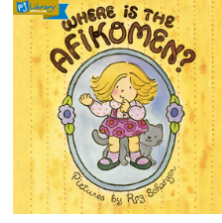
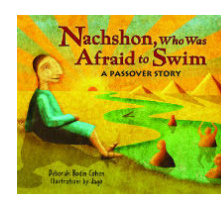
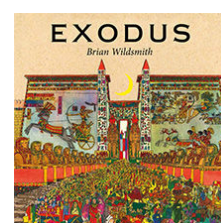
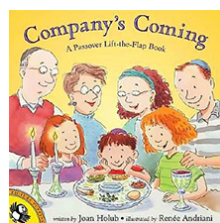
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Which books did you receive this month?

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.

