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APRIL 2021

Upcoming Events

YOM HASHOAH

FORT WAYNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Commemoration For The Six Million Who Lost Their Lives

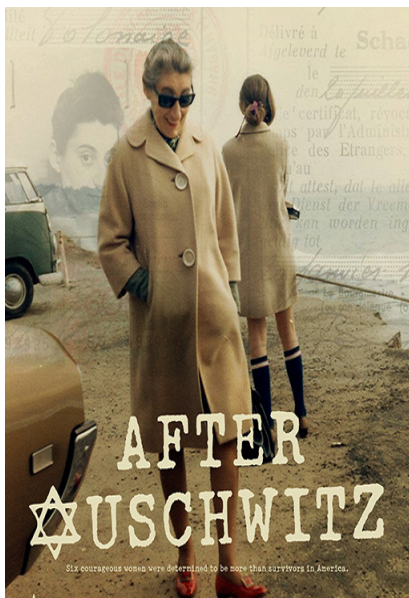
Please join us for our virtual service & program on Thursday, April 8
at 7 p.m. Our keynote speaker

Dr. Barry Jackisch -

a Holocaust Scholar and adjunct professor of Modern European
History at the University of Toledo -
will be answering the question
"Why Weimer Matters"

This event is free and open to the public. [Zoom link here.](#)

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Learn how six Jewish women rebuilt their lives since the war - getting married, immigrating to America, building careers, and raising children and grandchildren - while looking for a way to understand their trauma and loss.

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I Danced for the Angel Of Death

The Dr. Edith Eva Eger Story

Dr. Eger recounts her remarkable story of survival as a prisoner at Auschwitz. She would later go on to receive a psychology degree and examines how her ongoing work has helped her grow and heal.

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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 - AMY SHEPSMAN KROUSE

Packed and Ready



"Make sure you have a bag packed and ready to go," said my father to me and my brothers while growing up in New York City in the 1980s. This is something his father routinely said to him, "The Jews in Germany didn't see it coming. Make sure you always have a go-bag packed and never get too comfortable."

This instilled in me a sense of hyper-vigilance that at any moment my life could be in danger simply because I am Jewish. Anti-Semitism and acts of violence can show itself in a variety of ways and can happen anywhere, and at any time.

Even now.

Even in America.

Despite the fact that I am a third-generation American with more ties to America than my Eastern European roots, I can never get too comfortable.

Throughout the 1930s, the increasing acceptance of Nazism in Western Europe was slow, almost inconspicuous, but very deliberate. In less than four years, Germany turned from a liberal state to a murderous dictatorship that nobody was able to stop.

Hitler started out as a fringe political figure. He had never previously served in public office and was relatively unknown in government circles. He rose to power through the perfect storm of Germany's economic collapse, his indelible gift for persuasive oration, and through the skilled technique of using a scapegoat, the Jews, to explain the country's problems.

Each year on Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) Day, Jews around the world cry while singing *Never Again* as they remember their murdered brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, wives, husbands and children.

The Holocaust may seem like ancient history, but the truth is, genocides against people because of their religions and beliefs are currently taking place. Today, we see civil war in Sri Lanka, the brutal murder of Rohingyaans in Myanmar, and forced sterilization, detention camps, or worse, for China's Uyghur population. Thus, it is with the utmost urgency that we *must* remember the Holocaust, because similar events can *and are*, continuing to happen.

The chasms in our society continue to grow deeper and wider. Our divisions, based on our beliefs and ideals, make it all the more ripe for fringe political leaders to come to power. They rise by captivating and capturing those who are looking for someone to lead them by finding a scapegoat to blame for their current woes. We saw this firsthand in January with the insurrection on our Capitol. There, while the Capitol was seized, were men wearing Camp Auschwitz shirts, waving Confederate flags and holding nooses. If this isn't history repeating itself, I don't know what is.

In 2019, according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the Jewish community experienced the highest level of Anti-Semitism activity since 1979, the year the ADL began tracking these figures; there was a 56% increase in assaults. But the Jews were not alone; according to Stop AAPI Hate, also in 2019, verbal assaults against Asian Americans increased nearly 80% over the prior year. And nearly every day during the summer of 2020, we were reminded of the continued prevalence of racism in our country through the Black and brown individuals who lost their lives.

The pattern of scapegoating and blaming a group of people for our misfortunes because of their race, ethnicity or religion is where it all begins. We must take a pause when our highest leader refers to "a common enemy." We need to understand how and where this hatred begins, how it festers and how we must do everything within our power to refute and stop the hate.

We must recognize that it is just as important for us to continue to remember the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust as it is important for us to remember those whom we have recently lost at the hands of the continued existence of racism and anti-Semitism.

We can draw a very clear and direct parallel between life in the United States today and life in the economically stable and culturally diverse Germany prior to Hitler's rise to power. And if we aren't careful, or do not learn from our past, we may all need to have a go-bag packed and ready.

Amy Shepsman Krouse was born and raised in New York City. Since 2018, she has lived in Fort Wayne. Krouse is an active member of Fort Wayne's Jewish community as well as being involved with women's rights and issues of equality in Northeast Indiana. She currently lives with her husband, newborn son, and standard poodle in Southwest Allen County.



Consulate General of Israel
to the Midwest



'Never again' requires dedication from each of us

- Aviv Ezra

A year ago, Israel welcomed dozens of heads of state and delegations visiting from Europe, North America and Australia, for the Fifth World Holocaust Forum at Yad Vashem, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

The format of that historic event was surely different from this year's commemorations. Nonetheless, the call remains the same and more pressing than ever: Never again.

Looking at the Holocaust in the context of a pandemic that may well become the defining moment of the 21st century is especially relevant.

Furthermore, in a world increasingly plagued by misinformation, hate speech and anti-Semitism, dedicating time to remember the history of the Holocaust has taken on a new relevance.

Seventy-six years after the end of World War II, anti-Semitism has not only persisted, it has spread at an alarming rate. In the United States, Jews account for only 1.9% of the total population, yet 60.3% of religious-based hate crimes were anti-Jewish, according to the FBI's 2019 Hate Crime Statistics.

These numbers are reflected in just some of the recent anti-Semitic attacks in our region, from vandalizing the Shaarey Tefilla synagogue in Carmel with a Nazi flag and other symbols to the egging of an Israeli flag hanging over a student's balcony at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign last month.

A concrete definition of anti-Semitism is needed to combat it; that is exactly what the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance provides.

The definition, which has already been adopted by the United States, is that anti-Semitism "is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations ... are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

What makes the definition particularly strong are the clear examples of anti-Semitism it provides,

including examples connected to Israel as a "Jewish collectivity." These include denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis, and the double standard of requiring of Israel a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.

To be sure, the definition does clarify, "Criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic."

When other countries are involved in a conflict, the criticism is never that one of those countries shouldn't exist. Moreover, to believe that all the peoples of the world have the right to self-determination except the Jewish people is a double standard that exposes anti-Semitism.

Israel is home to 189,500 Holocaust survivors. With each passing year, there will be fewer witnesses around the world to the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust. In the end, we will only have the written and recorded testimonies they left behind, preserved and passed down from generation to generation.

One such example is the Take a Stand Center at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, where visitors can interact with the holograms of 13 Holocaust survivors who answered more than 2,000 questions about their experiences to create this initiative.

Whether virtually or in person, whether through a witness or a recorded testimony, it is imperative to remember, to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and identify the anti-Semitic acts that led to it, in order to prevent any such atrocity from happening again to the Jewish people or to any other group.

Aviv Ezra is consul general of Israel to the Midwest, based in Chicago.

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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.



APRIL 8TH
9:45 AM ET
16:45 ISRAEL

Israeli
Holocaust
Remembrance Day
Closing Ceremony

*Live from the
Ghetto Fighters
House*

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL
הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל
Every one of us, together.

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BEIT LOHAMEI HAGHETAOT
GHETTO FIGHTERS' HOUSE MUSEUM

Israeli Holocaust Remembrance Day April 8th

09:45 AM ET | 16:45 Israel

Israeli Holocaust Remembrance Day
Closing Ceremony

Live from the Ghetto Fighters House

[RSVP HERE](#)



ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY
APRIL 11TH
11 AM ET
17:00 BUD | 18:00 ISL

Personal stories from the
battlefields of the Yom Kippur war

WITH
Past P2G Co-chair
Michael Aaronson

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Israeli Memorial Day 2021 Honoring Israel's Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terror

April 11th @ 11:00 AM ET

Michael Aaronson (former P2G
Co-chair), shares his mesmerizing
personal stories & memories from
battles of the Yom Kippur war.

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HERE WE ARE: Virtual Tours
April 29th @ 12 p.m. CT / 1 PM ET
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What are we talking about this month:

Making Tzedakah a Shabbat Tradition



Even very small children can understand the ideas of sharing and giving to others. Kids understand that when they give presents to friends or family or share a favorite toy they make the people around them happy. As kids get older, and their sense of empathy develops, they also understand the concepts of fairness. Tzedakah is about making sure that all of the world's resources (food, water, clothing, education, shelter, etc.) are shared justly. Starting a weekly *tzedakah* practice as part of your Shabbat routine is a wonderful way for families to reinforce this very special Jewish value.

TZEDAKAH & SHABBAT

Tzedakah is a Hebrew word that is usually translated as “charity” but it comes from a root word meaning “justice”. It is customary for many families to engage in an act of *tzedakah* as part of the Shabbat routine. There is no shortage of ways to incorporate *tzedakah* into the family’s routine. Here are a few ways to do just that:

Decorate a *Tzedakah* box together

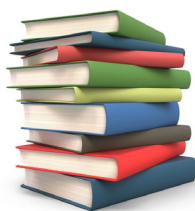
Take turns selecting a charity to donate to each month

Watch [this episode of Shaboom!](#) together - it's all about *tzedakah*

Read [a story about tzedakah](#)

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WHAT WE ARE READING



LITTLE by Edward Carey



Madame Tussaud! Many of us heard about or visited her famous wax museum in London. But we may not know much about her life story – which is the topic of *Little*, a novel by Edward Carey. It was published in 2018, but according to Carey, “it took him a ridiculous fifteen years to finish.” This creative historical narrative is interspersed with Carey’s illustrations, which are simultaneously realistic and weird.

Madame Tussaud was originally named Anne Marie Grosholz and was born in Strasbourg, a small Alsatian

village, in 1761. Going by her middle name, Marie was extremely short of stature throughout her life, hence the name of the novel. Marie’s widowed mother took a job as a housekeeper for Dr. Curtius, a physician who made wax models of organs and body parts for medical students. Upon her mother’s death, Marie continued to work for Dr. Curtius and moved to Paris with him. She taught herself to accurately sketch body parts. Dr. Curtius taught her to make wax body parts and then wax models of peoples’ heads. Without a loving adult in her life, Marie was treated like a servant from a very young age. She was remarkably resourceful, though, and mastered the art of recreating the likeness of humans in wax.

When Dr. Curtius moved to France, Marie became his assistant, both in his work and in the wax museum he started in Paris. At the age of 16, Marie made a wax model of the head of Voltaire! For a period of years, Marie served as a tutor to King Louis XVI’s sister, living at Versailles. She moved back to Paris during the French Revolution. Marie and Dr. Curtius continued to sculpt the heads of famous people, including philosophers, famous murderers, and eventually victims of the guillotine during the French Revolution.

Edward Carey remembers visiting the original wax museum in London as a child. He remembers that “... it terrified me. I hated going there and I never forgot it.” But Carey became fascinated with Madame Tussaud, eventually working at the museum. *Little* is full of grief, but also full of love and emotion. Marie was a strong person who became an accomplished artist, feminist, and business owner.

The book group’s response to the novel was varied. Some people liked the book and highly recommend it. A few people disliked the book so strongly they did not finish it. Most of us were in the middle, appreciating the illustrations or the vivid descriptions or the precise, intelligent writing style. Literary critics describe the book as:

- Entertaining and absorbing.
- Well researched and fact based.
- Absorbing and evocative.
- Full of sickening details and macabre illustrations.
- Represents the wider historical and social impetuses of the time.
- Reflects egalitarianism and supports feminism.
- Dickensian.
- Playfully written with careful craftsmanship.
- Characters are not complex or emotionally deep.

Little has also been described as a “visceral, vivid, and moving novel about finding and honoring one’s talents and searching for where one belongs and who one loves.”

My favorite thing about this novel was the illustrations, which are masterful!

About the Author

Edward Carey was born in a small town near the east coast of Norfolk, England. Both his father and grandfather were officers in the Royal Navy, and Edward attended a nautical college. Although he played a naval captain in a school play, Carey chose a creative career path, joining the National Youth Theatre and studying drama at Hull University. His accomplishments include:

- Writing 7 published novels.
- Teaching and conducting workshops at various universities.
- Gaining renown as an illustrator.
- Writing plays.
- Conducting puppet theater performances.
- Traveling and living in 8 different countries.

According to Edward Carey, in March of 2020 (at the beginning of the pandemic), he rushed home to Austin from London to start a new project. He is doing a drawing a day (“sometimes about subjects requested by others, sometimes in response to current events, sometimes whatever he has an itch to draw”). Some of these illustrations can be seen on his website.

Reviewed by Nancy Salon

Thank You

March was a busy month for Federation!

Without all of you and our “partners”, none of this would be possible.
So, a big thank you to:

**Partnership2Gether, Micah Soltz and Dan Zweig for the “Beer at the Roots of Civilization: the anthropology of beer” program on March 7;
March 8 brought us Harriet Miller as “Minnette Baum”;
and we had fun cooking with Chef Marla Cohen on March 14.
We would like to thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support of our programs.**

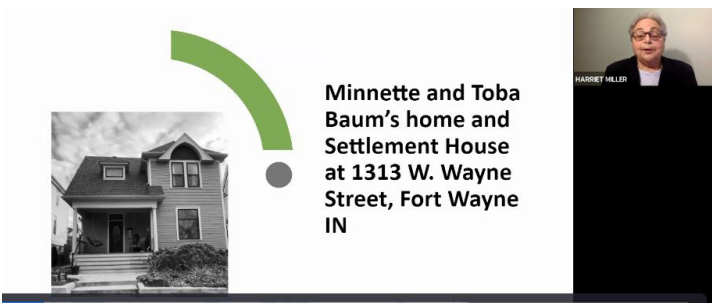
Virtual Tours



The Partnership2Gether in Israel hosted 80 households when Micah Soltz talked and tasted some beers at the Chapman's Brewery



Harriet Miller became Minnette Baum and told 70 households all about Minnette's amazing life here in Fort Wayne and in Israel!



60 households were on Zoom for Chef Marla Cohen's Cooking Sh*t-arein for Pesach class



IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME IN APRIL AT THE TEMPLE

After a year of online worship during the pandemic, we're excited to begin a phased reopening of the Temple in April by resuming in-person services with limitations on crowd size and masking and distancing guidelines in place. At the same time, virtual services will continue for those at home.

In order to protect the health of attendees and to facilitate contact tracing if needed, reservations are required to attend worship. Please make a reservation to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org by the Wednesday before a given Shabbat service. We will confirm your reservation in advance. Please understand that we are unable to accept walk-ins. Masks are required at all times and must cover your nose and mouth.

Our first in-person Shabbat services from our Sanctuary will be held on Friday, April 2 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 3 at the new time of 9:45 a.m. Yizkor for Passover also will be observed in-person on Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. Please visit our calendar at www.templecav.org. Links for virtual services are sent directly to members via our weekly email. Guests are welcome to contact the Temple office for access information. The Temple remains closed for in-person programs, classes, Religious School, and meetings.

The leadership will continue to monitor the situation in the coming weeks, with the possibility of canceling or limiting in-person gatherings if conditions warrant and following recommendations of the congregation's COVID Task Force. Upcoming life-cycle events, including b'nei mitzvah, also would fall under the guidelines.

Please review the [safety guidelines](#) available on our website. These include no congregant singing, consistent with research and best practices on maintaining safe worship spaces. Social distance of at least six feet is required. Oneg Shabbats will not be held. Ushers will be present at all services to ensure safety rules are followed.

Thank you in advance for adhering to our guidelines so that we may begin reopening safely.

FRUIT AND MORE FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Our Brightpoint Head Start "cuties" were happy to be taking home a 5-pound bag of fresh mandarin cutie oranges in addition to their regular monthly bag of food in March through the Jewish community's [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) program.

In April, we will be sending home bags that include canned chicken, taco seasoning, canned corn, chopped green chilies, applesauce, bags of tortilla chips, body wash, and toilet paper, just to mention a few of the items.

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 bag to be filled with small, unused toiletries, such as

perfume samples, hotel-size shampoo, conditioner and lotion, emery boards, and small, individually wrapped candies. We are requesting donations of these items by Friday, April 16. 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. We assist the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple and their families.

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

Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs

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

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. 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.

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.

The link will be sent through the weekly email to our Temple family. Others may contact us at office@templeCAV.org or (260) 744-4245 for access information.

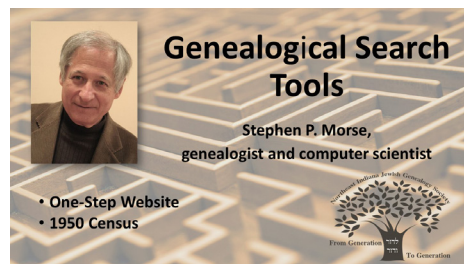
Carmon is a journalist, co-author of the Top 10, non-fiction New York Times bestselling *Notorious RBG* with Shana Knizhnik, and a frequent speaker around the country. A *New York* magazine senior correspondent and on-air CNN contributor, she reports and comments on gender, politics, and the law. Carmon and her co-author were featured in the award-winning and Oscar nominated 2018 documentary *RBG*.



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is thrilled to welcome Wendy Soltz on Sunday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. for a program of "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!

Two weeks later, on May 2nd, the NEIJGS will host world-renowned genealogist and computer guru Stephen P. Morse for two public virtual programs. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon, he will present "One-Step Website – a Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools." At 2:30 p.m. he will cover "Searching the 1950 Census with and without a Name Index." The 1950 census will be made public in 2022 but will not immediately have an index. He will discuss tools he has available to help researchers dig into the census right away.



Mark your calendar and plan to attend these virtual programs. Registration is required to attend, and the link can be found on the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/.



We are happy to announce that plans for Camp Joe 2021 are underway. After missing last year, we especially look forward to seeing all of you again at Fox Island County Park this summer.

While all of us are eager to put this past year behind us and to return to "normal," we know that many questions and challenges surrounding the COVID-19 situation still remain. We will continue to closely monitor any changes in the upcoming months and use the latest

guidelines and expert recommendations when planning our activities. Our goal, as always, is to create a safe and happy summer experience for our campers.

To register, submit your application to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. An application can also be found online at fwjf.org (click on Resources/Download).

Register by April 15th to receive a 10 percent early registration discount.

If you have any questions, please contact the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at (260) 456-0400 or email us at office@fwjf.org.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer! Larisa and Samantha



Getting 'Back to Normal' Is Going to Take **All of Our Tools**

If we use all the tools we have, we stand the best chance of getting our families, communities, schools, and workplaces "back to normal" sooner:

Get vaccinated.



Wear a mask.



Stay 6 feet from others,
and avoid crowds.



Wash
hands often.



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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 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.



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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.

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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

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- Donations were received from an **anonymous donor**
- A donation in honor of **Carol & Larry Adelman's** special birthday was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier**



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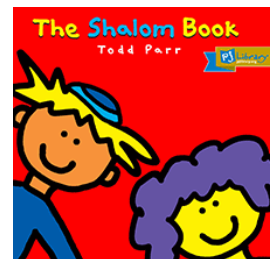
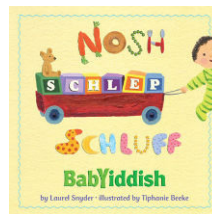
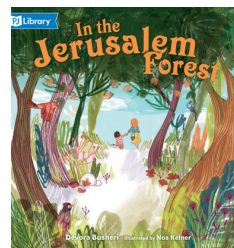
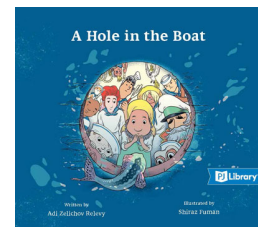
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