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Jewish Federation
OF FORT WAYNE

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100th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF FORT WAYNE

will commence on

June 6 at 4:00 p.m. eastern
via ZOOM*

Everyone who has contributed to the 2020 - 2021 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign is eligible to vote in this election.

* More information regarding Zoom will be forthcoming soon.

Proposed Slate 2021-2022

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate:

Officers

President: Scott Salon (one year term)
Vice President: Larry Adelman (one year term)
Secretary: Amy Krouse (one year term)
Treasurer: Lee Pomerantz (one year term)
Immediate Past President: Ben Eisbart (one year term)

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Directors

Term Ending 2022
Not up for re-election

Carol Adelman
Bonnie Pomerantz
Mike Rush
Micah Soltz
Ellen Tom
Bob Walters
Leah Zimmerman

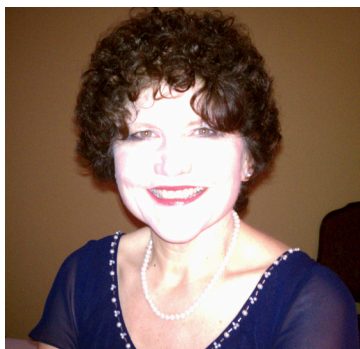
Director - Term Ending 2023

Sara Fiedelholtz

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

SPRING FORWARD



At the time of this writing, the trees are blossoming, plants and flowers are pushing through the earth, and we are excited that warmer weather will soon be here.

Spring is best described as the time of rebirth, renewal and awakening.

As a society, we have experienced more than a full year of this pandemic - and what a year it has been! As we move forward into Spring, I hope we will all move into a better headspace. Hopefully, we can return to some degree of normalcy soon. We are designed to be around others and are wired to be connected for our own well-being. In the meantime, it helps to be outdoors,

get fresh air, putz around the yard, go for a hike or just hang out in the backyard.

Perhaps, now more than ever, the realization that **we are one community** remains unmistakable and unbroken, especially as the COVID-19 virus has impacted each of us and our community. Though we still remain primarily socially distant and physically apart, the **Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne**, through the services and programs we provide, along with our network of partners, helps ensure that we are not alone. As we commemorate our 100th year, the work of the Federation is as important as it has ever been. The JFFW continues to work diligently to provide the help and encouragement we so desperately need as we've all experienced different levels of loneliness and isolation during this past year. This work is made possible by your support of our Annual Campaign.

Through your contributions, the current **2020-21 Annual Campaign** will provide the critical infrastructure and support services needed not just for our local community, but for our national and international partners, as well. This support ensures that critical programs and services remain available, just when they are the most needed. This year's campaign is particularly important, as its success or failure will determine our community's ability to navigate the crisis and how we recover.

Please consider increasing your pledge to the Annual Campaign. If you're not able to, please give what you can as every gift supports those who need our help, and every gift, no matter the size, can make an impact to those in need.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE:

- * Help feed those who are hungry
- * Provide comfort and care to seniors & those who are alone
- * Build community support and infrastructure to do so
- * Combat anti-Semitism, Racism, and Hatred
- * Educate children through PJ Library resources
- * Respond to rising needs in our community during times of crisis
- * Positively impact the lives of those in our community, in Israel and around the world.
- * Strengthen Jewish and Interfaith relationships

Everything we do both as individuals and as a community will define who we are when this pandemic is over.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.](#)

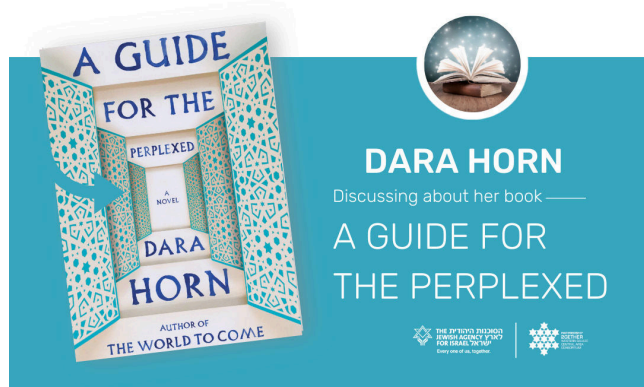
From Our Friends at [Partnership2Gether!](#)

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.

BOOKCLUB

May 2nd 1:00 pm ET

20:00 Israel 19:00 Budapest



DARA HORN

Discussing about her book —

**A GUIDE FOR
THE PERPLEXED**

P2G Book Club May 2nd @ 1 PM ET

Join our international Book Club participants in discussion about "A Guide For the Perplexed", by the Jewish American author Dara Horn.

[RSVP HERE](#)



1ST SESSION

*Art as a path
for a better society*

May 23, 2021

11:30 am CT / 12:30 pm ET

ZUMU, the museum on the move,
is a community based mobile museum.

[READ MORE](#)



With Milana Gitzin Adiram
Director and Chief Curator,
ZUMU Museum

VirtuART: Professional Lectures Series about Art and Community

May 23rd

**12:30 PM ET | 19:30 Israel |
18:30 Budapest**

Join our new professional lectures series
about art and community.

This time, about art as a path for a better
society with Milana Gitzin Adiram –
Director and Chief Curator, ZUMU Museum.
Click below for more details.

[RSVP HERE](#)



June 13th
11:00 AM ET | 18:00 Israel | 17:00 Budapest
 Join women from across our P2G communities for
 a special gathering in honor of Rosh Hodesh Tamuz
 promoting Ahavat Hinam!

[RSVP HERE](https://rebrand.ly/P2G-Rosh)



June 17th
11:00 AM ET | 18:00 Israel | 17:00 Budapest

[RSVP HERE](#)

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What are we talking about this month:

What is Chesed?



The new PJ Library book, *Be Kind: It's a Mitzvah* is all about finding ways to **make the world a better place**. The Hebrew word **mitzvah** literally means “commandment,” but it’s also understood by many to mean “a good deed.” Jewish tradition says that there are exactly 613 *mitzvot* (plural for mitzvah) in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), and there are countless ways to perform them, just as there are countless ways to **be kind**.

In the Jewish tradition, kindness is expressed with the Hebrew word *chesed* (beginning with a “ch” sound, as heard in the name “Bach,” and rhyming with “bless-ed”). Like many Hebrew words, *chesed* does not translate

precisely into English. The word means more than simply “kindness.” The contemporary Jewish scholar and teacher Avivah Zornberg has said chesed is “not just loving-kindness as it’s usually translated, but is also **courage** and **imagination**.”



At the back of the book *Be Kind*, you will find a list of 16 different Jewish values. Many of these fall under the umbrella of ***gemilut chasadim***, which is Hebrew for “acts of loving-kindness.”

Look through the book and see if you can figure out **values** that correspond to each activity. Some of the activities are examples of more than one value!



Here are a few to get you started

- You practice ***bal tashchit*** (preserving the environment) when you...participate in a community clean-up day, put out a rain bucket to collect rainwater, or empty a glass of water into a potted plant.
- You practice ***bikbur cholim*** (visiting the sick) when you...give a jar of chicken soup to a neighbor.
- You practice ***hachnasat orchim*** (welcoming guests) when you...make room for the new kid in the cafeteria or make a welcome card for a new family in your neighborhood.
- You practice ***tza'ar ba'alei chayim*** (taking care of animals) when you...make a pinecone feeder, put water out for dogs on a hot day, or coax a spider outdoors.

You get the idea! There’s no end to the ways we can put **Jewish values** into practice.

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Thank You

The Temple and Federation had a wonderful time coming together to prepare the Pesach bags for our entire local Jewish community!

Thank you to our volunteers:

Amy & Sam Krouse
Sara Fiedelholz
Betsy Gephart
Leah Zimmerman
Ellen Tom
Sheryl Merritt
Pam Feldman
Beth Zweig
Charla Sheray
Denny Reynolds
Rachel Gordon
Jaki Schreier
Bonnie Pomerantz
Samara Sheray
Marie McFadden

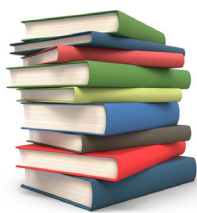


We hope you enjoyed your Pesach bags.

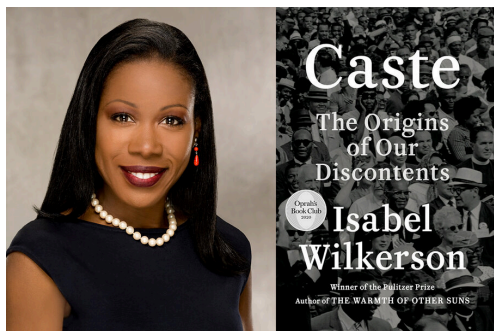
We could not have done it without the help of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and our amazing volunteers.



WHAT WE ARE READING



CASTE: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson



Do we have a class system or a caste system?

Isabel Wilkerson's new book, "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent," is one of the most consequential books of the last year. This book struck me as a modern American classic and is certainly one of the most profound books of this American century. It is literally one of the most powerful nonfiction books I've ever read.

Isabel Wilkerson's book lays out how misperceptions about race have disfigured the American experiment. Her book is complicated but is extremely well written. She avoids words such as "white" and "race" instead using terms like "dominant caste," "favored caste," "lower caste," and "upper caste."

Wilkerson's book challenges the reader to face the horrific reality that the United States actually has a caste system. She lays out how this system, more powerful than class or race, ranks human beings. Distinct from India's caste system, the U.S. caste system is based on two primary castes, white and black. India, in contrast, has many levels of its caste system. Our system resembles the Third Reich in Nazi Germany as the Germans studied the American race laws as a model for theirs. Throughout human history, Wilkerson asserts, three caste systems have stood out - those of the United States, India and Nazi Germany. A section of the book is devoted to setting out the "eight pillars of caste." This section highlights features that the three systems all have in common, such as hierarchies that are supposedly natural or divinely ordered, heritability of status, controls on marriage and sexuality across caste lines, prohibitions on pollution of the upper caste by contact with the lower, caste-based occupational hierarchy, and terror and violence as means of enforcement.

Wilkerson is a master teller of stories that involve real people. She shows how the phenomenon of caste has shaped American society from our early beginnings through to the present. She demonstrates the way our hierarchy places African Americans at the bottom and white Americans of European heritage in the upper level. She describes the origins of caste beginning in the colonies in 1619 and how it becomes solidified through the Civil War, Reconstruction and Jim Crow.

Her book is painful, powerful, illuminating and a heartfelt account of how hierarchy reproduces itself. It's a call to action for the difficult work entailed in undoing it.

"Caste" joins the New York Times "1619 Project" in exposing the edifice of white privilege and exploding how we understand American power and supremacy.

Isabel Wilkerson has written a truly exceptional book by challenging the reader to address and solve racial inequity.

Reviewed by Jaki Schreier



Community Harvest Food Bank SeniorPak and CSFP

Each month, many older adults in northeast Indiana must decide between purchasing food, filling prescriptions, or paying rent and utilities. Limited income and retirement savings do not cover all of their necessary living expenses. SeniorPak and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) eases the decision for area seniors because they know they can count on groceries to supplement their food budget. These two programs operate side by side to ensure that the needs of seniors are met, whether they are mobile or medically homebound.

What is the difference:

SeniorPak is an in-house program operated by Community Harvest that provides donated and purchased food to seniors through a drive-through distribution. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) program is operated in partnership with the USDA to provide once-monthly bags of USDA foods to low-income seniors.

Do I need a referral:

You do not need a referral to use the SeniorPak drive through distribution program. Any senior is welcome to attend our distributions every other Wednesday, from 10:00 AM – Noon. This is a drive-through distribution and no sign-up is required. If you would like to participate in the CSFP program, sign-up is required.

How do I sign up:

No sign-up is required for the SeniorPak drive-through distribution. Any senior in need is welcome to attend. To sign up or join the waiting list for the CSFP program, click [HERE](#) to download a printable application or contact Marcia Wild at (260) 447-3696, Ext. 361.

When is the SeniorPak drive-through distribution:

For the remainder of 2021, the drive-through distribution will operate from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM every other Wednesday on the following dates:

- May 12 and 26
- June 9 and 23
- July 14 and 28
- August 11 and 25
- September 8 and 22
- October 6 and 20
- November 3 and 17
- December 1, 5, and 29

Where is the SeniorPak drive-through distribution:

The SeniorPak drive-through distribution takes place at Community Harvest Food Bank's main location at 999 East Tillman Rd., Fort Wayne, IN.

How often can I come:

You are welcome to attend the SeniorPak drive-through distributions as often as needed. If you participate in the CSFP program, you will receive monthly food for as long as needed.

For more information: Please call Marcia Wild at (260) 447-3696, Ext. 361 or <https://www.communityharvest.org/>



SHARE SHABBAT, SHAVUOT, AND CONFIRMATION WITH OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Our phased re-opening at the Temple for in-person worship continues in May with services for Shabbat and Shavuot. We're pleased to be able to gather in the Sanctuary with limitations on crowd size and masking and distancing guidelines in place, while also offering virtual services for those at home.

Our weekly Friday evening service begins at 6 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger. Our weekly Saturday morning service begins at 9:45 a.m., led by Ron Friedman with a D'var Torah given by Rabbi Meir. In addition, we'll celebrate Shavuot and the Confirmation of two of our high school students on Sunday, May 16 at 7 p.m. Mazel tov to Naomi Gephart, daughter of Betsy & Geoff Gephart, and Samuel Katinsky, son of Nola & Matthew Katinsky, on reaching this milestone. Please note that there will be no Saturday morning service on May 15.

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 or holiday 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.

Please visit our calendar at www.templecav.org for more information. 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.

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 we can continue to meet safely.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS PROVIDES FOOD AND MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS TO END SCHOOL YEAR

As the Brightpoint Head Start year comes to a close, the distributions of food in May will be the last for this school year. Therefore, we are giving a little extra to these families to help them through the summer months.

We also are including a small Mother's Day gift with the food items that will be sent home with the children. The gift is a colorful striped bag filled with small, unused toiletries, such as perfume samples, hotel-size shampoo, conditioner and lotion, emery boards, nail polish, toothbrush and toothpaste and small, individually wrapped candies. Thank you to all of you who donated items for these bags.

Thank you to our volunteers who continue to be so engaged and supportive! We could not provide this program without you. We are hopeful that by next fall we will be able to gather again in person to assemble the monthly bags.

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

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

EXPLORE 'THE COUSIN' DURING MOVIE DISCUSSION

An open-minded Israeli questions his liberal convictions when a Palestinian laborer he hired is suspected of a crime in the film *The Cousin*, a hard-hitting, dark comedy exploring the latent prejudice central to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. [Watch the trailer](#)

The award-winning Israeli film is the focus of our virtual Temple Movie Night discussion on Saturday, May 1 at 7 p.m., led by Micah Soltz and Dave Flapan. Please watch the movie in advance. It's available on [AmazonPrime](#), [YouTube](#), [Apple TV](#), and [Google Play Store](#).

As described by the [Atlanta Jewish Film Festival](#): "Actor-writer-director Tzahi Grad plays a version of himself as Naftali, a local Israeli media personality seeking to promote Jewish-Arab dialogue through a reality TV project. Needing renovations to his ramshackle home studio, he hires a Palestinian handyman, Fahed. When a teenage girl is assaulted, the suspicious villagers hastily blame the Arab stranger. As kneejerk panic and hostility spiral in the community and within his own family, idealistic Naftali internally battles between his own irrational racism and left-wing conscience".

Bring your popcorn and join us from your home! We'll begin with Havdalah, followed by conversation about the film and a chance to connect with other movie lovers. The Zoom link will be provided in the weekly email to our Temple family. Community members may contact the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 for access information. [Find out more](#)



GENEALOGY SOCIETY UPDATE

More than 60 people attended a fascinating virtual program by Dr. Wendy Soltz in April presented by the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society. Wendy spoke about the beta version of her synagogue mapping project for the state of Indiana. Specifically for this program, she started her project with synagogues in Fort Wayne, Ligonier and Marion, and demonstrated the wealth of information available to include in this format. In addition to a good showing of local attendees, guests logged on from around Indiana, as far as California, Arizona and Florida, and a former B'nai Jacob student currently living in Germany also joined in.

For our next program, the NEIJGS will welcome genealogist Stephen P. Morse for two free virtual programs on Sunday, May 2nd, beginning at 1:00 p.m.



Known perhaps equally for his invention of the 8086 computer chip and his genealogy prowess, Stephen P. Morse has brought these skills together with his One Step Website, a search aid for researchers. At 1:00 p.m. he will present "One-Step Website – a Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools," and at 2:30 p.m. he will cover "Searching the 1950 Census with and without a Name Index." When the 1950 Census is made public

in 2022, it will not automatically have an index. He will discuss the tools he has made available to help researchers dig into the census right away.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Morse received degrees in electrical engineering from the City College of New York, the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, and New York University. In later life, he turned his attention to genealogy, creating his "One Step Website" with dozens of search tools used by genealogists around the world. In 2006, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), and his website has been acknowledged for years by leading genealogy magazines.

Registration is required to attend this free virtual program. The link can be found at the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/. Thanks to the Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center for their support.

Additional information about the NEIJGS can be found on our website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org, or our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>. Contact Betsy Gephart at vp@NEIndianaJGS.org for more information

We are happy to welcome you to Camp Joe 2021! With only two months remaining before the beginning of camp, we are extremely excited about all the wonderful adventures and fun times offered during our three weeks at Fox Island.

As we continue our preparations for the upcoming summer, the health and safety of everyone involved with Camp Joe remain our top priority. We are committed to taking every precaution and doing everything in our power to reduce the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, we are implementing the following safety measures:

1. The number of campers will be limited to 24 each week. (Applications are processed in the order they are received.)
2. All campers and staff will be required to wear a mask indoors or when social distancing is not possible.
3. We will provide automatic hand sanitizer dispensers for easy, touch-free use.



4. There may be times we will need to modify some of our procedures and activities to comply with CDC safety guidelines. We will try to maintain timely communication and to notify you of any changes as quickly as they are made. We apologize in advance for any unforeseen confusion that may occur.

Although certain aspects of our program will be different, we will still be able to enjoy many of our most popular Camp Joe activities. As always, we will be spending a greater part of our camp days outdoors, playing favorite sports and games, creating arts and crafts, hiking and learning about the rich wildlife of Fox Island's nature preserve. Best of all, we will be spending time hanging out with our wonderful camp friends and our amazing counselors!

You can register for Camp Joe Levine online at fwjf.org or by mailing your application to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at 456-0400. We look forward to seeing you soon!

COVID-19 Vaccines: What Older Adults Need to Know



The risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 increases with age. **CDC recommends that adults 65 years and older receive COVID-19 vaccines** to help prevent getting sick from COVID-19.

Key Information about COVID-19 Vaccines:

- You can help protect yourself and people around you by getting a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in preventing severe illness from COVID-19. You can't get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- Depending on which COVID-19 vaccine you get, you might need a second shot 3 or 4 weeks after your first shot.

After getting the vaccine, some people have pain, redness, or swelling where the shot is given. Full body symptoms include tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, or nausea. These side effects may affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. They are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19.

After you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you may be able to start doing some things that you stopped doing because of the pandemic.

Learn more: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>.

We're still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19. So, you should keep taking these precautions in public places until we know more:

- Wear a mask
- Stay 6 feet apart from others
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces

The federal government is providing the vaccine **free of charge** to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status. COVID-19 vaccination providers **cannot**

- Charge you for the vaccine, vaccine administration fees, copays, or coinsurance, but they can charge an administration fee to your health plan or program, or COVID-19 Uninsured Program.
- Deny vaccination to anyone who does not have health insurance coverage or is out of network.
- Charge an office visit or other fee if the only service provided is COVID-19 vaccination.
- Require additional services for a person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

How can I get a COVID-19 Vaccine?

Contact your state or local health department for more information. Visit CDC's COVID-19 vaccine web page, and select your state or territory from the drop-down box to find your health department:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/How-Do-I-Get-a-COVID-19-Vaccine.html

Ask a family member or friend to help with scheduling a vaccination appointment. Ask your doctor, pharmacist, or community health center if they plan to provide vaccines and to let you know when vaccines are available.

Scam Alert:

If anyone asks you to pay for access to a vaccine, you can bet it's a scam. Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to a vaccine for an extra fee.

For information about Medicare and COVID-19 vaccination, visit www.medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus#025.



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www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines

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

Community Relations Committee (CRC)

- A donation was received from **Doris Gottlieb**

Holocaust Education Fund

- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in appreciation of the PBS documentaries: ***After Auschwitz*** and ***I Danced for the Angel of Death: The Dr. Edith Eva Eger Story***

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- Donations were received from an anonymous donor

every contribution is
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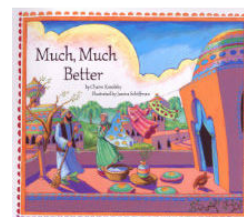
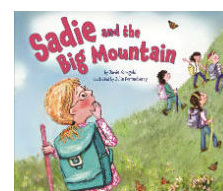
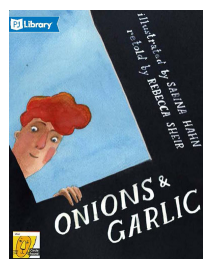
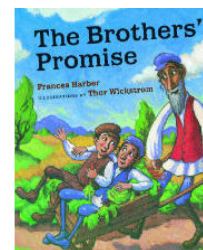
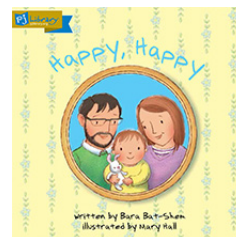
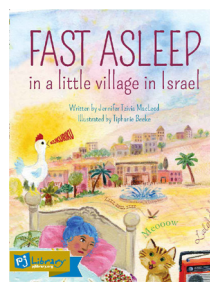
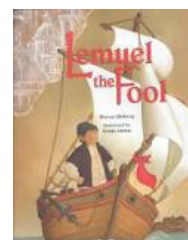
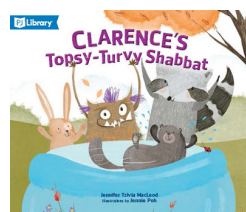
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