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JUNE - JULY 2021



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.

\* [Zoom information here](#)

### Proposed Slate 2021-2022

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate:

#### Officers

President: Scott Salon (two 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)

#### 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

# ANNUAL MEETING

Our mission is to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

**JOURNAL GAZETTE OP ED**  
**WRITTEN BY RABBI MEIR BARGERON AND JAKI SCHREIER**  
**MAY 18, 2021**



The State of Israel and Hamas are engaged in the most intense military conflict in seven years. Missiles fly out of Gaza to targets in Israel. Most of these are intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system, but not all of them. Some of them land on people's houses, and innocent people die. Then missiles fly out of Israel into Gaza. Many more

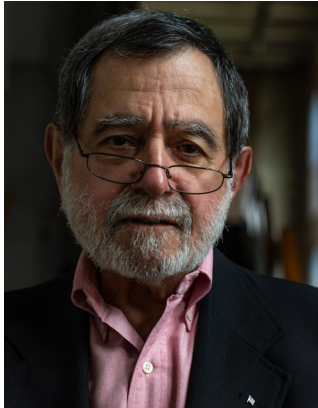
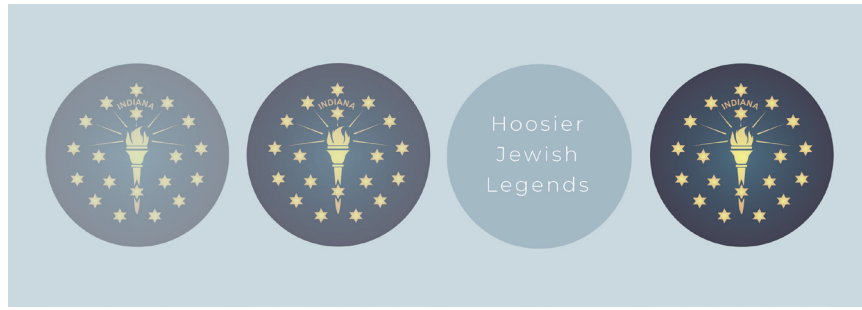


of these reach their targets, and many more people, innocent civilians as well as combatants, die. This time, the missile conflict has been accompanied by fighting on the streets of mixed Arab and Jewish cities in Israel. In short, it is another catastrophic situation in the Holy Land.

Our hearts are breaking because innocent civilians, Jewish and Arab, inside Israel and in Gaza are suffering. Children are sleeping in bomb shelters. The people of Gaza are being held captive by Hamas, a terrorist organization that has little regard for the wellbeing of the Palestinians within its borders; Hamas thinks nothing of sacrificing Palestinian lives in its drive to kill Jews. Our hearts are breaking because it shouldn't be this way...and yet, it is difficult to imagine things ever being different. Perhaps this is the greatest tragedy of all. As it is written in the book of Lamentations, "For these things [we] weep, [our] eyes flow with tears" (1:16).

As American Jews with personal and spiritual ties to Israel, we are horrified to see continued violence in the State of Israel and the Palestinian territories. We support Israel's right to defend its citizens against rockets and acts of terror — which we unequivocally condemn. We pray that this conflict is quickly ended with a cease fire honored by all parties involved. And then, we call on the government of Israel to engage fully in a negotiated resolution agreed to by Israelis and Palestinians that can meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of both peoples. We also call on the U.S. government to make addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict a priority once again.

We hope and dream for a time of peace in the Holy Land. We envision a time when Israelis and Palestinians can sleep safely in their beds every night. We yearn for the day when the children of Israel, Gaza and the West Bank can know one another in laughter and friendship, without the burden, and without the shackles of fear and hate.



**The Jewish Federation is pleased to wish  
Ben Eisbart and Larry Adelman  
a Mazel tov for being selected as a  
Hoosier Jewish Legend 2021!**



**The Hoosier Jewish Legends - A Hall of Fame celebrates Jewish and non-Jewish Hoosiers who have created a significant and lasting impact to their profession, faith-based and/or secular community, and the legacy of the role of the Jewish community in Indiana's continuing story.**

This is the sixth year the Indiana Jewish Historical Society is honoring our Hoosier Jewish Legends. These are six individuals who have made significant and lasting impacts on our Indiana Jewish communities around the state.

There will be a presentation of this award to the honorees at a special program at the Indianapolis Jewish Community Center 6701 Hoover Rd. on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 1 p.m. via ZOOM.

Invitations will be mailed in July. We hope you will be able to join in this annual celebration as we induct our honorees as Hoosier Jewish Legends.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is a co-sponsor of this event.

This year's Honorees are:

**Larry Adelman**  
Robert & Sandra Borns  
**Benjamin Eisbart**  
Marcia Goldstein  
Sydney Tuchman\*

**Fort Wayne**  
Indianapolis  
**Fort Wayne**  
Westfield  
Indianapolis

Our Jewish community, the City of Fort Wayne and the State of Indiana are all better places because of Ben's and Larry's unrelenting commitment to both Jewish causes and values.

**Mazel Tov Ben & Larry!**

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# Thank You

2020 - 2021 DONORS (AS OF MAY 15, 2021)

Thank you to our generous donors!

**We could not do what we do without you!**

Your gift to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne provides much-needed support here at home, in Israel and to struggling Jewish communities in over 70 countries around the world.

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- Fran Adler
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- Dan Zweig
- Ethan Zweig





## 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*

**ROSH HODESH GATHERING**

*Connect with Partnership friends for a celebration of our collective power!*

- Rosh Hodesh Ceremony
- Learn2Gether Session - Ahavat Hinam
- Women Make a Difference
- Meet Local Entrepreneur

**June 13th** | **17:00 BUD**  
**11:00 a.m. ET** | **18:00 ISL**

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

**June 13th, 11:00 a.m. ET**  
**10 AM CT | 18:00 Israel |**  
**17:00 Budapest**

### Women's Rosh Hodesh Gathering Celebrate the month of Tamuz with women from across the Partnership.

Join women from across our P2G communities for a special gathering in honor of Rosh Hodesh Tamuz promoting Ahavat Hinam (unconditional love).

[RSVP NOW](#)



Partnership2Gether Western Galilee, Akko Municipal Conservatory, And Matte Asher Music Center

**Present**

**NIGUN2GETHER CONCERT**

International Virtual Music Lessons

**Thursday, June 17th**  
**10:00 a.m. CT | 11:00 a.m. ET**

**Join Us Live From Akko!**

**RSVP Below**

**RSVP**

**June 17th, 11 a.m. ET**  
**11:00 AM ET | 18:00 Israel |**  
**17:00 Budapest**

### Nigun2Gether Concert

Join students and mentors of Nigun2Gether for a special multicultural concert

[RSVP NOW](#)



Cafe Olam, formerly Café Anglit, continues to grow, and invites you to join!  
 Cafe Olam is an international language club, and fosters a unique opportunity to practice your second language!  
 Currently available in Hebrew, English, Hungarian, and Yiddish, each group practices conversational skills with a native speaker of that language.  
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[SIGN UP NOW](#)



August 29th, 1:00 p.m. ET  
 12:00 p.m. CT | 19:00 BUD | 20:00 ISL

P2G Book Club  
 Join our international Book Club in discussion about the book: "The Orchard", by the Israeli author Yochi Brandes.  
[RSVP NOW](#)

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## What are we talking about this month:

### Great Summer Reading Tips

Summer is in full swing. With camp, the beach, playdates, and the great outdoors calling, it can be easy to let good reading habits slip. We're happy to tell you that it's easy to integrate reading and stories into your everyday summer schedule.

Whether you're slipping books into the beach bag or taking advantage of the public library's free air conditioning, there are many ways to make sure your family keeps reading all summer long. Here are our tried and true summer reading tips:

#### Take books with you



Toss books in your beach bag, your vacation carry-on, or in the stroller. On hot days at the park, encourage your

child to take a minute enjoying some shade with a book of their choice. If you're packing for a vacation, make a big deal out of selecting a special "vacation read" together with your child.

#### Read aloud together

Studies show that children whose parents read aloud to them have a leg up on literacy and reading comprehension. Feel free to read aloud to children of all ages--make silly voices, take turns, stop to answer questions your child might ask. You'll have fun and you'll be increasing your child's vocabulary while cementing a love of reading and stories.



#### Go to the library

Local libraries often offer cheap or free children's programming throughout the



summer. Hit up a program at your library, or take a break from the summer heat to visit the children's section. If your child is old

enough, sign them up for their very own library card. Encourage your child to make their own selections at the library from the varied media available such as books, CDs, DVDs, and games.

#### Let kids choose

Let your children pick out what they want to read. If your school has a summer reading list, make sure to give them



some free choice materials as a reward for working through their list. Don't shy away from unconventional reading materials like magazines or graphic novels either.

#### Set an example



This one is pretty simple--if your child sees you taking time to read and write (and enjoy it), they'll model that behavior.

#### Make it social

Join a summer reading challenge or a children's book group (or start your own). This way you can build playdates and making new friends into your summer reading.

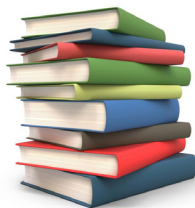


*What are your favorite summer reading tips? Share with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).*

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## WHAT WE ARE READING



### The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah



Once I learned that Kristin Hannah's newest book, "Four Winds" was being released on February 2nd, I contacted the Allen County Public Library to

be put on the 'waitlist'. The book was so popular that it wasn't available for me to check out for two months. The wait was definitely worthwhile.

This Depression-era historical fiction story is completely relevant to our current situation with the pandemic and climate change. It's eerie how history does tend to repeat itself in various ways.

The book begins in 1921 rural Texas. It is a time of abundance. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful and the United States is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. However, for the main character, Elsa, at 25, deemed too old to marry and unattractive in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. The story starts off with Elsa feeling very isolated at her family home. A heart condition has crippled her parents' perspective of her so they don't believe that she'll accomplish anything, force her to drop out of school, which she loves, and literally banish her to her room and her books. Her future changes the night she meets a young man.

When the charming and naive Rafe Martinelli shows an interest in Elsa, everything changes from that point forward. She gets pregnant with her daughter, Loreda (another main character in this story). Rafe is forced to give up his parents' dream of him going to college, while Elsa is banished from her home forever. She moves to the Martinelli farm and is embraced and loved by Rafe's parents.

While Elsa and Rafe's marriage is far from a dream, Elsa finds her place at the farm. When times are good, it's great. All Elsa wants is love and to be loved in return, but she doesn't get that from her husband, and when Loreda becomes a teenager, she resents everything her mother represents. Loreda is biased towards her dreamer father not her hard-working, practical mother. She believes there is so much more

out there than the farm life and feels suffocated.

By 1934, the world has changed: millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers fight to keep their land, their livelihoods and way of life as crops fail and water dries up and the earth cracks open. Dust storms roll relentlessly across the plains. Everything on the Martinelli farm is dying, including Elsa's marriage. Each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive.

In this most perilous time, Elsa must make the agonizing choice, like so many of her neighbors are doing: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go to California, in search of a better, healthier life for her family.

Rafe abandons the family on the dying farm, devastating his wife, children and parents. Elsa's son, Anthony, becomes so sick as a result of the continuous dust storms that it becomes apparent that Elsa must make her way to California. The trip is perilous and dangerous.

Once in California, Elsa and her children live in camps and try to find work whenever they can. California is far from the golden state that they dreamed it would be. Elsa insists her children enroll in school as she knows that education opens up worlds that were denied to her. They and the other migrant workers are discriminated against by California locals who refer to them in the slang term "Okies." It is heart-wrenching to read the cruelty toward those who were fleeing the broken farms for a better life.

Eventually, Elsa gets involved with a movement to improve the lives of migrant workers. Her strength and resilience throughout all aspects of this story is inspiring and impactful.

This story had everything I could want in a historical fiction novel. It's full of heart and survival of a family struggling through the difficulties of poverty and famine during the Dust Bowl in the years after the Great Depression.

Submitted by Jaki Schreier





### JOIN US FOR RABBI MEIR'S CONSECRATION CELEBRATION

Please join us for a joyous Consecration ceremony and events on June 25-27 when we formally welcome Rabbi Meir Barger on as the 24<sup>th</sup> spiritual leader of Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

With both in-person and virtual components, the special weekend will begin on Friday, June 25 at 5 p.m. with a "Pre-neg Nosh" and opportunity to greet Rabbi Meir and his husband, Jon Tam, at the Temple. Our Shabbat evening service and Consecration ceremony will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary for those with a reservation and via livestreaming.

Participating in the weekend via Zoom will be:

- **Rabbi Michael Adam Latz**, Lead Rabbi of Shir Tikvah Congregation in Minneapolis, MN
- **Rabbi Paul Kipnes**, Senior Rabbi of Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, CA
- **Rabbi Dr. Dvora Weisberg**, Rabbinical School Director at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, CA

Maestro Robert Nance and the Temple's Hazemir Choir under the direction of Dr. John Planer will provide music on Friday evening.

The celebration continues on Saturday, June 26 with a festive Shabbat morning service at 10 a.m., led by Rabbi Meir. Join us at the Temple with a reservation or via Zoom. At 4 p.m., join Rabbi Meir and Rabbi Michael Adam Latz for a Jewish text study via Zoom.

The special weekend concludes with a *Shiur* on Sunday, June 27 at 4 p.m. on Zoom with Rabbi Meir and Rabbi Dr. Dvora Weisberg. Join us for a compelling lesson in Jewish Studies.

Please contact the Temple office no later than Wednesday, June 23 at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to attend in-person events on Friday evening and Saturday morning. The link for livestream events will be provided in the Temple's weekly email to members of our Temple family. Guests are welcome and may contact the office for access information.

Thank you to our Consecration Weekend Committee: President Ellen Tom, Fran Adler, Ronnie Greenberg, John Planer, Mike Rush, Scott Salon, Samara Sheray, Sally Trotter and Beth Zweig. We also thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

Rabbi Meir joined our congregation in July 2020 during a time when the Temple was fully closed for worship and other events due to the pandemic. During the past year, he's gotten to know our members mostly over Zoom and, more recently, in person during our phased reopening for services that began in April. We look forward to formally welcoming him in this special way in June.

### A SURGEON'S VIEW OF WORLD WAR II IN PATTON'S THIRD ARMY

Through photos and commentary, Thomas H. Brush will share the fascinating story of his father on Monday, June 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. [via Zoom](#) in "A Surgeon's View of World War II in Patton's Third Army: The Story of John H. Brush, M.D." The program is sponsored by the Temple's Holocaust Education Committee.

A surgeon in a mobile auxiliary surgical group during World War II, Dr. John Brush experienced the liberation of Paris, the Battle of the Bulge, the attack on the Siegfried Line, the crossing of the Rhine, and the liberation of Ebensee Concentration Camp, a satellite of Mauthausen.

"While for me this is a chance for a personal tribute to my father, in the process we see these events through the eyes of one

soldier, and I hope gain a more human perspective on them," said Dr. Thomas Brush.

Dr. Brush is a Professor of Management at the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University. His research focuses on corporate strategy and manufacturing strategy topics such as acquisitions, diversification, manufacturing capability exploitation within companies, and supplier relationships.

### HOT TOPICS SHABBAT ON POLICE REFORM AND RACIAL JUSTICE

Our next Hot Topics Shabbat on Friday, June 11 features a conversation with Michelle Chambers, an at-large member of the Fort Wayne City Council and co-chair of the city's [Commission on Police Reform and Racial Justice](#).

Please join us for our worship service at 6 p.m. in person with a reservation or on Zoom, followed by the program. Please make a reservation to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) by Wednesday, June 9. We are unable to accommodate walk-ins due to safety protocols.

To join us via livestream, find the link in our weekly email. Guests are welcome and may contact the Temple office for access information.

Thank you to the Temple's Social Action Committee for organizing the program as part of a continuing series. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

### SHARE SHABBAT WITH OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Our phased re-opening at the Temple for in-person worship continues in June and July with services for Shabbat both in person with a reservation and via Zoom. We're pleased to be able to gather with safety protocols in place while also offering virtual services for those at home.

Our weekly Friday evening service begins most weeks at 6 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger on. Our weekly Saturday morning service begins most weeks at 9:45 a.m., led by Ron Friedman with a D'var Torah given by Rabbi Meir. Please visit our website at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) for the schedule and latest safety guidelines. Special Shabbat services include:

- **Hot Topics Shabbat** on Friday, June 11 at 6 p.m. Shabbat service, followed by a conversation with Michelle Chambers, an at-large member of the Fort Wayne City Council and co-chair of the city's [Commission on Police Reform and Racial Justice](#).
- **The Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Hadashi**, son of Leah Hadashi Zimmerman and Shai Hadashi, on Saturday, June 19 at 10 a.m.
- **Consecration of Rabbi Meir Barger on** – Formal welcome of Rabbi Meir as our spiritual leader on Friday, June 25 at 5:45 p.m. and festive morning worship on Saturday, June 26 at 10 a.m., as well as virtual learning sessions on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.

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](mailto:office@templecav.org) by the Wednesday before a given Shabbat. 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.

Links for virtual services are sent to directly to members via our weekly email. Guests are welcome to contact the Temple office for access information.



## STEVE MORSE DRAWS WORLDWIDE CROWD



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society was thrilled to host genealogist Stephen P. Morse on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for two public virtual programs. More than 480 guests attended the presentations, from around the United States and at least seven other countries! Morse spoke at length about his “One-Step Webpages,” full of tools to aid genealogists in searching for records. And his second presentation about the 1950 Census, to be released to the public in April of 2022, was just as informative. Following both public talks, he spent a few minutes in an informal session with NEIJGS members.

With the May program, the NEIJGS wraps up its 2021-2022 season of programs.

Next year’s speakers will be announced at our Annual Meeting for members in June.

The Society will offer four public programs with guest speakers, a third annual “Meet Your Mishpocha” open house in October, and a workshop and “Lunch and Learn” programs for NEIJGS members. More information about the NEIJGS can be found at [www.NEIndianaJGS.org](http://www.NEIndianaJGS.org).

Dear Camp Joe Families,

This challenging and very unusual school year has finally come to a close and the start of Camp Joe is just around the corner. We couldn’t be more excited about reuniting with our camp family after the extra long break. We look forward to safely resuming many of our “normal” camp activities and to embarking on exciting camp adventures together. As always, our campers will have an opportunity to learn about Israel, to explore beautiful Fox Island Nature Preserve, to participate in arts, sports and games, and to enjoy fun and carefree summer days with friends.

We are committed to providing a safe camping experience for everybody involved with Camp Joe Levine. We are following the CDC summer camp recommendations and may revise this plan based on any changes in the COVID situation and/or according to the latest CDC recommendations. We will notify you of any revisions as soon as they are made.

Camp runs Monday-Friday, July 5 - July 23, 2021. There is still some availability for this summer. Register for Camp Joe and don’t miss out on this amazing

opportunity. Applications can be submitted online at [fwjf.org](http://fwjf.org) or mailed to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Our goal is to make sure that all children are able to participate in this wonderful program. Camper scholarships are available. If you are interested in a scholarship for your child, please mark “yes” at the bottom of the application or contact the Jewish Federation directly at 260-456-0400.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Larisa and Samantha





Use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You'll also get reminders if you need a second vaccine dose.

When you get your COVID-19 vaccination, ask your healthcare provider about getting started with **v-safe**

Learn more about **v-safe**  
[www.cdc.gov/vsafe](https://www.cdc.gov/vsafe)



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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](mailto: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.



### 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

##### **Baum/Goldenberg Scholarship**

- A donation was received from **Karen & Sherman Goldenberg**

##### **JNF - Plant a tree in Israel**

- Donations were received from an anonymous donor
- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in honor of the 2021 **Hoosier Jewish Legend winners - Ben Eisbart & Larry Adelman**

##### **Prejudice Reduction Elimination Fund**

- A donation was received from **Jessica & Roger Ash**

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#### Online Donations Accepted!

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) now accepts [online donations](#). You may contribute to our General Fund, or select a specific fund that you want to support. In addition, you may elect to have a donation made in Honor of or In Memory of an individual, and a card will be sent letting them or their families know the donation has been made.

It's secure, fast, and easy to support the work the Federation does to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

Thank you for your support. It is sincerely appreciated!

## 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](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com)

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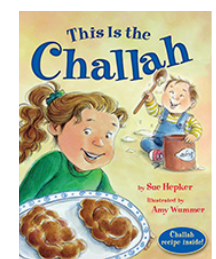
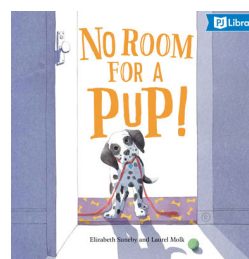
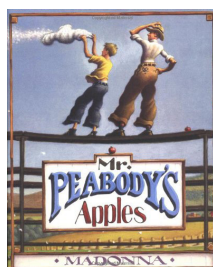
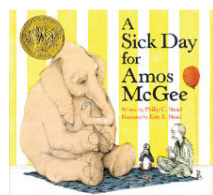
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## Which books did you receive this month?

A program of the [Harold Grinspoon Foundation](http://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](http://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.

