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SEPTEMBER 2021



AUTHOR TO DISCUSS TREE OF LIFE SHOOTING & SOUL OF A NEIGHBORHOOD

Please join us on Monday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple to hear author Mark Oppenheimer, whose new book, *Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood*, will be released in early October.

His appearance comes almost exactly on the third anniversary of the shooting, which occurred October 27, 2018, and was the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the United States.

Mr. Oppenheimer is a freelance journalist and writes for The New York Times magazine, Mother Jones, Slate, and Tablet. He teaches English at Yale University, where he is the director of the Yale Journalism Initiative. He lives with his family in New Haven, Connecticut.

The evening will include a Q&A, refreshments, and an opportunity to buy the book and have Mr. Oppenheimer sign it.

This program is sponsored by Congregation Achduth Vesholom (Holocaust Education and Social Action committees), the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and the PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

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

100th Commemoration

Saturday, November 13

7 p.m.

Rifkin Campus at 5200

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**People of the Book -
Ron Suskind**

Monday, November 15

7:30 p.m.

Rifkin Campus at 5200

Location and details may be subject to change in response to updated COVID requirements



May this New Year be sweet, healthy and happy.

**L' Shana Tovah – Happy New Year from the
Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Board of
Directors and Staff**

**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 column



Rabbi Stephanie Rusky relates that Torah text and Jewish tradition challenge us and generate questions for today. Over time some laws enumerated in the text have been set aside or modified in practice. However, what has not changed or needed modification is the underlying framework of the law which inspires us toward righteousness.

As we convene today, our country is confronted with significant challenges to its health and well-being both physically, with the Covid pandemic, and existentially with a growing threat to the durability of our democracy. Moreover, the essentially benign experience we Jews have enjoyed in post WWII America is also being challenged in a way most of us have not experienced in our lifetime. Overt anti-Semitism, including acts of extreme violence, are on the rise. Ideologies which see some individuals as superior or more entitled to the benefits of a free and fully participatory democracy are more openly espoused, and we have witnessed an attack on the US Capitol which I, and I assume you as well, never imagined we would see.

The 14th amendment to the Constitution specifically states no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of its citizens. Yet we are witnessing legislatures in at least 22 states enacting into law procedures explicitly designed to reduce voting participation of citizens of color and the poor, abridging the most important privilege to which every citizen is entitled.

Jewish history is replete with the devastating impact of intolerance and persecution carried out within the justification of the law. As a people, we know what it means to be marginalized and relegated to an inferior status. But we also know that we have been visible and in the forefront of confronting discrimination and injustice and advocating for civil rights to extend to all citizens, as well as promoting humane treatment for those residing in our midst who may not have that full status.

So as we celebrate our 100th anniversary as an entity committed to supporting the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world with the stated values of Tikkun Olam, Tzedaka, social justice, and economic equality, I ask that we consider our responsibility as an organization and as individuals to forthrightly adhere not only to our mission and values, but also serve as an example for addressing the challenges presented, in my opinion, at this precarious time.

Two observations by Hannah Arendt keep resonating with me as I reflect upon the last 4 years, especially this last.

"the ideal subject of totalitarian/authoritarian rule is not the convinced Nazi or the dedicated communist, but people for whom the distinction between fact and fiction, true and false, no longer exists."

And

"The only reliable people are not those who say 'this is wrong' or 'this should not be', but those who say 'I can't.'"

Submitted by Dr. Scott Salon, Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne President



Our office will be closed the following days:
September 6 – 8;
September 16;
September 21 – 22; and
September 28 - 29

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

George R. Mather Lecture Series

From her efforts to research and develop the documentary series **100 YEARS: LOOKING BACK & MOVING FORWARD – Exploring the History of Fort Wayne's Jewish Community (1921-2021)**, Sara Fiedelholz will provide a lecture about the history of Fort Wayne's Jewish Community of the past century as part of both the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's centennial celebration and The History Center's George R. Mather Sunday Lecture series. *Free, Open to the Public. Sunday, October 3, 2021, 2 pm; The History Center, 302 E. Berry Street, fwhistorycenter.org (Note: The lecture will be available via Zoom concurrently to the live lecture. For access to the Zoom, contact administration@fwhistorycenter.org by Friday, October 1)*

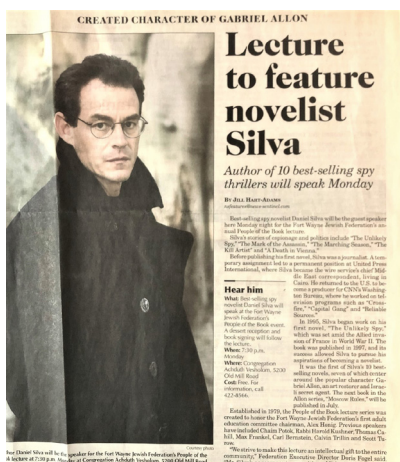
Some archival photos:



The establishment of the state of Israel, 1948



Examples of the annual publications produced by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society



People of the Book author Daniel Silva, 1979



Fort Wayne Philharmonic Violins of Hope performance at the Allen County Courthouse, November 2019

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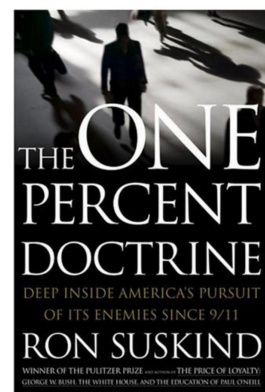
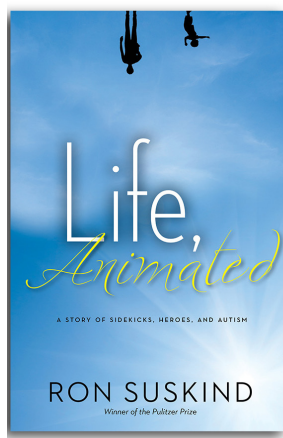
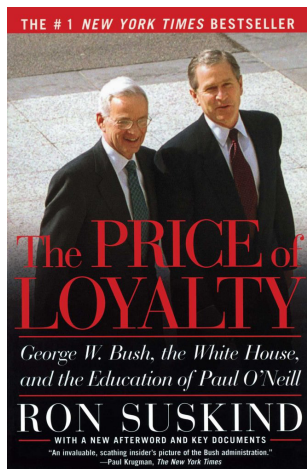
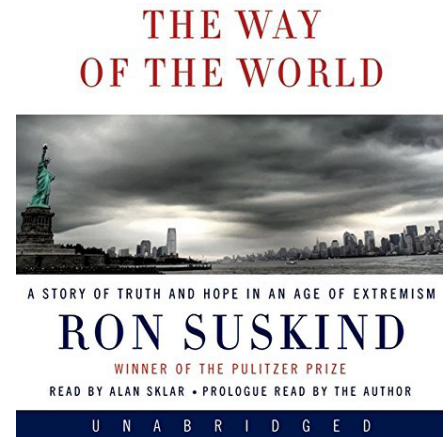
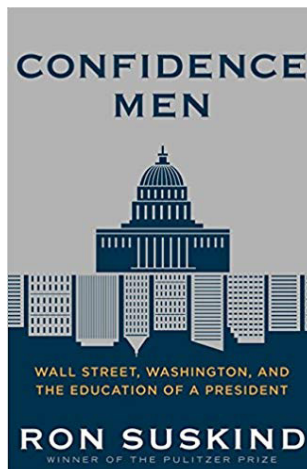
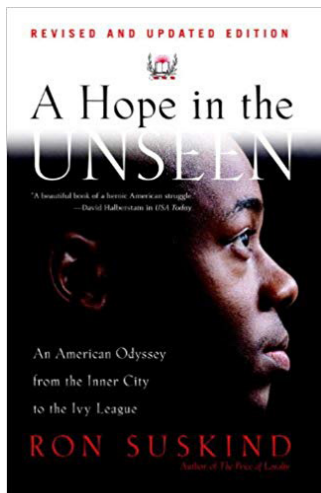
The People of the Book program will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. This year's program will feature **Ron Suskind**, an American journalist and author. He was the senior national affairs writer for the *Wall Street Journal* where he won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing, for articles that became the starting point for his first book, *A Hope in the Unseen*.

Suskind has written six books and been published in several periodicals. He has written about the George W. Bush Administration, the Barack Obama Administration, and related issues of the United States' use of power.

Published in 2014, his bestseller *Life, Animated*, chronicles his family's twenty-year journey raising and connecting to their autistic son, Owen. The Suskind family is also the subject of an award-winning documentary feature of the same name. Their story has driven activism and research about the compensatory strengths of those with autism and others who are differently-abled.

The People of the Book program is hosted by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and is free and open to the public. A question and answer session will conclude Mr. Suskind's talk followed by a dessert reception and book signing by the author. His books will also be available for purchase.

The People of the Book lecture is made possible with the generous support from the **Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation**.



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.



**September 12, 1:00 p.m. ET
12:00 p.m. CT | 19:00 BUD | 20:00 ISL**

L'Chaim for Rosh Hashana

Join Partnership friends and family for a joint L'Chaim in honor of the Hebrew New Year. Gather in your community or join individually via Zoom.

[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.

Contact Hedi for more information: HediP@jafi.org

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

What are we talking about this month:

Celebrating Rosh Chodesh, The New Moon



Rosh Chodesh – Hebrew for “head of the month” – is the monthly [holiday](#) that celebrates the arrival of the new moon, marking the start of a new month in the Jewish calendar. Because each lunar month is 29.5 days, the Jewish calendar “splits the difference”: some months are 29 days and others 30. When a month is 29 days, Rosh Chodesh is celebrated for one day – the first day of the new month. When a month is 30 days, Rosh Chodesh is celebrated for two days – the last day of the prior month and the first day of the new month.

Jews are moon gazers. We look to the heavens to know if it’s a new month and [even a new year](#). We start many of our favorite holidays when the moon is full and bursting with light – like the spring freedom festival of [Passover](#) and the fall harvest festival of [Sukkot](#). And since the moon is a master of renewal that inspires us: sometimes in our lives we surge, sometimes we shrink, but we know that each month, like the moon, we have a chance to find new strength and energy.

How does one celebrate Rosh Chodesh? There are many ways. In biblical times, Rosh Chodesh was a day of festive meals and refraining from doing business. Later, because of the synergy between lunar and feminine cycles, it became a special holiday for women – a day off from work, a time to gather, pray, and learn. In some circles today, Rosh Chodesh is an occasion for women of all ages to come together in creative celebration.

In synagogues, it’s traditional on the Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh to announce the coming of the new

moon – to wish for a month of “joy and vitality,” and often to chant those wishes in a melody that hints at the holiday arriving in the new Jewish month (a Hanukkah tune to announce the month of Kislev, a Purim tune to announce the month of Adar, etc.). There are special readings from the Torah scroll to mark the coming of Rosh Chodesh and special prayers and blessings reserved for Rosh Chodesh itself.

In this Jewish story, we see the origins of the monthly New Moon holiday of Rosh Chodesh:

On the fourth day of Creation, God made “two great lights.”

The moon approached God and said: “O Holy One! How can two kings wear one crown?” And God replied: “You’re right. Go make yourself smaller.”

The moon continued: “O Master of the Universe! Just because I made a reasonable observation, why should I be the one to become smaller?”

And God replied: “As compensation, you can be present in the sky both day and night.”

The moon countered: “And what’s so great about shining alongside the sun? I mean, what use is a candle in the middle of the day?” And God offered: “So this will be your greatness: the Jewish people will count their days and years by you.”

The moon demurred: “But they will need to count with the sun as well, because that’s how the seasons are taken into account.”

God saw that the moon was not comforted. So finally the Holy One said: “The Jewish people will bring offerings each New Moon, as atonement for Me for having diminished the size of the moon.”

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camp joe levine

This was not an ordinary camp year. From the moment we started our planning, we found ourselves facing many COVID-related questions, challenges and uncertainties. Very few things, including the ability to hold camp in the first place, could be taken for granted. And every activity that we planned had to be evaluated in terms of COVID safety. So, when we finally set up our camp supplies at Fox Island, we couldn't quite believe that camp was really going to happen. Today, we couldn't be happier that it did. After a two-year break, it was fantastic to be back! It was so wonderful to see the familiar faces and the new faces, to experience the joy of being together again, to be able to do simple "normal" things, and to appreciate it all even more. Sure, some things were different, but the most important things hadn't changed. This year's camp experience turned out to be quite extraordinary, and for that we have our campers to thank. Hearing them laugh and banter, watching them run and play, be carefree, mischievous and exuberant was delightful!

Big thank you to our camp families - parents, grandparents, babysitters and everybody who helped kids get ready for a camp day! We had to jump through some extra hurdles this year, but together we made it a safe, healthy and happy summer for the children!

Thank you to our outstanding counselors and CITs! Nobody works harder and cares more about the kids than you do. You are truly amazing. We are so lucky to have you at Camp Joe!

Thank you to Jaki Schreier for helping us see through all the logistics of having a safe camp this year and for making sure that no child missed out on this experience because of finances. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Thank you to Bonnie Pomerantz for handling the many, many organizational details: from setting up and running camp Zoom meetings, to keeping track of camper forms, to promoting camp online and helping us move into digital formats.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and Audrey Gerson for making scholarship funds available for our campers. This year, we needed your support more than ever, and all of us at Camp Joe benefited from it.

Thank you to Rabbi Meir for leading us in prayer and in song during our Shabbat services at camp each Friday. All of us - campers and staff - enjoyed this very special time together.

Thank you to Mr. Stan Levine for sharing his father's story with us. It was very meaningful and important for all of us to learn how Camp Joe Levine got its name and the history behind the camp.

Thank you to Tracey and Ben Watson and to the Tiernon Family for organizing the "Fitness Challenge" for our campers. The fun games and activities that you planned for the kids, coupled with the energy that you brought, made it one of the most memorable programs this year.

Thank you to Penske Truck Rentals for providing a truck free of charge for moving our camp supplies in and out of Fox Island. We value your generosity.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Fox Island County Park for their hospitality. It is the best place to spend three weeks every summer. Families, if you have not visited Fox Island, you are missing out on a local treasure. Pack up a picnic and go explore! Check out the trails (remember bug spray), spend some quiet time watching many species of birds at the observation deck, and round off your visit by having lunch at the lake.

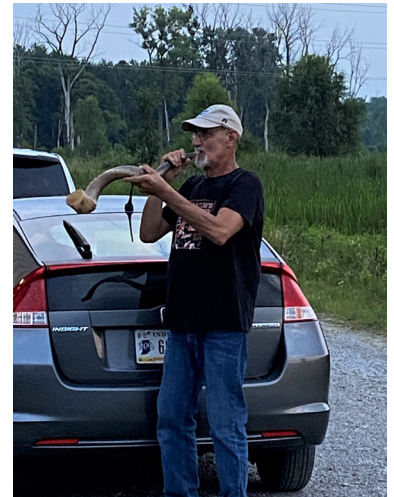
Have the most wonderful school year. We look forward to seeing you next summer.

Larisa and Samantha



HAVDALAH UNDER THE STARS

After raining all day, the sun finally came out just before 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 7. Just in time for **Havdalah Under the Stars!** Members of the **Jewish Federation** and **Congregation Achduth Vesholom** came out to **Little River Wetlands at Eagle Marsh** for a hike, s'mores over the open fire and a beautiful Havdalah service led by **Rabbi Meir** with music provided by **Ronnie & Norm Greenberg**. Norm even blew the shofar in honor of the month of Elul! Thank you to **Aly Munger** from Little River Wetlands, **Lee Pomerantz** for the roaring fire and to co-chairs **Marnie Lowden, Amy Krouse and Bonnie Pomerantz** for a wonderful evening!



HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE AT THE TEMPLE

Please join us in person or via livestream for worship services and events during the [High Holy Days](#) season. Additional information, including [COVID safety protocols](#), will be available at www.templecav.org.

- **Selichot Service & Memorial Plaque Dedication**
Saturday, August 28

- 8:30 p.m. Begin the holiday season together with Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings as we change the Torah covers. We'll also dedicate yahrzeit plaques added in the past year.

- **Erev Rosh Hashanah Services** – Monday, September 6

- 7:30 p.m. Reform service
- 8 p.m. Traditional service
- Reception follows

- **Rosh Hashanah Services** – Tuesday, September 7

- **Traditional services**
 - 8:30 a.m. - Shacharit
 - 10 a.m. Torah service and D'var
 - 11 a.m. Musaf
- **10 a.m. Reform Service**
- **Noon – All-Congregation Tashlich**

- **Rosh Hashanah Service – 2nd Day**
Wednesday, September 8

- **Traditional services**
 - 8:30 a.m. - Shacharit
 - 10 a.m. Torah service and D'var
 - 11 a.m. Musaf

- **Shabbat Shuvah Services** –

- Friday, September 10 at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, September 11 at 9:45 a.m.

- **Cemetery Services** – Sunday, September 12

- 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery
- 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

- **Erev Yom Kippur Services** – Wednesday,

September 15

- Traditional Service – Mincha at 7 p.m., Kol Nidre at 7:30 p.m.
- Reform Service – 8 p.m.

- **Yom Kippur** – Thursday, September 16

- **Traditional Services** –

- 8:30 a.m. Shacharit
- 10 a.m. Torah, Haftarah, D'var, Yizkor
- 11:30 a.m. Musaf
- 6:30 p.m. Mincha
- 7:30 p.m. Neilah
- 8:30 p.m. Havdalah
- Break-the-Fast follows (Please RSVP)

- **Reform Services**

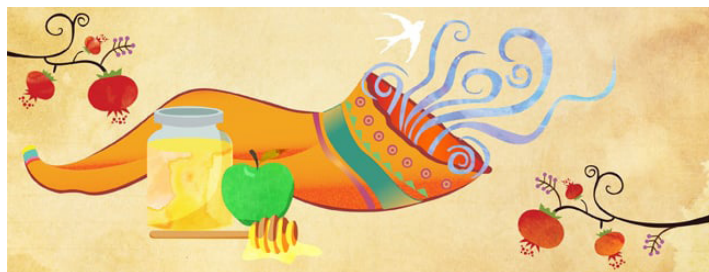
- 10 a.m. Morning Service
- 3 p.m. – Afternoon Service
- 4 p.m. – Yizkor Memorial Service
- 5 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service
- Break-the-Fast follows (Please RSVP)

- **Erev Sukkot Service** – Monday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m., followed by Kiddush and Nosh in the Sukkah

- **Shabbat Sukkot Services** –

- Friday, September 24 at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, September 25 at 9:45 a.m.

- **Erev Simchat Torah Service & Congregational Meal** – Tuesday, September 28 – Dinner at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m.





CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS IN PERSON OR ONLINE

L'shana Tovah! Please join us at Congregation Achduth Vesholom as we welcome the New Year 5782 as a community, gathering together to hear the sound of the shofar and offering prayers for renewal, forgiveness, good health, and peace.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we'll offer Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services both in person and via livestream on Zoom and YouTube to allow a choice for members of our Temple family to participate in holiday observances in a way that's most comfortable for them. Reform and traditional worship options will be offered for a third year.

Erev Rosh Hashanah begins on Monday, September 6 and Erev Yom Kippur begins on Wednesday, September 15. Find the full schedule

Rabbi Meir Bargerone will lead Reform worship with musical accompaniment by Maestro Robert Nance and Cantorial Soloist Brian Sussman. Cellist David Rezits will play Kol Nidre for the Reform service on Erev Yom Kippur. Sharing their voices for Yizkor will be the Hazemir Choir under the direction of John Planer.

The Temple also welcomes Rabbi Ilan Glazer as our guest clergy to lead traditional worship services.

While we're pleased to provide the option for in-person worship, please be aware that masks are required in the building. Kindly review the Temple's COVID safety protocols prior to the High Holy Days.

Fully vaccinated individuals are asked to please sign a *brit* (covenantal document). By stating that you've been fully vaccinated, you may move more freely around the building and attend events without social distancing. While masks currently are required at the Temple and Rifkin Campus, signing the *brit* will enable you to be mask free in the building at such time as conditions and health guidelines change.

Kindly return your *brit* electronically prior to the holidays so that we have it on file. Or print a copy to sign and return as soon as possible to assist our ushers in directing you to your seats.

For those who are not fully vaccinated, including children under 12:

- Masks and social distancing are required in the building. Another option for worship is virtual attendance.
- **Important note: Due to space limitations in the Goldstone-B'nai Jacob Chapel, only fully vaccinated individuals may attend traditional services in person.**
 - We encourage those who are not fully vaccinated to attend traditional services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur on Zoom or YouTube.
 - However, sufficient seating will be available in the Sanctuary at Reform services to allow for social distance seating for those who are not fully vaccinated.

Links to attend on Zoom and for online prayer books will be sent by email to our extended Temple family. Guests are welcome - please contact the Temple office at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 for access information.

Two favorite Achduth Vesholom traditions return this year with COVID safety guidelines in place: The Rosh Hashanah Reception following evening services and the Break-the-Fast hosted by the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out).

JOIN US FOR BREAK THE FAST

The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious break-the-fast meal for those attending both Reform and traditional services on Thursday, September 16. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, kugels, fresh fruit and other delicacies.

Reservations are required to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org by Thursday, September 9 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOS, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

SHARE SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS & VISIT OUR SUKKAH

Shake the lulav and inhale the lovely scent of the etrog during our Sukkot celebrations. We look forward to welcoming you to the Temple sukkah throughout the seven-day holiday.

The fun begins when we decorate the sukkah on Sunday, September 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by Pizza in the Hut. We're partnering with our friends at PJ Library for a family-friendly afternoon of decorating, sharing traditions, reading holiday stories, and eating pizza for lunch at our Temple sukkah. Please RSVP by Friday, September 10 to the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245.

We'll observe Sukkot both in person and online via Zoom and YouTube during three worship opportunities. Please join us on:

- **Monday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.** for our Erev Sukkot service, led by Rabbi Meir. Following the service, share Kiddush and a Nosh in the Sukkah, hosted by Janet Finkel and Sheryl Merritt.
- **Friday, September 24 at 6 p.m.** for our Shabbat & Sukkot service, led by Rabbi Meir. We'll light the Sabbath candles, learn more about the symbols of the holiday, and enjoy an autumn evening of community.
- **Saturday, September 25 at 9:45 a.m.** for our Sukkot & Shabbat morning service, led by Ron Friedman. Share a lovely morning of Torah and learning. Rabbi Meir will offer the D'var Torah. Join us in the sukkah after the service for Kiddush as we delight in the season.

We look forward to celebrating together! Zoom links will be sent in the weekly email to our Temple family. Please be mindful of the Temple's COVID safety protocols. Guests are welcome and asked to contact the Temple office for access information.

COMPLETE THE CYCLE AND BEGIN ANEW ON SIMCHAT TORAH

Be part of our festive Simchat Torah celebration on Tuesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. when we parade our sacred scrolls through the Sanctuary, enjoy festive singing and flag waving, and complete the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy while also beginning the Book of Genesis. Join us in person or via Zoom or YouTube, led by Rabbi Meir Bargerone.

As we complete the annual reading of the Torah, our beautiful tradition of completely unrolling the scroll returns. Please come and offer your assistance!

Share in the joy of Jewish community by joining us for a congregational dinner before the service at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 22 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Thank you to Pamela Friedman for chairing.

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NEIJGS Planning "Meet Your Mishpocha"



For their third annual "Meet Your Mishpocha" program, the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is planning a hybrid event in celebration of Family History Month. On Sunday, October 24th, from noon to 2:00 p.m., the NEIJGS will hold a public "Jewish family day" open house in the **Madge Rothschild Resource Center**. Scanners from the **Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center** will be available to digitize family documents and photographs, mentors will consult about family history research, and representatives from the Oral History Video Project and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society will be on-hand either virtually

or in-person. The Society will highlight its Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, now encompassing over 7,000 people, as part of the open house, and a "Photo ID" table of Temple photographs will be set up for members of the community to identify. In-person guests can take advantage of the full complement of offerings at tables set up throughout the Resource Center. Those wishing to attend virtually will be able to register for 20- to 30-minute sessions with four of our presenters. Registration information and more details will be available in the weeks to come. Questions can be directed to **Betsy Gephart** at vp@NEIndianaJGS.org. Wherever you are with your family history, and however you're comfortable attending, please plan to be part of this celebration of Fort Wayne's Jewish family history.

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Please familiarize yourself with the Temple's COVID safety protocols for in-person attendance, including when food is served. Guests are welcome and may contact the Temple office for Zoom access information.

HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Help supply a bag of apples for each of the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 11th annual Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project. This year Brightpoint Head Start is planning for the normal enrollment of 66 students!

Many of the students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. We provide them with delicious Honeycrisp apples purchased from a local orchard. This mitzvah is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days season!

A tree is on display at the Temple decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Tuesday, September 21. Donate online at www.templecav.org. Designate "Project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays" and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You also can mail a check payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project. Pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's Facebook page as it 'grows'.

Thoughtful Thursdays, a joint project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, begins its 12th year on Wednesday, September 1 at 10 a.m. when our bag assembly meets at the Rifkin Campus. Join the Jewish community's team as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head

Start families in need. Contact Sally Trotter (sartrotter@gmail.com) or Bonnie Pomerantz (bonniepom@gmail.com) to learn more.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH US

Begin your weekend with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community throughout September with us in person or via livestream on Zoom or YouTube.

Throughout the month, Rabbi Meir Bargeran will lead services on Fridays at 6 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. Our Shabbat service on Saturday, September 4 will begin at 10 a.m. when Ashlyn Sagan, daughter of Eva & Jason Sagan, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Shabbat Shuvah will be observed on Friday and Saturday, September 10-11.

Masks are required in the Temple. Kindly review our COVID safety protocols. Visit our website at www.templecav.org for the latest information.

We warmly welcome guests to join us at the Temple or online. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for links to access services on Zoom.

NEW YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING AT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School at Congregation Achduth Vesholom on Sunday, September 12 for students in pre-Kindergarten (age 4+ by September 1) through high school. Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children. Find out more at www.templecav.org.

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.



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

- **100th Commemoration Fund**
- **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.

100th Commemoration Fund

- Donations were received from **Carol & Larry Adelman, eMedia Technologies, Inc., Sara Fiedelholz, Pamela & Ron Friedman, Doris Gottlieb, Amy & Sam Krouse, Bill & Mary Ann McGill, Harriet Miller & Monica Wehrle, Jan & Steve Sarratore, Beth & Mitch Sherr, Donna & Josh Tourkow, Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig and Al Zacher**
- A donation was received from **Roberta Cohen** in honor of **Barbara & Steve Cohen**
- A donation was received from **Larry Lee** in honor of **Ben Eisbart & Larry Adelman**

DONATIONS

Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund

- A donation was received from **Roberta Cohen** in honor of **Audrey Gerson**

Community Relations

- Donations were received from **Janet Finkel, Doris Gottlieb** and **Donna & Josh Tourkow**

Janet Finkel Campership Fund

- A donation was received from **Roberta Cohen** in honor of **Janet Finkel**

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

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

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)

September 2– 800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza
10020 Lima Road

September 16– No lunch - Yom Kippur

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can contact Denny Reynolds at 260-637-0507 or dennisreynolds@me.com

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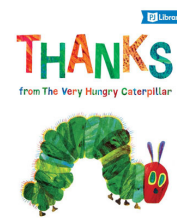
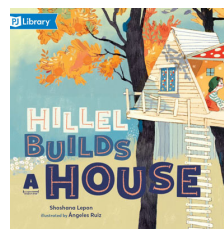
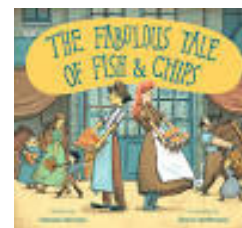
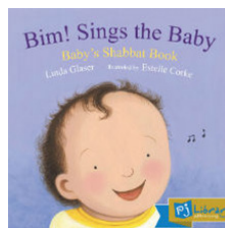
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Which books did you receive this month?

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



PJ Our Way is for kids ages 9-11. It is kid-driven - they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based on their own interests and reading level. To make the choice easier, our website includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves.

Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

