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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](http://fwhistorycenter.org) (Note: The lecture will be available via Zoom concurrently to the live lecture. For access to the Zoom, contact [administration@fwhistorycenter.org](mailto:administration@fwhistorycenter.org) by Friday, October 1)*

## 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. It will also be available on Zoom and YouTube. In-person attendees must be vaccinated and must wear masks while in the building.

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.

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



## LARRY ADELMAN - 2021 HOOSIER JEWISH LEGEND REMARKS GIVEN ON AUGUST 22



To begin with, I would like to thank the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for this wonderful honor and, in fact, I would encourage anyone here with us to become a supporter or member of this terrific organization if you are not already. I have a fondness for this organization because it was founded by one of my favorite people, Joe Levine, of blessed memory and also of Fort Wayne.

I want to express my appreciation for my family and friends who are joining us virtually today or will be watching a recording of this at a later date. I really cannot think of any award or recognition I could receive that could be more pleasing to me. As I have told anyone who mentioned this day to me, none of us, including all of you here or watching virtually, do anything we do for the accolades, however this particular honor means the world to me as I have been a Hoosier my entire life.

Indeed, I am in great company today with Bob and Sandra Borns, whose name graces the IU Jewish Studies program, of which I am a board member, and has always been one of the premier Jewish studies programs in the country and something we should all be proud of. Ben Eisbart, a fellow Fort Wayner, was the executive director of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation in 1973 when Carol and I first became involved in the Young Leadership Program, which he spearheaded and inspired us to become active in “doing Jewish,” a phrase which Ben coined and is known for to this day. I would also like to mention a past honoree from Fort Wayne, Leonard Goldstein of blessed memory, who inspired and mentored me through his commitment to our people and social justice for everyone, everywhere. He was my friend and confidant, and he made a lasting impression on our community.

I have always resided in communities with small Jewish populations. Clinton, Indiana, in the Terre Haute area where I was born had 3 Jewish families including ours; Richmond where I lived as a youngster had 27 Jewish families at that time; and now Fort Wayne which, although it is our state’s second largest city, nevertheless has always had approximately 300 or so Jewish family units. I have often asked myself if my involvement would have been the same had I been in a larger community, and although I cannot say for sure, I would hope that would be the case. I think I learned the concept of the Jewish tradition of obligation to service to our community and to others from my parents and my participation in Federation and Congregational Life.

I also know that much of my life has been shaped by my involvement in several and various community boards and organizations, and I recognize what I have gained as a person from the people I have come in contact with from those experiences. In fact, I would encourage anyone who has hesitated about volunteering for something of interest or joining a board to go ahead and jump in if you can, and it is my belief that it results in great personal satisfaction and you will likely be amazed by what you learn, experience and gain.

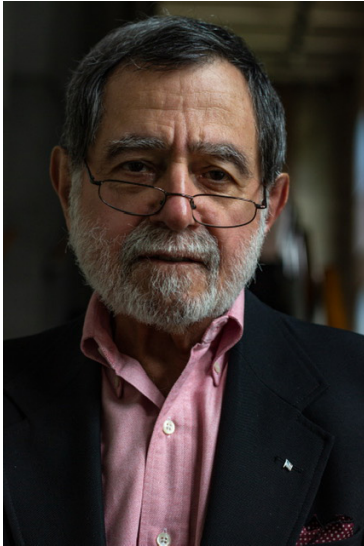
Now I would like to thank two people who are directly responsible for me being here today. I was initially nominated for this award by Jaki Schreier, the executive director of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation. I am extremely proud of the work and accomplishments of our small Jewish Federation over the many years. Although our numbers have dwindled, Jaki has held us together as a community in conjunction with the congregations which are now united as one, I am pleased to say. In fact, I would compare the accomplishments of our community against any other small or mid-sized one in terms of services and programming offered. Those of us from Fort Wayne are often amused that the Gentile population believes we must number in the many thousands due to our activities, visibility and leadership in the overall community.

Finally, my dear wife Carol who I met 52 years ago this summer, and has partnered with me through our 48 years of marriage. We continually serve as each other’s sounding board. Without a doubt, she is the one who is more organized than I. In fact, she is the well-deserved recent recipient of our community’s Volunteer of the Year award for all her service throughout the years. I have always known it and said it often that if you can get Carol to agree to organize or chair any event or committee, then you will find no better person to get the job done on schedule and with utter thoroughness. I have always marveled at her dedication to a task or responsibility, culminating in her outstanding work recently on the hugely successful Violins of Hope month long event in Fort Wayne. It would be impossible for me to be standing here today without her support and guidance, and I know it.

A good friend reminded me just this past week that we live in some difficult times in our country, where the pandemic seems never ending and is dividing us in ways it should not, basic voting rights for some of our most challenged citizens are now under attack, and incidences of anti-Semitism that we never dreamed we would witness in our lifetime are occurring with seemingly shocking regularity. In addition, we are now stunned by the heartbreaking scenes we are witnessing in Afghanistan. Although none of us alone can change what needs changing, I believe that we can all make a difference by reaching out beyond our typical everyday lives and offer what we can for the betterment of our own community in the world in which we have been blessed to reside in. So, thank you all very much and congratulations again to my fellow nominees.



## BEN EISBART - 2021 HOOSIER JEWISH LEGEND REMARKS GIVEN ON AUGUST 22



My sincere THANKS to the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for including me among the 2021 recipients of the Hoosier Jewish Legends Award and being inducted as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> "Class" to be so honored. It is humbling to be joining the men and women who have, through word and deed, made a significant and lasting impact on Jewish Life in our Hoosier State!

I am appreciative of Dr. Eric Schreier, who put my name into consideration, and those who served as my "references"; also Mayor Tom Henry of the City of Fort Wayne; Phillip Colglazier, Executive Artistic Director of the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre; Judge Stanley Levine – Allen County Superior Court (retired); Jim Palermo, Managing Director, Fort Wayne Philharmonic; Bob Walters, Senior Counsel at Barrett, McNagny and with his wife, Irene, our dearest friends; and our sons, Jake, the younger and Yosh, the elder, both the epitome of "menschen"!

Reading each recommendation was like hearing a part of my own EULOGY, only better...I could have a "schnapps" and rugelach afterward!

Last month, my term as Federation president came to an end ... having come full circle on a journey which began 49 years ago this month. The year was 1972, the month ... August ... my wife, Sharon, ( 8 months pregnant ) and I packed up our household goods and left our apartment outside of New Haven Connecticut, to travel more than 800 miles to Indiana ... a state we had only known as the "host" of the Indy 500, and a city - Fort Wayne - which we were familiar with as the home of WOWO, the 50,000 watt station of the "BIG BUSINESS OF FARMING" ... for I had

accepted a job to be the executive director of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, an opening which occurred following the retirement of Jewish Hoosier Legend, Joe Levine!

49 years have passed and we're still here ... and so you may ask ... why are you still here??  
So listen and I'll tell you!

We found Fort Wayne a place where we could "DO JEWISH" where we could translate Jewish values into impact where working together we could build a better world. And the vehicle we selected to "DO JEWISH" was our Jewish Federation.

As with our Synagogue and Temple, our Jewish Federation's mission is inspires Jewish life.

One comes to Judaism in different ways so our Federation supports initiatives in Jewish culture, education, and engagement from the arts to advocacy. Federations create a community that is welcoming and vibrant for all, regardless of religious background or affiliation. They initiate programs which inspire Jewish life and hopefully respond to each individual's search for meaning, connection and community.

Our rich Jewish tradition has survived our shtetl of Fort Wayne because of that strong sense of community our commitment to mitzvot and the values of Chesed (kindness), Tzedakah (giving) and Tikun Olam (redeeming the captive).

Our world has changed ... no longer it appears will our life be "business as usual". We are in the midst of challenging and sobering times. But for us, as Jews, our response has never been to shirk from our responsibilities. It is during times like these that we must demonstrate how we can make the world, our world, a better place.

For as Hillel wrote centuries ago, If I'm not for myself, then who will be for me? But if I'm only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?

Now, more than ever, is the time to DO JEWISH!

"May we go from strength to strength".



## PEOPLE OF THE BOOK RON SUSKIND



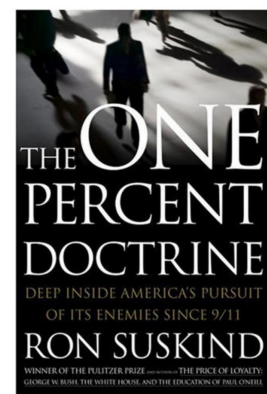
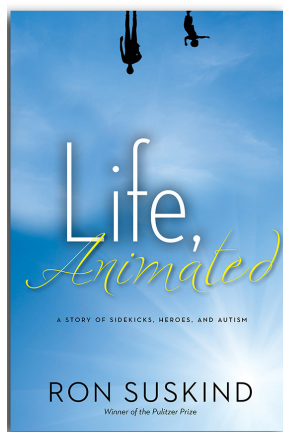
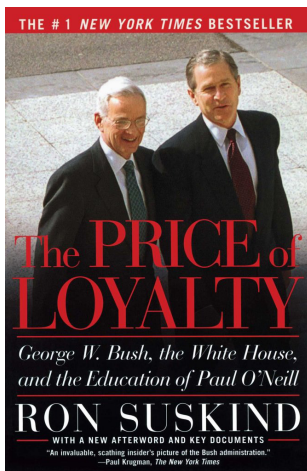
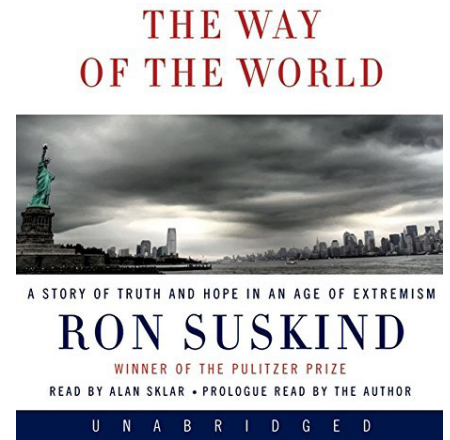
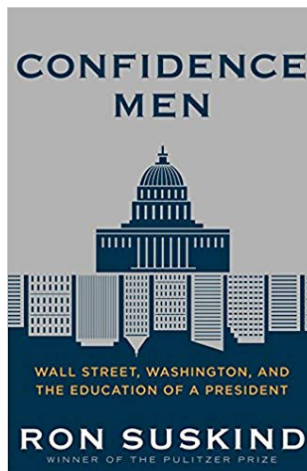
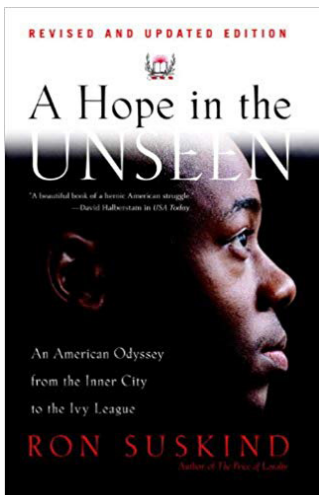
The People of the Book program will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. This year's program will feature **Ron Suskind**, an American journalist and author. He was the senior national affairs writer for the *Wall Street Journal* where he won the 1995 Pulitzer 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 20-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.



**October 17th, 1:00 p.m. ET**  
**12:00 p.m. CT | 19:00 BUD |**  
**20:00 ISL**

### P2G Film Club

Join our 1st international Film Club in discussion about the famous classical Israeli film: **"Sallah Shabati"**.

Our guest speaker is **Alon Merom**, a film producer and director from the Western Galilee.

[RSVP NOW](#)



**November 7th, 12:00 p.m. ET**  
**11:00 p.m. CT | 18:00 BUD |**  
**19:00 ISL**

### Global Day of Jewish Learning

We are getting ready for this year's Global Day of Jewish Learning, November 7th, with a unique theater workshop under the theme **"The Bonds Between Us"**.

Contact Avital for inquiries regarding local gathering ideas.

[RSVP NOW](#)

## What are we talking about this month:

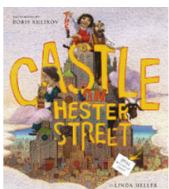
### Jewish Children's Books That Help Kids Understand The Refugee Experience

When a stranger arrives, communities don't always roll out the red carpet, but the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) says: "[Love the stranger as yourself](#)" (Leviticus 19:34). The late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks wrote that it can be easy to love our neighbors because they're like us, but we're taught to love strangers because they are different. "This is why the Torah commands us only once to love our neighbor," Sacks said, "but on 36 occasions commands us to love the stranger." Throughout our history, the Jewish experience and the refugee experience have been closely knitted together. From the [story of the Exodus we tell at Passover](#), to WWII immigration, to modern day rescue missions like Operation Solomon, refugees are a deep part of the Jewish story.

If you're looking for ways to talk with your children about the events they might be seeing on the news or hearing about at school, start with these picture and middle-grade books about the refugee experience.

*Related:* [How to Talk to Kids About Immigration.](#)

#### Picture Books



#### **The Castle on Hester Street**

by Linda Heller

*Recommended for ages 5 to 6*

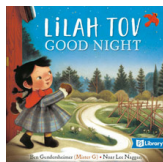
In this immigration story, a young girl's grandmother contradicts her husband's recollections of what it was like coming to America from Russia. Was he really pulled to New York by a flying goat? Is there truly a castle on Hester Street?

#### **Lilah Tov Good Night**

by Ben Gundersheimer (Mister G)

*Recommended for ages 2 to 3*

This family is leaving home on a long trip under cover of night. We don't know why they're leaving or where they're going, but we do know on their journey, they take comfort in the natural world around them, and repeat "lilah tov" (good night) to the creatures they meet along the way.



#### **The Suitcase**

by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

*Recommended for ages 4 to 6*



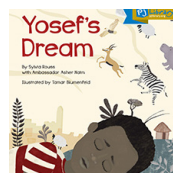
When a new stranger arrives in town with single suitcase, he doesn't receive a warm welcome. Bird, Rabbit, and Fox wonder what's inside the stranger's suitcase, and they're not sure they believe his answers. Soon they'll learn a lesson about just how much we carry with us -- and how much a warm welcome can mean.

#### **Yosef's Dream**

by Sylvia Rouss

*Recommended for ages 8 and up*

When Yosef was a child in Ethiopia, he had a strange dream, one that didn't make sense until later when he -- along with thousands of others in his community -- was flown to Israel as part of Operation Solomon. Sometimes our dreams tell us more than we know.

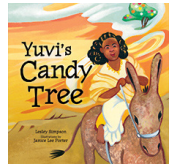


#### **Yuvi's Candy Tree**

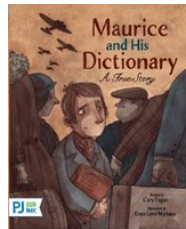
by Lesley Simpson

*Recommended for ages 8 and up*

Based on a true story, this book tells of Yuvi's extraordinary journey from Ethiopia to Israel.



#### Middle Grade Books



#### **Maurice and His Dictionary**

by Cary Fagan

*Recommended for ages 9 and up*

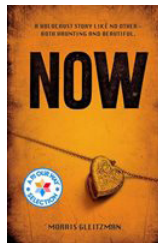
Fourteen-year-old Maurice longs to study law one day, but when the Nazis invade Belgium, his family must flee to the only place willing to take them in. Now he's halfway across the world, living in a Jamaican refugee camp. How will he ever follow his dream?

#### **Now**

by Morris Gleitzman

*Recommended for ages 11 and up*

Eleven-year-old Zelda is living in Australia with her grandfather, Felix, a physician and a survivor of the Holocaust, while her doctor parents volunteer at a clinic in Darfur. Zelda experiences rough hazing as the new kid at school; at the same time, Felix suffers from traumatic childhood memories. But Zelda and Felix have a beautiful relationship and they take care of each other with love and affection. When a bushfire rages through their town, Zelda and Felix find the courage and strength they need from each other to overcome their personal challenges and survive.



#### **Room For One More**

by Monique Polak

*Recommended for ages 10 and up*

Twelve-year-old Rosetta and her sisters get a ready-made brother when her family welcomes teenaged refugee Isaac Guttman into their Montreal home. Rosetta and Esther are less than thrilled to share a bedroom, but soon talkative Rosetta and reticent Isaac form a strong bond.



#### **Saving Hanno**

by Miriam Halahmy

*Recommended for ages 9 and up*

German-Jewish refugee Rudi can't wait for his dog, Hanno, to join him in his foster home in England. But with food scarce and the country preparing for war, the animals' lives are in danger! Can Rudi find a way to save Hanno?



#### More

[Teaching About Refugees](#) via [The UN Refugee Agency](#)  
PJ Library's Resource Round-up: [Talking About Refugees With Kids](#)

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## TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is excited to remind our families about the Jewish Studies tuition reimbursement program.



A student, whose family is a member of the Federation, will be reimbursed at a rate based on one-half the tuition cost per Indiana University credit hour for classes taken in Judaic Studies.

As many of our youth are attending college all over the country and the tuition varies considerably from college to college, this policy provides equitable treatment to all of our university students.

A transcript, showing the course and grade received, and a copy of a fee payment receipt must be submitted as proof for reimbursement. The Federation reserves the right to request a syllabus or additional description of the class taken. A C+ grade or its numerical equivalent must be earned in the course work in order to qualify for reimbursement.



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Family membership is defined as a minimum gift of \$104.00 to the most recent Federation Annual campaign which runs from November through March.

Any questions, please call Jaki Schreier at (260) 456-0400 or contact her at [jakischreier@fwjf.org](mailto:jakischreier@fwjf.org).

## S.K.I.P (Send a Kid to Israel Program)

Established in 1984 by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) in partnership with [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#), and revised in November 1999, the program has provided a savings vehicle for many families and has helped make a trip to Israel a reality for so many of our youth. The Federation portion of the savings plan is provided by income from the Federation Endowment Fund for members of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.



The Federation, for each year a child participates in **S.K.I.P.**, contributes \$200.00 per year per child. This is matched by a Congregational contribution of \$75.00 per year. Your parent contribution, on behalf of each participating child, is \$175.00 or more per year.

The program is available to local youth enrolled in their congregational religious school in grades 1-10. The fund may be used for an organized trip to Israel any time after grade 10 until the youth reaches age 23.

Each **S.K.I.P** account is supplemented by a gift from the **HY AND LORRY GOLDENBERG BIRTHRIGHT FUND** and the **MINNETTE AND MEYER RUCHMAN FUND**.

Looking for a bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation or special gift for one of our local youth, then please consider making that gift to their **S.K.I.P.** Fund account. An acknowledgment will be sent to you and a card indicating your gift will be sent to the designee.

Enrollment packets will be sent to all families not yet enrolled. If you do not get a packet or have any questions, please contact Federation's Executive Director Jaki Schreier at [jakischreier@fwjf.org](mailto:jakischreier@fwjf.org) or (260) 456.0400.



### THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS VOLUNTEERS ARE TOGETHER AGAIN

As Thoughtful Thursdays began its 12<sup>th</sup> year in September, volunteers were once again able to gather in person to assemble the first two bags for distribution to the Brightpoint Head Start families.

It was such a joy to be together after so many months apart due to the pandemic – despite wearing masks! We assembled 132 bags in the Social Hall instead of the Thoughtful Thursdays room to allow more space for volunteers to move around. Thank you to Jamie Berger and Fran Adler for helping move items in advance.

For October, we will be sending home ingredients for a large chicken noodle casserole along with vegetables and a boxed brownie mix. We also will provide aluminum foil, salt and pepper, toilet paper, and Halloween treats. Thanks to the generous donations to the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Apple Project, we will also be sending a bag of Honeycrisp apples home with each child.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for the continued support of this joint project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. We welcome volunteers to help shop for items for the monthly bags. Please contact Sally Trotter at [sartrotter@gmail.com](mailto:sartrotter@gmail.com) or Bonnie Pomerantz at [bonniepom@gmail.com](mailto:bonniepom@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

### MAKE YOUR OWN GOLEM WORKSHOP IN OCTOBER

Protection. Safety. Strength. Power. Right now we could all use a little more sense of well-being. The Jewish myth of the golem summoned ancient Jewish magic to create protection in difficult times.

Explore the golem legend and use your hands to create your own symbols of protection and safety. Join [Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik](#) on Sunday, October 31 at 2 p.m. to “make your own golem” out of paper and cut-up comic books during a 90-minute workshop on Zoom that includes visual learning about the legend of the golem and a hands-on activity with materials provided. No art experience, clay or magic spells required; just your enthusiasm.

Isaac and Rabbi Shawna are the dynamic duo behind [Paper Midrash](#). They bring together contemporary art, pop culture, and scholarship in hands-on workshops. We also look forward to welcoming them via Zoom during our Shabbat service on Friday, October 29 at 6 p.m. to bring their unique and dynamic style as they speak about the Torah portion *Chayei Sarah*.

The golem workshop is open to adults and high school students. Please reserve your spot no later than Friday, October 15 to (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Space is limited to 30 participants. Non-members of the Temple may register on a space available basis through Tuesday, October 26. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

### DIP INTO “HUMMUS! THE MOVIE”

*Hummus! The Movie* will be the focus of our CAV at the Cinema and discussion on Saturday, October 9 at 7 p.m. at the Temple, led by Dave Flapan and Kathy Sider.

The 2015 documentary tells the stories of eclectic men and women who live their lives based on their love of hummus. The playful, light film demonstrates how this delicious and nutritious superfood of dubious origin has emerged as a universal appetizer across America and the world that can bring Jews, Muslims and Christians together. The film has been chosen as a selection of numerous Jewish Film Festivals around the globe. [Watch the trailer](#)

We will begin with Havdalah before viewing the Israeli film, followed by conversation about the movie and a chance to connect with other movie fans. Traditional movie snacks and a nosh of our favorite varieties of hummus will be provided. Although the event is free, donations to help defray costs are appreciated.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245 no later than Tuesday, October 5. Please review [COVID safety protocols](#).

### OUR EXCITEMENT’S SKY HIGH FOR THE RETURN OF CORNED BEEF ON RYE!

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when the Temple’s 19<sup>th</sup> [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns on Thursday, November 4. After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, our Deli Day will be back – including whole kosher salami!

Order meals, become a sponsor, and tell your friends about our mouthwatering meal.

Boxed meals are \$15 each when ordered by Friday, October 22. After that date and at the door, meals are \$18 each. Each meal includes a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

**Returning this year:** Hebrew National whole kosher salami (12-oz. size) will be available for \$12 each.

**An added bonus this year:** Each corned beef meal will include a gift card from Chapman’s Brewing Company. Use it to order online at [shop.chapmansbrewing.com](http://shop.chapmansbrewing.com) for \$10 off same-day delivery to your home or present it at any one of our taproom locations for \$10 off your purchase (Angola, Columbia City, Huntington & Wabash).

**But wait, there’s more:** Each meal will include an individual bag of Clandestine Caramel Original Recipe popcorn donated by [Popsalot California Popcorn](#). Air-popped popcorn is folded into made-from-scratch caramel and finished off with Bourbon vanilla. All products are non-gmo, kosher, whole grain, and gluten free.

[Order online](#) or [download an order form](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). We’ve also got additional pounds of bulk corned beef for sale for \$18 per pound. Delivery service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Friday, October 22 for \$15 per address.

[Become a sponsor](#) by donating \$100 or more to help underwrite our costs by Friday, October 22. Names of individuals and businesses will be recognized in every meal and on our website, and posted the day of the sale at the Temple.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 3 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 4, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m. Please contact the Temple office for more information at (260) 744-4245. Thanks to our Co-Chairs Larry Adelman and Micah Soltz.

### CELEBRATE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE

Share the warmth of Jewish community throughout October with us in person or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

Rabbi Meir Bargeron will lead services on Fridays at 6 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship on Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D’var Torah.

We’ll welcome special guests [Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik](#) on Friday, October 29 at 6 p.m. via Zoom to bring their unique and dynamic style as they give a D’var Torah on *Parashat Chayei Sarah*. They are the duo behind [Paper Midrash](#).

Masks are required in the Temple. Kindly review our [COVID safety protocols](#). Visit our website at [www.templecav.org](http://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](mailto:office@templecav.org) for links to access services on Zoom.





**CELEBRATE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH AND “MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA”**



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society will be hosting its third annual open house, “Meet Your Mishpocha,” on Sunday, October 24th from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus. Designed to help people connect with their Jewish roots, the event will be held in-person with an option for guests to attend four presentations virtually.

Those on-site will have access to scanners from the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center to digitize family photographs and documents. We’ll be looking for help with identifying older photographs from the Temple’s collection, and experts from both the NEIJGS and the ACPL Genealogy Center will be on hand to answer questions about family history and genealogy.

Four half-hour presentations will be available to both virtual and in-person attendees. At noon, the Indiana Jewish Historical Society’s Mike Brown will speak about their organization’s archives. The Genealogy Center’s Curt Witcher will host an “Ask the Expert” session at 12:30, followed by a 1:00 “tour” by Betsy Gephart of the Society’s Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, which has grown to include over 7,000 past and present members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish community. The virtual sessions will conclude with a 1:30 presentation about the Oral History Video Project by John Stein. Registration is required to attend the virtual programs. The link can be found at the NEIJGS website at [www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/).

Coming in November, the NEIJGS will be partnering with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society to present, “Jewish Cemeteries, Indiana and Beyond.” This virtual program will be held beginning at 2:00 on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and will feature Jeannie Regan-Dinius from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and an expert on Indiana cemeteries, and Nolan Altman, a JewishGen expert on interpreting headstones. Registration will be required for that program as well, and the link will be posted on the NEIJGS website as the date approaches. Additional information about the NEIJGS can be found on our website at [www.NEIndianaJGS.org](http://www.NEIndianaJGS.org) and our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>.

**Federation’s 100<sup>th</sup> Commemoration**

**Saturday, November 13**

**7 p.m.**

**Rifkin Campus at 5200**



**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**

## 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

- 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.*

## DONATIONS

- **100th Commemoration Fund**
  - A donation was received from **Mike & Jo Ellen Rush**
- **JNF - Plant a tree in Israel**
  - Donations were received from an **anonymous** donor

every contribution is  
hugely valued

thank  
you!

## 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)

October 7 – Taj Mahal  
6410 W. Jefferson Boulevard

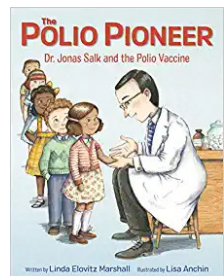
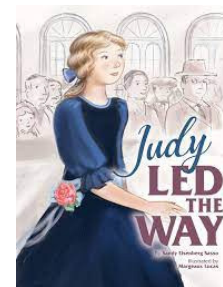
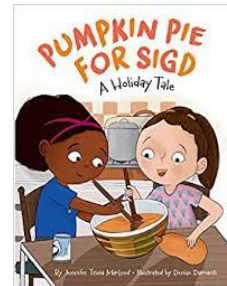
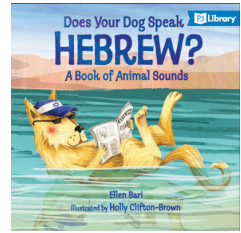
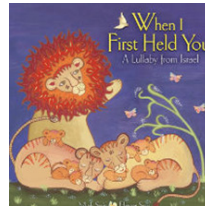
October 21 – Triangle Park Bar & Grill  
3010 Trier Road

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can contact Denny Reynolds at 260-637-0507 or [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com)



**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.



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