



NOVEMBER 2021

UPCOMING PBS39 PROGRAM

Kutsher's Country Club is the last surviving Jewish Resort in the Catskills offering the full Dirty Dancing-era Catskills experience. "Welcome to Kutsher's" explores this world – and how it changed American pop culture in the comedy, sports, and vacation industries. This award-winning documentary captures a last glimpse of a lost world as it disappears before our eyes. Set your DVR for this fascinating program! Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.



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Mark Your Calendars



**Our Confronting the Shoah classes for 2022 with
Dr. David Lindquist will be held on
January 11, 18, 25,
February 1, 8, and 15 at 7 p.m.
Please call the Federation office at
(260) 456-0400 or email us at
office@fwjf.org to reserve your spot!**

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JAKI SCHREIER



"There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up." (Bernard Meltzer)

We hope that 5782 is off to a great start for you and your loved ones as we slowly emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic that has wreaked havoc on so many aspects of our lives. May 5782 bring happiness, good health and the joy of community to all of us.

During these past 20 months, the world as we know it has faced serious challenges we never could have imagined. However, together we have persevered. We soon recognized that we could also create incredible opportunities. We found new and innovative ways to connect with each other, to collaborate with our partners and to engage with members of our community.

By adapting to this new normal, the **Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne** has remained steadfast and strong, striving to meet these goals by being here for you, offering support, programming and resources when needed. We hope that we've been able to make this challenging time a bit easier for each and every one of you.

The **Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne**, through the services and programs we provide, along with our network of partners, helps ensure that we are not alone. The work of your Federation is as important as it has ever been. The JFFW continues to work diligently to provide the help and encouragement we so desperately need. Our work is made possible by your support of our Annual Campaign.

Because of your financial commitment, the **2021-2022 Annual Campaign** will provide the critical infrastructure and support services needed not just for this community, but for our national and international partners as well. Your support will ensure that critical programs and services remain available, just when they are most needed.

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

WITH YOUR HELP, WE:

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

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

Thank you so much for your kindhearted generosity.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CHANGES

There is an old Yiddish adage, “Man plans and God Laughs.” (And in this case Mother Nature even chimed in!)

Despite our most careful planning, the unpredictability of life has caused us to change our plans for the recognition of our **100th anniversary**.

The new date for our celebration is **MAY 21, 2022**.

Save the date and look to celebrate this momentous occasion with all the splendor, significance and spirit it deserves!

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK CHANGES

Despite our most careful planning, the unpredictability of life has caused us to change our plans for our **People of the Book** evening with noted author **Ron Suskind** as well.

We hope to have a new date **spring 2022**.



Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne Executive Director Jaki Schreier was at a meeting to introduce Bishop Kevin Rhoades, of the Fort Wayne/South Bend Catholic Diocese, and the leadership at the Jewish Federation of the St. Joseph Valley Campus to begin talking about working together on Holocaust Education and Social Justice issues.

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 Western Galilee invites you to the

GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

Special Online Theater Workshop on Jewish Peoplehood

 **Sunday, Nov 7, 2021**
 1:00 p.m. ET | 20:00 ISL

 **RSVP to get Zoom link**





REGISTER 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](#)




BOOKCLUB

November 21, 1:00 p.m. ET
 20:00 Israel | 19:00 Budapest



8th Book Club Gathering

THE SLAVE

BY Isaac Bashevis Singer



November 21st, 1:00 p.m. ET
12:00 p.m. CT | 19:00 BUD | 20:00 ISL

P2G Book Club

Join us in a discussion about Isaac Bashevis Singer's iconic book, "The Slave", telling the story of a European Jewish boy in the 17th century.

RSVP below to get our Zoom link
[RSVP NOW](#)

What are we talking about this month:

How to Play Dreidel

Supplies:

Dreidel

At least 10 tokens per player
(tokens can be any small
item — dried beans, chocolate
coins, pennies, etc.)



To set up, distribute the tokens evenly among the players.

Arrange yourselves in a circle. Have each player put one of their tokens into the center — the “pot.”

Now take turns spinning the dreidel. When it lands, the letter facing up will tell the player what to do:



Nun: Nothing. Don't take from or add to the pot.



Gimel: All. Take all of the tokens from the pot.



Hay: Half out. Take half of the tokens from the pot.



Shin: One in. Add one token to the pot.



Anytime the pot is emptied, each player puts one token back in before the next person spins. As players run out of tokens, they're out — and the last person remaining is the winner!

JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

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High school seniors and current gap year students planning to major in Jewish Studies! Up to \$60,000 (\$15,000 per year) scholarships for incoming JS majors/Jewish sacred music students
"The best undergraduate Jewish Studies experience in the U.S"

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go.iu.edu/js_scholarships

Deadline: January 27, 2022

Eligible if bringing maximum of 29 credit hours to IU.

Additional 1 year scholarships (with an opportunity to apply each year for additional scholarships) for incoming students committed to the major or the certificate (8 courses) in Jewish Studies, with majors receiving priority.



THE ROBERT A. AND SANDRA S. BORNS
JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM



The Board of Directors and the staff of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne are thankful for all of you!

Please note that our office will be closed on
Monday, November 2, Thursday,
November 11 and
Thursday, November 25.



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.



BALL STATE
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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.

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 or (260) 456.0400.

EXPLORE VIEWS OF GRATITUDE IN JUDAISM

The practice of gratitude is rooted deeply in Jewish tradition. On Thanksgiving week, join Rabbi Meir Barger and members of the community on Tuesday, November 23 at 7 p.m. on Zoom to study Jewish texts on thankfulness and blessing.

Be part of our Beit Midrash (House of Study) as we expand our Jewish learning. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Friday, November 19 to receive materials in advance. The Zoom link will be sent to our Temple family via the weekly email. Guests may contact the Temple office for access information.

TAKE CHARGE OF AGING: GETTING GOOD AT GETTING OLDER

The baby boomer generation transformed society in the 60s and 70s and changed the way the world saw young people. While this generation is no longer young, it is still revolutionary and is now confronting and challenging assumptions about aging by living longer, by being more active than their parents and grandparents, and by simply doing things differently as they age. In the process, boomers are changing the way the world sees older people.

[Rabbi Laura Geller](#), co-author of *Getting Good at Getting Older* with Richard Siegel (z"l), joins our Temple family on Wednesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. via Zoom to teach us how we can take charge of our aging lives, and bring humor, warmth, and more than 4,000 years of Jewish experience to the question of how to shape this new stage of life. Register for the class by Tuesday, November 2 to office@templecav.org to receive a free copy of *Getting Good at Getting Older*. This program is offered with the support of the Harry W. Salon Foundation. The Zoom link will be sent to our Temple family via the weekly email. Guests may contact the Temple office for access information.

DELI DAY IS BACK - CORNED BEEF ON RYE – SURE TO SATISFY!

Don't miss the Temple's 19th [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy](#) on Thursday, November 4. After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, our Deli Day will be back – including whole kosher salami!

Boxed meals are \$18 each and include 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) for \$12 each.

New this year: Drive-thru pick up of your corned beef meals! It's easy and convenient! Whether you've pre-ordered or not, we will be ready to provide a tasty carryout lunch while you remain in your car. We will not offer our customary in-person dining this year, but look forward to welcoming everyone back inside next year.

An added bonus this year: Each corned beef meal will include a gift card from Chapman's Brewing Company. Order online at shop.chapmansbrewing.com for \$10 off same-day delivery to your home using the coupon code 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](#) through noon on November 3 or stop by during the sale ([download an order form](#) at www.templecav.org). We've also got additional pounds of bulk corned beef for sale for \$18 per pound.

Thank you to our sponsors of the sale and the committee chaired by Larry Adelman and Micah Soltz.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE

Begin your weekend with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community throughout November with us in person or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

Rabbi Meir Barger will lead services on Fridays at 6 p.m., though we will not have a service on November 26 or 27. Ron Friedman will lead worship on Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah.

We'll celebrate the Consecration of three of our students on Friday, November 5 at 6 p.m. when we also honor Bruce Colegrove for his long tenure teaching Hebrew at the Temple.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Thoughtful Thursdays' 11th annual Apple Project was a huge success this year thanks to the Jewish community's continued support.

In October we were able to provide a bag of delicious Honeycrisp apples for the Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. This month, our plan is to send home ingredients for a "Spanish Rice & Black Bean Roll-Ups Casserole," paper goods, and dishwashing liquid.

A special thank you to Janet Katz for picking up, delivering, and helping bag the apples together with our volunteers Jamie Berger, Cheri Buker, Janet Finkel, Suzi King and Beth Zweig. Thank you also to Beth for taking pictures.

Due to supply chain issues this year, our annual "turkey project" looks like it will now be roast chickens! As we have said from the beginning of the year, flexibility is key!

Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because there is a pandemic or supply chain issues!

Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs



JEWISH GENEALOGY AND HISTORY SOCIETIES PARTNER FOR CEMETERY PROGRAM

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is proud to partner with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for “Jewish Cemeteries – Indiana and Beyond,” a virtual program on Sunday, November 14th at 2:00 p.m. Guest speakers will be Jeannie R. Regan-Dinius, from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and JewishGen’s Nolan Altman. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is required to attend and can be found [here](#).

Cemeteries tell us much about who came before us. The size, shape and documentation vary from religious groups, time period, and location, but all are important outdoor museums. The symbols and markings that individuals put on their stones reveal much about the individual and family. Jeannie R. Regan-Dinius, Director of Special Initiatives for the Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, will begin the afternoon at 2:00 with a discussion of the state of cemeteries in Indiana, the presumed meanings of markings, how pop culture affects stones, and what you need to look at when you walk through a cemetery.

Jeannie Regan-Dinius has a life-long interest in history, family history, and research. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Public History from Ball State University, where she also studied anthropology and American Studies. She has her Master’s in Urban Planning and Information Management/Library Science from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis with additional graduate course work in public history.

Beginning at 3:30, Nolan Altman will continue the afternoon’s program with “Patronymic Naming and Cemetery Records - Their Importance in Jewish Genealogy.” This presentation will familiarize attendees with the evolution of family surnames and the practice of patronymic naming. Recognizing the components of patronymic naming, participants will learn how to take advantage of these clues to link their family through generations. By using an actual case study, Mr. Altman will show participants online resources to help find headstone information worldwide. Examples of odd inscriptions and errors will add unexpected humor to the presentation.

Nolan Altman received the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and was President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island. He has presented workshops at genealogical conferences worldwide and serves as coordinator for JewishGen’s Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR).

Thanks to Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation Trust, the Bureau of Jewish Education Endowment, the Lande Genealogy Fund, and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for their support of this program. For more about the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, visit their website at www.IJHS.org. More information about the NEIJGS can be found at our website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org, or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>. Contact Betsy Gephart at vp@NEIndianaJGS.org for more information.



WE ARE 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.

DONATIONS

100th Commemoration Fund

- Donations were received from **Sharon & Ben Eisbart, Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum, Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Nancy & Scott Salon and Cheryl Schorey**

General Operations

- A donation was received from **Glenn Goldstein**

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- Donations were received from an **anonymous** donor
- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in memory of **Marvin Cristil**

every contribution is
highly 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)

November 4 – No lunch - Corned Beef Fundraiser

November 18– Salsa Grille
5735 Falls Drive

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

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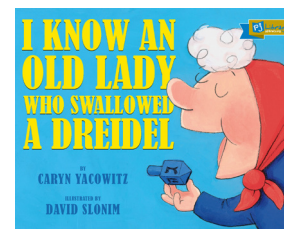
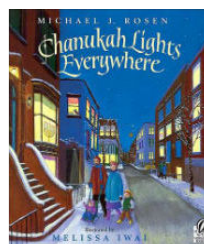
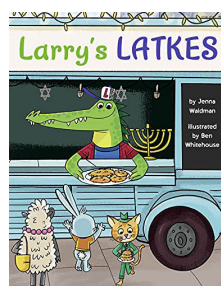
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Which books did you receive this month?

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.

