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FEBRUARY 2022

**It's not too late!**

**Confronting the Shoah 2022**  
with

**Dr. David Lindquist**

**February 1, 8, and 15**  
at 7 p.m via Zoom

Please call the Federation office at  
(260) 456-0400 or email us at  
[office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org)  
to reserve your spot!

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



## How We Move Forward After the Colleyville Synagogue Hostage Crisis

JAN 16, 2022



Like everyone, we are deeply relieved by the outcome of the hostage taking at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, near Dallas. We thank all the law enforcement officials who saved the lives of our brethren, and we express to Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, the other hostages, and all of his congregants, our love and support as they deal with this trauma.

As you know, Jewish Federations across North America have taken responsibility for developing and implementing

comprehensive security plans for their communities. Today, approximately fifty of the 146 Federations have such programs. The Jewish Federations also created SCN to provide expertise and support to these efforts, and to work directly with law enforcement agencies, especially the United States Department of Homeland Security and the FBI.

Our Jewish Federation system was built to provide leadership on challenges for which the only path forward is coordinated, collective action. Security is certainly one such challenge. We will not hesitate and we will not fail.

*Mark Wilf, Chair of the JFNA Board of Trustees.*  
*Julie Platt, National Campaign Chair and Chair of LiveSecure.*

[https://jewishfederations.org/about-jfna/jfna-leadership/from-our-leadership/how-we-move-forward-after-the-coleyville-synagogue-hostage-crisis?fbclid=IwAR3TO3ZC-a05zk\\_90lpE\\_zqmK89zn3OLwwpc8g6z870suXlIfSoL4GQ7rdM](https://jewishfederations.org/about-jfna/jfna-leadership/from-our-leadership/how-we-move-forward-after-the-coleyville-synagogue-hostage-crisis?fbclid=IwAR3TO3ZC-a05zk_90lpE_zqmK89zn3OLwwpc8g6z870suXlIfSoL4GQ7rdM)

**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

### HE WHO SAVES A LIFE SAVES THE WORLD The Talmud



The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Annual Campaign is your smart choice for effective and meaningful giving.

The Jewish Federation funds and supports a community-wide network of organizations that do two things:

- 1) Care for people in need here at home, in Israel, and around the world, and
- 2) Nurture and sustain Jewish life and learning today and into the future.

With each gift, we address so many causes that are important to our community, from feeding the hungry to funding Jewish education, Holocaust education to supporting breakthrough initiatives like Partnership2Gether, PJ Library, and Send a Kid to Israel programs. We increase access to Jewish learning and culture. We work with our partners to support institutions here and overseas that shape and strengthen Jewish identity: camps, schools, youth clubs, Hillels and community centers. We support Jewish cultural programming and are determined to touch as many people as we can with these opportunities.

We help foster Jewish identity in Israel. We support Jewish education in state secular schools, summer camps and early childhood family programs. We help provide Jewish heritage programs for at-risk youths and immigrants, and support pluralistic academies and cultural programming. We identify new ways to engage young people. Communities all over the world are struggling with the challenge of reaching children and young adults who are disengaged. At the same time, many young people who only recently learned they are Jewish are hungry to learn more. Together, we're nurturing Jewish life around the world. Your gift helps bring young Jewish people together from Israel and around the world. They study, work on service projects, develop leadership skills and celebrate their peoplehood, injecting life into a global Jewish renaissance.

The Jewish Federation has a long track record of carrying out big, bold initiatives, and mobilizing great resources during times of crisis. We helped airlift thousands of Ethiopian Jews to safety in Israel. We helped rescue and resettle more than one million Soviet Jews. And we have provided lifesaving humanitarian relief around the world.

In fact, the impact of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne here at home, in Israel, and around the world is extraordinary, but not a surprise. Together, we ensure that the programs, institutions, and values that enrich the fabric of our Jewish community remain vibrant and strong. This is what we do!

If you have not made your Annual Pledge for 2021-2022, please be generous. Help us to go from strength to strength!

Thank you.

## 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.



### P2G Book Club Kaddish for an Unborn Child

February 6th  
01:00 p.m. ET | 20:00 Israel

Join us for the next Book Club gathering and discussion about "Kaddish for an Unborn Child", by Hungarian author and Nobel prize recipient, Imre Kertész.

RSVP and get your Zoom link

[RSVP](#)



### P2G Film Club "The Testament" P2G Film Club features classic and new Israeli or Jewish themed films.

February 20th  
01:00 p.m. ET | 20:00 Israel

Join Zoom discussion and talk-back with our guest speaker, Amichai Greenberg director and screenwriter, about his debut film, "The Testament" - a mystery about a man who is willing to risk everything to discover the truth.

RSVP to get watch instructions

[RSVP](#)



EXPERIENCE TWO POWERFUL DAYS OF  
**EDUCATION**  
**EMPOWERMENT**  
**AND ADVOCACY**  
**#JDAD**

This February, we are coming together virtually – from communities across the nation – to learn, lead, and advocate for people living with disabilities. Join us to hear the stories of incredibly accomplished individuals with disabilities and their extraordinary achievements.

**UNITED, WE ACTIVATE AND ADVOCATE**

Hear from disability rights champions, experts, and legislators about the current state of disability rights and what can be done to promote inclusion. Learn about the policies currently being considered in Congress to both help eliminate barriers for people with disabilities and empower them to live independently.

**BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS TO INCLUSION**

Unite with thousands of compassionate community members in fighting the societal stigma surrounding individuals with disabilities. There is strength in numbers. Together, we can make a powerful impact – advancing the public policies that support the health and well-being of those with disabilities in our hometowns and nationwide.

Together, we'll learn about promoting national legislation and implementing grassroots strategies that we hope will help lift millions of people with disabilities out of poverty and receive the tools and coaching to advocate for disability rights in real-time. We'll take concrete action at this event – individually yet together.

We need your voice. We need your participation. Will you be there?

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**



## What are we talking about this month:

### 9 Children's Books About Standing Up for Others



Jewish tradition is filled with stories of people standing up for others. From Judah pleading with Joseph to spare brother Benjamin's life, to [Moses](#) rebelling against his Egyptian upbringing to fight for the enslaved Israelites, to [Queen](#)

[Esther](#) saving her people from destruction by Haman, the Bible shows time again what it means to be a *mensh* (Yiddish for "upstander").

Showing children examples of people speaking their minds and doing the right thing, even when it goes against popular opinion, is a great way to teach the Jewish value of *ometz lev*, or "strength of the heart." For this [book list](#), we've pulled together stories of [real people](#) and fictional characters who demonstrate this value and who aren't afraid to [speak up](#) and speak out.

#### Books for Elementary Age Readers

##### *Goldie Takes A Stand!*

by Barbara Krasner

Recommended for ages 8+ Years

Young Goldie was a natural-born leader. Long before she became Golda Meir, the first female prime minister of Israel, she was tackling injustice in her hometown of Milwaukee!

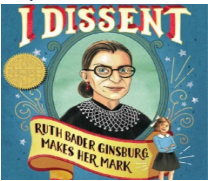


##### *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark*

by Debbie Levy

Recommended for ages 8+ Years

Disagreeing does not necessarily make you disagreeable. Just ask Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the first Jewish woman on the US Supreme Court. When she was a young girl, lots of people told her she didn't have what it took to do the things she wanted to do, but she disagreed -- and proved them wrong. Now she shows the whole world that sometimes it's important to say "I dissent!"

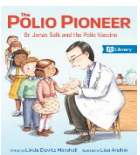
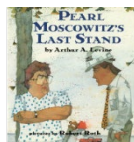


##### *Pearl Moscovitz's Last Stand*

by Arthur Levine

Recommended for ages 7 to 8 Years

Pearl loved her street. She loved the people on her street, and she loved the trees on her street -- planted there by her mother years before. So when the city wants to cut them down, it's time for Pearl to take a stand.



##### *The Polio Pioneer: Dr. Jonas Salk and the Polio Vaccine*

by Linda Elovitz Marshall

Polio was once a very common disease -- and a very scary one. Young Jonas Salk decided he wanted to figure out a way to help. Through hard work, perseverance, and the scientific method,

he and his team led the way to a groundbreaking vaccine that

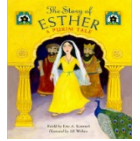
helped in the project of tikkun olam, repairing the world -- one injection at a time.

##### *The Story of Esther*

by Eric A. Kimmel

Recommended for ages 8+ Years

The Purim story, full of drama, brings together a mighty king, a jealous scoundrel, and a wise uncle. At its center is a clever heroine, Queen Esther. It was her courage that saved the Jewish people at a dangerous time.



#### Books for Middle Grade Readers



##### *Click! Here to Start*

by Denis Markell

Recommended for ages 10+

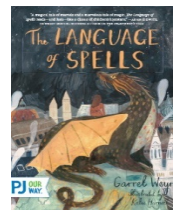
Ted loves escape room video games, but this is real life! Can Ted and his friends solve the puzzle and stay one step ahead of the bad guys?

##### *The Language of Spells*

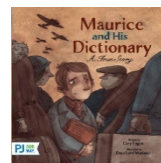
by Garret Weyr

Recommended for ages 10+

Grisha the dragon has been under a spell for 100 years. After he's freed, he finds that all the other dragons have disappeared. Then he meets Maggie, the only human who can see him. Can the two rescue Grisha's missing friends?



##### *Maurice and His Dictionary*



by Cary Fagan

Recommended for ages 9+

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.

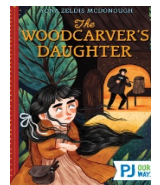
How will he ever follow his dream?

##### *The Woodcarver's Daughter*

by Yona Zeldis McDonough

Recommended for ages 9+

12-year-old Batya wants nothing more than to become a woodcarver like her father, but she's not allowed to because she's a girl! Will things be any different for Batya in America?



<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/november-2021/9-childrens-books-about-standing-up-for-others>

### JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF LIFELONG LEARNERS

Expand your Jewish knowledge by joining us at the Temple for lifelong learning on a variety of Jewish study topics with Rabbi Meir Barger and guest instructors. Please join us for these classes in February:

#### Wednesday February 9 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

##### Doing Unto Others: Compassion in Jewish Life

Explore how the human trait of caring for the wellbeing of others is expressed in Judaism and other faith traditions of the world. Please RSVP to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) by Thursday, February 3 to receive materials.

#### Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

##### Judaism and the Afterlife

Do Jews believe in heaven, hell or any type of afterlife? The answer is complicated and may surprise you! We will come together to read Jewish texts and reflect on their meaning for our lives today. Please RSVP to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) by Thursday, February 17 to receive materials.

Links for classes are provided in the weekly email to members of our Temple family. Guests may contact the office for access information.

#### Ongoing Programs:

**Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer**  
Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

**Five Books of Moses Study Group with Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan**  
Sundays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

### STRINGS OF INSPIRATION WITH BRUCE COLEGROVE RETURNS MARCH 2

Temple member Bruce Colegrove returns on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. with his latest Strings of Inspiration presentation with new stories of some of the most remarkable events in the life of the women's orchestra at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The orchestra at Auschwitz-Birkenau included three different pairs of sisters, all of whom played fascinating roles in the ensemble. Remarkably enough, a mother-daughter pair also found its way into the group.

Eva Steiner, the daughter of that pair, is one member about whom we know much from the extensive literature around the orchestra. The mother, on the other hand, is one member about whom little has been known – until recently. In fact, no published resource to date has been able to report as much as her first name.

As it turns out, Eva Steiner died in late December 2021 at the young age of 100, and her nephew, Robby Steiner, reached

out to Bruce Colegrove hoping to discover some poignant details that he could include in his eulogy for Eva.

In Bruce's presentation, he will share many of the inspiring details about Eva that he shared with her nephew. He also will present some of the exciting new findings that his contact with Robby disclosed about this Jewish family, including Eva's fascinating mother, Jolanda.

We hope to offer the program in person at the Temple, as well as on Zoom. Please check next month's Bulletin or [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) for updated details. The link will be shared in the weekly email to our congregational family. Guests are welcome and asked to contact us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) for access information. Please follow our [COVID safety protocols](#).

Bruce first shared incredible stories of these women in fall 2019 when the Violins of Hope programming captivated members of the Fort Wayne community. The enthusiastic response led to a second program in February 2021. He describes the women's orchestra as the most eclectic, the most unique, the most controversial, and, without any question, the most zealously documented gathering of female musical talent the world has ever known. By many regards, it was also the most inspiring.

An ardent researcher in Holocaust studies, Bruce is the developer of the website [Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau](http://Women'sOrchestraofAuschwitz-Birkenau.com). Recently retired from many years teaching Hebrew at Achduth Vesholom, he has taught for 20+ years at Canterbury High School.

### CELEBRATE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE

Begin your weekend with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community in February at Congregation Achduth Vesholom in person or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

Rabbi Meir Barger will lead services 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.

Kindly note that only vaccinated individuals may enter the Temple building. Proof of vaccination (a vaccination card or photo of the card) is required. Masks are required. Find our [COVID safety protocols](#). Visit our website at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) for the latest information on our schedule.

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.



## JEWISH GIVEN NAMES AND SURNAMES



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome genealogist Warren Blatt for two free virtual programs on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The afternoon will begin with "Jewish Given Names," an introduction to Jewish first names, focusing on practical issues for genealogical research. Learn why

"Mordechai Yehuda" is also "Mortka Leib" is also "Max". Our ancestors each had many different given names and nicknames, in various languages and alphabets, making Jewish genealogical research difficult. This presentation will address the history and patterns of Jewish first names, and how to recognize ancestors' names in genealogical sources.

Beginning at 3:30 p.m., Mr. Blatt will continue with "Jewish Surnames," their origins, types, and etymologies. Learn when they were first used in various countries, how they developed, and their transformation upon immigration.

This presentation will dispel several common myths about Jewish surnames and discuss the classifications of surnames: patronymic/matronymic, toponymic, occupational, artificial, religious, and acronyms. Sources for learning more about your surnames and how they may be accessed will also be included.

Warren Blatt is the former Managing Director of JewishGen, the primary Internet site for Jewish genealogy, a division of the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, in New York City. He is the author of *Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the Boston Area* (Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, 1996); and co-author (with Gary Mokotoff) of *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy* (Avotaynu, 1999). He was the Chair of the 15th International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy. In 2004, he was awarded the IAJGS' Lifetime Achievement Award in Jerusalem.

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



### 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 in **spring 2022**.

## 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

### JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- Donations were received from an **anonymous** donor
- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in honor of their children, **Abraham, Mallory and Brooklyn**

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)

**February 3 – Mad Anthony Brewing Company**  
1109 Taylor Street

**February 17 – Joanna's Family Restaurant**  
10368 Leo 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)

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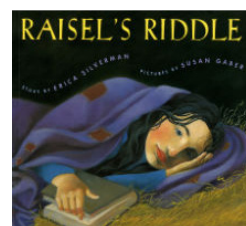
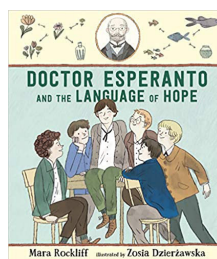
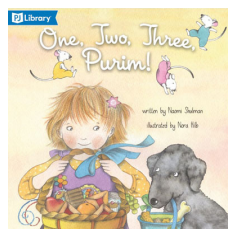
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**Which books did you receive this month?**

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



[PJ Our Way](http://PJ Our Way) is for kids ages 9-11. It is kid-driven - they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based on their own interests and reading level. To make the choice easier, our website includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

