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APRIL 2022



Virtual Pesach Cooking with Eileen Goltz!

Mark your calendars and join our Rosh Chodesh group on **Sunday, April 3 at 5 pm (new time)** via **Zoom** when we will cook with Eileen. [Zoom info here.](#)

The Jewish Federation of New Mexico presents:
AN EVENING WITH PULITZER PRIZE WINNING JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

TOPIC: "THE BIG TRENDS SHAPING THE WORLD TODAY: ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGY, AND GEOPOLITICS"

Co-Sponsored by:
The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

100th Anniversary 1921-2021
Jewish Federation OF FORT WAYNE
THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE • THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Sunday, April 10th 2022
at - 9 PM EDT

Register for the Zoom Webinar [here.](#)

Bestselling author of *The World is Flat* and New York Times foreign affairs columnist Tom Friedman is renowned for his direct reporting and accessible analysis of complex issues shaping the world. According to *Foreign Policy* magazine, "Friedman doesn't just report on events; he helps shape them." Winner of three Pulitzer Prizes, he has covered the monumental stories from around the globe for *The New York Times* since 1981. *Vanity Fair* called him "the country's best newspaper columnist."

In his latest bestseller, *Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations*, Friedman offers a blueprint for overcoming the stresses and challenges of a world being transformed by technology, globalization, and climate change.

YOM HASHOAH

FORT WAYNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Once again, our Yom HaShoah Commemoration will be held virtually. Our **keynote speaker** will be **Chad Austin**, Professor of Law, Deputy for Faculty Development, Co-Director of International Programs, United States Air Force Academy Department of Law.

We will be broadcasting on:

- Sunday, April 24 at 2 pm on PBS39
- Monday, April 25 at 7 pm on Channel 2 Access, Channel 57 on Comcast and 27 on Verizon
- Wednesday, April 27 at 7 pm, with an encore on Saturday, April 30 at 7 am on WBOI

My Survivor

WHO WILL TELL THE STORY WHEN THE LAST SURVIVOR IS GONE?

SAVE THE DATE • SUN April 24 • 3pm

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Watch • Stream with pbsfortwayne.org

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

WILL YOU HELP?



With the safety of Ukraine's estimated 200,000 Jews at risk, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne has established an emergency fund in support of the work of our global partners, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and World ORT, who are coordinating efforts to respond.

Ukraine's Jews, and others in need, rely on the strong presence built up through years of Federation support that is today serving as a lifeline for the community. Through JDC, JAFI, and World Ort, we're there on the ground every day of the year,

helping the most vulnerable and supporting programming to help younger generations reimagine Jewish life where it was all but destroyed.

But today, the need is different.

As the crisis in Ukraine continues, thousands are constantly under fire throughout the country. Thousands have fled the fighting. Federations are allocating millions of dollars to our partner agencies on the ground. The needs are great!

The emergency funding will focus on:

- Helping people make Aliyah to Israel.
- Securing the local community and its institutions.
- Maintaining critical welfare services.
- Launching an emergency hotline
- Securing temporary housing for people in transit.
- Purchasing satellite phones to maintain communications across the region.
- Securing five Jewish schools and training staff to manage crisis needs.

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne has secured a dollar to dollar match up to \$10,000.00 to make our community's contribution more impactful.

It is because we're always there, day after day, year after year, that we can deliver hope and help now when it is so desperately needed!

Our Ukrainian brothers and sisters are counting on you. Will you be there?

Whenever and wherever one Jew is threatened, we are all threatened. We remain vigilant in these troubling times and, on behalf of our cousins in the region, we extend our deep gratitude for your generosity and compassion.

You may donate by sending a check to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and simply indicate "Ukraine" in the memo, or give online at fwjf.org

Thank you.

Dr. Scott Salon
President

Jaki Schreier
Executive Director

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.



**Yom Hashoah
Ceremony**
(Israeli Holocaust Remembrance Day)

APRIL 28TH

**11:00 A.M. ET
18:00 ISRAEL**

**Hosted by
SlidingDors
participants**

 THE JEWISH AGENCY
לארץ ישראל
FOR ISRAEL
Every one of us, together.

 PARTNERSHIP
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WESTERN GALILEE
CENTRAL AREA
CONSORTIUM

Yom Hashoah 2022 (Israeli Holocaust Remembrance Day)

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April 28th

**10:00 a.m. CT | 11:00 a.m. ET
17:00 Budapest | 18:00 Israel**

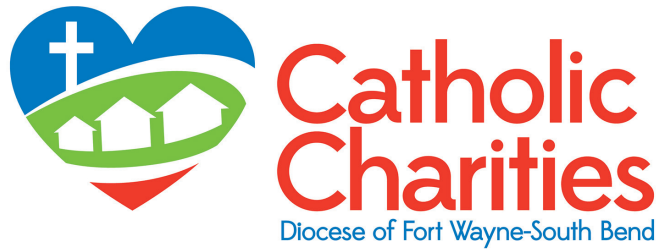
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The SlidingDors Participants invite you to light a candle with us in honor of the victims and in memory of the survivors - our parents.

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RSVP and join us on Zoom.

[RSVP](#)



VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AND NEEDED: [Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne/South Bend](#) welcomes volunteers to assist with their resettlement efforts of the Afghan Refugees to their new home in Fort Wayne. If you would like to inquire on how you can help, please contact Nicole Kurut at the following: Nkurut@ccfwsb.org Be the positive change in the world!



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE

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

The unpredictability of the last two years caused us to change our plans for the recognition of our **100th anniversary, originally scheduled for the fall of 2021.**

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 UPDATE

We are excited to have a date when noted author, **Ron Suskind, will be in Fort Wayne!**

Please mark your calendars for **Monday, September 19 at 7:30 pm** at the **Rifkin Campus.**

We look forward to seeing you then!

We are happy to announce that plans are underway for Camp Joe 2022! We are working to create an exciting program with new opportunities for learning, discoveries and friendships.



Camper ages are 4-13 years old.

Regular camp hours are **9 AM to 4 PM** with before and after care options available.

Camp Joe runs Monday through Friday of the following weeks:

July 4-8
July 11-15
July 18-22

Your child may register for one, two or all three weeks.

Our application is available [here](#). There is an early registration discount for families who register for camp by April 8th.

We are looking forward to spending time with all of our campers at Fox Island this summer!



What are we talking about this month: Teaching Kids to Say the Four Questions



Traditionally recited at the Seder by the youngest child present, the Four Questions, or *Mah Nishtanah* in Hebrew, ask about certain Passover rituals. Each question and its answer is printed below followed by fun videos your family can use to practice the Four Questions--and their answers--with your children. You'll also find tips for children who may be a little bit nervous about being in the spotlight.

Since asking questions is a key part of what makes the seder so special, don't be shy about asking your own questions about Passover and seeking out answers with your kids as well.

The Four Questions

All four questions help answer one big question: Why is this night unlike all others?

On all other nights we eat either leavened or unleavened bread. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened matzah?

Answer: To remind us of the haste with which our ancestors left Egypt.

On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs. On this night, why only bitter herbs?

Answer: To remind us of the bitterness of slavery.

On all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once. On this night, why do we dip them twice?

Answer: Some say to remind us of our coming and going from Egypt.

On all other nights we eat sometimes sitting and sometimes reclining. On this night, why do we all recline?

Answer: To remind us of how free people relax.

Media:

[Have I Got A Story For You: Passover Playlist](#)

[Learn the Four Questions and What They Mean](#) via BimBam

[Four Questions Singalong Video](#) via BimBam

Tips:

If your children don't love being in the spotlight, or get stage fright from time to time, here are some quick tips for saying the Four Questions:

1. Let all children present read the questions together
2. Practice ahead of time using the videos above
3. Add puppets or stuff animals
4. Draw the Four Questions instead of reciting them

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We hope you will be able to join us in September when we travel to beautiful Budapest



Dohány Street Synagogue



Kazinczy Street Orthodox Synagogue



Rumbach Street Synagogue



Salgótarjani Street Jewish Cemetery



Dessewffy Street Orthodox Synagogue



Kazinczy Street Mikveh

2022 SUMMIT *in* BUDAPEST

SEPTEMBER 10 - 15

**Our first international gathering in almost three years
AND our first Partnership Summit in Budapest!**

Let's celebrate being together again. Reconnect with old friends and meet new friends from our U.S. communities, the Western Galilee, and Budapest.

Enjoy the Partnership Experience:

- 1** Tour the current Jewish Renaissance while immersed in Budapest's history
- 2** Meet with Jewish community leaders in fascinating locations
- 3** Immerse in conversations with members of Budapest's Partnership
- 4** Enjoy Jewish Budapest hospitality
- 5** Hear about current and future Partnership programs

COST **\$900pp** (double), **\$1400** (single occupancy)
Subsidized cost includes 5 nights in the 4* Budapest Mercure Budapest City Center hotel, kosher meals, guided tours, program fees, and transportation during the Summit. Flights, transport to and from airport are not included in the cost of the Summit.

Registration fee

\$500 due by May 1, 2022

Remaining amount

due by July 1, 2022

Fully refundable

up to July 31, 2022.

*Due to the unknowable future pandemic situation, we strongly advise participants to book fully refundable flights.

Full itinerary coming soon.

Registration at:

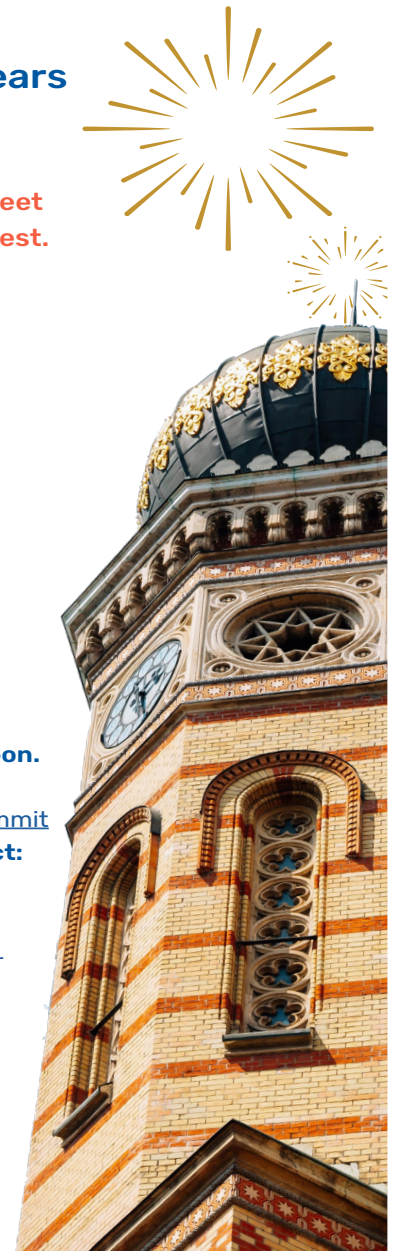
westerngalilee.org.il/summit

For more details contact:

Marcy L. Paul, U.S.

Consortium Director at

marcyp2g@outlook.com





WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? FIND OUT AT CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Passover begins on Friday, April 15 when we retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Please join our Temple family for the return of our in-person Second Seder after a two-year hiatus on Saturday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at the Temple.

We'll read the Haggadah led by Rabbi Meir Barger and dine on a traditional kosher-style Pesach meal. Thank you to the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for coordinating the meal -- and especially to Denny Reynolds and David Crell for chairing.

Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 with your reservations by Friday, April 1 and then follow up by sending your check made payable to "CAV - The Temple." When you RSVP, please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian entrée.

Students enrolled in Religious School may attend at no charge by making a reservation and when accompanied by a parent.

The cost for Temple members is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-12 who are not enrolled in the Religious School, and free for children under age 3. For non-members, the cost is \$36 for adults, \$18 for children 3-12, and free for children under age 3. No refunds will be issued for cancellations or no-shows. Reservations after the April 1 deadline will be taken if space is available.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE

Begin your weekend with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community in April at Congregation Achduth Vesholom in person or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

Rabbi Meir Barger will lead services most 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.

We will not have a Shabbat service on Friday, April 15 due to Passover. Please join us for the second Seder on Saturday, April 16 at 6 p.m. RSVP by April 1. [Find out more](#).

Our Shabbat service on Saturday morning, April 23 at 9:45 a.m. will include Yizkor on the last day of Passover.

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.

TOPICS FOR APRIL: LOVE POETRY & NUMEROLOGY

Expand your Jewish knowledge by joining us for [lifelong learning classes](#) that include a variety of Jewish study topics with Rabbi Meir Barger and guest teachers.

Please join us for:

Song of Songs: Love Poetry of the Jewish People
With Rabbi Meir
Tuesday, April 5
7 p.m. on Zoom

The Song of Songs is a remarkable collection of love lyrics that is included in the heart of the Hebrew Bible. This book includes no mention of God, Israel, the Exodus or Sinai, yet it is customarily read at Passover. Discover the history and characteristics of the Song of

Songs while we read and discuss a number of key verses.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, March 31 to receive materials.

The Mysteries of Jewish Numerology
With Rabbi Bruce Pfeffer
Tuesday, April 26
7 p.m. on Zoom

Learn about *Gematria*, the system that converts Hebrew letters to numbers in order to yield a deeper understanding of Jewish texts. This session will include an overview of *Gematria* and its place in Jewish tradition, as well many interesting examples of how it can be applied. Participants will be given the tools to develop their own insights from Hebrew words.

Rabbi Bruce Pfeffer was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is a board-certified chaplain at IU Health and teaches at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, April 21 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
Sunday, April 24 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

BAMS, CRACKS, AND DOTS RETURN - IT'S TIME FOR MAH JONGG!
Get ready for the clack of tiles when mah jongg resumes at the Temple this spring! Beginning the week of May 2, we will resume open play on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons.

To prepare, you can order your 2022 card now at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org. Need a refresher? [Real Mah Jongg](#) is a popular app. And the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has several [mah jongg titles](#), including two different guides that might come in handy.

Going forward, we'll be offering games on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. [Sign up here](#) for these informal sessions. Players of all levels are welcome! We ask for a \$2 donation each time you play to help support mahj and other programs.

Games will take place in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. If you'd like to be added to our occasional mah jongg e-newsletter, please contact the Temple at office@templecav.org.

We welcome newer players and gladly will assist as you learn the rules. (If you know anyone who would like to be contacted when we again offer lessons for beginners, please contact the Temple office at office@templecav.org.)

Masks are optional in the Temple. (Find our [COVID protocols](#)) Out of respect for others, please stay home if you are not feeling well, have a fever or cold symptoms, loss of taste or smell, or have been exposed to COVID.



NEED HELP FINDING YOUR ANCESTRAL TOWN?



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome genealogist and mathematician Ed Mitukiewicz for a free virtual program on Sunday, April 3rd, beginning at 2:00 p.m. "Location, Location, Location: How Genealogical Research Can Benefit From Historical Maps" is the focus of the afternoon's presentation. Identifying the towns and villages where our ancestors used to live can be a critical step in finding relevant sources of genealogical information. However, locating some of those places often becomes quite a challenging task, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe, where use of multiple languages, spelling or transliteration errors, appearance of similar names in different locations and countries, frequent name changes and shifting national borders introduce additional complications. Readily available web-based resources—including digital repositories of

historical maps and geographic information databases—can help to overcome many of those challenges. This presentation demonstrates the methods and techniques of using such resources to facilitate locating ancestral towns in Central and Eastern Europe.

Registration is required to attend this free virtual program. The link can be found at the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/. NEIJGS members may attend an additional virtual workshop with Mitukiewicz that afternoon. Additional information about the NEIJGS can be found at www.NEIndianaJGS.org, or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>. Contact Betsy Gephart at vp@NEIndianaJGS.org for more information.

LEARN ABOUT FAMILYSEARCH IN MAY

FamilySearch.org is a massive *free* online genealogical resource maintained by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons). It contains huge amounts of records that the church has filmed and digitized from around the world. Much is indexed, but probably even more is not yet searchable, so learning how to take advantage of these resources is important. Todd Knowles, from the Family History Library, will be the NEIJGS speaker on May 1st, *live and in person* at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center! At 2:00 that afternoon, he will speak about how to use FamilySearch and how it works, and at 3:30, he'll delve into the huge number of Jewish records available and what is to come. Mark your calendar to learn about this spectacular resource!

Todd Knowles

**Making the Most of
FamilySearch for
Jewish Research**



***The Jewish Federation Board of
Directors and staff are sending
warm thoughts and blessings to
you as you gather at your Seder
to celebrate with those you love.
Chag Pesach Sameach.***

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**
- **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 in honor of Pesach was received from the **Schreier Family**

Emergency Cash Assistance Fund

- A donation was received from **Michelle Ball**

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

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



Ukraine Relief Fund

- A donation was received in honor of **Carol Adelman's** birthday from **Larry Adelman**
- A donation was received from **Sharon & Ben Eisbart**

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)

April 7 – The Lucky Moose
622 E Dupont Road

April 21 – No Lunch - Passover

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

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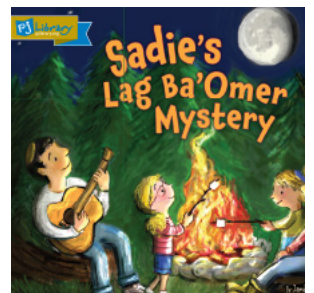
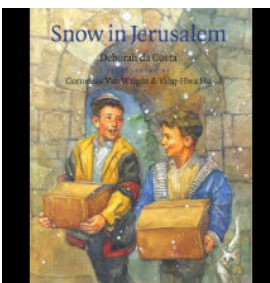
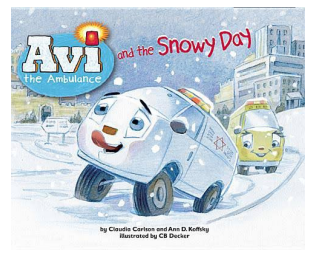
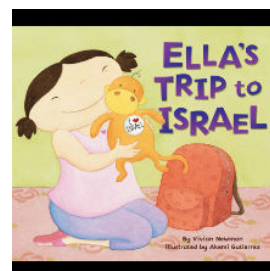
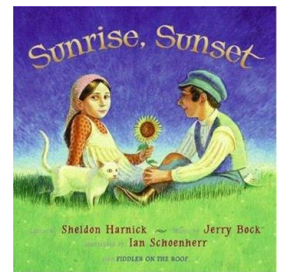
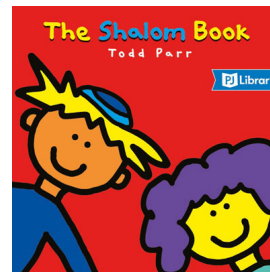
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Which books did you receive this month?

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.

