



# chailights



JULY - AUGUST 2022

## campjoelevine

### New Location this Year!

As many of you have heard, Fox Island sustained major damage to their entire property when the storm hit us a few weeks ago. We have been in contact with the Superintendent of Parks and were notified that we will NOT be able to have camp at Fox Island this summer.

We are thrilled to let you know that we have secured space at

**Metea County Park**  
**(8401 Union Chapel Road)**  
**WEEKS 1 and 2**

Sadly there will be no week 3 this year.



Space is still available. You can submit your [application](#) to Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at 5200 Old Mill Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. An application can also be submitted online at [fwjf.org](http://fwjf.org)

It is our goal to make sure that all children are able to attend camp. Camper scholarships are available. If you are interested in a scholarship for your child, please mark "yes" at the bottom of the application or contact the Jewish Federation directly at 260-456-0400.

**Camp runs July 4-15, 2022.**

We look forward to seeing you at [Metea County Park](#) this summer.

**Larisa Drozdova, Director and Samantha McGlennen, Assistant Director**

#### HAVDALAH UNDER THE STARS AT LC NATURE PARK

[Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) invite you for an evening of nature on Saturday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. at [LC Nature Park](#), 9744 Aboite Road, Roanoke, IN. Join us as we explore this native Indiana landscape located in the historic Little River Valley.

Observe herds of buffalo and elk graze on restored grasslands and learn how the park's preservation efforts are related to *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).

We will go on a guided tour (optional), eat s'mores, and participate

in Havdalah, led by Rabbi Meir with music by Norm & Ronnie Greenberg. Bug spray, a water bottle and folding chairs are recommended. [A liability waiver](#) must be signed to participate in the guided tour. Please sign and bring with you to the event.



This event is free and

open to the community. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 16 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

**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



### THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF FORT WAYNE RAISES \$30,000 FOR UKRAINE AID



On February 24, 2022, the world watched in shock and horror as Russia invaded the sovereign state of Ukraine. The **Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)** immediately began an emergency campaign to raise the desperately needed funds to assist displaced Ukrainian Jews and others.

**JFNA** allocated funds to over forty six NGO's that operate on the ground in Ukraine and neighboring countries, including core partner agencies such as **The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)**, **The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)**, and **World Ort**. Distributions of funds have focused on humanitarian aid and rescue operations, trauma relief and medical care, refugee resettlement and Aliyah and absorption in Israel. Allocations also went toward organizations such as **Hadassah** for medical delegations and trauma units, the **Israel Trauma Coalition** for trauma relief, and **Nefesh B'Nefesh** for immigrant absorption. In 2021 alone, the **Jewish Federations** and **Network of Independent Communities** raised and allocated over \$100 million in unrestricted funds for our three partner organizations to power their vital work protecting Jews around the world, caring for the neediest among our people wherever they live, and connecting our communities.

**Jewish Federations** are uniquely positioned to respond immediately and effectively to this crisis due to their long presence in the region that supports partners in the Ukraine and neighboring countries, coupled with their vast reach across North American Jewish communities and decade's long experience in fundraising for global crises. **JFNA** invests over \$100 million annually in core, unrestricted funding to their partners to ensure that they have the infrastructure to support vulnerable Jewish communities and to respond to emergencies that arise. Funds are also used to support the Federations' creation of a first-of-its-kind central volunteer hub to provide these much needed services. Russian speaking volunteers were deployed to Budapest, Warsaw and the Ukraine border. In addition, **JFNA** is successfully advocating for expanded refugee rights and resettlement, thus building on a long history of activism in the refugee space.

**JFNA President and CEO, Eric Fingerhut** said, "There are moments in time when humanity is called upon to take action to shape history. We are living in one of those times and I am so proud to know that the Jewish community is at the forefront of these efforts."

The **Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne** answered the call to take action and make a positive impact. **Larry Adelman**, on behalf of the Board, reached out to the **Goldenberg and Ruchman families** requesting their permission to allocate monies from their family funds to be used as a fundraising match for our local campaign. Thankfully, we were given their blessing. Our community members responded allowing our small Federation to send \$30,000 to **JFNA** for use of Ukrainian relief.

We thank you for your commitment and generosity on behalf of those whose lives have been saved because you answered the call.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL MEETING SPEECH - JUNE 12, 2022



Shalom - welcome to the 101st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

After two years of holding our meeting virtually, it is truly a blessing to be here in person and to speak about the accomplishments of the Federation.

On behalf of the Federation's Board of Directors, I thank each and every one of you. Your continued support, both financially and by your active participation, allows the Federation to continue to plant the seeds necessary for our renaissance and renewal.

We may be small in number, but to quote Mahatma Gandhi - "In a gentle way, you can shake the world." We do this by being a vital presence and consistent voice for good in our community and the world.

At this time, I would like to reflect on just a few of the things we have accomplished since we last met.

The Federation, along with Congregation Achduth Vesholom came together to raise a substantial amount of funds to assist with Catholic Charities resettlement of Afghan refugees forced to flee their homeland. Rabbi Meir and I were able to get a first hand account of the amazing work that goes into helping these new citizens rebuild their lives and to become valuable contributors to our society.

When Russia invaded the Ukraine, the Jewish Federations of North America came together to raise the funding needed to relocate Jews and other displaced refugees fleeing for their lives to Israel and to European countries who would open their doors. Our own Federation joined this call to action and raised \$30,000 for this effort.

As a people, through our history, Jews know what it is to be a stranger in a strange land. Thus, we fully believed that we absolutely needed to respond...and we did!

To fulfill our mission statement which is, "to support the well being and continuity of the Jewish people in Greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world", we provided funds to other small federations whose communities were experiencing tragedies such as natural disasters or anti-Semitic actions.

We provided vital support for the annual event commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's 1963 visit to Fort Wayne. While he was here, Dr. King wrote portions of his "I Have a Dream" speech. This event, spearheaded by Rev. Bill McGill, continues Dr. King's legacy for justice for all citizens. And to summarize a statement made by Benjamin Franklin, "No man is free until all men are free."

When COVID-19 forced the closure of Camp Joe Levine in 2020, we came back last year with the maximum number of campers

who could safely participate. We anticipate 2022 to be a banner year, due in part to the scholarships we're able to provide, thanks to the generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Janet Finkel Campership Fund. For many children, this is the only opportunity they have to experience a fun and educational outdoor camping experience, with its core being faithful to Jewish values.

We owe much to the Camp Directors, Larisa Drozdova and Sam McGlennen for creating such a great adventure for these young people. We appreciate Rabbi Meir for leading Shabbat at the end of each week, which is always a highlight.

Thanks to the Janet Finkel Campership Fund, the Federation is able to provide financial assistance for away camp, such as GUCI in Zionsville.

Due in part to the generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, area children can participate in the PJ Library book program and events, free of charge. From this, the Federation and Congregation Achduth Vesholom have joined together to create an annual "Havdalah under the Stars" program for young families.

Bonnie Pomerantz and I have stepped up the number of Shabbat and holiday bags that we deliver to members and good friends of the Federation - in an effort to stay connected to our members.

We continue to partner with our friends at Public Television PBS39 to air a number of highly regarded documentaries. Just as COVID has affected all of us, it has impacted the number of our events and activities. Most recently, we taped our Yom HaShoah service and aired it on PBS.

Due to the wonder of Zoom, Dr. David Lindquist led our popular and highly respected "Confronting the Shoah" course. Our hope is that the pandemic will remain contained enough for this course to meet in person, January of 2023.

This year, the Rosh Chodesh Committee hosted "Pesach Cooking with Eileen Goltz" and an informational tour and history of Lindenwood Cemetery.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to provide for many in need. We allocated funds to many Jewish agencies, including Jewish Studies Programs and Hillel's in Indiana. We primarily allocate to the Jewish Federations of North America for the amazing work they do globally.

During the past year, Sara Fiedelholz and I spent countless hours working with a professional videographer, interviewing, documenting and recording over 54 amazing stories. The goal was to capture Jewish life in the Fort Wayne community, as part of the 100th commemoration of the Federation. These interviews are currently in the process of becoming a full documentary to be shown as a special event, hopefully in the fall.

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## PRESIDENT ANNUAL MEETING SPEECH - JUNE 12, 2022

I have it on excellent authority that listening to me talk is not a motivating factor for anyone attending this meeting. With that in mind, I will attempt to be focused.

We recently celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, truly a milestone, for any organization, although the global pandemic caused this event to be delayed for more than a year. As a result of that same concern we had not been able to program in the ways we have typically done. Despite all impediments, however, the Federation has persevered in accomplishing its multifaceted mission. This is a testament to the spirit and engagement of the board, its members, volunteers, and especially Jaki and Bonnie.

Our Executive Director and Office Manager go well beyond the “part time” positions for which they are employed. What I view on a daily basis is the commitment, and tireless effort directed toward and reflected in everything the Federation does. We are fortunate to have them making all that transpires in our name happen, and for a great deal of the continued respect the organization has in the larger Fort Wayne community.

As an organization committed to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world, and proceeding with the vision that all Jewish people of greater Fort Wayne will find social, cultural, and educational relevancy to their Jewish lives as well as make all Jews feel welcome, I believe we can legitimately acknowledge success again this year. I will not belabor the myriad accomplishments.

The organization is sound, focused and, I believe, up to the current and growing challenges to which the Jewish community, in this country as well around the world is subjected. Anti-Semitism and violence has increased in a way, unfortunately, I would not have considered possible as I grew up in this community and for the greatest share of my adult life.

The Federation is, as part of the National Organization, monitoring, preparing, and responding. We continue to forge partnerships with other organizations that share our values and commitments to social justice, economic equality, inclusiveness, and strengthening our belief that our children are our future.

That brings me to what I consider to be a significant communal responsibility. Currently, as an organization, we are able to accomplish our mission to the extent we do, because those who came before us, our grandparents and parents, whose lives were more directly confronted by discrimination, bigotry, and violence, payed it forward. They did so by endowing future generations with their largess. Our community, unfortunately, is not growing in the ways that it has previously. Where once, two vibrant congregations both filled their religious schools, we now have one congregation that has fewer students than either congregation only a generation ago. Fewer Jews are affiliating, and, yet I suspect, there will remain a Jewish presence in the Fort Wayne area. I believe it paramount that the Jewish community have a strong voice as an advocate to address their perspectives as well as provide support for their needs and cultural heritage. As I observe our community numbers shrinking and the membership aging, it is likely to be more difficult to meet future needs in the fashion we do now without all of us following the example of those who preceded us. That is by committing to endow the organization for the benefit and viability of the generations that follow.

Thank you. Dr. Scott Salon, President





We welcomed our new board. Acknowledged our Pomegranate and Lion of Judah pin holders. Our Goldie DuBow recipient was honored. A wonderful way to end 202 - 2022!



Dr. Scott Salon, President



Jaki Schreier, Executive Director



Rabbi Meir Barger



Mike Rush, Goldie DuBow recipient



Mike Rush and proud family



Lion of Judah donors - Jaki Schreier, Micki Kepes and Audrey Gerson



**FORT WAYNE  
PHILHARMONIC**

Andrew Constantine, Music Director

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# “One of the Righteous” James W. Palermo



Jim Palermo, Tova Friedman and grandson



“One of the Righteous” award



Fort Wayne Philharmonic



Jim Palermo



Mike Rush reading proclamation



Thank you to the **Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation**, the **Surack Enterprises** and the **Fort Wayne Philharmonic** for your support

## 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.



### Book Club "World Cup Wishes"

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July 10

11:00 a.m. ET | 6:00 p.m. in Israel

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Join us for a discussion with author Eshkol Nevo about his novel which is suffused with wonder, warmth and an astonishing wisdom.

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RSVP and get your Zoom link

[RSVP for Book Club](#)



What are we talking about this month:

## Children's Books to Help Observe Tisha B'Av



Not all Jewish holidays are joyous. Some are somber and can be a challenge for parents to discuss with children. Such is the case with Tisha B'Av and the Three Weeks.

### WHAT IS TISHA B'AV?

Tisha B'Av occurs on the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av. It usually falls between mid-July and mid-August. It is a holiday of sadness and mourning that commemorates the destruction of First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE, respectively.

More about Tisha B'Av on [MyJewishLearning.com](http://MyJewishLearning.com)

### SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

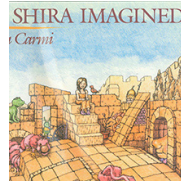
The Holy Temple was a magnificent temple, built by King Solomon in Jerusalem over 3,000 years ago. King Solomon, also known as Shlomo, was one of the wisest leaders of Israel in ancient times. Known in Hebrew as the *Beit HaMikdash*, this Temple was the center and magnetic core of Jewish life at that time. The Temple was destroyed in the year 70 CE by the Romans, constituting one of the most monumental events in Jewish history. Since this time, Jews have commemorated the Destruction of the Temple with a day of mourning and fasting.

### TEACHING KIDS ABOUT ANCIENT ISRAEL

The mature themes of Tisha B'Av can present a challenge for parents looking for age-appropriate lessons for children. For early readers, a good starting point in learning about Tisha B'Av and the Three Weeks might be ancient [Israel](#).

There are a number of PJ Library books that can help paint a picture in children's minds about what life was like during ancient times, prior to the destruction of the temple. Below is a list of PJ Library books that reflect the era of Solomon and showcase what society was like around the time the first Temple was built. Read these books aloud, together as a family, to inspire [curiosity](#) and discussion:

### Books about Ancient Israel

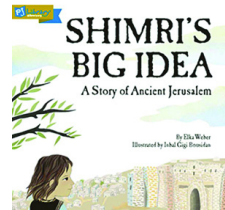
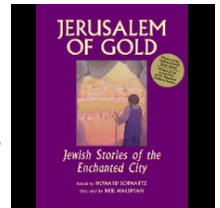


**And Shira Imagined** by Giora Carmi  
The history of the ancient land comes to life when a young girl and her family tour Israel.

### Jerusalem of Gold

Howard Schwartz

In this book of Jerusalem, stories from various Jewish sources are explored. Settings include the Middle East, Spain, Italy, Greece, and Eastern Europe.



**Shimri's Big Idea** by Elka Weber  
Shimri's just a little kid living in ancient Jerusalem -- but he's got big ideas, and some of them could change the city and make life easier for everyone. If only he could get someone important to listen to him...

### Stories about King Solomon

#### The People Vs The Wind

A modern folk tale inspired by a story from King Solomon's court.

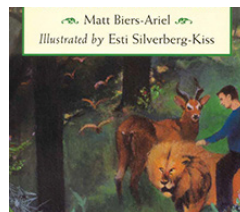
#### King Solomon and the Bee

by Dalia Hardof Renberg  
In this sweet retelling of a traditional Jewish tale, a lowly bee unexpectedly repays the kindness of a king by helping him solve a queen's difficult riddle.



#### Solomon and the Trees

by Matt Biers-Ariel  
According to this Midrash, when Solomon was young he used to spend his days in the forest with his dear animal friends. Once he became king, however, he forgot how important it was to take care of the earth. In this story, he is reminded to take care of the world around him.



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### CELEBRATE PRIDE SHABBAT WITH US

In conjunction with [Fort Wayne Pride](#) activities, we'll celebrate Pride Shabbat on Friday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger, with readings and prayers inspired by the LGBTQ experience.

Our guest speaker will be [Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly](#), minister at the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne](#), the Temple's "interfaith neighbor" across the parking lot.

Please join us in person at the Temple or via livestream as we recognize the importance of LGBTQ equality and inclusion. A reception will follow.

A graduate of Bridgewater State University in Psychology, Rev. Shelly earned her M. Div. from Andover Newton Theological School in 2009. She was ordained in 2011 by the members of the Unitarian Universalist congregations of Northborough and Brookfield, MA, and called in 2012 to serve in Fort Wayne.

Rev. Shelly is active in the community, collaborating with interfaith leaders throughout our city. Misty-Dawn and her spouse, Jenna, live in Fort Wayne, sharing a home with their dog, Baxter. They love the sense of community and "Hoosier hospitality" that continues to evolve throughout the city.

The link will be sent in our weekly email to Temple members. We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or join us on [YouTube](#).

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE WITH HEARTLAND SINGS, BBQ & BONFIRE

Our spirited Friday Night Live service moves outdoors at the Temple on July 29 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir with [Heartland Sings](#) on their mobile stage. Tap your toes, get on your feet, and share the joy of Shabbat with this lively worship experience.

Join us prior to services at 5 p.m. for a barbeque hosted by the ROMEs, with Hebrew National hot dogs, veggie burgers, coleslaw, vegetarian baked beans, and chips. After the service, we'll gather around the CAV fire pit for s'mores, popsicles, and ice cream.

Please bring folding/camping chairs or blankets/sheets to sit on and long-handled sticks or forks to roast marshmallows. Bug spray is recommended.

Kindly RSVP for dinner no later than Monday, July 25 to (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Please visit [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) for updates. This service will not be livestreamed.

Thank you to Denny Reynolds, the ROMEs (Retired Old Men Eating Out), and Program VP Kathy Sider for coordinating the evening.

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

During the summer months, Rabbi Meir Barger will lead services most Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah.

Masks are optional in the building. 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.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR 20th ANNUAL CORNED BEEF SALE

Mark your calendar to join us for the Temple's 20th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser on Thursday, November 3! This is our congregation's biggest fundraiser, and we need your help!

Want to get involved? Contact us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Volunteers are invited to assist when we prepare a large mailing on Thursday, August 25 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.

### PLAY MAHJ AT THE TEMPLE

Do you like to play mah jongg? Please join us for weekly games in the Temple's Madge Rothschild Resource Center! Go to [our sign-up page](#) for the latest dates and times. Cost is \$2 to play. Come and make some new friends; all levels of players are welcome! If you'd like to join our e-mail list for mah jongg updates, please let us know at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).



**Our office will be closed  
Monday, July 4.**

**Be safe!**



## GENEALOGY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2022-2023 PROGRAMS

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society recently announced its line-up of programs for 2022-2023 at its virtual Annual Meeting in May. A new slate of officers and Board of Directors was also elected for the coming year. Betsy Thal Gephart will serve as president, Pam Friedman as vice-president, Beth Zweig as secretary, and Irv Adler as treasurer. Other board members will include Samara Sheray, Curt Witcher, and Bruce Colegrove.

For next season, five free public programs will be offered, both live and virtually. On September 11, 2022, the NEIJGS will begin with its annual "Meet Your Mishpocha" Open House at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. A variety of resources will be available for Jewish genealogical research and local Jewish history.

The first guest speaker will be Marian Smith, speaking on "The Increasingly Accessible US Immigration and Naturalization Correspondence Files" on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Marian served for thirty years as an historian for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), later US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and has lots of information to share about late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century immigration records.

For February of 2023, Dr. Nicholas J. Evans will present three virtual programs on consecutive Tuesday afternoons. Hosted in conjunction with the ACPL Genealogy Center, the presentations will track the journey of Eastern European emigrants from their homes to the United States and elsewhere. Nick will begin on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. with a program about the journey of Eastern European immigrants from their homes to ports of emigration. The following Tuesday's program will focus on the overseas journey and the ports of arrival, mainly, but not exclusively, in the United States. And the third

program will cover the immigrant's experience in this country. Dr. Evans is a senior lecturer at the University of Hull in England, where he focuses his academic research on the migration of religious and ethnic minorities.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Michael Simonson, from the Leo Baeck Institute, will present a program at the Genealogy Center in conjunction with the institute's exhibition, "1700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands." Mr. Simonson is currently the Director of Public Outreach for the Leo Baeck Institute. In addition to speaking on the topic of the exhibition, he will discuss some of the history of German-speaking Jews in Indiana and nearby. The exhibition will be at the ACPL Genealogy Center for a few weeks in the spring of 2023.

Interested in Prohibition and your criminal ancestors? Ron Arons will speak to that subject on May 7, 2023 at the Genealogy Center. He will begin with "Alcohol, Prohibition and Temperance Societies in Ohio and Indiana," and conclude with "Researching Criminal Ancestors." Ron currently serves on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS). He has authored three books, two of which are related to criminal records.

In addition to these five public programs, NEIJGS members will enjoy two Lunch and Learn programs with ACPL Genealogy Center staff, covering the use of DNA for research and the Periodical Source Index, a tremendous resource originating at the Genealogy Center. Members will also enjoy a fourth program by Dr. Evans, and dinners with those guest speakers visiting in person. For more information about the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society, visit their website at [www.NEIndianaJGS.org](http://www.NEIndianaJGS.org).



Marian Smith



Michael Simonson



Nicholas J. Evans



Ron Arons



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The complete interviews will be saved and shared with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, The History Center, and Congregation Achduth Vesholom, for their own archiving.

On October 3rd, Sara Fiedelholz presented the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation's history since its formation in 1921, at the prestigious Mather Lecture series at The History Center.

On May 21st, we culminated the Federation's centennial by being recorded in the Minutes of the US Congress and formally receiving a Congressional Letter and a City Proclamation. A 30 minute preview of the 100th documentary in which both Mayor Tom Henry and Governor Eric Holcomb, recognized the contributions of the Jewish Federation to the community during its 100 years. We also enjoyed music, entertainment, delicious food, and of course, Israeli wines - organized with the help of the 100th celebration committee.

Looking forward:

After a 2 1/2 year delay, the People of the Book program will return on September 19, with New York Times best selling author, Ron Suskind.

The Federation is pursuing a very special project with the Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, titled "The Mauthausen Cantata" in March.

Dr. David Lindquist will host the Teacher's Holocaust Workshop which prepares teachers in NE Indiana to appropriately conduct Holocaust Education in their classrooms.

The miracle that is the modern State of Israel turns 75 in 2023. Stay tuned...we will be having a very special celebration to commemorate this milestone.

We will continue to reach out and network with local, regional, and national leaders, write letters, speak out against injustices, while always remaining steadfast for Jewish values and principles. The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne will maintain a strong voice and remain vigilant against the perverse and fixated bias directed at Israel, the virulent attacks against Judaism as a religion, and as a people.

Sadly, we are experiencing an alarming rise from both the far right and the far left with both insidious deadly anti-Semitism here in Northeast Indiana and through out the world.

This brings to mind Elie Wiesel's warning of the catastrophic dangers about remaining silent.

"Human lives are endangered when human dignity is in jeopardy... whenever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must, at that moment, become the center of the universe."

May we therefore be the leaders of the change we want to see in the world! Let us all, as a community, stand up for what is right, by speaking out and taking action, when we see injustice. Let us continue to do deeds of kindness or Chesed, as we are commanded to do.

My personal gratitude and heartfelt appreciation, as always, goes out to our Federation's small staff which includes Office Manager, Bonnie Pomerantz, Accountant, Jeff Griggs, and Volunteer Social Worker, Fran Volante. They go above and beyond each and every day. Thank you!

The Federation continues to thrive, due in part to the incredible leadership of our current President, Dr. Scott Salon, Immediate Past-President, Ben Eisbart, the amazing Board of Directors, volunteers, committee members, the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Dr. Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, our extraordinary spiritual leader, Rabbi Meir Barger, the Temple staff, and each and every one of you that show your support. Words can never express our true appreciation.

In conclusion, let us, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, continue with our noble task of being a vibrant light unto our community and to all nations.

I thank you for your continued support.

Toda Raba

## PEOPLE OF THE BOOK



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

More information soon.

We look forward to seeing you then!



## 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**
- **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

### Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund

- A donation was received from **Audrey Gerson**

### Emergency Cash Assistance Fund

- A donation was received from **Audrey Gerson**

### Janet Finkel Campership Fund

- A donation was received from **Audrey Gerson**



### JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- A donation was received from an **anonymous** donor
- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in honor of this years **Goldie DuBow** award recipient, **Mike Rush**

### Ukraine Relief Fund

- A donation was received from **Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder**

## 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)

**July 7 – Top Notch Diner**  
6800 Bluffton Road

**July 21 – The Club Room at the Clyde**  
1806 Bluffton 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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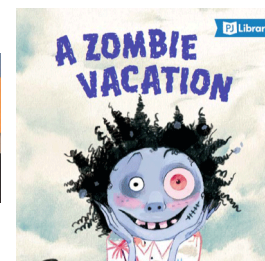
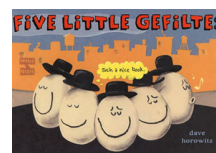
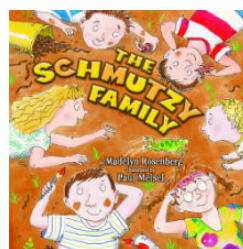
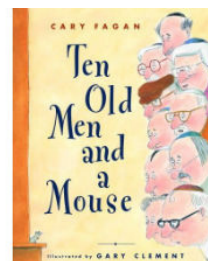
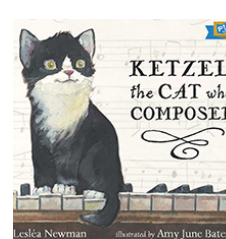
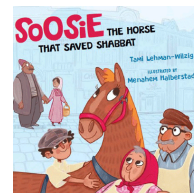
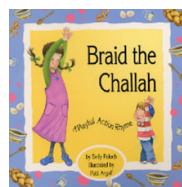
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**Which books did you receive this month?**

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.

