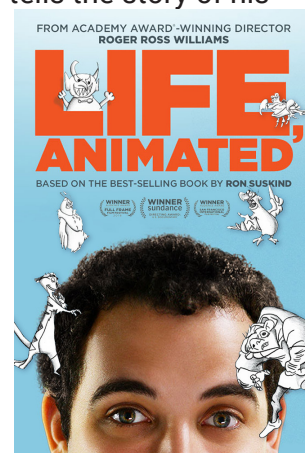


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OCTOBER 2022



After being postponed for over two years, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist Author Ron Suskind was the 41st speaker for the People of the Book program hosted by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. He spoke to a near capacity crowd on Monday evening, September 19th at the Rifkin Campus. Ron Suskind is the bestselling author of six books, with his most recent best-seller, *Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes and Autism*. This was the topic of his riveting speech. *Life, Animated* tells the story of his youngest son, Owen, who, after being diagnosed with autism, found a way to reengage with the world around him. Seizing upon Owen's love of animated Disney movies, the Suskind family re-enacted the films with him, pioneering a now-widely acknowledged method of emulative communication known as Affinity Therapy.



Mr. Suskind concluded his speech with a question-and-answer session and a book signing.

The People of the Book program is extremely grateful for the generosity of the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, which supports this event. This wonderful funding allows the program to be offered at no cost to attend.

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is very appreciative of the members of the People of the Book Committee, Federation board members and Temple staff for their valuable time and effort in making this outstanding event possible.



Dr. Scott Salom, President of Federation
introducing Mr. Ron Suskind



Ron Suskind



Book sales



Ron Suskind



Book signing



Carol Jackson and Janet Finkel
enjoying the dessert reception

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

JOURNAL GAZETTE OP ED SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Pulitzer Prize- winning journalist and best-selling author Ron Suskind will be in Fort Wayne on September 19, 2022 and will be at the Rifkin Campus (5200 Old Mill Road) at 7:30 pm to speak at the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's annual



People of the Book Lecture Series, which is free and open to the public. In addition to his career as an author and journalist, Mr. Suskind is also the founder of the Affinity Project, which has developed a service called Sidekicks, which enables individuals with autism to communicate through their affinities by weaving video clips into conversations about social, emotional, and practical matters.

The presence of Mr. Suskind in our community presents an opportunity to provide a Jewish view on addressing human disability. There are, however, several traditions in contemporary Jewish Theology and practice, and this piece will attempt to provide a general perspective in this regard.

In contemporary usage, (Webster), disability is defined as "a physical, mental, cognitive or development condition which impairs or interferes with or limits a person's ability or capacity to engage in certain tasks or actions, or participate in typical daily activities," also "a restriction, deficit or disadvantage."

The Torah (in Judaism) is the law of God as revealed to Moses and recorded in the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures. It does not specifically address the broad concept of disability, although it does provide a basis for discerning Jewish attitudes in this realm. Leviticus (19:14) warns against cursing the deaf or placing a stumbling block before the blind. Further, in a recent essay, *Disability matters within Judaism*, Faith Fogelman, who writes from a Reform Judaism perspective, reflects that the Torah contains many passages about justice and mercy; and she relates specifically "Assisting is the fulfillment of justice, and Jewish tradition instructs us of an obligation to ensure equal access for all people toward full participation in religious and public life." Because we are instructed "do not separate yourself from the community," a corollary that follows is, we are to prevent anyone from being separated from the community. That requires that we make accommodations to permit full inclusion for those who have limitations.

In her essay *Judaism, Spirituality and Disability*, Melinda Jones, who comes from an Orthodox tradition, states "One area of agreement between the different Jewish theologies is the centrality of ethical behavior. Judaism offers guidance for the way people without disabilities should treat or behave towards those with disabilities. First of all, people with disabilities must not be shamed or humiliated, but be treated with dignity and respect at all times. Each of us should value the lives of others, with or without disability, as we do our own. We must not make life harder for people with disabilities by 'placing stumbling blocks' in their paths, and should act to remove barriers to equality of which we are aware.

Overall, people with disabilities are our 'neighbors' and we should treat them just as we would like to be treated.

Dr. Scott Salon
Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne
President

Jaki Schreier
Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne
Executive Director



May you be signed and sealed in the Book of Life.

L' Shana Tovah – Happy New Year from the Jewish
Federation of Fort Wayne's Board of Directors
and Staff

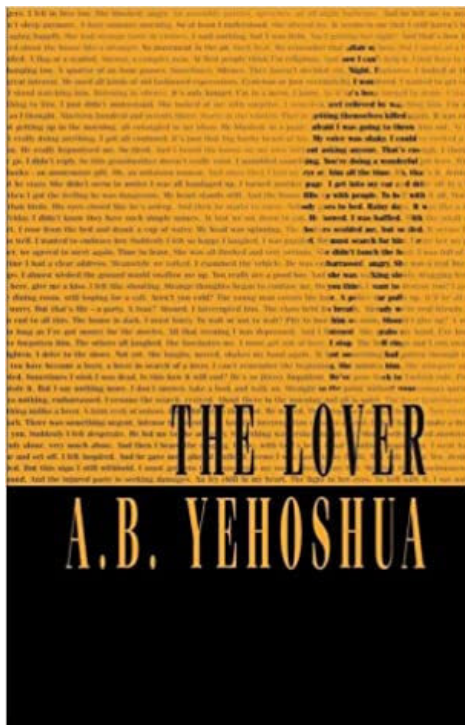
Our office will be closed Wednesday, October 5 (Yom
Kippur), Monday, October 10 and Tuesday, October 11
(Sukkot), Monday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 18
(Simchat Torah)

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

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November 20th

1 pm EDT | 7 pm Bud | 8 pm Israel

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Join us for a discussion about A.B. Yehoshua's (ז"ל) debut novel, *The Lover*. Originally published in Hebrew in 1977, it has been adapted for the screen twice and is written from the point of view of each of the six main characters. The book explores themes of adultery, war and Israeli national identity.

[RSVP and get your zoom link](#)

What are we talking about this month:

What is Simchat Torah?

The autumn months are full of [Jewish holidays](#): [Rosh Hashanah](#), [Yom Kippur](#), and [Sukkot](#)! But did you know that there are more holidays that take place during these joy-filled weeks?



One of these holidays is *Simchat Torah*, which means "rejoicing of the Torah" in Hebrew. This day is the exuberant conclusion to the fall holiday season in the Jewish calendar. It is an unforgettable outpouring of joy and celebration, all about one thing: the Torah, the first five books of the Bible.

What Happens on Simchat Torah?

On Simchat Torah, the Torah scrolls are taken out in synagogues all over the world, and the singing and dancing begins! The celebration includes a reading of the final portion in the Torah. When reading the Torah is completed, it is immediately begun again. The first chapters of the book of Genesis are read aloud, kicking off a new yearly Torah cycle. One of the highlights of the service is when the children present are called up for an *aliyah*, the blessing that precedes a Torah reading.

How Do People Celebrate?

In addition to attending services, there are also lots of fun traditions associated with Simchat Torah. In some communities, the Torah scroll is brought around for everyone to look at. People will dance and wave colorful flags in celebration. Looking for a way to celebrate with your family? Here are [seven fun things to do with kids on Simchat Torah](#).

More

Read one of these stories to learn more about *Simchat Torah*:

Sammy Spider's First Simchat Torah

by Sylvia Rouss

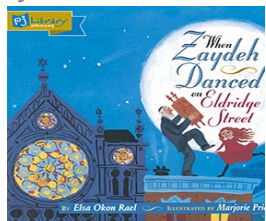
Recommended for ages 3 to 4 Years

Sammy Spider and Josh both learn about the celebration of Simchat Torah – complete with Israeli flags, stories, conversation, and a parade through the synagogue.



When Zaydeh Danced on Eldridge Street

by Elsa Okon Rael



Recommended for ages 8+ Years

Zeesie is a little afraid of Zaydeh, her grandfather. He's always so serious and stern. But when Simchat Torah rolls around, Zeesie sees a different side of him. Something about this holiday brings out joy in everyone -- even Zaydeh!

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UPCOMING events



BARNES & NOBLE

Join us for Hanukkah Storytime!



After a two-year hiatus, [PJ Library](#), the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#) are bringing back Hanukkah Storytime! We hope you can join us on Sunday, December 18 at 11 a.m. at Barnes & Noble (1034 S. Thomas Road, Suite 107 in Fort Wayne). We will read a few Hanukkah stories, light the hanukkah, play the dreidel game and work on a craft project. This event is free and open to the public. We are so thankful for the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.



Confronting the Shoah



We are back in person with this six-week class presented by Holocaust scholar Dr. David Lindquist. This course provides participants with a comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge regarding the Nazi Holocaust. Classes will be held on Tuesday's January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7 and 14, 2023. Classes begin at 7 pm and will last about 2 to 2 ½ hours each. There is no cost to Federation members, teachers, principals, historians or high school juniors or seniors. For all others, there is a \$5.00 fee to cover the cost of materials. More information to follow in the upcoming months. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of Federation for its continued support.



It's Never Too Early To Think About Summer!

For over four decades, Camp Joe Levine has been a part of Fort Wayne's Jewish community, providing a place for children to come together, to learn about all things Jewish and to spend time with their friends each summer. While some aspects of the camp have changed over the years, friendship and connection to nature and one's relationship to the community continue to be Camp Joe's main appeals.

There is an unmistakable family feel: our campers care about each other and are genuinely happy to reunite with their camp friends every year. Our interactions are face to face – no assistance from social media – as we get to know each other and to appreciate each other's individuality. We enjoy our beautiful surroundings and spend a great part of each day hiking the trails, swimming in the lake and playing outdoor games and sports. There are always opportunities to learn something new and to try new things, and there is always room for creativity and self-expression. Today, as some of our Camp Joe alumni drop off their children at the singing circle each morning, a new generation of campers continues these beautiful timeless traditions.

We hope that you will consider Camp Joe for your summer retreat. Camper ages are 4-13. The dates for the summer of 2023 are June 26-July 14.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR YOM KIPPUR AND BREAK THE FAST

Please join us during this sacred time of reflection, forgiveness, and renewal at Congregation Achduth Vesholom when we continue our [High Holy Days](#) observances for 5783 with Yom Kippur worship on Tuesday evening, October 4 and Wednesday, October 5.

As one congregation with two traditions, we'll offer Reform and Conservative services for [Kol Nidre](#) and the [Day of Atonement](#). The ROMEOs will host [Break-the-Fast](#) after each of the concluding services.

[Rabbi Meir Barger](#) will lead Reform services with [Cantor Yvon F. Shore](#) and musical accompaniment by [Maestro Robert Nance](#). Cellist David Rezits will play Kol Nidre. Hazemir will sing on Erev Yom Kippur. [Cantor Yael Fischman](#) will lead Conservative worship with Ron Friedman.

[Find the schedule](#) for Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah.

CORNEBEEF ON RYE FUNDRAISER MARKS 20TH YEAR!

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when our [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns for a 20th year on Thursday, November 3.

Back again on Deli Day are delicious whole Hebrew National kosher salami chubs (12-oz. size for \$12 each) and drive-thru pick-up. After a one-year hiatus, our in-person dining option returns, along with new sponsorship opportunities.

We're looking forward to topping last year's sales of nearly 1,800 delicious meals! Boxed meals are \$15 each when ordered by Friday, October 21. After that date and at the door, meals are \$18 each. Each meal includes a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

Order meals, become a sponsor, tell your friends about our mouthwatering meal, and volunteer your time!

Order online at www.templecav.org or download an order form.

We've also got additional pounds of bulk corned beef for sale for \$18 per pound. Delivery service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Friday, October 21 for \$15 per address.

New this year: [Three sponsorship levels](#) for donations made by Friday, October 21:

- **Become a gold sponsor with a donation of \$1,000 or more** to promote your business by providing a coupon or small advertisement to be included in each meal, along with having your name included on our online order form
- **Become a silver sponsor with a donation of \$500 to \$999** to have your name or business name included on our online order form
- **Become a bronze sponsor with a donation of \$100 or more** to be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches and on our website

[Volunteers are needed](#) on Wednesday, November 2 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 3, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m. Contact the office to say you'll help. Masks are optional in the building, per the Temple's [COVID safety protocols](#).

U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST SCREENING INCLUDES PANEL DISCUSSION

The Temple will host a public screening and panel discussion on Sunday, October 23 at 2 p.m. in conjunction with the new three-part documentary called [The U.S. and The Holocaust](#) that premiered in September on PBS-39. The series, directed and produced by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, explores America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian crises in history.

Please join us for the screening of a 43-minute segment of the documentary, followed by a Q & A and panel discussion that includes Temple member Irv Adler.

Irv, along with his wife, Fran, are authors of [Then and Now: Discovering My Viennese Family](#), which tells about Irv's decade-long journey researching what happened to his grandmother and family who were victims of the Holocaust and his discovery of the last relative who had survived the camps and a death march. His research was inspired by 102 letters his grandmother and other relatives wrote to his mother, who had left Vienna for England in September 1938.

ASSIST THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS WITH APPLE PROJECT, ONGOING NEEDS, AND ATHLETIC WEAR

The 13th year of the Jewish community's [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) program began in September, with our dedicated volunteers assembling 96 bags of food and household items for the 48 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple.

For nearly as long – 12 years - we've also connected this important social action project to the High Holy Days season, collecting donations to purchase a large bag of Honeycrisp apples to send home with each child.

A donation of \$10 for the Apple Project helps us towards that goal. In appreciation, donors will have their names added to a paper apple on the tree in the entrance hallway. Please make your donation by Friday, October 7. [Online donation may be made on the Temple website.](#)

Due to the High Holy Days schedule, our volunteers will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at 10 a.m. at the Temple rather than our regular first Wednesday of the month.

We periodically collect special items for the Thoughtful Thursdays children – and the families are extremely grateful for our help. In past years, Brightpoint has asked for donations of socks and underwear. However, thanks to your generosity, they are well-stocked.

These generous donations help them avoid uncomfortable situations. One year, Brightpoint told us that a little boy was given underwear decorated with a superhero design. His mother didn't know that he could keep the item, so she washed the underwear and returned it to school. Her son was quite upset. The story had a happy ending because Brightpoint does not require families to return underwear so the little boy was able to keep them. That's not always the case with other clothing.

This year there is a need for athletic wear (shirts and sweatpants). All children's sizes 3-8 are needed, with the greatest need in sizes 6-8. We hope that if enough clothes are donated, then items won't need to be returned, especially if a child gets attached to one.

We continue to welcome volunteers from the Temple and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) to help shop for items, assemble bags, and assist with special projects. Please contact Sally Trotter at sartrotter@gmail.com.



MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKERS



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society welcomed three guest speakers to its program at the recent Rifkin Campus Open House in September. Guests attended in-person and online as we heard from Mike Brown, the executive director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, about "50 Years of the IJHS!" Information Management Specialist, Suzanne Grimmer, discussed "Preserving Family Records," and Sara Allen, from the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, talked about DNA Research. We were thrilled to have guests in-person from as far away as Indianapolis and Goshen, and online from California and Cincinnati.

In addition to learning from our speakers, guests digitized documents, signed up for oral history video interviews, talked to our experts and explored our Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database. Our speakers were on hand to ask questions as well.

The open house also featured pizza from 800 Degrees, and information tables from the Temple, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and the PFW Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. PJ Library activities were also available in the Resource Center.

The NEIJGS is hosting its next public program at 2:00 on Sunday, November 13th, when Marian Smith, retired from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, will speak about "More than Manifests: US Immigration and Naturalization Records." This will be a virtual program. A registration link and more information can be found on the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org.

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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

- **Israel@75 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



Holocaust Education Fund

- A donation was received from the **Schreier Family** in appreciation of the broadcast of **U.S. and the Holocaust** on PBS39 last month

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- A donation was received from an **anonymous** donor

every contribution is
hugely valued

thank
you!

Online Donations Accepted!

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) now accepts [online donations](#). You may contribute to our General Fund, or select a specific fund that you want to support. In addition, you may elect to have a donation made in Honor of or In Memory of an individual, and a card will be sent letting them or their families know the donation has been made.

It's secure, fast, and easy to support the work the Federation does to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

Thank you for your support. It is sincerely appreciated!

R.O.M.E.O.s
(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

October 6 – Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern
2886 E. Dupont Road

October 20 – CASA! Ristorante
7545 W. Jefferson Boulevard

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

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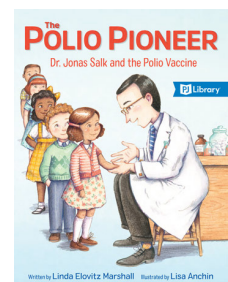
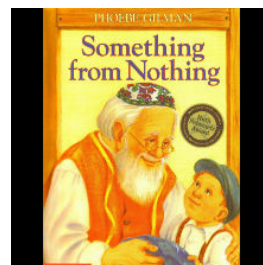
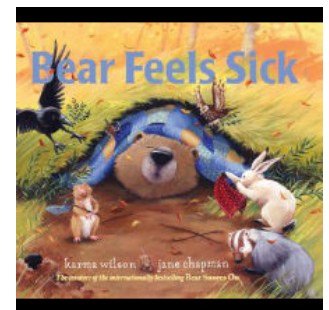
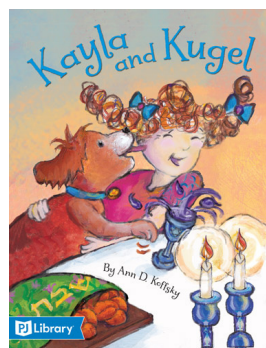
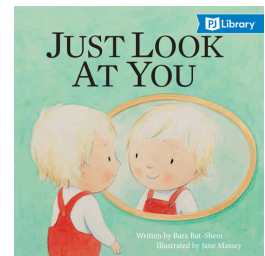
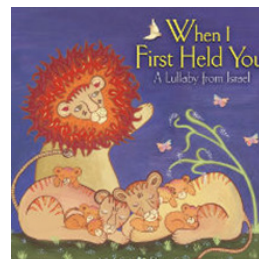
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Which books did you receive this month?

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.

