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NOVEMBER 2022



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 hanukiah, 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.



**Our Board of Directors and Staff
give thanks to our community!**

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

Dear Federation Member:



THE GREATER GOOD IS WHAT WE DO FOR ONE ANOTHER (Anonymous)

We hope that 5783 is off to a great start for you and your loved ones as we continue to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic which has wreaked havoc on so many of our lives. On behalf of the **Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (JFFW)**, we hope that 5783 will bring happiness, good health and the joy of community to all of us.

During the past 12 months, the world as we know it has once again faced serious challenges that we never could have imagined. Our local Federation, along with **Congregation Achduth Vesholom** came together to raise funds to assist the local Catholic Diocese with the relocation and resettlement of Afghan refugees. In February, when Russia invaded Ukraine, the Federation raised funds specifically for the **Jewish Agency for Israel (JFFW)** to rescue Ukrainian Jews and others by getting them out of harm's way. The partners of the **Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)** were there to help fleeing refugees as they crossed the border, providing them with food, shelter, medical aid, trauma care, and much more. Federation was there to help refugees take the next steps towards resettlement, whether in Europe, North America or Israel.

Over the last seven months, **JFNA** has also worked to support a new wave of Aliyah from Ethiopia. Currently, over 6,000 Ethiopian olim are being supported in absorption centers as they start new lives in Israel. Each person has an amazing story that instills in us hope and pride.

Locally, the **Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne** steadfastly strives to be a strong presence in Northeast Indiana by offering support, programming and resources when needed. The work of your Federation is as important now as it has ever been.

It remains North American Jewry's sacred commitment during times of need to support Jewish communities and individuals around the world, wherever they may reside. The **JFFW**, along with our network of partners, helps assure that we are not alone. This is at the heart of our collective work and is a shared value we have maintained since the earliest days of Federation.

As we begin a new year, may it inspire all of us to do more and give more, to express our values vigorously through a strengthened commitment to collective action in support of our fellow Jews and others in need across the globe. Your campaign pledge helps as we work to fight antisemitism, build friendships within the multi-faith community and ensure that all Jews - in NE Indiana, Israel and around the world are taken care of, living a life filled with happiness and dignity. It is because of you that all of our programs and services are available to all.

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

WITH YOUR HELP, WE:

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

Thank you so much for your kindhearted generosity.

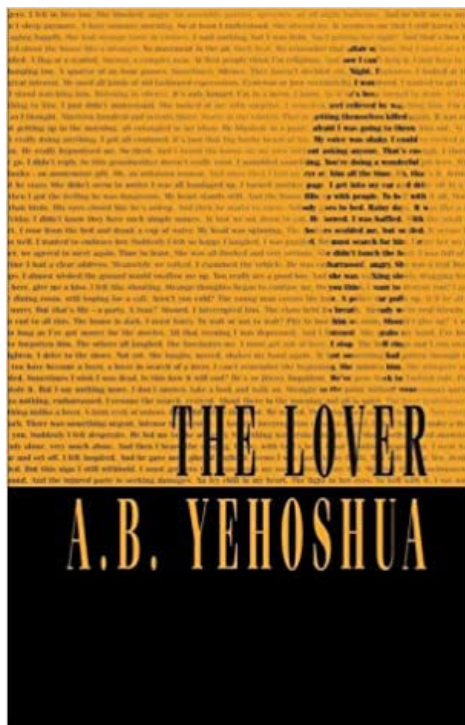
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Your Direct Connection to Israel

[Partnership2Gether \(P2G\)](#) is a program of the [Jewish Agency](#) and the [Jewish Federations of North America](#). The vision of P2G is to build a global and united Jewish people made up of a tapestry of strong, lively, flourishing and interconnected Jewish individuals, families and communities working together to enrich Jewish continuity, identity and cultural understanding between Jews in Israel and their peers around the world. [Read more here.](#)

From Our Friends at [Partnership2Gether!](#)

Along with 13 other U.S. cities and Budapest, Hungary, our Federation belongs to the Central Area Consortium, partnered with the Western Galilee area of Israel. Our members have benefited from programs we've offered with guests who've come from the Western Galilee to Fort Wayne, as well as opportunities to travel in our Partnership area. We are excited to share with you a diverse list of a la carte programs from our [Partnership2Gether](#). We invite you to sign up for the programs that spark your interest! These programs are a great way to engage with Jewish communities throughout our [Partnership2Gether](#) Consortium without needing to leave your home.



Partnership2Gether's Book Club is reading

The Lover
written by
A.B. Yehoshua

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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:

Being a Good Friend

Sure, being a good friend is a *menschy* thing to do--but it's also a very Jewish value too!

Judaism has long recognized the benefits of friendship. In the Book of Ecclesiastes, it actually says: "Two are better than one. For should they fall, one can raise the other; but woe to the one who falls and has no companion" (4:9-10).

And Jewish sages encourage everyone to develop at least one close friendship too (seriously, check out *Pirkei Avot*).

Good friends speak to one another respectfully, listen empathetically, and develop the abilities to compromise, cooperate, and forgive.



<https://youtu.be/8zw1IJH35v4>

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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.

Where can you get challah, Kosher or Vegan items in Fort Wayne?

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DELI DAY MARKS 20TH YEAR ON NOVEMBER 3

Savor delicious delicatessen when the Temple's [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns for a 20th year on Thursday, November 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5200 Old Mill Rd. And don't forget to pick up some whole Hebrew National kosher salami!

Boxed meals are \$18 each and include a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink. Additional pounds of bulk corned beef are for sale for \$18 per pound.

[Order online](#) (pre-order through Wednesday, November 2 at noon or order at our drive-thru the day of the sale) or download an order form at www.templecav.org. We're unable to accept any more delivery orders. Contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 to be a sponsor.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Share an interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. The Temple is pleased for a 10th year to host Fort Wayne's annual community interfaith service. Join us in person or via livestream on [YouTube](#).

The service will include representatives of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Baha'i faith communities, as well as an interfaith choir and guest musicians Orin & Kiotta Reynolds.

Sponsoring congregations include Congregation Achduth Vesholom First Presbyterian Church, Imani Baptist Temple, and Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ.

Donations collected at the service will benefit Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. A reception will follow the service.

EXPLORING THE CULTURAL JOURNEY OF MAH JONGG

Please join us Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m. at the Temple when [Annelise Heinz](#), author of *Mahjong! How a Chinese Game Shaped Modern American Culture*, shares with us the American history of the Chinese parlor game mahjong.

She charts a complex cultural journey as the game's history connects American expatriates in Shanghai, Jazz Age white Americans, urban Chinese Americans in the 1930s, Jewish American suburban mothers, and Air Force officers' wives in the postwar era. Her talk follows the history of one game to think about how, in their daily lives, individuals create and experience cultural change.

A historian at the University of Oregon, her work has been featured by National Public Radio, The Wall Street Journal, TIME, Tablet, and Kveller among others. She has lived and played mahjong in the United States and Southwestern China.

Dessert reception, book sale and signing, and meet and greet with the author will follow.

BECOME A LIFELONG LEARNER

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

Seeing and Counting our Blessings Tuesday, November 8 7 p.m. on Zoom

A substantial part of Jewish prayer is comprised of blessings, the act of calling down God's favor on someone or something. Blessings are so important that the Talmud teaches that a person is obligated to recite 100 blessings every day! We will study the form of traditional Jewish blessings and reflect on their meaning in Jewish life.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, November 3 to receive materials.

The Jews and the Greeks: A Hanukkah Object Story With Rabbi Sarah Berman Tuesday, December 13 7 p.m. on Zoom

The Hanukkah story pits the ancient Jews against their Hellenistic Greek neighbors, but in real life the divisions between these two groups were often much less dramatic. Join [Rabbi Sarah Berman](#) to explore art and objects that tell more nuanced stories about the encounter between Judaism and Hellenism – and come away with a new understanding of Hanukkah.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, December 8 to receive materials.

"THANKS" IS THEME OF THIS MONTH'S JOY VEY!

Gather 'round your little ones (ages 0-5ish and older siblings) for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family on Friday, November 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 pm. at the Temple. We will light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. This month's theme is "thanks."

Please join us in the tradition of blessing your children as we make a joyful place for Shabbat in our lives and hearts... together. **Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat** will be led by Bekah Worpell, music and movement mentor, and Rabbi Meir in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

We meet on the second Friday night of the month and folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice and a bite of challah afterwards!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS!

Our [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) 12th annual Apple Project was a huge success this year thanks to the Jewish community's continued support. More than 50 people donated at least \$10 each to support our effort.

In October, we were able to provide a bag of delicious Honeycrisp apples for the 51 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple and the Brightpoint staff. One of the teachers told us she only eats apples once a year since tasting the locally grown Honeycrisp apples. She said she can't afford them on her salary so this is a special treat.

This month, our plan is to send home side dishes that go with a Thanksgiving meal, including stuffing, rice, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn muffin mix, chocolate pudding, paper goods, and salt and pepper. Next month, we will be providing rotisserie chickens to the families.

We are also collecting athletic wear (shirts and sweatpants) for the students. All children's sizes 3-8 are needed, with the greatest need in sizes 6-8.

A special thanks to Janet Katz for ordering the apples; Rick Meyer, manager at Orchard Hill Farms; Cheri Buker for picking up and delivering the apples; and our awesome volunteers Jamie Berger, Cheri Buker, Janet Finkel, Suzi King, Donna Tourkow, Micki Kepes, Doris Gottlieb, Bonnie & Alex Crubaugh, Kathy Sider, and Beth Zweig.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). Thank you to Sally Trotter for chairing this important project.



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society (NEIJGS) is excited to welcome historian, Marian Smith, for a free virtual program on Sunday, November 13th, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

More than Manifests: US Immigration and Naturalization Records

Marian Smith will present an overview of major US immigration and naturalization record sets of interest to genealogists researching 19th and 20th century immigrants.

- 2:00 - Information regarding passenger lists, immigration correspondence files, visas, legalizations/adjustments, 1940 alien registration forms, and alien registration files (A-Files).
- 3:30 - Details regarding court naturalization records, INS naturalization certificate files (C-Files), and naturalization correspondence files.

Some of these records are held by the National Archives, others by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), thus request procedures for both will be outlined.

Marian Smith is retired after thirty years as an Historian for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), later US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). She now spends some of her time working to create a course on researching US immigration and nationality records, and occasionally speaks to researcher groups on late 19th and 20th century immigration and naturalization record topics.

Following the formal presentations, Marian will honor questions with a special session for NEIJGS members.

Registration is required to attend this free virtual program.

The link can be found at the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/.

Membership information in NEIJGS can be found following this link [Join Us! – Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](http://www.NEIndianaJGS.org/JoinUs) (neindianajgs.org)

Thank you to the Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center for their continued support of NEIJGS programming.

Additional information about the NEIJGS can be found on our website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org, or our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>. Please contact Pamela Friedman at vp@NEIndianaJGS.org for more information.



WE ARE HERE TO HELP



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.



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.



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 **Jaki Schreier** in appreciation of the 2022 - 2023 Federation Board

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)

November 3 – No lunch - Corned Beef On Rye
5200 Old Mill Road

November 17 – Baan Thai Restaurant
3235 N. Anthony 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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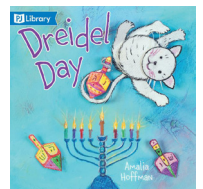
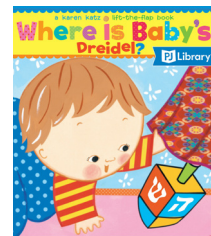
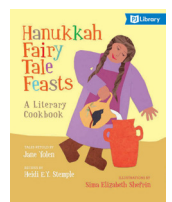
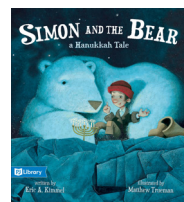
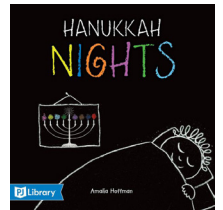
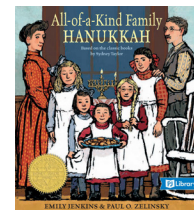
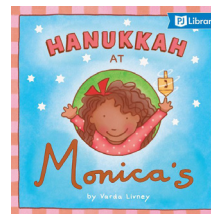
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Which books did you receive this month?

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.

