



chailights



FEBRUARY 2023



A LONG JOURNEY: THE HIDDEN JEWS OF THE SOUTHWEST

A Long Journey: The Hidden Jews of the Southwest, a feature-length documentary by award-winning director Isaac Artenstein and producer Paula Amar Schwartz, will bring to life the unique and fascinating stories of contemporary families in the American Southwest whose secret was their hidden Jewish roots while living an outwardly Catholic life. The physical journeys of these secret Jews - the Conversos - ended in colonial times; their internal journeys continue to this day.

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

BARNES & NOBLE



We had such fun when we met in December for Hanukkah story time. 10 families listened to a story, lit the Hannukiah and played the dreidel game! Our thanks to Barnes & Noble for being an amazing community partner and of course to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support!



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



NEW FORMS OF AN OLD HATRED

In the past few months, national figures Kanye West, Nick Fuentes and Kyrie Irving, among others, have posted anti-Semitic tropes and ideas on their social media platforms. No longer can the Jewish community brush off these kinds of comments. These public figures have admirers and followers...

Of the over 18 million Twitter followers that Kanye West (now known as Ye) has, how many are influenced by his comments? As I write this article, Elon Musk just re-instated Nick Fuentes on Twitter. Furthermore, University campuses are sites of sharp controversies over anti-Semitism, as some student organizations have banned pro-Israel speakers and

some Jewish students have been verbally and physically attacked.

In 2021, anti-Semitic events increased by 34% across the United States. The anti-Defamation League (ADL) says that the year 2022 recorded the highest number of anti-Semitic acts since they began tracking in 1979. Anti-Semitic incidents are described as assaults, harassment, intimidation, distribution of hate propaganda, threats, slurs and vandalism.

FBI statistics show that 55% of all religious bias crimes are directed towards Jews, despite making up just 2.5% of the U.S. population. Recently, FBI Director, Christopher Wray warned of the consequences that the sharp rise in anti-Semitic hate crimes pose. Jews were the main victims of these crimes, but not the only ones. Sadly, in October, Thomas Meixner, a Catholic, a University of Arizona professor was murdered on campus by a former student who reportedly insisted that Meixner was the Jewish leader of a Zionist plot against him.

Across Indiana, incidents have included vandalism and anti-Semitic flyers in residential neighborhoods and Houses of Worship. There have been a number of anti-Semitic and bigoted remarks made by politicians and other elected officials.

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and its own Community Relations Council support the work of the Indianapolis Jewish Community Council-JCRC, who along with law enforcement and the ADL, are taking a proactive approach to combating anti-Semitism through partnerships, community building, education and by providing necessary resources.

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne also supports the Jewish Studies program at Indiana University, with more than 40 courses available each year. In 2023, this program will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The department also holds more than 50 webinars featuring some of the most accomplished anti-Semitism scholars in the world, reaching thousands of viewers in over 40 countries.

Unfortunately, local anti-Semitic acts don't always make the news or when they do, they have a very limited shelf life. We want to assure you that our local Federation, along with the Indianapolis JCRC and the Midwest ADL, are aware of these horrific acts and will continue to do our best to take appropriate action when they occur.

Mainly, we want this article to be a warning, not necessarily about your personal safety, but about the dangers of normalization. When we hear about any acts of violence over and over again, we can become desensitized to that issue. This can be true for mass shootings and it is true for anti-Semitic acts. We must always remember that this need not be and should not be normal. It is up to all of us, to call out these horrific events, each and every time. We need to let our community and political leaders know that acts of anti-Semitism are not harmless. We need to make sure that the perpetrators are held accountable to such a degree that these hateful actions are put to an end.

Author of the book, "[Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition](#)", Professor Nirenberg writes, "Historians hope that prejudices will become less compelling if people understand how well-worn they are and how many times they have failed to bring about the better future their adherents promised. History is not a magic amulet that we can rub to protect us from danger as we make our way through a changing world". When it comes to confronting anti-Semitism and other prejudices, we need to remain diligent and pro-active in our quest to combat this evil.

YOUR CAMPAIGN DOLLARS AT WORK

Regional National Agencies:

Hillel - Ball State University - We are an inclusive organization that is dedicated to providing a safe place for students to connect to Jewish culture. [More information here.](#)

Indiana Jewish Historical Society - The Indiana Jewish Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization with a mission to collect, preserve, publish, and share the Jewish experience in Indiana.

Our stated mission is to preserve historical Jewish records, organize people to speak on the importance of maintaining Jewish historical records, develop a database and guidebook for archiving material, and Newsletters to notify and update members of current IJHS-related events and activities. [More information here.](#)

Indiana University Jewish Studies Program - One of the largest, oldest, and most comprehensive programs of its kind, The Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University is a premier hub for Jewish Studies. The Program is committed to fostering leadership skills, civic responsibility, and academic achievement through rigorous interdisciplinary study of Jews and Judaism. [More information here](#)

Purdue University Jewish Studies Program - Founded in 1981, the undergraduate Jewish Studies Program at Purdue provides students with the opportunity to become acquainted with the culture, language, literature, history, philosophy, and religious customs of the Jewish people from antiquity to the present. [More information here](#)

Indiana University Hillel - Since 1938, IU Hillel has created a warm, welcoming, caring Jewish family and community that celebrates Judaism and Jewish life. We support and honor the diversity of the Jewish student community at IU, and are committed to its maintenance and continuity. [More information here](#)

Purdue University Hillel - Enriching the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. [More information here](#)

Center for Jewish History, New York, NY - The Center for Jewish History in New York City illuminates history, culture, and heritage. The Center provides a collaborative home for five partner organizations: American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. [More information here](#)

Community Relations Agencies:

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith (ADL) - To stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all. [More information here](#)

Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council - Our mission is to safeguard the rights of Jews in the U.S., Israel, and around the world by combating anti-Semitism through relationship-building

and education. JCRC works to protect and promote a just American society, one that is democratic and pluralistic. [More information here](#)

Jewish War Veterans of the USA - The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) is the premier voice for Jewish uniformed service members and veterans in the United States. The JWV affirms that Jewish men and women serve honorably and heroically in the military forces of the United States of America during peacetime and war. The JWV defends the rights and benefits of all service members and veterans, fights anti-Semitism, and supports the State of Israel. [More information here](#)

Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) - The mission of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) is to strengthen and leverage the Jewish community relations network across the nation to champion a just, democratic and pluralistic society and advance the right of full inclusion of all members of our society, including Jews, free of discrimination hate and prejudice. [More information here](#)

Secure Community Network (SCN) - The Secure Community Network (SCN) is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. [More information here](#)

Masorti Foundation - The purpose and mission of the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism is to support the work of Israelis in building a Judaism that preserves observance and tradition while recognizing how modern life in Israel is lived. [More information here](#)

Non JFNA Overseas Agencies:

Jewish National Fund (JNF) - Unparalleled in the Jewish philanthropic world, Jewish National Fund-USA's strategic vision has been and always will be, to ensure a strong, secure, and prosperous future for the land and people of Israel. [More information here](#)

American Friends of Magen David Adom (AFMDA) - In the United States, disaster relief, ambulance, and blood services are handled by an array of organizations.

In Israel, there's one organization that does it all — Magen David Adom.

Although MDA's role is mandated by the Israeli government, it's not a government agency. As Israel's official representative to the International Red Cross, Magen David Adom's role precludes it from accepting governmental support for its general operations.

Because of this arrangement, MDA relies on support from donors, including those from the United States, to keep its dispatch systems, training, and equipment the best in the world.

When you support Magen David Adom, you are helping save lives, every day. [More information here](#)

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) - Drawing on our Jewish values and history, HIAS provides vital services to refugees and asylum

continued from page 3

seekers around the world and advocates for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives. [More information here](#)

Yad Sarah - The defining mission of Yad Sarah is to enable chronically ill, disabled, infirm, and terminally ill people, ranging in age from infancy to old age, to live at home either on their own or in the care of their families or caregivers, with dignity and as independently as possible. [More information here](#)

IsraAID - Our mission is to support people affected by humanitarian crises. We partner with local communities around the world to provide urgent aid, assist in recovery, and reduce the risk of future disasters. [More information here](#)

Religious Agencies:

Religious Action Center (RAC) - For more than six decades, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC) has worked to educate, inspire, and mobilize the Reform Jewish Movement to advocate for social justice. We have helped activate the Jewish community in the key debates and mobilizations of each generation since our founding, from the civil rights movement to immigration reform. [More information here](#)

Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion - We are the

center of innovation for Jewish life and learning – preparing rabbis, cantors, leaders in Jewish education, Jewish nonprofit professionals, pastoral counselors, and scholars to apply their knowledge, commitment, vision, and expertise to strengthen and transform the Jewish community and larger world. [More information here](#)

Overseas Allocations:

Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Fort Wayne - We proudly represent 146 independent Federations and a network of 300 smaller communities across the continent. Our mission is to protect and enhance the well-being of Jews worldwide through meaningful contributions to community, Israel and civil society. [More information here](#)

Partnership2Gether (P2G) Western Galilee Region - For more than 90 years, we've worked to overcome the biggest challenges facing the Jewish people.

We founded and built the State of Israel, and we continue creating links globally—bringing Jews to Israel and Israel to Jews around the world. [More information here](#)

Israel Action Network (IAN) - The Israel Action Network builds a strong base of support for Israel and counters delegitimization in the context of two states for two peoples. [More information here](#)

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

TRADER JOE'S®

[4110 W. Jefferson Blvd.](#)
[Fort Wayne, IN 46804](#)

[260-432-5828](#)

[www.traderjoes.com](#)



[6306 W Jefferson Blvd](#)
[Fort Wayne, IN 46804](#)

[260 -459-9691](#)

[www.thefreshmarket.com](#)



[7605 Coldwater Rd](#)
[Suite A](#)
[Fort Wayne, IN 46825](#)

[260-489-8686](#)

[lovingcafevw.com](#)



[2021 Broadway, Fort Wayne IN](#)

[260-420-5565](#)

[georgesinternationalmarket.com](#)



[1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808](#)

[\(260\) 424-8812](#)

[www.3riversfood.coop](#)

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.](#)

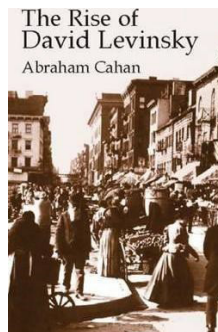
From Our Friends at [Partnership2Gether!](#)

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.

List of books and dates of P2G Book Club

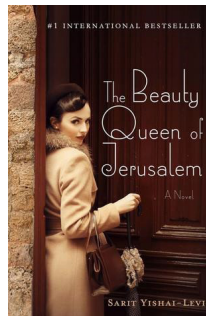
1. February 5, 2023, 12:00PM CT / 1:00PM ET / 8:00PM Israel time:

The Rise of David Levinsky
By Abraham Cahan



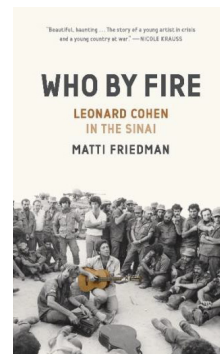
2. May 7, 2023, 12:00PM CT / 1:00PM ET / 8:00PM Israel time:

The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem
By Sarit Yishai-Levi



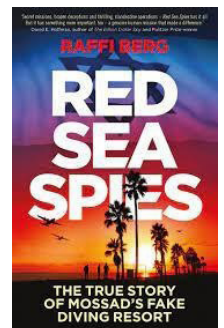
3. September 10, 2023, 12:00PM CT / 1:00PM ET / 8:00PM Israel time:

Who By Fire
By Matti Friedman



4. December 3, 2023, 12:00PM CT / 1:00PM ET / 8:00PM Israel time:

Red Sea Spies
By Raffi Berg



What are we talking about this month:

A Tu B'Shevat Seder for Kids

[Print the Seder](#)



Tu B'Shevat, also known as the birthday of the trees, is an opportunity to strengthen our connection to the environment. In Israel the holiday of [Tu B'Shevat](#) arrives along with the first signs of spring, on the fifteenth ("tu") day of the month of *Shevat*. This is perfect timing as the trees are beginning to blossom for the coming year.

Fun fact: According to Jewish law, a tree's fruit is ready for picking when it turns three. Tu B'Shevat helped ancient farmers mark where the trees were in the growing process.

Many families have a Tu B'Shevat seder, or ceremonial meal. Just as at a [Passover seder](#), [symbolic foods](#) are eaten in a special order in celebration of the important role trees

play in our life. It's traditional to eat Israeli fruits, such as figs, dates, and carobs. It's also customary to eat fruits you haven't tasted before, and to say the [Shehecheyanu](#) (a blessing of gratitude when experiencing something new).

On Tu B'Shevat it's tradition to snack on nuts, dried fruit, and other grains.

This version of the Tu B'Shevat seder is perfect to do with younger kids or to try out as your first family [Tu B'Shevat](#) celebration. You'll have the opportunity to taste and smell new foods, ask questions, and [say blessings together](#). Use the buttons below to move through the four parts of the seder, each named after a season. If you'd like a slightly more in-depth version that works well with kids ages 8 and up, use [this version of the PJ Library Tu B'Shevat seder](#).



[Reprinted with kind permission](#)

What's Happening

CAMP JOE LEVINE

CAMP JOE LEVINE 2023 UPDATES

As we are beginning our preparations for this year's camp, we would like to share with you a few important updates.

Camp Dates: June 26 – July 14

Camp applications will be available shortly.

Location: Metea County Park

We are happy to return to this wonderful facility! It is a great place for outdoor summer fun featuring many beautiful hiking trails, fields for activities and a lake only a short distance away from our homeroom.

Camper Ages: 4-14

This year we offer an exciting new opportunity for 14 year-olds:

- Eager to try yourself in a new role as a CIT? You are eligible and we are happy to consider you for this position!
- Not ready to say goodbye to your days as a camper and prefer to spend one more summer hanging out with friends? Just fill out a camp application and join us for another fun and carefree experience!

Referral Program Is Back!

Refer a **new** family to Camp Joe. When they register, be sure to let us know that you referred them. Both families will receive 10% off of their payment.

We look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!



**20:00 Israel | 19:00 Budapest
1:00PM EST**



PASSOVER
APRIL 3



**ROSH
HASHANA**
SEP 10



HANUKKAH
DEC 10

SAVE THE DATES!

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE PARTNERSHIP ZOOM
CELEBRATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

WWW.WESTERNGALILEE.ORG.IL



**Our office will be closed on Monday,
February 20 in observance of
Presidents Day**



CELEBRATE SHABBAT SHIRAH WITH HAZEMIR

Share a musical evening with us on Friday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. on [Shabbat Shirah](#) (Sabbath of Singing), led by Rabbi Meir Barger. Hazemir, under the direction of John Planer, will share their voices. John also will give a D'var Torah. Please join us in person at the Temple or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

The service is named for a musical moment in Jewish biblical history when Moses and Miriam lead the Israelites across the Sea of Reeds and out of Egypt. Part of the reading is known as *Shirat HaYam* (song of the sea).-

SHARE SOUPER BOWL SHABBAT DINNER

Warm up a cold winter evening at our "Souper Bowl" Shabbat on Friday, February 10 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. We'll sample a variety of homemade soups before declaring the top three "people's choice" winners. Our Shabbat service begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

While you don't need to bring soup to attend, we invite you to get creative in the kitchen and enter the friendly competition. Make your favorite soup to feed 8-10, whether vegetarian, chicken or beef. Maybe matzo balls, noodles or even kreplach? The only requirements: No pork or shellfish and no meat or cheese in the same dish. Please bring your hot soup in a crockpot. Any leftovers will be utilized by the Caring Committee for those in need of TLC.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, February 3. Let us know if you will be bringing soup and what kind. The cost is \$6 per person (no charge for children 5 and under). Your check is your reservation. Menu includes salad, soup, challah, and a beverage. Questions or interested in helping? Contact Kathy Sider at ksider812@gmail.com.

LOVE IS THEME FOR JOY VEY IN FEBRUARY

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! We'll meet on Friday, February 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Temple to light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. Our February theme is "love."

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 meet in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

We meet on the second Friday night of the month. Plan to stay for the [Souper Bowl Shabbat](#) dinner this month at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, February 3. Let us know if you will be bringing soup and what kind. The

cost is \$6 per person (no charge for children 5 and under). Your check is your reservation. Menu includes salad, soup, challah, and a beverage.

JOIN US FOR TU B'SHEVAT: NEW YEAR OF THE TREES

Please join us for a family-friendly Tu B'Shevat celebration on Sunday, February 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Temple that includes a seder and tree noshes.

Sometimes referred to as "Jewish Arbor Day," Tu B'shevat marks the time when almond trees begin to bloom in Israel. We will celebrate the importance of trees to *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and look forward to the return of spring.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 by Tuesday, January 31. There is no charge to attend. A free-will offering will be accepted to help defray the expenses.

Volunteers are needed to assist with food, decorations, set-up, and clean-up. If you'd like to serve on the Tu B'Shevat Committee, or otherwise help with the event, contact Lyla Spath at lspace@outlook.com.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS APPRECIATES OUR THOUGHTFUL SUPPORTERS

As our Head Start families are very appreciative of what Thoughtful Thursdays does each month, Thoughtful Thursdays is also appreciative of the support that we receive.

In December, our deli-roasted chickens were donated once again by a very generous anonymous benefactor. Also, 600 grocery bags were provided by Mike Intravia, manager of Trader Joe's, and toothbrushes and toothpaste this month were contributed by Dr. Michael & Ellen Tom. We are so grateful for this additional support.

In February, we will send home bags that include peanut butter, jelly, chicken noodle soup, canned fruit, crackers, four rolls of toilet paper, tissues, toothbrushes, toothpaste and a Valentine goodie bag.

Thank you to our amazing Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers! We also appreciate the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of our Jewish community for making Thoughtful Thursdays possible!

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). If you are interested in volunteering for Thoughtful Thursdays, please contact me at sartrotter@gmail.com.

Sally Trotter, Thoughtful Thursdays chair



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome Dr. Nicholas J. Evans, a Senior Lecturer in diaspora history at the University of Hull, for a series of free virtual programs on Tuesdays in February, beginning at 2:30 p.m. These lectures are in conjunction with the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center's Tuesday afternoon virtual programs.

The Making of a Mosaic: European Migrant Journeys during the Age of Steam

Dr. Evans, a migrant historian, will explore questions such as 'why did so many Europeans leave?' 'What was the journey *really* like?' Why when an ancestor arrived at Ellis Island did they settle in the mid-west?'

- **February 7th:** *Preparing to Leave Europe* – This talk will illustrate how one can piece together the gathering of ancestors from their village/town of birth to the moment they commenced their journey west.
- **February 14th:** *The Journey to America* – This talk will illustrate the details of both the direct and indirect routes enabling Europeans to reach the American eastern seaboard.
- **February 21st:** *Internal Migration within the United States* – This talk will explore how migrant records enable one to piece together the numerous journeys that complete the migrant's settlement in their new homes.
- **February 28th:** *Resolving Your Genealogical Puzzles* (NEIJGS members only) – Pre-assembled questions of NEIJGS members will be addressed, particularly any whose story remains incomplete.

Besides teaching both undergraduate and postgraduate students in the School of Humanities at the University of Hull, Dr. Nicholas Evans uses his research on voluntary and coerced migration around the Atlantic to empower religious and ethnic minority communities. He enjoys helping people unearth the personal stories of their migrant ancestors. Dr. Evans has spent the last 17 years as an academic researcher in the prize-winning Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation in his home city of Hull, England.

Registration is required to attend this free virtual program. The link can be found at [Upcoming Events – Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society \(neindianajgs.org\)](https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/).

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.



DR. NICHOLAS EVANS:

The Making of a Mosaic: European Migrant Journeys during the Age of Steam

a 3-PART SERIES AT 2:30pm



Register at www.NEIndianaJGS.org for these FREE virtual programs

February 7th February 14th February 21st

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.

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

100th Commemoration Fund

- A donation was received from **Lew Borman** in honor of **Scott Salon's** leadership

General Operations

- Donations were received from **Doris Gottlieb** and **Ara Tazian**

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

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

every contribution is
hugely valued

thank
you!

PJ Library

- A donation was received from **Emilee Smits**

Ukraine Relief Fund

- A donation was received from **Aliza Tourkow** in honor of her parents **Donna & Josh Tourkow**

Online Donations Accepted!

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

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

Thank you for your support. It is sincerely appreciated!

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

February 2 – The Lucky Moose
622 E. Dupont Road

February 16 – Ziano's
5907 Covington Road

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

2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

Officers:

President: Scott Salon
Vice President: Bob Walters
Secretary: Amy Krouse
Treasurer: Lee Pomerantz
Executive Director: Jaki Schreier

Delegates-At-Large

Ben Eisbart
Ron Friedman
Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz
Bonnie Pomerantz
Mike Rush
Ellen Tom
Leah Zimmerman

Rabbi Meir Barger

Staff

Jaki Schreier
Executive Director
jakischreier@fwjf.org

Jeff Griggs
Bookkeeper
bookkeeper@fwjf.org

Bonnie Pomerantz
Office Manager
office@fwjf.org

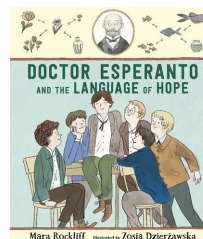
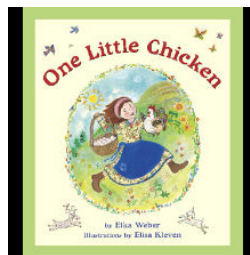
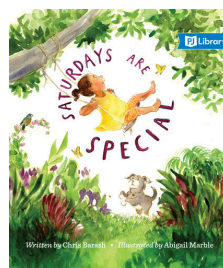
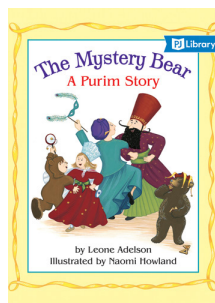
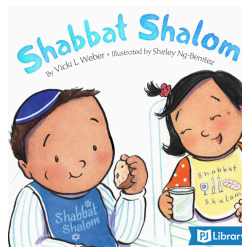
[Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](https://www.fwjf.org)
5200 Old Mill Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

(260) 456-0400 phone
(260) 456-0500 fax
www.fwjf.org



Which books did you receive this month?

A program of the [Harold Grinspoon Foundation](https://www.haroldgrinspoonfoundation.org/), 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](https://www.pjlibrary.org/) 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.

