



Commemoration For the Six Million Who Lost Their Lives

Monday, April 17, 2023 7:00 pm Rifkin Campus 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne



with Carol Black Tree of Life Synagogue Survivor

Reception to follow

The event is free and open to the public. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support

Come Paint with Us!



Rosh Chodesh is back! Please join us on Wednesday, March 15 at 5:30 at Painting with a Twist (6425 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804) when we will gather together to paint Miriam's cup and one other exciting project. Space is limited (only 14 spots available) so hurry and RSVP to <u>office@</u> fwjf.org or call (260) 456 – 0400 to reserve your spot! The cost is \$20.00 for Federation members and \$40.00 for non -

Federation members. Please send your payment to Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (5200 Old Mill

Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807) as soon as possible. This event is open to our Jewish community. Thank you to Leah Zimmerman for organizing this fun evening and 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.



GUEST COLUMNISTS CAMP JOE LEVINE CO-COUNSELOR'S LARISA DROZDOVA AND SAMANTHA MCGLENNEN



Were you a summer camper? Was your child a summer camper? Do you know someone who went to summer camp? Have you ever pondered the seemingly simple question of why summer camp is such an important experience in a child's life and development? We truly believe that the summer camp experience is vitally important but have come to a realization, that identifying all of the reasons would be impossible. Instead, we'll settle for a more modest task of sharing what, in our opinion, are some of the most important reasons and provide illustrations from our personal experiences and observations.

Summer camp is a unique environment where kids are encouraged to discover who they are, to become the best versions of themselves and to grow as individuals. There

are many happy childhood images that spring to mind with the words "summer camp". These are the images of kids hopping and skipping along a hiking trail, while singing and cheering so loudly and so joyously, that you can hear the happy chorus of their voices long before you can see them; a sand beach filled with kids, big and small, hard at work on a construction of a canal; kids flocking together to see a monarch butterfly being released into the wild – their eyes wide open, gasps of anticipation of the impending miracle.... There is so much positive energy here, so much fun!

The promise of fun is what draws children to a camp – for them no other incentives are needed. And they are right: it is their time to be kids and to enjoy these moments without having to analyze their significance. From a grownup's perspective, however, camp experience is far more meaningful than merely a fun time. It is an ideal environment for developing many important life skills.

Being a Jewish camp, one of our goals is to help children develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of different aspects of the Jewish culture. Our Judaica lessons, with their planned activities and discussions, are designed for this purpose. However, the best part of these lessons frequently



comes in the form of impromptu inputs from campers, who share their memories of a family trip to Israel or describe an experience of sleeping under the stars in a sukkah built in their backyard. Their stories help bring our lessons to life and make them more relatable. At the same time, this kind of participation changes a child's role from a student and a listener to a teacher and a leader.

Leadership, in fact, is developed naturally in a camp environment. How and when a child will step into a leadership role may depend on their individual strengths, interests and preferences. But the opportunities are countless and the situations are so diverse, that invariably someone rises to the occasion, whether by finding a solution to a problem, by teaching a new song at the singing circle, by devising a winning strategy in an athletic



competition or by explaining the intricacies of a chess game to a friend. Camp provides kids with these and so many more unique moments to flex their leadership muscles.

At camp, kids are also more willing to challenge themselves at things they might have been reluctant to try in other situations. They embrace opportunities for creativity, imagination and self-expression. They develop new interests, invent their own games, discover a passion for new things and share with others their enthusiasms for the things they love.

Kids really do thrive in a camp environment. So, why does this happen for so many children? We believe it is because the structure of a camp's day and the nature of camp's activities allow them the time and the freedom to be themselves and to create their own miniature version of a world. Kids are the leaders and the architects of this world. In it, they make friends, learn how to

compromise, to get along and to appreciate each other. In the process, they discover many valuable things about themselves and carry this knowledge and this confidence into the larger world.

Does camp work this way for every child? No. For most? Definitely! The only way to find out if it will work for your child is to give it a chance. Odds are they will fall in love with the experience. And, perhaps, some day, just like many campers from previous generations, they will look back on their camp days as one of the defining moments in their lives.





JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA - TURKEY/SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND



Dear Community:

We all continue to be devastated by the news of the tragic earthquakes that hit Turkey and Syria.

This tragedy is a reminder

of the importance of the <u>Jewish Federations of North America</u>'s global humanitarian network. Our core partners, the <u>Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC)</u> and the <u>Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)</u>, have had professionals on the ground since the first earthquake hit. They have been supporting the Jewish community there but are also providing broader humanitarian assistance.

In addition to sending a delegation of search and rescue experts and having established a field hospital, they are also providing first aid kits, thousands of tents and tent heaters, tens of thousands of blankets and thermal clothing, primarily coats and boots, and prepared food for the thousands of earthquake survivors.

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne Board of Directors voted unanimously to provide \$5,000 in emergency support. In an effort to make our community's contribution more impactful, we are reaching out to members of the Fort Wayne Jewish community and our friends to make a donation.

You may donate by sending a check to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and simply indicate "Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Relief" in the memo or donate online at <u>fwjf.org</u>.

We extend our deep gratitude for your generosity and compassion.

Thank you.

Dr. Scott Salon, President Jaki Schreier, Executive Director







P2G VISITS FORT WAYNE

Dr. Marcy Paul, Western Galilee US Consortium Director for <u>Partnership 2Gether</u> (P2G), visited Fort Wayne on Friday, February 10th to meet with members of our community to discuss specific programs and how our community can get involved.

Dan and Beth Zweig graciously scheduled Marcy's visit. Dan sits on the Kramer Council Committee for P2G professionals and lay leaders. We thank them for doing an outstanding job of making her time here so valuable.

Marcy met with Rabbi Bargeron and Leise Rosman to discuss the upcoming December 2023 teen trip to Israel with South Bend, San Antonio and the NorthWest Indiana Federation.

She spoke with Ron Friedman and Wendy Soltz about possible Jewish Studies collaborations.

She met with Fran and Irv Adler and Ron Friedman to discuss the 2nd generation Holocaust Descendent program called, "SlidingDors."

Marcy attended the "Joy Vey" Tot Shabbat and had the opportunity to engage with families of young children. She attended the "Souper Bowl Shabbat" where she met with and felt welcomed by the members of our community. Rabbi Bargeron kindly invited Marcy to light Shabbos candles for the Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

Marcy sends her thanks to all who made her time in Fort Wayne so meaningful and delightful. Stay tuned for upcoming Partnership 2Gether events and opportunities.



















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 <u>Partnership2Gether</u>. 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 <u>Partnership2Gether</u> Consortium without needing to leave your home.





What are we talking about this month:

Purim

Learning the Four Mitzvot of Purim



Purim, like many Jewish holidays, is a celebration of the Jewish people's redemption from catastrophe. It's also a noisy, riotous, carnival-like festival, which makes it especially fun for kids! Children and grown-ups alike <u>dress up in costume</u> and get ready to party. The <u>story of Purim</u> – how the Jewish queen of Persia, <u>Esther</u>, saved her people from doom – is told in the Book of Esther, known as the *Megillah* in Hebrew. In addition to the fun traditions surrounding Purim, there are also four commandments or *mitzvot* – the plural of <u>mitzvah</u> – to fulfill. All of the mitzvot associated with Purim are related to taking care of one another.

Reading the Megillah

On Purim, the Megillah is read aloud in synagogues all over the world – and this is one time when no one is discouraged from making noise during the service! In fact, listeners shake their groggers (Yiddish for "noisemakers") every time they hear the name of the villain of the story, Haman. Many communities also stage funny Purim spiels (Yiddish for "plays") to accompany the Megillah reading.

Giving Gifts to Friends and Neighbors

The second mitzvah is sending gifts, or *mishloach manot*, which is Hebrew for Purim gift baskets. Gifts of food to friends and colleagues ensure that everyone has the means to be happy, further foiling the evil plans of Haman. Here are some easy <u>gifts in a jar</u> to assemble with your family for your mishloach this year. Don't forget to add <u>a special gift tag</u> too!

Eating a Special Meal

In addition to the *Purim spiel*, the costume parade, and baking hamantaschen, many families also enjoy <u>the Seudah</u>, or the Purim feast. Basically, this commandment is to "eat, drink, and be merry."

Giving Support to Those Who Need Help

Giving directly to those experiencing poverty, *matanot l'evyonim*, is the fourth mitzvah. Giving to others, especially on Purim, ensures that everyone has the means to celebrate during the holiday and also honors Esther and Mordechai's legacy of saving the Jewish people. Fulfilling the mitzvah of *matanot l'evyonim* can be as simple as dropping coins into a <u>tzedakah</u> box or making donations of food or clothing to a local pantry or shelter.

Visit the PJ Library Purim Hub for easy costume ideas, book lists, and more.

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Purim is coming up - and that means it's time to start prepping your best costumes, rehearsing for the spiel,



and of course, planning out what to put in your *mishloach manot*, Purim gift baskets. There are four important *mitzvot* or commandments associated with <u>Purim</u> – and they're all related to taking care of one another. That's right, this awesome holiday full of dress up fun and merriment is also about helping our friends, neighbors, and community.

In this article we're talking about the second <u>mitzvah</u>: *mishloach manot*—sending gifts. Gifts of food to friends and colleagues ensure that everyone has the means to be happy, further foiling Haman's (the villain of the <u>Purim story</u>)

plans. (The other mitzvot of Purim are: listening to the story of Queen Esther, giving to the needy, and having a feast).

You can make the basket part of your *mishloach manot* out of anything—an upcycled takeout container, a gift box, an origami paper fold, or the special basket PJ Library sent out a few years ago (if you still have it). It's tradition to include two servings of at least two different kinds of food in each basket—and it's best to include items that are ready to eat or share like <u>hamantaschen</u> or fruit. The basket typically contains at least two types of food that require different blessings, allowing the recipient to fulfill the positive mitzvah of giving thanks.

Need some ideas and recipes? Check out PJ Library's How to Make a Mishloach Manot guide.

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CHOOSE YOUR OWN MEGILLAH AT PURIM SPIEL!

Life is full of choices – and this year's Purim Spiel on Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Temple offers many chances to "Choose Your Own Megillah!" This hilarious, interactive retelling of the Purim story brings the audience into the action. In almost every scene, the audience gets to pick which of several endings the cast will perform.

Join the festivities when we make merry and decide together how Queen Esther and her cousin Mordechai will save the Jews of Persia. Rabbi Meir will lead us in what promises to be a creative and delightful celebration. Join us in person or via livestream on Zoom and <u>YouTube</u>.

Don't forget to wear a costume and come ready to boo when Haman's name is read! We'll have plenty of groggers, but please also bring boxes of macaroni and cheese to shake and then donate for those with food insecurity.

After the service, we'll nosh on hamentashen prepared by a team of Temple bakers.

JOIN THE FUN AT JOY VEY! A KID-ISH SHABBAT

Gather round your little kids for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family on Friday, March 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Temple.

In our cooperative, family-run service, we light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. Our March theme is "fun."

Find the link for more information on signing up to help with the coop.

Please join us and Rabbi Meir 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.

STRINGS OF INSPIRATION WITH BRUCE COLEGROVE RETURNS MARCH 14

Temple member Bruce Colegrove returns on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. with his latest Strings of Inspiration presentation with new stories of some of the most remarkable events in the life of the women's orchestra at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Please join us in person or via livestream on Zoom.

In this fourth program in the Strings series, Bruce will discuss Hélène Rounder and Claire Monis, who both came from communist families and were active in the French Resistance. Hélène even managed to get arrested twice and spent time in several Nazi venues in the Paris area.

Hélène was a serious idealist with modest skill on the violin whom Orchestra Director Alma Rosé then gave the additional assignments of copying sheet music and doing artwork for the biweekly concerts at Auschwitz-Birkenau. She also was fondly remembered for decorating greeting cards for fellow musicians. Claire was already a very successful singer before the war who played clubs all over Paris and even had an important role in a Charles Trenet film, <u>Je chante</u>. Although she knew how to play the violin, Alma kept her fully occupied doing operettas.

Bruce first shared incredible stories of the women's orchestra in fall 2019 when the Violins of Hope programming captivated members of the Fort Wayne community. The enthusiastic response led to additional programs in February 2021 and March 2022.

He describes the women's orchestra as the most eclectic, the most unique, the most controversial, and, without any question, the most zealously documented gathering of female musical talent the world has ever known. By many regards, it was also the most inspiring.

An ardent researcher in Holocaust studies, Bruce is the developer of the website <u>Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau</u>. He has taught for 20+ years at Canterbury High School and for many years taught Hebrew at Achduth Vesholom.

The Zoom link will be shared in the Temple's weekly email. Contact the Temple office at <u>office@templecav.org</u> for more information.

LIFELONG LEARNING: THE JEWISH WAY OF FRIENDSHIP

Beit Midrash translates to "House of Study," and describes the institution of classical Jewish learning. Expand your Jewish knowledge by joining us for <u>lifelong learning</u> classes that include a variety of Jewish study topics with Rabbi Meir Bargeron and guest instructors.

The Jewish Way of Friendship

Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Jewish tradition teaches us to value friendship, and defines friendship as one of the primary relationships in life; a tie at times which exceeds even blood. Yet, in our modern world, people report having difficulty making and keeping friends. Join a group of interested learners to study how Jewish tradition speaks to us about friendship and to reflect on its meaning in our lives.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, March 16.

GENEROSITY LEADS TO SPECIAL ITEMS FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

In spite of rainy days, our Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers are certainly enjoying being together, as evidenced by their sunny smiles! Through the end of the year, we will be able to include some special items, like fresh fruit, in the bags each month that we send home with the 51 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple.

These extras are made possible through the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of our Jewish community. A warm thank you to Suzi Stone for her extremely generous donation recently.

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SHARED HISTORY PROJECT EXHIBIT COMING TO FORT WAYNE

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is proud to host the Leo Baeck Institute's exhibit, "1700 Years of Jewish Life in



Jewish Ceremonial Wedding Ring from the Colmar Treasure. Musée de Clury – Musée National du Moyen Áge, Paris ICI 206568.

German-Speaking Lands," at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in April. The exhibit tells the story of German Jewry through 58 artifacts, which help examine themes through the centuries, such as migration, everyday life, achievement, and more. The Leo Baeck Institute in New York and Berlin is a research library and archive focused on the history of German-speaking Jews.

In conjunction with the exhibit, genealogist Karen Franklin will give a presentation at the ACPL Genealogy Center on April 16th at 2:00 p.m. In her "Genealogical Journey," she will

focus on eight items from the Shared History Project Exhibit that have a connection to her, her family history, and her research, as she weaves her own genealogy into the larger fabric

of German history. The stories may serve as an inspiration for all researchers who strive to use documents and objects to see their own family stories within a larger context. Karen S. Franklin is Director of Family Research at the Leo Baeck Institute, a position she has held for over 20 years, and a consultant for the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. She has served as president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, chair of the Council of American Jewish Museums, chair of the Memorial Museums Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), and as co-chair of the Board of Governors of JewishGen.org. She is currently on the board of the Southern Jewish Historical Society and serves as a co-editor of the memoir section of *Southern Jewish History*.



A second presentation is being planned with a focus on German Jews in Indiana. The exhibit will be viewable at the library from April 16th through the end of the month. Thanks to Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation Trust, the Bureau of Jewish Education Endowment, the Lande Genealogy Fund, and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for their support of this program.

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This month we will be sending home bags that include maple & brown sugar oatmeal, fruit & grain cereal bars, pancake mix, syrup, fruit cocktail, pretzels, a bag of fresh oranges, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and more.

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 <u>sartrotter@gmail.com</u>.

Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because there is inflation! Sally Trotter, Thoughtful Thursdays chair

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? FIND OUT AT TEMPLE SEDER

Passover begins on Wednesday, April 5 when we retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Please join our Temple family for the Second Seder on Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. <u>Find</u><u>reservation</u>, <u>dinner and cost information</u>

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

Please RSVP no later than Friday, March 24 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or make <u>an online reservation</u> and then follow up by sending your check made payable to "CAV - The Temple."



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 asneeded 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 <u>office@fwj.org</u>.



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 <u>CARS</u> 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 hard-ships. Please call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 to speak to someone confidentially.



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 threeweek 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.

every contribution is huzely valued thank you,

DONATIONS

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- A donation was received from an **anonymous** donor
- A donation was received from the Schreier Family in honor of Rabbi Bargeron's contract renewal



Online Donations Accepted!

The <u>Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne</u> now accepts <u>online donations</u>. 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)

March 2 – Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine 4411 Coldwater Road

March 16 – Tequila Mexican Restaurant 6328 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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Which books did you receive this month?

A program of the <u>Harold Grinspoon Foundation</u>, <u>PJ Library</u> 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.



















The Littlest Levine Degree



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