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APRIL 2023

YOM HASHOAH

FORT WAYNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Commemoration For the Six Million Who Lost Their Lives

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

Keynote speaker

Andrew Lapin

Narrator of podcast "Radioactive"

with

Carol Black

Tree of Life Synagogue Survivor

Light Refreshments to follow

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

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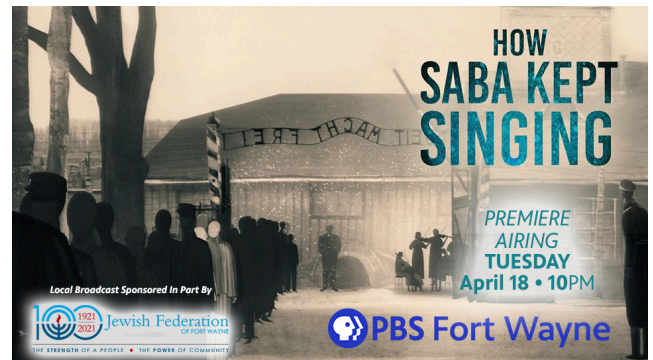


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After Auschwitz - Six Jewish women who survived the Holocaust — Eva Beckmann, Erika Jacoby, Rena Drexler, Lili Majzner, Renee Firestone and Linda Sherman — tell their extraordinary life stories. When Auschwitz was liberated in January 1945, it was the beginning of a lifelong struggle for these survivors.

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Musician David "Saba" Wisnia believed that he survived the horrors of Auschwitz by entertaining the Nazi guards with his beautiful singing voice.

Join David and his grandson Avi as the pair embark on a journey exploring the mystery of Saba's past.

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 COLUMNIST
JACOB MARKEY - INDIANAPOLIS JCRC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) has already had a busy start to the year at the Statehouse, engaging the community, and building relationships. A common thread in this work is the need to combat antisemitism and hate.

At the Statehouse, JCRC remains an essential and passionate voice, advocating for security grant funding and fighting antisemitism. As of this writing, we have yet to successfully insert a provision to create a State of Indiana Nonprofit Security Grant Program in the budget. However, we know this is an ongoing conversation, and we continue to raise awareness of the need for security funding for our community's institutions. On antisemitism, we have advocated for the State of Indiana to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism. Stay tuned to JCRC emails for updates on our advocacy.

Our work fighting antisemitism goes much further than the Statehouse. We are regularly in contact with our partners at Federation, ADL, law enforcement, and other key leaders when antisemitic incidents occur. If you see or witness an antisemitic incident, please report it.

We are also doing much more than reacting to antisemitism – we are proactively raising awareness. Through the Student to Student initiative (part of a national program), Jewish teens talk to their peers about Judaism, the Jewish community, antisemitism, the Holocaust, and Israel. These powerful presentations reduce stereotypes and help teens better understand the Jewish community. In mid-March, JCRC partnered with the Indianapolis JCC and ADL Midwest on an Antisemitism Training for the Arts Community. Through this important program, we helped leaders from 20 arts organizations in Indianapolis better understand what antisemitism looks like, how to address antisemitism, and begin to determine the next steps for how their organizations can be allies to the Jewish community.

We host seminars for middle and high school teachers throughout the year on topics like the Holocaust, antisemitism, the Israeli-Arab conflict, and Judaism. We aim to provide educators with pedagogically sound resources and curricular material so they can feel confident and empowered in teaching their students about these critical topics. For the past few years, these webinars have been virtual. If you know of Fort Wayne educators who might be interested in this kind of training, please connect them with us. We would love for them to join!

We also have a Holocaust Speakers Bureau comprising Survivors and Second-Generation Survivors who share their stories in classrooms and public forums. Our speakers educate the community about the horrors of the past and remind them why we must never forget. If you know of a school or institution in the Fort Wayne area that would like a speaker to visit, either in person or virtually, please fill out the [form on our website](#) or contact Amber Maze, JCRC's Holocaust educator and coordinator of the Speakers Bureau.

Finally, thanks to the generosity and commitment of Rachel Simon, a key lay leader in Indianapolis, we worked with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis to put up a billboard in the city proclaiming, "Indy is no place for Jew Hate," and directing people to a website with resources and action steps. [Take a look for yourself!](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support of our work. While our offices are not in Fort Wayne, we are glad to have your partnership and confidence. If there are ways that we can help with your work, please let us know. Feel free to contact JCRC with your questions, concerns, and suggestions. My email address is jmarkey@indyjcrc.org, and my number is 317-715-6993.

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.



PASSOVER
APRIL 3

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SAVE THE DATES!

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CELEBRATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

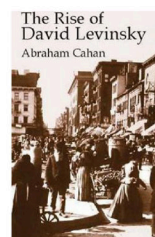
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List of books and dates of P2G Book Club

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:

[Beauty Queen of Jerusalem](#)
By Sarit Yishai-Levi



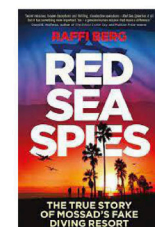
3. September 10, 2023, 12:00PM CT /
1:00PM ET / 8:00PM Israel time:

[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:

Passover

How Passover is Celebrated Around the World

This spring around the world, Jewish families just like yours will be simultaneously celebrating [Passover](#) and commemorating the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom. And although Passover is celebrated at the same time the world over, people in different countries practice different customs and eat different types of foods.

In this virtual [Passover journey](#), discover a few of the many different traditions in cultures all over the globe. Which ones resemble customs you follow in your own home? Which ones would be the most interesting to try?

Syria

Many Syrian Jews take the tradition of symbolically acting out the Exodus a step further by taking some [matzah](#), placing it in something like a backpack, and throwing it over their shoulders. This is followed by a Hebrew verse about leaving the desert in haste.

Uganda



Uganda has a unique take on Passover because of the much more recent freedom finally realized by the Abayudaya, the Jews of Uganda. Judaism was outlawed in Uganda from 1971 to 1979, and the relatively new freedom of worship has meant that Passover celebrations have taken on a new and very personal meaning.

Romania

Romanian Jewish families make Passover interactive in a similar way to Syrian Jewish families. At the part of the Haggadah that says, "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt" (*Avadim Hayinu* in Hebrew), Jews in Romania fill a pillowcase with heavy objects and carry it around the table, with each person at the Seder taking a turn. And you thought hiding the afikomen was hard work!

Yemen

Is your favorite symbolic Passover food the egg? The Adeni community, as the Jews from Aden in Yemen are known, traditionally eat eggs as the main dinner course at their Seders. These days, the Adenim have more substantial meals, but some families still opt for eggs in a variety of forms, from fried to hard boiled to omelets. Also, instead of a Seder, Yemenite Jews place their symbolic items directly on the table or in small bowls in front of each person.



Afghanistan and Iran



Although most of the Jewish people of Afghani and Iranian descent are living elsewhere, the Sephardi Jews from the Persian region maintain one quite interesting Seder custom. When it comes time for "[Dayenu](#)," the song that lists God's miracles, stating that each one would have been enough, some Sephardi Jews conjure images of the enslaved Israelites being whipped by actually slinging huge scallions or green onions at each other. Talk about a lively Seder!

Gibraltar

Jewish residents of the British territory of Gibraltar on the southern border of Spain often add a little something extra to their [charoset](#), the chunky mixture of fruits and nuts. Kids especially look forward to the charoset part of the Seder, which is a nice sweet departure from some of the more bland or bitter symbolic foods. But because this thick spread is meant to resemble the mortar used by the Jews while enslaved in Egypt, Jewish families in Gibraltar add actual brick dust to the mixture! Good news, though – if you're using just a little bit of brick dust each year, one brick can last through Seders for countless generations.

Hungary



One Hungarian Jewish tradition is that the Seder table is decorated with gold and silver jewelry. The Passover text suggests that the Egyptians gave these precious items to the Israelites as a way of bribing them to hasten their exodus. And it never hurts to bring a little bling to the table.

Turkey

[Parsley](#) plays a significant role in most Seders, but in Turkish homes, the parsley sprig has an extra role to perform. Each person takes a piece of this sign of spring and recites a verse in Arabic. As each word is said, Seder guests bless each other, holding the parsley and wishing every person a blessing for the year.

Poland

Another community that reenacts a portion of the Passover story is located in Góra Kalwaria, Poland, where Seder guests act out the crossing of the sea in their dining rooms. Some families even pour water on the floor to make the experience all the more realistic.

India

Most Seders involve [welcoming Elijah](#) to the festivities by opening the door and reserving a separate cup of wine on the table. Indian Jews add another symbolic cup, called Pharaoh's Cup, which wine is then poured out of for all the other glasses. In this way, the power and stubbornness of cold-hearted Pharaoh is diminished.

Ethiopia

Ethiopian Jews have a history not unlike that of the ancient Israelites, and freedoms both old and new are celebrated at the Seder. The appropriately titled Operation Moses in 1985 was one of the "exodus" missions that transported thousands of Jews from Sudan to safety in Israel. In fact, the PJ Library book [Yuvi's Candy Tree](#) by Lesley Simpson is based on this historical event.



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ROSH CHODESH IS BACK!

A small but mighty group met Wednesday evening, March 16, at [Painting with a Twist](#) and we painted 2 wine glasses in honor of Miriam and Elijah. These glasses are going to look wonderful on our upcoming Pesach Seder tables. Thank you Leah Zimmerman for planning this fun evening! We also would like to thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

We have decided that going forward, Rosh Chodesh would like to meet for dinner at various restaurants throughout Fort Wayne. We will meet at 5:30 pm. Please mark your calendars:

May 10 - [Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine](#) - 4411 Coldwater Road
July 19 - [Joanna's Family Restaurant](#) - 3720 W Jefferson Boulevard
October 11 - [The Hoppy Gnome](#) - 203 E Berry Street and
December 6 - [Bagger Dave's](#) - 2886 E Dupont Road

Dinner is on your own but making new friends and catching up with cherished friends will be shared by all.

Please RSVP a week before each date to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456 - 0400. These dinners are open to all Jewish women in our area. More information will be shared in our upcoming bulletins.

We can't wait to see you!



Miriam's Cup



Miriam and Elijah's Cup



Miriam and Elijah's Cup



Leah, Bonnie, Channel (our instructor), Jaki and Rebbetzin Leah





The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Board of Directors wish you and your family a Happy Passover!

Please note that our office will be closed on Thursday, April 6, Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 & 13.

We would like to give a huge shout out to Trader Joe's for their donation to us of 300 paper bags which we will use for our holiday bags.

For those of you still looking for Passover items along with Kosher goods, Trader Joe's has a nice selection.

They have become a wonderful community partner to us! Thank you Fort Wayne Trader Joe's!

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

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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.

We'll read the Haggadah led by Rabbi Meir Barger 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.

Reservations after the March 24 deadline will be taken if space is available. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to ask if seating remains. Payment must accompany your reservation. (Make checks payable to "CAV – The Temple") We will not be taking payment the night of the event. When you RSVP, please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian entrée. [Find menu and price information](#)

LEARN ABOUT ANCIENT PROCESS OF WRITING A TORAH

Explore the age-old process of writing, repairing, and caring for a Torah on Tuesday, May 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Temple when we welcome [Rabbi Moshe Druiin](#), President of [Sofer on Site International](#).

Please join us for this memorable opportunity for all ages to learn from Rabbi Druiin, a *sofer* (Torah scribe), about some of the complex laws governing the writing of the 304,805 Hebrew letters that comprise a Torah. Learn about the quill, ink, and tools he uses to maintain a sacred scroll according to ancient traditions.

His visit to Fort Wayne is part of Achduth Vesholom's Torah restoration efforts. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Rabbi Druiin's visit.

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, April 14 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 April theme is "freedom."

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.

SHARE WORSHIP AT THE TEMPLE

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

Rabbi Meir Barger will lead services most Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. Our Passover Yizkor service will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

We warmly welcome guests to join us at the Temple or online. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for links to access services on Zoom.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS HELPS FAMILIES WITH TWICE-MONTHLY BAGS

As we all know, the price of groceries is skyrocketing and families are struggling to put food on the table. Through Thoughtful

Thursdays, we do our best to help ease the pressure for the 51 Brightpoint Head Start families in our program by providing two bags each month of food and household products.

The rising cost of items creates challenges for our volunteers when shopping. However, it makes what we do that much more important! We do our best to stretch our budget through sale and bulk pricing.

As we gather on Wednesday, April 12 (one week later than usual due to Passover and spring break), we will be packing bags with ingredients and the recipe for "Easy Chicken Noodle Casserole," boxes of brownie mix, aluminum foil, salt and pepper, paper towels and rolls of toilet paper.

Thank you to the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the members of our Jewish and extended 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.

Remember, hunger doesn't stop because of inflation!

Sally Trotter, Thoughtful Thursdays chair

TEACHER SYMPOSIUM FOCUSES ON HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

A symposium to help support Indiana teachers at all levels in educating students on the Holocaust and Holocaust-related events will be held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday, June 13-14 at the Temple.

The effort is a collaboration between the [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) and the [PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#). Congregation Achduth Vesholom is the lead sponsor and generous supporter of this initiative. [Find the application](#)

Now more than ever, this education needs to take place in Indiana classrooms.

Workshop hosts are Steven Alan Carr, director of IHGS at Purdue Fort Wayne, and Stella Schafter, USHMM Teacher Fellow 2016-2017 and Tippecanoe School Corporation ELA Teacher.

The program will review best practices for teaching about the Holocaust. It also will include sessions on Judaism, eugenics, Indiana's state mandate for teaching the Holocaust, and how to use primary source materials like films and historical newspapers to prompt students to grapple with complex questions. Teachers will take classroom-ready materials and proven resources back home with them, increasing their confidence in teaching the Holocaust to their students. Upon request, attendees can receive up to six Professional Growth Points (PGP).

Limited housing - with some meals provided - may be available at no cost to participants who need to arrive early. In addition, small stipends may be available to cover travel and other expenses.

Priority registration closes on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

The program will begin with a dinner and presentation on Tuesday, June 13 at 6 p.m. covering the topic "What Is Judaism and What Does It Mean to Be Jewish?" with Rabbi Meir Barger from Congregation Achduth Vesholom. Sessions on Wednesday, June 14 are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Find the tentative schedule](#)



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to host the Shared History Project from the Leo Baeck Institute. This program commences on April 16, 2023 with a tour of the exhibit followed by two free public programs.

"1700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands"

- 1:00 Tour of the exhibit "1700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands" with Karen Franklin
- 2:00 Presentation by Karen Franklin, "Genealogical Journey" focusing on 8 objects from the exhibit
- 3:30 Presentation by Mike Brown, "Early Indiana Synagogues and the Germanic Period of Indiana Jewish History"

This exhibit will be housed at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center and tells the story of German Jewry through 58 artifacts presented chronologically to create a multifaceted historical narrative of the complex coexistence of Jews and non-Jews. Themes such as migration, everyday life, inclusion/exclusion, persecution/exile, achievement, and resilience through the centuries will be explored. The Leo Baeck Institute in New York and Berlin is a research library and archive focused on the history of German-speaking Jews.

Michael Brown is the Executive Director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society. He has an honorable discharge from the US Army Reserve as a Medic. He earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University and has a Born's Jewish Studies program certificate. He has previously worked for a few Israeli Tech start-ups and was the executive director of The Hillel of Southern Illinois University.

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, and as co-chair of the Board of Governors of JewishGen. 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.

If you are unable to attend in-person, registration is required to participate in the virtual aspect of this program. The link can be found at [Upcoming Events – Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society \(neindianajgs.org\)](https://www.neindianajgs.org).

The exhibit will be viewable at the library from April 16th through the end of the month. Thank you 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.

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.

NEIJGS TO HOST 45th INTERNATIONAL JEWISH GENEALOGY CONFERENCE IN 2025!



We are pleased to let you know that the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society has recently been awarded the honor of hosting the 45th International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Conference in August of 2025. The annual conference typically draws hundreds of Jewish genealogists from around the world and features presentations covering all aspects of Jewish genealogy.

This annual event has been held in cities such as New York City, Los Angeles, Jerusalem and Warsaw, Poland. This year's conference will be held in London, England.

Founded in 2018, the NEIJGS has worked closely with the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center and its director, Curt Witcher. This collaboration has gained significant attention as well-known speakers have visited the area to speak to the Society and the Fort Wayne genealogy community on various aspects of Jewish genealogy and have spread the word about the resources available in Fort Wayne. While the work involved will be significant, the NEIJGS is excited to be awarded the conference, and looks forward to welcoming everyone to Fort Wayne in 2025.

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

Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund

- Donations were received from **Lake City Bank, Sandra Blumenthal Beckett, Janet Blumenthal, Cathy Cohan, Pamela and Ron Friedman, Marla Kushner, Jere Leib, Susie Miller, Simon Misrac, Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Charla Sheray, Patrice & Mike Spouseep, Donna & Josh Tourkow, Susan Blumenthal Tracy, Marie Warshauer, and Mary Jo & Eric Werner** in memory of **Audrey Gerson**



General Operating Fund

- A donation was received from an **anonymous** donor
- A donation was received from **Kay Safirstein** in memory of **Rabbi Richard Safran** and **Clint Rossiter**
- **Goldenberg Camp Joe Fund**
- A donation was received from **Kay Safirstein**
- **JNF - Plant a tree in Israel**
- A donation was received from an **anonymous** donor
- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in memory of **Audrey Gerson**

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)

April 6 – No Lunch - Passover

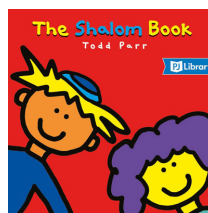
April 20 – Cosmos Restaurant
9807 Lima Road

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



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.



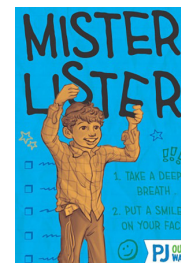
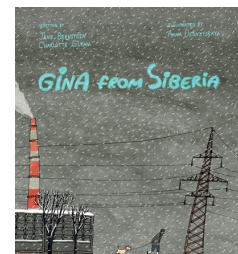
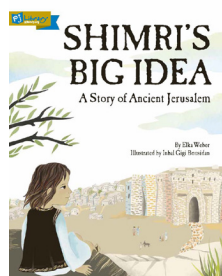
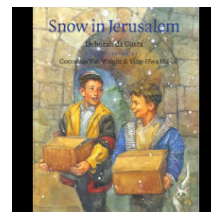
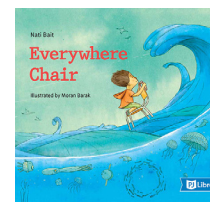
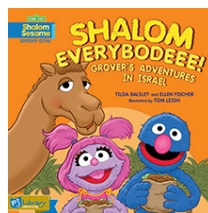
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