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MAY 2023

JOIN US FOR DINNER

Our Rosh Chodesh group will be meeting for dinner **5:30 pm** on **Wednesday, May 10** at **Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine** - 4411 Coldwater 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. Our next dinner will be Wednesday **July 19** - **Joanna's Family Restaurant** - 3720 W Jefferson Boulevard.

We can't wait to see you!



camp joe levine

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP JOE LEVINE

Camp Joe is just around the corner! Join us in June and July and experience all the exciting adventures and fun times at our summer camp. Learn about Israel and its culture, play your favorite sports and games, hike, swim, and observe nature up close at the beautiful [Metea County Park](#)! The lake, the Nature Center, the trails, friends – old and new - and, of course, our dedicated staff, all await your child's arrival.

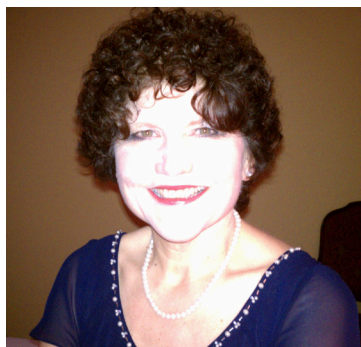
It is our goal to make sure that all children are able to participate in this wonderful program. Camper scholarships are available. If you are interested in a scholarship for your child, please mark "yes" at the bottom of the application or contact the Jewish Federation directly at 260-456-0400.

Camp runs Monday – Friday, June 26 – July 14, 2023. Applications are available online at www.fwjf.org or by request from the Federation. We hope to hear from you soon. We look forward to sharing this great camping experience with your child.



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

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THE LONGEST HATRED...

“Those who make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.” Voltaire

Anti-Semitism is very old hatred. Recently, a number of high-profile entertainers, athletes and politicians have openly spouted anti-Semitic tropes and lies for their own self gain. Called, “the longest hatred,” anti-Semitism has persisted in its many nefarious forms for two thousand years and is, tragically, again now on the rise.

The number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States and throughout the world last year was the highest since the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) began record keeping. There are sharp rises in attacks targeting schools, Jewish institutions, at college campuses, and directly against both religious and non-religious Jews.

When the ADL was founded in 1913, anti-Semitism had been institutionalized as a staple of American life. Remarkably, though, the founders of ADL didn’t limit their scope solely to Jews, but rather sought to secure justice and fair treatment for all citizens. Their goal was to put an end forever to unjust and unfair discrimination of any sect or body of citizens. Hatred often starts with the Jews, but it doesn’t end with them. The rise up the Pyramid of hate is both a local and global phenomenon. It has resulted in horrific acts of violence and discrimination against other minority groups, immigrants, Muslims, LGBTQ, etc.

The Nazi State which supported the systematic murder of Jews is history’s most extreme act of anti-Semitism. Sadly, anti-Semitism did not end with the Holocaust. Hatred and the wonton killing of Jews continues to be fueled by various myths, blood libel, conspiracy theories (no shortage on the internet) and other sordid lies.

The history of the Holocaust shows that targeting an entire group for persecution has far reaching negative consequences. It leads to an overall increase in xenophobia, racism, and extremism throughout society, resulting in devastating consequences for us as individuals and for entire societies.

We welcome you to join us to remember the victims of the Holocaust at our Yom HaShoah (Day of Remembrance) commemoration. On April 17, we will welcome Keynote Speaker, Andrew Lapin, Narrator of the podcast, “Radioactive” and Carol Black, a Tree of Life Synagogue survivor who was present when her brother, who among 10 others, including a Holocaust survivor, were massacred.

Let us act now to tamp down bigotry, lies and intolerance before it escalates and destroys the very essence of who we are and what we can still become as human beings. No matter your age, political beliefs, or social status, you can make a profound difference in bettering our corner of the world. Serve as an ally to others that are experiencing harassment and bigotry. Perform acts of caring and compassion. Advocate for social justice and affirm the basic human values of tolerance and inclusivity.

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION
MONDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2023 7:00 PM
RIFKIN CAMPUS @ 5200 OLD MILL RD.
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In observance of Memorial Day,
our office will be closed
Monday, May 29

YOM HASHOAH

FORT WAYNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

After meeting virtually for the past few years, we finally were able to be together in person on Monday evening, April 17 for our annual Yom HaShoah commemoration program. If anyone missed the commemoration or would like to view it again, [click here](#). A very special thank you to our guest speakers **Carol Black** and **Andrew Lapin**. **New Haven** and **New Tech High School** students did an outstanding job on their art projects. Thank you to our **committee, volunteers, Rabbi Barger** and **Temple staff**; without you this would not have been the special evening it was! We always want to thank the **Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation** for its continued support, without whom evenings like this would not be possible, thank you!

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Mayor Henry reading the Yom HaShoah Day proclamation



Yom HaShoah committee member Carol Jackson



Community members lighting the six candles in remembrance of the six million



Yom HaShoah committee member Steve Carr



New Haven High School teacher Erin White with her student

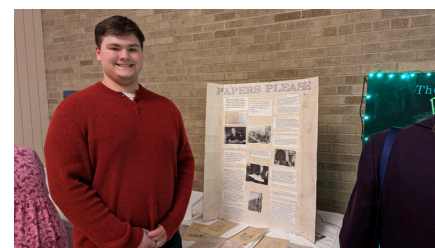
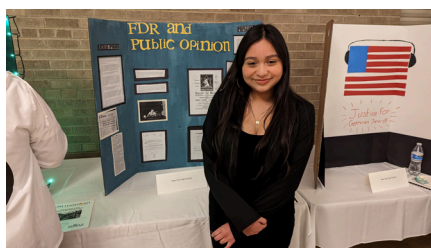
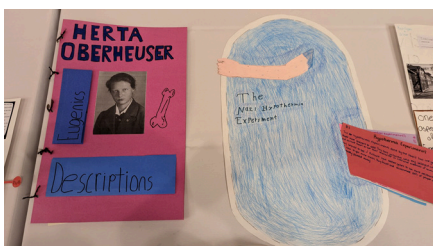
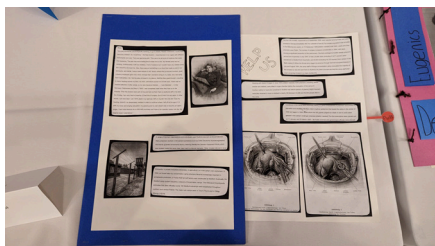
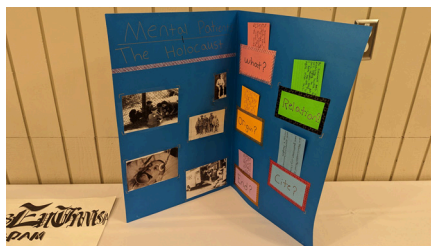
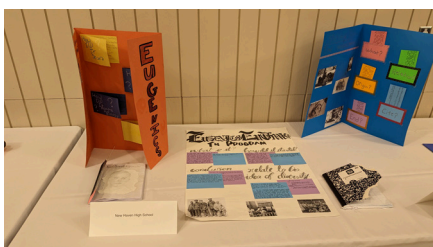
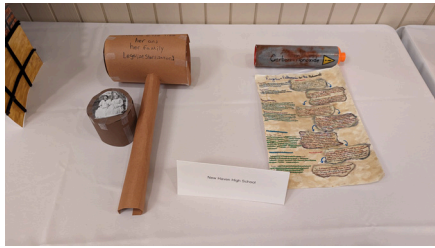
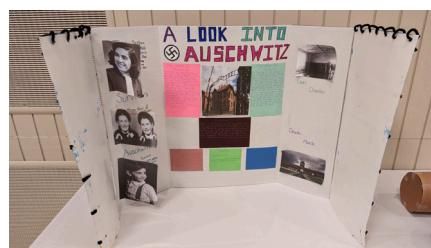
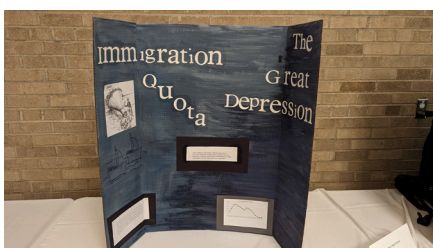
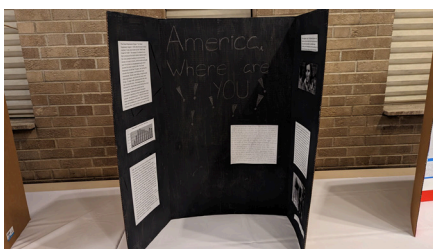
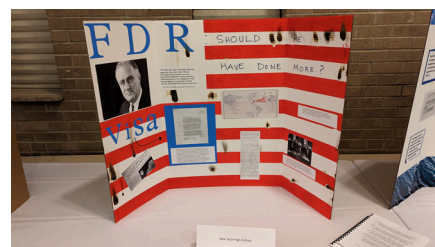
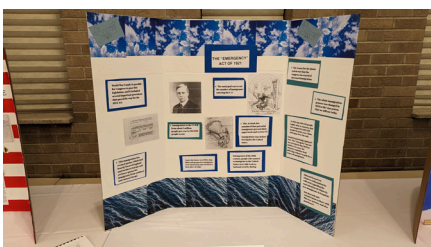
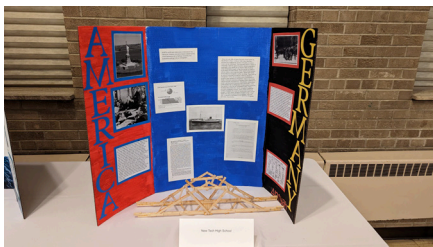


Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Rabbi Meir Barger

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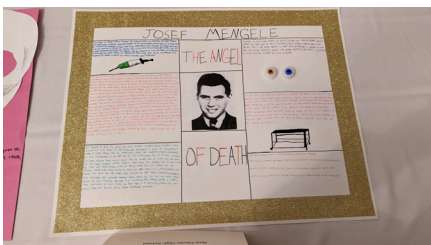
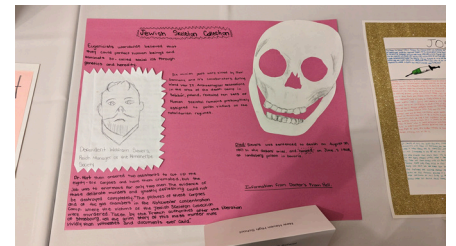
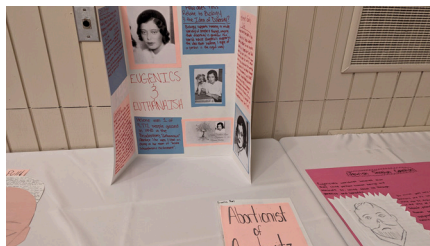
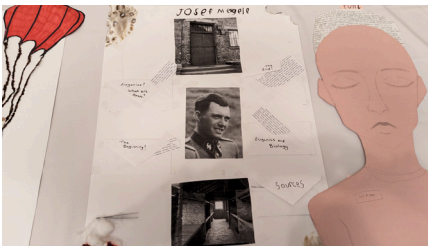
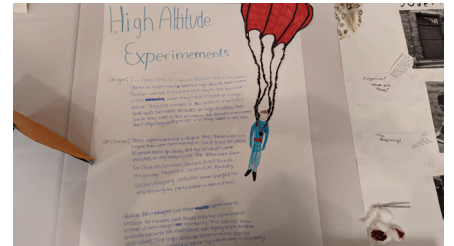
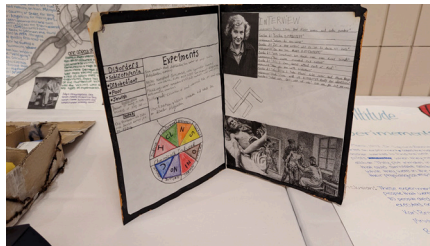
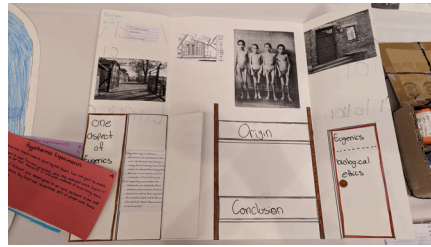
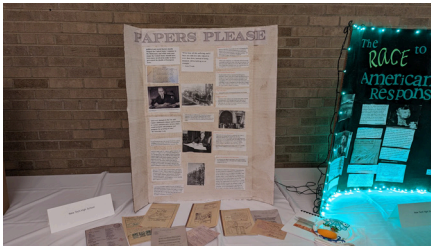
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Keynote speaker
Andrew Lapin



Guest speaker
Carol Black



Yom HaShoah
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Your Direct Connection to Israel

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

From Our Friends at [Partnership2Gether](#)!

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



BOOKCLUB

Sunday May 7

1pm EDT | 7pm Budapest | 8pm Israel

Join us for a discussion about

Beauty Queen Of Jerusalem

by Sarit Yishai-Levi

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What are we talking about this month: 20 Beautiful Children's Books About Friendship

It's weird to think about, but no one is born with the knowledge of how to be a good friend—that's something that every person learns as they grow up. For grown-ups it may even seem strange to think back to a time when the know-how to make, and be, a friend didn't exist. No matter where your kids are in their development, books can help reinforce the lessons that all parents try to impart about being a good friend or confidant.

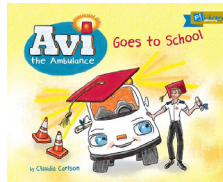
Story books help toddlers understand basic concepts of sharing and help kindergartners develop their sense of empathy. As kids age and enter middle school, they contend with a whole new host of complexities around the ideas of friendship or what it means to be a friend. Age-appropriate novels and chapter books can help big kids parse out what kind of friend they'd like to be as they navigate the later elementary and middle school years.

The **value of friendship**, or *dibbuk chaverim*, describes the bond formed in close relationships with friends, and is a central theme in the books featured below.

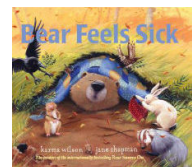
Avi the Ambulance Goes to School by Claudia Carlson

Recommended for ages 3 to 4

Ride along with Avi, a special ambulance in Israel, and his driver.



Bear Feels Sick by Karma Wilson



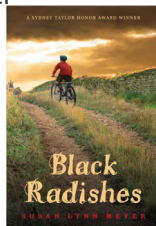
Recommended for ages 3 to 4

Bear feels absolutely terrible. He's home sick and it is not fun. Each of Bear's friends stops by to try to cheer him up.

Black Radishes by Susan Lynn Meyer

Recommended for ages 10 and up

Gustave and his family are French Jews, living in Paris in 1940. In an effort to escape the Nazis invading France, they flee to the unoccupied zone in the countryside, leaving friends, including Gustave's best pal, Marcel, behind.



The Candlewick by Jennifer Rosner

Recommended for ages 6 to 7

The Candlewick is a story of friendship and kindness. The two main characters, Ruthie and Bayla, clearly care for each other. As they live some distance from one another, Ruthie travels to Bayla's home for an extended visit. Since Bayla cannot hear her doorbell, Ruthie devises a solution that makes it easier for Bayla to know when visitors call.



Chicken Soup by Heart by Esther Hershenhorn

Recommended for ages 5 to 6

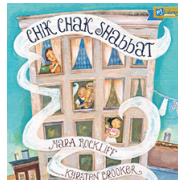
Rudie loves his babysitter, Mrs. Gittel -- but one day Mrs. Gittel comes down with the flu! What can Rudie do to help her feel better? He and his mama



come up with a delicious idea.

Chik Chak Shabbat by Mara Rockliff

Recommended for ages 6 to 7

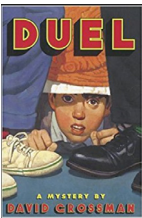


Goldie Simcha is an amazing cook and she treats her lucky neighbors to delicious cholent every weekend. One Friday, the tenants in her building don't smell Goldie's cooking and worry--after discovering that she's under the weather, Goldie's neighbors work together to surprise her in a very special way.

Duel by David Grossman

Recommended for ages 10 and up

Twelve-year-old David lives in Jerusalem. While volunteering at a home for the elderly he befriends 70-year-old photographer Heinrich Rosenthal. When an enemy of Mr. Rosenthal's from before the war, known as "the Bully of Heidelberg," accuses him of stealing a priceless painting and challenges him to an old-fashioned duel to the death, David must do some quick thinking to save his friend's life.



Estie the Mensch by Jane Kohuth



Estie loves to roar like a lion and prance like a gazelle. When her grandmother introduces her to Joshie, another young boy, Estie's not so interested in playing, but when Joshie loses his ice cream cone, Estie comes through as only a friend can.

The Forever Garden by Laurel Snyder

Recommended for ages 6 to 7

Laurel loves working in the garden with her neighbor, Honey. When it's time for Honey to move away, Laurel worries about what will happen with their special garden.



A Hat for Mrs. Goldman by Michelle Edwards

Recommended for ages 6 to 7

Mrs. Goldman takes care of everyone in the neighborhood, including her young neighbor, Sophia. When Mrs. Goldman gets sick, Sophia creates a special "get well" present with a very personal touch.



Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco

Recommended for ages 5 to 8

An elderly widow and a young boy develop a special bond by caring for a sickly kitten.



Picnic at Camp Shalom by Jacqueline Jules

Recommended for ages 6 to 7

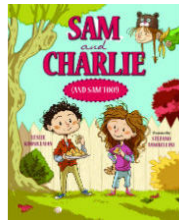
Carly and Sara are bunkmates who get off to a rocky start but their love of music (and a surprise in common) leads to a great summer camp friendship.



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The Sam and Charlie series by Leslie Kimmelman



Recommended for ages 5 to 7

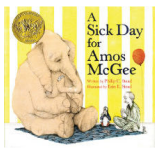
Sam is thrilled when he learns that his new neighbor is named Charlie – but he's shocked when Charlie is a girl! Charlie and Sam become fast friends and enjoy many adventures with Charlie's little sister, "Sam too," in tow. The series features easy reader style chapter books with short stories about forgiveness, Jewish holidays,

and growing up.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead

Recommended for ages 4 to 5

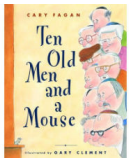
Every day, zookeeper Amos McGee rides the bus to the zoo, where he plays chess with the elephant, races the tortoise, and reads stories to the owl. But one day he feels too sick to go to work, so his animal friends hop on the bus to visit him – performing the mitzvah of *bikur cholim*, visiting the sick. Learn more about [why PJ Library chose this book](#) for subscribers.



Ten Old Men and a Mouse by Cary Fagan

Recommended for ages 6 to 8

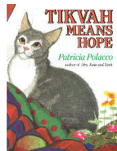
In this gentle tale, the ten elderly men who faithfully come together at their synagogue each day for prayer and friendship develop a fondness for a little mouse that appears one day.



Tikvah Means Hope by Patricia Polacco

Recommended for ages 7 and up

While preparing for Sukkot, a town is rocked by a devastating fire, but a special little cat helps bring a community together. Illustrated in Polacco's signature style, this heartfelt story celebrates friendship and hope.



A Time of Angels by Karen Hesse



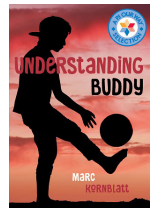
Recommended for ages 11 and up

Hannah is sent to Albany, New York, to escape illness, but she mistakenly boards the train to Brattleboro, Vermont. Alone and beginning to be sick with the flu, she arrives in Brattleboro, where she is taken in by a kind German man, Klaus Gerhard. Klaus respects Hannah's Jewish traditions and cares for her until she is well enough to return home.

Understanding Buddy by Marc Kornblatt

Recommended for ages 10 to 12

Ten-year-old Sam isn't supposed to know that Laura, his family's house cleaner, has died in a car accident, but keeping the secret makes things hard for him at school. He can't tell anyone why the new boy, Laura's son Buddy, acts so strangely, so nobody understands why Sam sticks up for him.



What a Way to Start a New Year by Jacqueline Jules

Recommended for ages 6 to 7

Everything seems to be going wrong for Dina's family as they try to get ready for Rosh Hashanah. When it looks like the family won't have dinner for the [High Holidays](#), their community steps in to support them.

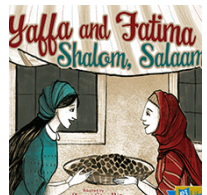


Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom and Salaam by Fawzia

Gilani-Williams

Recommended for ages 5 to 6

Yaffa and Fatima are dear friends, despite coming from different backgrounds. When times get tough, how will they look after each other? This rendition of a classic Jewish folktale is an inspiring look at how friendship perseveres.



Did you find a new favorite book in this list? Have something to add? Reach out to us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#), to share your thoughts.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date!

Our 102nd annual meeting will be held on Sunday, **June 11, 2023 at 3 pm**. Members who have made their 2022 - 2023 pledge are invited to attend at [Ceruti's](#) (6601 Innovation Boulevard).

Check your mail!

Invitations for our **Israel@75 celebration** beginning at **4 pm** following our annual meeting at **Ceruti's** will be sent out soon.





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 Druin](#), President of [Sofer on Site International](#).

Please join us for this memorable opportunity for all ages to learn from Rabbi Druin, 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 and the first event in our celebration of our congregation's 175th anniversary.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and Carol & Larry Adelman for their support of Rabbi Druin's visit.

SHARE WORSHIP AND SIMCHAS 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 on 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. Beginning on June 2, Friday services will move to 6:30 p.m. for the summer. Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat for young children usually meets on the second Friday at 5:30 p.m. [Find the calendar](#)

Several special services and simchas are planned for May, including:

- **Friday, May 12 – 7:30 p.m.** – Confirmation of Matthew Hadashi, son of Leah Zimmerman and Shai Hadashi; Leo Powell, son of Marnie & Mark Lowden and Jason Powell; and Isabella Wallet, daughter of Wendi & Josh Wallet
- **Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m.** - B'nei Mitzvah of Ducky & Mila Ash, children of Jessica & Roger Ash
- **Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shavuot Service
- **Saturday, May 27 at 9:45 a.m.** – Shabbat & Shavuot Yizkor Service

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

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, May 12 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. 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!

SHARE SHAVUOT WITH OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Please join us for our Shavuot service on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. when we celebrate the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, led by Rabbi Meir Barger on. Our Shabbat service on Saturday, May 27 at 9:45 a.m. will include Yizkor. Please join us in person or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

In ancient times, Shavuot marked the conclusion of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. The holiday is celebrated 50 days after Passover.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS CONCLUDES 14TH YEAR IN MAY

As the school year comes to a close for our Brightpoint Head Start students, [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) will conclude its 14th year with distributions in May of food and toiletries. We will be giving a little extra to these families to help them through the summer months when we prepare bags on Wednesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.

Thank you to those who continue to make Thoughtful Thursdays a priority with your donations. You realize how important it is to keep the children fed and safe!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who continue to be so engaged and supportive. Without you we could not provide this program.

Thank you, also, for the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the 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. We would love to have you join us!

Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because of inflation and supply chain issues. It makes what we do even more important!

Sally Trotter, Thoughtful Thursdays chairperson

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 Schafer, USHMM Teacher Fellow 2016-2017 and Tippecanoe School Corporation ELA Teacher.



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome Ron Arons, a veteran genealogist, speaker, and author for a program on Sunday, May 7, 2023, beginning at 2:00 pm. This is a hybrid program, taking place at the Allen County Public Library and will also be presented virtually through the Zoom platform.

Alcohol, Prohibition and Temperance Societies in Ohio and Indiana

This presentation will discuss Indiana and Ohio's role and participation in Prohibition and the temperance movement. The session will cover alcohol production and distribution, the push for temperance, key figures, groups, legislation, enforcement, and the demise of Prohibition. Maps and time lines will be used to show how this fits in with a larger geographical and temporal context.

Researching Criminal Ancestors

In this presentation, Ron demonstrates how to research black sheep ancestors, those relatives who might be difficult to research for any one of a number of different reasons. Ron talks about using 'standard' genealogical records (census, vital records, city directories, etc.) but also about other specific records available only for those who broke the law or came close to doing so. Specific recommendations will be given regarding the methodology of researching such characters.

Ron Arons has been researching his family for more than 20 years and has traced his ancestors back to England, Poland, Belarus, Lithuania, Romania, and Ukraine. Ron became particularly interested in researching criminals when he discovered a very deeply buried secret about an ancestor who got into trouble and served time at one of the most famous American prisons. Ron has authored three books: The Jews of Sing Sing, WANTED! U.S. Criminal Records, and Mind Maps for Genealogy. He has given more than 500 presentations across the country (including sessions at 17 IAJGS conferences) and internationally. Ron earned degrees in engineering and business from Princeton and University of Chicago. He currently serves as Secretary for the IAJGS Board of Directors.

We are thrilled that Ron Arons will be presenting in-person at the ACPL Genealogy Center. If you are unable to attend on site, registration is required. The link can be found at [Upcoming Events – Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society \(neindianajgs.org\)](https://www.neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events).

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.

RON ARONS

Alcohol, Prohibition and Temperance Societies in Ohio and Indiana and Researching Criminal Ancestors

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Register at www.NEIndianaJGS.org for this FREE virtual program
(if unable to attend in-person)

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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 **Marci Landis, Terry & Larry Robbins** and **Jo Ellen & Mike Rush** in memory of **Audrey Gerson**

General Operating Fund

- A donation was received from an **anonymous** donor and **Doris Gottlieb**

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

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



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)

May 4 – West Coast Grille
2310 S. Calhoun Street

May 18 – The Hoppy Gnome
203 E. Berry Street

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

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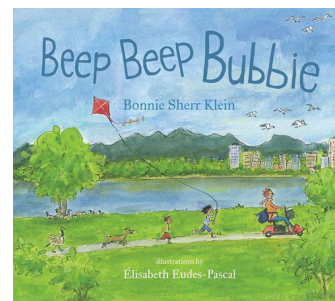
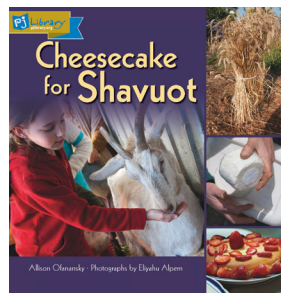
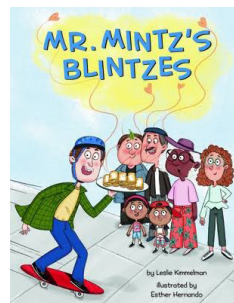
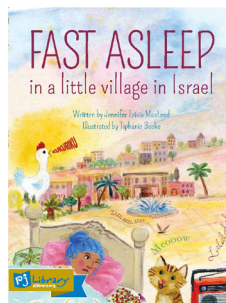
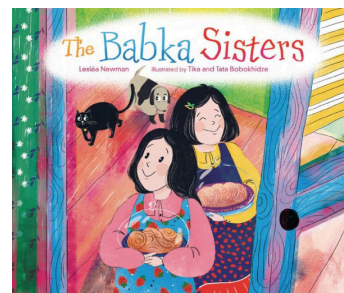
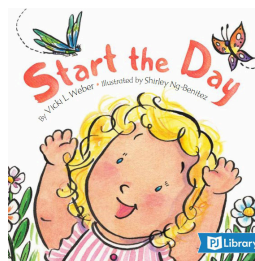
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Which books did you receive this month?

A program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, PJ Library is made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. Families with kids ages 6 months through 8 years old with Judaism as part of their lives are welcome to sign up.



PJ Our Way is for kids ages 9-11. It is kid-driven - they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based on their own interests and reading level. To make the choice easier, our website includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

