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JUNE 2023

## 102nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF FORT WAYNE

will commence on

**June 11 at 3:00 p.m. EST**

at

**Ceruti's Catering** (6601 Innovation Blvd.)

### Proposed Slate 2023-2024

The Nominating Committee has  
submitted the following slate:

#### Officers

President: Scott Salon (one year term)  
Vice President: Bob Walters (one year term)  
Secretary: Bonnie Pomerantz (one year term)  
Treasurer: Lee Pomerantz (one year term)

Pomegranate and Lion of Judah pins  
will be awarded.

Presentation of the Goldie DuBow winner

Donors to the 2022 - 2023 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign are eligible to vote in this election.

#### Directors - Not up for re-election Term Ending 2024

Ben Eisbart  
Ron Friedman  
Mike Rush  
Ellen Tom  
Leah Zimmerman

#### Director - Term Ending 2025

Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz  
Maureen Grinsfelder  
Mimi Zelman

## BE OUR GUEST AS WE CELEBRATE ISRAEL@75!



Speakers, music, food, fun

When  
June 11, 2023

Where

Ceruti's Catering (6601 Innovation Blvd., Fort Wayne)

Time

4 pm

RSVP

June 5 at (260) 456 - 0400 or [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org)



*We look forward to celebrating with you  
immediately following our annual meeting.*

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



## ISRAEL AT 75



**“IN ORDER TO BE A REALIST, YOU MUST BELIEVE  
IN MIRACLES.”**

**David Ben-Gurion**

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948, late on a Friday afternoon, about 250 invited guests of the World Zionist Organization arrived at the Tel Aviv Museum. As David Ben Gurion reads the Declaration of Independence during the ceremony founding the State of Israel, he adds, “The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here, their spiritual, religious, and national identity was formed. Here, they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance”.

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a Resolution for the establishment of an independent Jewish State in Palestine... This recognition by the United Nations of “the right of the Jewish people to establish their independent state may not be revoked. It is, moreover, the self-evident right of the Jewish people to be a nation, like all other nations, in its own sovereign state.”

After over 2000 years of wandering and exile, our Jewish homeland was reborn in our beloved Eretz Yisrael. This is truly a modern miracle. The Jewish people are home. The Jewish people have a State of our own. We have a sanctuary, a safe place from the nightmare of antisemitism. We have a modern public square where the best of Jewish values live. We have a modern state where the Hebrew language and Jewish culture thrive.

To quote David Ben Gurion, “Our call goes out to the Jewish people all over the world to rally to our side in the task of immigration and development and to stand by us in the great struggle for the fulfillment of the dream of generations – the redemption of Israel.”

It’s important to remember and appreciate all that Israel has accomplished in its 75 short years as a State. And it will continue to overcome current obstacles and challenges by continuing to invoke its rich history of values and ideals, as successful nations do. After all, seventy-five is an awkward age at which to judge a nation. Millard Fillmore was president when the United States reached that age.

Although Israel has few natural resources, it is called, “The Start-Up Nation” due to its amazing achievements in desert agriculture, water technology, and hi-tech and its contributions to medicine. Israel is living up to the nation’s promise to be a “Midgal Or” – a beacon of light to the world by helping to solve some of humanity’s greatest challenges.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne will be the host as we come together to celebrate this important milestone in the history of the Jewish people. Please join us as we say, “Happy Birthday Israel”. We are happy that you are here to stay and amazed at all your accomplishments in your first 75 years. Mazel tov to Israel at 75!

# Thank You

2022 - 2023 DONORS (AS OF MAY 15, 2023)

**Thank you to our generous donors!**

**We could not do what we do without each of you!**

Your gift to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne provides much-needed support here at home, in Israel and to struggling Jewish communities in over 70 countries around the world.

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The Jewish Federation is pleased to wish  
**Jaki Schreier**  
a Mazel tov for being selected as a  
**2023 Hoosier Jewish Legend!**

**The Hoosier Jewish Legends - A Hall of Fame celebrates Jewish and non-Jewish Hoosiers who have created a significant and lasting impact to their profession, faith-based and/or secular community, and the legacy of the role of the Jewish community in Indiana's continuing story.**

This is the eighth year the Indiana Jewish Historical Society is honoring our Hoosier Jewish Legends.

There will be a presentation of this award to Jaki and the other honorees at a special program late this summer.

**Mazel Tov Jaki!!**



Summer camp is a home for many wonderful things. Each day is filled with new discoveries, fun games and exciting adventures. It is a happy, care-free environment, where kids step away from the rigors of the school year and concentrate their energies on simply being kids and enjoying their days to the fullest. Camp friendships are a vital part of this process. They magnify every joyous moment and make the whole experience much more special.

Last summer, we welcomed many new campers through the Refer-A-Friend program. What a thrill it was for the kids to spend their days exploring, inventing, improvising, sharing creative endeavors, wild adventures, mischief and laughs with their friends! Together they had the time of their lives! And, without a doubt, getting to know and becoming friends with these amazing children, made camp even better for all of us.

With the start of camp quickly approaching, now is a great time to register and to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. And if your child has a friend who might enjoy the experience, invite them to participate.

Here is how the Refer-A-Friend program works:

- Refer a *new family* to Camp Joe.
- When they register, make sure we know that you referred them.
- Both the referring and the referred families will receive 10% off of their payment.

Camp dates for the summer of 2023:

- June 26-30
- July 3-7
- July 10-14

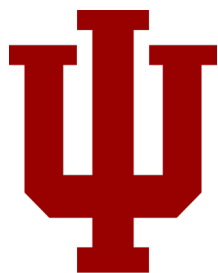
We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Larisa and Samantha, Camp Directors



## TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is excited to remind our families about the Jewish Studies tuition reimbursement program.



A student whose family is a member of the Federation will be reimbursed at a rate based on one-half the tuition cost per Indiana University credit hour for classes taken in Judaic Studies.

As many of our youth are attending college all over the country and the tuition varies considerably from college to college, this policy provides equitable treatment to all of our university students.

A transcript, showing the course and grade received, and a copy of a fee payment receipt must be submitted as proof for reimbursement. The Federation reserves the right to request a syllabus or additional description of the class taken. A C+ grade or its numerical equivalent must be earned in the course work in order to qualify for reimbursement.



BALL STATE  
UNIVERSITY

Family membership is defined as a minimum gift of \$104.00 to the most recent Federation Annual Campaign, which runs from November through March.

Any questions, please call Jaki Schreier at (260) 456-0400 or contact her at [jakischreier@fwjf.org](mailto:jakischreier@fwjf.org).

## S.K.I.P (Send a Kid to Israel Program)

Established in 1984 by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) in partnership with [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#), and revised in November 1999, the program has provided a savings vehicle for many families and has helped make a trip to Israel a reality for so many of our youth. The Federation portion of the savings plan is provided by income from the Federation Endowment Fund for members of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.



The Federation, for each year a child participates in **S.K.I.P.**, contributes \$200.00 per year per child. This is matched by a Congregational contribution of \$75.00 per year. Your parent contribution, on behalf of each participating child, is \$175.00 or more per year.

The program is available to local youth enrolled in their congregational religious school in grades 1-10. The fund may be used for an organized trip to Israel any time after grade 10 until the youth reaches age 23.

Each **S.K.I.P** account is supplemented by a gift from the **HY AND LORRY GOLDENBERG BIRTHRIGHT FUND** and the **MINNETTE AND MEYER RUCHMAN FUND**.

Looking for a bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation or special gift for one of our local youth, then please consider making that gift to their **S.K.I.P.** Fund account. An acknowledgment will be sent to you and a card indicating your gift will be sent to the designee.

Enrollment packets will be sent to all families not yet enrolled. If you do not get a packet or have any questions, please contact Federation's Executive Director Jaki Schreier at [jakischreier@fwjf.org](mailto:jakischreier@fwjf.org) or (260) 456.0400.





## "The Jewish Journey: America"

Narrated by award-winning CBS News journalist Martha Teichner, *The Jewish Journey: America* follows the trajectory of Jewish American life from the earliest arrivals in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century through the impact of the Nazi regime in World War II, the creation of Israel, and the new challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century assimilation. It also explores the personal stories many faced as they migrated to America, whether for economic opportunity or to escape persecution.

Unlike other immigrant stories, Jewish American history has been rooted in an ever-changing "Old Country" (South America, Europe, Russia, North Africa, and the Middle East to name a few). The film features interviews with top scholars in Jewish history and notable Jewish American writers and immigrants who share stories of those who made a leap of faith to escape persecution or pursue opportunity. It details the varied stories of migration through the last five centuries, with a rarely explored look at the actual journey to get here.

**Encore presentation will be shown on PBS39 on June 11 at noon**

Our thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for making this presentation possible.



## JOIN US FOR DINNER

Our Rosh Chodesh group will be meeting for dinner **5:30 pm** on **Wednesday, July 19** at [Joanna's Family Restaurant](#) - **3720 W Jefferson Boulevard**. 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](mailto: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 **October 11** - [The Hoppy Gnome](#) - 203 E. Berry Street.

We can't wait to see you!

**JUNE  
TEENTH  
FREEDOM DAY**



In recognition of Juneteenth Day, our office will be closed on Monday, June 19

**Happy  
Father's  
Day**

To all we call or have called Dad -  
Happy Father's Day!

## 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.

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What are we talking about this month:

PJ Library Around the World

# PJ Library Around the World

BY RACHEL KOZUPSKY  
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

**T**aiwan, Venezuela, and the United Arab Emirates. These are just three of the 36 countries that are part of PJ Library's international program.

We have myriad statistics to back up our mission, but as always, it's about stories — not just the ones we share but also the ones created to reflect different cultures. To make the stories even more accessible, many have been translated into English, Hebrew, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Russian, and Ukrainian.

Our hope is that families everywhere see PJ Library books both as mirrors and windows. We want families to see themselves in the stories, so the books feel relatable and relevant. But we also want them to see and learn something new about Jewish customs or traditions that are different than theirs.

PJ Library books are a time-tested way to make that happen. Through stories, children are learning that British Jews created fish and chips, and Moroccan Jews celebrate a separate holiday after Passover called Mimouna. There will always be room to learn something new about the Jewish experience and enhance our own Jewishness.

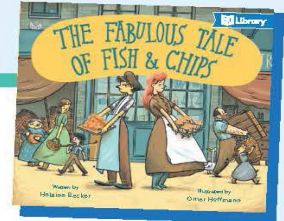
As Jews, it is a treat when we visit a new synagogue and pick up a *siddur* (prayer book), knowing that even if the songs sound different, we are still among our shared community. PJ Library offers a small taste of that same feeling, knowing that children everywhere are reading some of the same stories, just as Jews have shared the same ancient books for millennia. Here's a look at some of our stories from around the world.

Donors at all levels have an impact around the world. You can support the PJ Library International Fund by making a gift online at [pjlibrary.org/donate](http://pjlibrary.org/donate) or contacting [give@hgf.org](mailto:give@hgf.org).

## EUROPE

### *The Fabulous Tale of Fish & Chips*

Written by Helaine Becker  
Illustrated by Omer Hoffmann  
Published by Green Bean Books



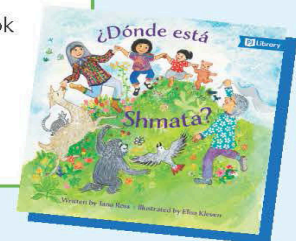
Londoner Joseph Malin has a great idea: he'll sell fried fish made by using one of his Sephardic grandmother's favorite recipes for Shabbat. The fish is a hit! But what will happen when his fish cart collides with Annette's french fry cart? When people work together, delicious things happen.

## LATIN AMERICA

### *¿Dónde está Shmata?*

Written by Tana Ross  
Illustrated by Elisa Kleven  
Published by PJ Publishing

Shmata is missing! Is it there behind the pillow — or is that an armadillo? Lift the flaps to help the little girl in this book find her beloved blankie in this sweet story set in Latin America. It's a little bit Spanish, a little bit Yiddish, and completely adorable.



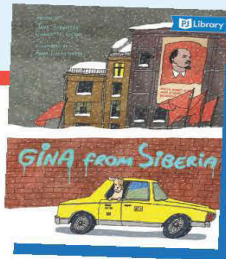


## FORMER SOVIET UNION

### *Gina from Siberia*

Written by Jane Bernstein  
and Charlotte Glynn  
Illustrated by Anna Desnitskaya  
Published by Animal Media Group

Many immigration stories take place long ago but not this one. Based on the true story of Gina, a wire-haired terrier whose family snuck her out of Siberia and into the US during the Cold War, this beautiful and thrilling tale follows Gina as her family travels by bus, train, car, plane, and minivan.

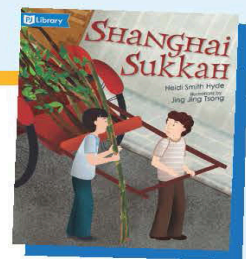


## ASIA

### *Shanghai Sukkah*

Written by Heidi Smith Hyde  
Illustrated by  
Jing Jing Tsong  
Published by  
Kar-Ben Publishing

When Marcus' family moves from Europe to China in the 1930s, he feels like a fish out of water. He doesn't know any Jewish families like his. But when he makes a new friend, he's able to build an unusual *sukkah* just in time for Sukkot — and that helps him feel more at home.

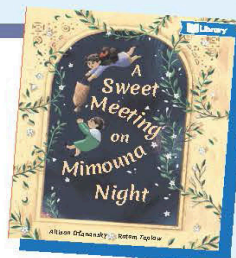


## AFRICA

### *A Sweet Meeting on Mimouna Night*

Written by Allison Ofanansky, illustrated by Rotem Teplow  
Published by Groundwood Books

For Moroccan Jews, the end of Passover means it's time for Mimouna! Miriam wants to help her mother make *moufleta* pancakes for their party, but they don't have any flour. Their Muslim neighbors are happy to help and soon become friends.



\*The black dots signify the countries in which PJ Library is offered.



## SHARE WORSHIP AND SIMCHAS AT THE TEMPLE

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

Rabbi Meir Bargeran will lead services most Fridays during the summer at 6:30 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. 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 June, including:

- **Friday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.** – We'll offer a blessing for children planning to attend a Jewish summer camp.
- **Friday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.** – We'll offer a blessing for our graduating high school seniors: Noah Gephart, son of Betsy & Geoff Gephart, and Sam Katinsky, son of Nola & Matthew Katinsky
- **Saturday, June 10 at 9:45 a.m.** – Torah Study and a nosh follow the service.
- **Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m.** – B'not Mitzvah of Lillian & Isabella Alberts, daughters of Samara Sheray & Brandon Alberts
- **Saturday, June 24** – No Shabbat 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.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) for links to access services on Zoom.

**Save the dates:** Bat Mitzvah of Iris Powell (July 15); Pride Shabbat (July 21); Friday Night Live and BBQ (July 28).

## 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, June 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. outdoors in the Sposeep Chapel.

In our cooperative, family-run service, we light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets.

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.

## JEWISH QUESTIONS ON YOUR MIND? RABBI MEIR HAS ANSWERS!

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

**Beit Midrash: Jewish Q&A with Rabbi Meir**  
**Tuesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. on Zoom**

As adults, we all have questions about being Jewish, and many of us are still searching for answers. Is there something about Judaism or Jewish life that you've wondered about? Something that you've never gotten around to asking about – or the answer that you received doesn't make sense to you? We will come together to share YOUR questions, which will be the basis of our group learning for this session.

Rabbi Meir commits to addressing up to **10 questions that are sent in advance** of the session. More questions will be covered as time permits. For this session, it is very important to **RSVP to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) and to send in your question by Tuesday, June 20**. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you send in a question in advance.

## A WISH LIST FOR HELPING THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Thank you to our volunteers who continue to be so engaged and supportive. We could not provide this program without you! Our last bag assembly on May 3 was accomplished with record speed, which gave us time for our long overdue end-of-the-year meeting.

Over the summer, we will be getting ready to begin our 14<sup>th</sup> year assisting the students who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple. School begins on Monday, August 21, and our first bag assembly will be Wednesday, September 6.

Brooke Hartman, the Brightpoint Head Start director, has shared a wish list of emergency items they need for the children when accidents happen at school:

- Slippers/socks with grippers (medium kids size 3-6)
- Plain-colored cotton shorts (garanimals 3T to 5T)
- Neutral colored sweat pants (3T to 5T)
- 10 Booster seats

Donations of those items are appreciated since they are not covered by other funding sources.

As we all know, the price of groceries is skyrocketing and that makes our job a little more challenging. However, it also makes what we do that much more important. Because of inflation, families are struggling to put food on the table.

Therefore, thank you 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 Chair Sally Trotter at (260) 744-4245.

***Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because there is a supply chain issue or inflation!***



## NEIJGS WELCOMED RON ARONS



Last month, the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society welcomed genealogist, Ron Arons, to speak about Prohibition and Criminal Records. More than 50 people attended the presentations in-person and virtually, and NEIJGS members enjoyed Mr. Arons' company for a taco dinner that evening. As a member of the board of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Ron is heavily involved in planning the annual IAJGS Conferences and he gave NEIJGS members some ideas about hosting the 2025 IAJGS Conference in Fort Wayne.

The NEIJGS will host its 2023 Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 at the Temple. Officers will be elected, next year's programs will be presented, and we will have a discussion of the 2025 Conference. Dessert will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please contact [NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com](mailto:NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com).



## YOM HASHOAH

FORT WAYNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

For anyone who missed our presentation on April 17, 2023 or would like to see it again, [click here](#).

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



Guest speaker Andrew Lapin and Jaki Schreier



Guest speaker Carol Black and Jaki Schreier



Friends



Guest speakers Andrew Lapin, Carol Black and Rabbi Barger



A favorite Israeli snack is [Bamba](#), which is perfect to enjoy on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. You can make a delicious version of this poppable, Israeli snack right in your home, no trip to Israel needed.

### INGREDIENTS

½ cup peanut butter (or peanut butter substitute)  
¼ cup maple syrup or honey  
1 cup shaved coconut  
1 tsp. salt

### DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients into a sticky yet stable dough. Roll into golf ball-sized balls and place on a baking sheet or other flat dish. Put in the fridge for 30 minutes or until hardened. Enjoy!





## 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](mailto: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.

WE ARE HERE FOR *you*

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



## 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

- A donation was received from **Mary & Stephen Nisewander** in memory of **Audrey Gerson**

### General Operating Fund

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

### Israel@75 Fund

- A donation was received from **Shai Hadashi, Marnie & Mark Lowden, Wendi & Josh Wallet**

every contribution is  
hugely valued

thank  
you!

and **Leah Zimmerman** in honor of the **Temple's Confirmation Class of 2023: Matthew Hadashi, Leo Powell and Isabella Wallet**

- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in honor of **Israel's 75th**

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

**June 1 – Black Canyon Restaurant**  
1509 W. Dupont Road

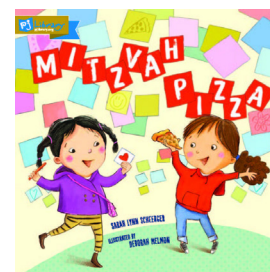
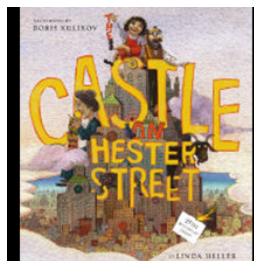
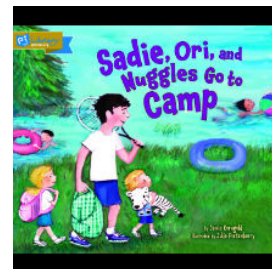
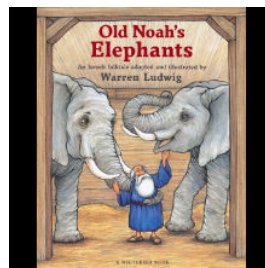
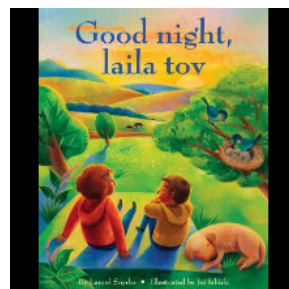
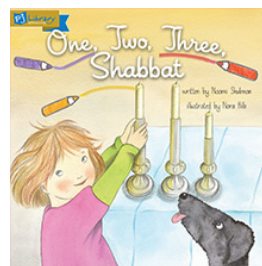
**June 15 – Salvatori's SW**  
10337 Illinois Road

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can contact Denny Reynolds at 260-637-0507 or [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com)



**Which books did you receive this month?**

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