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## JULY/AUGUST 2023

### 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!



### We still have space!

We are thrilled to be at [Metea County Park](#) (8401 Union Chapel Road) again this year! Weeks 2 (July 3 - 7) and 3 (July 10 - 14) have room for your child(ren). More information can be found [here](#).

It is our goal to make sure that all children are able to attend camp. 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.

Happy Summer!

**Larisa Drozdova, Director and Samantha McGlennen, Assistant Director**



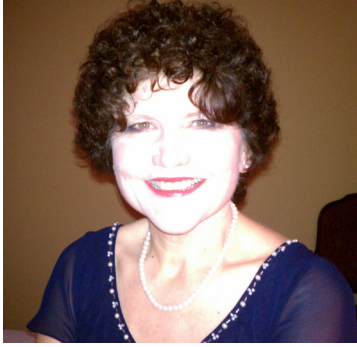
**Our office will be closed  
Tuesday, July 4.**

**Be safe!**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## ANNUAL MEETING SPEECH - JUNE 11, 2023

Shalom and thank you for attending the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.



On behalf of the Federation Board of Directors, we extend our sincerest appreciation for your continued support, through your kind words, by your active participation and by your financial support, all of which allows us to reap the harvest for our continued renewal and renaissance.

The members of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation may be small in number, but to quote Mahatma Gandhi, "In a gentle way, each one of us can shape the world." And we strive to do this by being both a vital presence and a consistent voice for good in our community and in the world in which we live.

Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged an audience in Montgomery, Alabama in 1957, by stressing that "Life's most persistent and urgent quest is, What are you doing for others?"

Our Board, led by Dr. Scott Salon, has worked diligently to ensure our Jewish community has not wavered on our commitment to provide human services to others.

The Jewish value of Tikkun Olam guides us day in and day out as we extend our hands to those in need. Our JFFW pledges to carry out this mandate with both pride and dignity. The sacred virtues of Tikkun Olam are based upon an understanding that each of us has a responsibility to one another and to the world at large, consistent with the moral code of our Torah.

We've had a busy year, as it's become safe to resume our programming following the COVID-19 pandemic. A few of the many programs, sponsorships and support actions the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne has participated in during the past year include:

We were finally able to hold the long-awaited People of the Book event with author Ron Suskind in September. He was well received and we look forward to continuing with this valuable series going forward.

"Confronting the Shoah", the annual six-week class, taught by Dr. David Lindquist, was once again successful and predominantly attended by members of the non-Jewish community including many area teachers.

In response to the devastating earthquake that rocked Turkey and Syria in February of this year, the Jewish Federations of North America launched an earthquake relief fund to provide humanitarian aid and to support recovery efforts. When called upon, our small Federation and members of our community stepped up to send emergency financial assistance.

Camp Joe Levine continues to be a popular outdoor adventure for children in the Fort Wayne Jewish and non-Jewish community.

We owe so much to the Camp Directors, Larisa Drozdova and Sam McGlennon, for their dedication and creativity. We appreciate Rabbi Meir for leading weekly Shabbat, which remains a camp highlight.

Thanks to the Janet Finkel Campership Fund and the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Federation is able to provide financial assistance for Camp Joe and for away camp, such as GUCI in Zionsville. The scholarships that these funds provide help allow children who may not have been able to otherwise attend any camp have an amazing Jewish themed outdoor experience. For many of the children, Camp Joe is the highlight of their summer.

Due in part to the generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, area children have been able to participate in the PJ Library book program and events all free of charge.

In an effort to stay connected to our community, Bonnie Pomerantz and I have increased the number of Shabbat and Holiday good will bags we deliver several times per year to members and good friends of the Federation.

We continue to partner with our friends at Public Television PBS39 to air a number of highly regarded documentaries. We began this program during COVID. It has become so well received that we are committed to continuing with it.

We have re-energized the Send A-Kid to Israel Program offered to members of our community. This program is an amazing way to help families afford to send their child on a sponsored trip to Israel after they turn 15. It has very generously been funded through contributions from the Goldenberg and Ruchman families.

Our volunteer social worker, Fran Volante, has stridently reached out to members of our community showing support, kindness and respect. She is a blessing to us all.

Thankfully, we were able to conduct our Yom HaShoah commemoration in person for the first time in four years. The Keynote Speaker, Andrew Lapin, a writer and podcaster, spoke on the effects of the 1930's radio program that was hosted by the rabid anti-Semitic priest Father Charles Coughlin. And Tree of Life survivor, Carol Black, who narrowly escaped with her own life, shared her moving story of what it's like to lose her brother to this, the longest hatred. There are no words to express how deeply her story moved everyone at this service.

The JFFW continues to speak out on the malignant growth of anti-Semitism whether it is from the right or from the left. And we solemnly vow, along with our partners at the Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council, to remain vigilant, pro-active and continue to bring a strong voice against the perverse and fixated bias directed at the State of Israel and the virulent attacks against Judaism as a religion and as a people.

With the rise of antisemitism on college campuses, we support agencies that help counter the anti-Israel activists who hound and exclude Jewish students while university Presidents remain silent.

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Part of combating evil of all kinds includes educating and calling out hate speech and anti-Semitic rhetoric whenever it occurs. The anti-Semitism of 2023 has nothing to do with any Jew's faith, spirituality or level of observance, but everything to do with the mindset of the perpetrators...rooted in fear, a desire for power, ignorance, fake news, just to name a few reasons.

As your Executive director, the JFFW will continue to work relentlessly to build positive dialogue and support for both Israel and our Jewish community with local, state and national political and religious leaders. These are just a few of the things that fill our days.

Going forward we have many things in the works.

If you recall, we underwrote the development and produced a documentary film which chronicled the important and vital history the citizens of Fort Wayne's Jewish community have played during the past 100 years, including highlighting many of Fort Wayne's Jewish families that have deep long-standing roots. This documentary also made of note that Achduth Vesholom is the home to the oldest Jewish Congregation in the state of Indiana and it explored the important role Fort Wayne has played in the establishment of both the Reform Jewish movement and the Hebrew Union College.

The Film further highlighted the significant role that Fort Wayne's Jewish community and its citizens have had over the past century and continue to have in Fort Wayne's arts, culture, social services and other major organizations.

It explores the Federation's vital role in our area and how it continues to evolve and remain relevant not only to the Jewish community, but also to the community at large. Through the collection of archival photos, materials and first-person interviews, this documentary will stand the test of time and serves as a collective memory of Fort Wayne's Jewish community.

Due to the vast number of contributions including countless hours of interviews made by the Jewish community, this documentary has taken longer than originally expected to edit. Our hope is by later this summer to have a date set for a viewing.

This fall, on October 27<sup>th</sup>, through the generosity of the Martha Replane Arts and Cultural Fund, the Jewish Federation is partnering on a very special project with the Fort Wayne Youth Orchestra, led by Youth Orchestra Conductor, Troy Webdell. It is titled "Mauthausen Cantata." We will keep you posted as more promotional materials become available.

The Jewish Federation, Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Purdue Fort Wayne Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies have joined together to plan all Holocaust Education programming going forward.

The name of this committee is "Zachor". The Jewish Federation

will chair with co-chairs coming from both the congregation and the institute. By coming together in one committee, we will be able to strengthen and widen the range of Holocaust Education opportunities in Northeast Indiana. To quote J. C. Penney: "Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."

As always, our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation goes out to our Federation's small staff, Office Manager Bonnie Pomerantz, Accountant Jeff Griggs and Volunteer Social Worker, Fran Volante. They are simply the BEST!

I thank Scott Salon and Bonnie Pomerantz for keeping the Federation moving forward when I had to take medical time off last year.

The Jewish Federation continues to thrive due to our outstanding leadership: President Dr. Scott Salon, the supportive Board of Directors, the committee members and our volunteers. We appreciate each and every one of you who has shown support with your attendance and with your generous contributions.

We thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Dr. Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, our extraordinary spiritual leader Rabbi Meir Barger and the Temple Staff. There are truly no words to express how thankful we are for all their support.

On a personal note, I want to thank this entire community for the incredible kindness shown to me during the unexpected major illness I experienced this past year. Thank you for the meals, flowers, cards, calls, and emails letting me and my family know that your thoughts and prayers were with us during that challenging time. It meant everything! Never underestimate what these thoughtful gestures mean to someone!

As President Lyndon B. Johnson said, "There are no problems we cannot solve together and very few we can solve by ourselves."

In conclusion:

Because of our traditions and code of ethics, we are a people who have not only survived, but will continue to make significant contributions to each and every community we have inhabited, as we have done for the past 3,000 years. These common values are what propels us to continue to do sacred work, by caring for all people, both Jews and non-Jews, here in Fort Wayne and around the world.

I invite each of you to "DO RIGHT" the way YOU want to. In Hebrew, kindness is Chesed. Be proud with all your endeavors. Connect with others and do deeds of kindness.

Therefore, as I conclude, let us continue with our noble task of being a light unto our community and to all nations.

Thank you all very much for a successful year. May the coming year be even more amazing. It is an honor to be your Executive Director of the JFFW.... TODA RABA and thank you.

## PRESIDENT ANNUAL MEETING SPEECH - JUNE 11, 2023

To begin, I want to acknowledge what a privilege it is to be part of the leadership of this organization which has and continues to do so much to support the continuation and wellbeing of the Jewish community of Fort Wayne and the surrounding area; and through affiliation with the Jewish Federations of North America, to the Jewish people throughout the world. Its impact, however, transcends the Jewish community: its social, educational and cultural offerings benefit the entire community. The relationships which the Federation has cultivated with other faith based organizations enrich the entire community: promoting goodwill, fellowship, and enhancing the quality of life for all.

From its limited beginning as a burial society, its scope and reach has evolved into its current iteration which provides a broad range of service to the community. Our “minority status” in numerical terms belies the impact that the organization, both past and present, has had in and on Fort Wayne. Being a founding partner organization of the Community Chest, now the United Way, demonstrates the Federation’s commitment to improving the fabric of community life. The largess and civic engagement of past Federation leaders and its members is something of which we can all be proud, as it reflects the deep and enduring commitment to its foundational principles.

I believe it is important to acknowledge that the majority of our continued relevance and success can be attributed to the commitment and performance of our Executive Director and Office manager whose dedication and efforts far exceed expected roles. It isn’t possible to adequately describe the respective contributions of Jaki and Bonnie. That being said, we are truly blessed to have them running the show, and we are also indebted to the efforts of the Board in maintaining our focus and operations.

I can, therefore, confidently report, that our organization is sound, as well as committed to addressing the current needs and growing challenges facing the Jewish community here and worldwide.

Unfortunately, recently, the virulence of the world’s oldest hatred, and the violence associated with it, has risen year over year in the US. This is something that I would never have considered realistic in the post World War II era in which I grew up. I would have thought it “not only unlikely but rather preposterous” that Jewish communal events, whether religious or cultural, would necessitate the presence of security. However, that’s today’s reality. And given that reality, this Federation and the National organization, is monitoring, preparing, and where and when appropriate, responding.

Our current Zeitgeist, has caused me to reflect on the challenges that the Jewish community faced nearly a hundred years ago with the ascent of Fascism in Germany and its open support in the US. My parents and grandparents didn’t talk to me about their experiences in regard to the political climate prior to the Second World War. I know, however, that they, like many others in the Jewish community of that era, set an example for those of us coming after. They ensured there would be an organized voice to stand up for the community, ensure its safety, and promote Jewish social and cultural activities by endowing the Federation. Their foresight and largess allows us to do as much as we are able to do today with a diminished Jewish presence in our community.

I’m hoping with the apparent economic Renaissance we are seeing in Fort Wayne that we will also see an increasing Jewish presence here. I hope further that we will follow the example of those who preceded us by ensuring that those who come after will have the strong voice, as well as the social, cultural, and community resources that the Federation provides.

Thank you, Dr. Scott Salon

THANK YOU!



## PRESIDENT GOLDIE DUBOW SPEECH - JUNE 11, 2023

The Goldie DuBow award was established to honor a Federation member who, through word and deed, has contributed to improving the quality of Jewish life within the greater Fort Wayne Jewish Community. It is so named to memorialize Goldie DuBow whose volunteerism and positive attitude enhanced Jewish life as she found it and in doing so, made it better.

The recipient reflects the characteristics of the award's namesake, demonstrating exemplary qualities including leadership, sound judgement, compassion and behavior by "doing Jewish" as they live their lives. This year's recipient not only exhibits the spirit and qualities required, but also provides an example of selfless service to not only the Jewish but the entire community.

To enumerate all that this individual has contributed would consume too much of our available time, and so I will provide a few examples to illustrate the immense contributions this individual has given to the Fort Wayne Jewish community

First however, I want to describe some of the attributes which make this person special. He is kind, thoughtful, exceedingly intelligent, and generous with his time and expertise. He is focused and results driven, but not self-important and he has a great sense of humor. Still, he finds the time for others in the Jewish and wider community, despite a demanding professional life.

His service to the Jewish community includes:

Board member, Vice President and President of the Board of B'nai Jacob Congregation; serving as Ritual chairperson of that congregation. He has been active in the Federation serving on the Board and as President. He has taught religious school for many years at both Congregation B'Nai Jacob and Congregation Achduth Vesholom, working with confirmation students and middle school youth. And if that weren't enough service he has also led Services as a lay person and reading Torah.

It gives great pleasure to present this year's recipient of the Goldie DuBow award to a most deserving honoree; The honorable Ron Friedman.



Mazel  
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# ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended our 102nd annual meeting. New officers were elected to our board, our Pomegranate and Lion of Judah recipients were given their pins and we honored our Goldie DuBow awardee. We look forward to another amazing year! Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continuously generous support!



President Dr. Scott Salon



Executive Director Jaki Schreier



Rabbi Meir Barger



Pomegranate's - Sharon Eisbart and Fran Adler  
(missing Carol Adelman)



Lion of Judah's - Nancy Salon, Jaki Schreier, Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz accepting for Audrey Gerson of blessed memory, Beth Zweig and Irene Walters





We had a wonderful time at our celebration! A very special thank you to our guest speakers: Ben Eisbart on behalf of Mayor Henry, Amalia Ran, Dan Ravitch and Shirlee Greenwald, and Bob Walters. Thank you to our Israel@75 “committee” - Scott Salon, Ron Friedman, Bob Walters, Lee Pomerantz, Jaki Schreier and Bonnie Pomerantz. Ceruti’s went above and beyond and as always we thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its never ending support!



Guest speakers - Dan Ravitch, Shirlee Greenwald and Amalia Ran



Ben Eisbart reading our proclamation for Mayor Henry



Guest speaker and committee member - Bob Walters



Fran & Irv Adler with Executive Director Jaki Schreier



## 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.



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.



Zoom links to the ceremony will be available later this summer.



## What are we talking about this month:

### How a book becomes a book

# HOW A BOOK BECOMES A BOOK

By Naomi Shulman

CONTENT AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER, PJ LIBRARY

PJ LIBRARY AUTHOR

When those blue-and-white envelopes arrive in mailboxes around the globe, kids everywhere rejoice. But have you ever stopped to think about the journey those books take to get there? It's more than the mail trucks and cargo ships that transport the books. We're talking about the long and twisting path from manuscript to bound book!

I have been on the editorial end of this process for years, but recently I got to experience it from the author's vantage point when my picture book *Yitzi the Trusty Tractor* was published by PJ Publishing. I asked Samara Klein, publisher of PJ Publishing, to help me identify the landmarks a PJ Publishing book has to hit as it wends its way to your doorstep.



### The Muse

Who can say how it happens? An idea strikes, and the author (or author-illustrator!) puts the proverbial pen to paper. In my case, I had read a famous old *midrash* about Rabbi Yochanan ben Torta and the cow and thought it would be fun to reimagine the story in a contemporary setting.



### The Submission

Along with hundreds of authors each year, I submitted my manuscript (anonymously) to the PJ Library Book Selection Committee – and happily, they accepted it. When the book selection committee accepts submissions directly from an author rather than an independent publisher, then PJ Publishing takes a look. And if PJ Publishing likes it ...



### The Contract

... then the author and publisher execute an agreement, and the fun really begins!



### The Plot

Samara works directly with authors to edit and plot out the books. We're not talking about a story plot; in this case, plotting refers to figuring out what words and art will appear on each page. "Picture books have to be in increments of eight," Samara explains, which is because of how the pages of books are printed, folded, and bound. "Ours tend to be 24 or 32 pages. We need to reserve some pages for the title page, copyright information, and perhaps some back matter, but the remaining pages are ours to play with. We want the text to be visually represented, and we want it to move very nicely from page to page, to have a nice flow to it. It's like a puzzle." She's right about that – it's harder than I realized, and she's a whiz at it.



### The Red Pen

Once the pages have been plotted out, it's time to focus on the details and revise, revise, revise. This part can feel tedious at times, but it's all to make the book the best it can be. We all need editors, even the most brilliant writers – and of course, PJ Library authors are among the most brilliant writers (ahem). In all seriousness, I could not be more grateful for good editing!

## What are we talking about this month:

### How a book becomes a book



#### Printing, Packing, and Mailing

Once the proofs are approved and everything looks good, the books are printed, bound, and put into envelopes for shipping. And then ...



#### You've Got Mail

... they arrive in mailboxes and on doorsteps around the world, brand-spanking-new. It's our hope that one day your children will read PJ Library books to their children and maybe even their children's children. What could be a greater marker of a book's success?



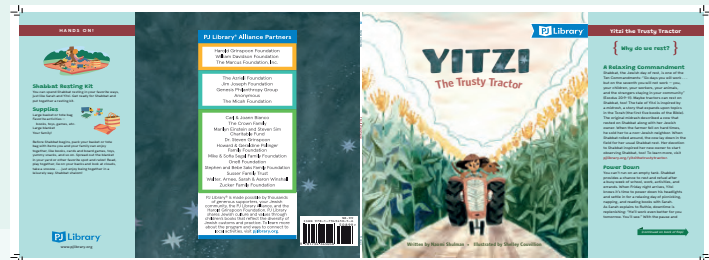
#### Proofs

The name of this magazine hints at this step — proofs! While proofreaders are involved at several stages along the way, the printer proofs are the last chance to make sure every *i* is dotted and every *t* is crossed and that the art looks just like it's supposed to.



#### Design

... and then the art and text were handed off to a designer, who meshed it all together. This is the stage when branding elements are added, along with back-cover and flap copy. But occasionally there are some other fun ingredients added to the mix. "Sometimes we have a book with special stuff," Samara adds. Some books have pull tabs and lift-the-flap elements that allow readers to interact with books, so this requires a unique process. "We receive a prototype where the printer puts together by hand a blank dummy of what the book will feel like."



#### The Canvas

One thing I had never thought about was how the book would be shaped: Should it be tall (portrait) or wide (landscape)? Would it have large sweeping pages or be a tiny jewel box of a book? "The physicality of a book has a lot of bearing on the illustrations," Samara explained to me. Before illustrators begin their work, they need to know what they're working with.



#### Coloring

... and colored in her work ...



#### Sketching

Once that was settled, Shelley began sketching ...



#### The Art

Some PJ Publishing submissions come from author-illustrators, which means the art is already part of the deal, but my submission didn't, which is often the case. To help us pick the perfect artist for the book, Samara began pulling illustrator samples to share with me. "Sometimes we'll have an illustrator in mind from the get-go," Samara says. "Other times, we'll look through dozens and dozens of portfolios and illustrator agencies to find the right match." It didn't take long for both of us to agree that Shelley Couvillion's wonderful rustic style was a perfect fit for *Yitzi*.



## CELEBRATE PRIDE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE

In conjunction with [Fort Wayne Pride](#) activities, we'll celebrate [Pride Shabbat](#) on Friday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger, with readings and prayers inspired by the LGBTQ+ experience.

Our guest speaker will be Jeff Markley, Executive Director of Northeast Indiana's [Positive Resource Connection](#). His extensive experience in the field of HIV/AIDS makes him a valuable historical resource, as well as a contemporary advocate in the modern era. [Find out more](#)

Please join us in person or online as we recognize the importance of LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion. An Oneg Shabbat reception will follow.

We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](#) or join us on [YouTube](#).

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE OUTDOORS & BYO PICNIC MEAL

Our spirited [Friday Night Live](#) service moves outdoors at the Temple on July 28 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger with [Heartland Sings](#) on their mobile stage. Tap your toes, get on your feet, and share the joy of Shabbat with this lively worship experience. (Please note that the service will not be livestreamed.)

We invite you to join us at 5:30 p.m. with your own picnic meal and beverages to enjoy when we gather as a Temple family on our beautiful grounds. Kiddush and Motzi will begin at 5:45 p.m. After the service, the Temple will provide the fixings for s'mores over the firepit and delicious ice cream treats.

Please bring your own folding/camping chairs and or blankets/sheets to sit on and long-handled sticks or forks to roast marshmallows. Bug spray is recommended. We appreciate Wendy & Micah Soltz and Kate & David Crell for coordinating the desserts and firepit.

## 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON EVENTS IN AUGUST FOCUS ON MUSIC AND ART

Our celebration of the Temple's [175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#) continues in August with programs by Musician-in-Residence Shira

Kline (also known as ShirLaLa) and local artist Hilarie Couture during the weekend of August 18-20.

### Friday, August 18:

## MUSICAL SHABBAT FEATURING SHIRLALA AND BBQ HOSTED BY ROMEOs

[ShirLaLa](#) is a unique and innovative approach to Jewish education, incorporating music, interactive storytelling, imaginative play, and spirituality to enrich and inspire children, their families and teachers. Plan to join us at:

- **5:30 p.m.** - We invite our families with young children for an early Shabbat service with ShirLaLa to build on the experience of their regular monthly "[Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat](#)" celebration.
- **6 p.m.** - Join us for a barbeque hosted by the [ROMEOs](#). (Kindly [RSVP online](#) or to (260) 744-4245 no later than Friday, August 11). Please bring your lawn chair and picnic blankets.
- **7:15 p.m.** - Join us for an outdoor service will be led by Rabbi Meir Barger with Shira Kline.
- **8:30 p.m.** - Enjoy s'mores around the fire pit.

### Saturday, August 19:

## COMMUNITY CONCERT WITH SHIRA KLINE

Enjoy the beauty of Havdalah with guest musician Shira Kline as we end a summer Shabbat, followed by a community concert for all ages at the Temple. Visit the [Temple website](#) for details.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and our Joy Vey families for sponsoring ShirLaLa's visit.

### Sunday, August 20:

## HILARIE COUTURE'S "UNITY WITH VARIETY" EXHIBITION

The Temple will present a joint program with the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne](#) on Sunday, August 20 featuring an exhibit by artist [Hilarie Couture](#) called "[Unity with Variety](#)" that includes more than 40 portraits of people from diverse cultures living in Fort Wayne.

The event will be staged at both the Temple and next door at the UU. Please join us from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the UU for an art exhibit and reception, followed by a program at the

Temple. The CAV program will include a "Meet the Artist" session from 1:30 to 2 p.m., a panel discussion moderated by Temple member Rena Black with the artist and portrait sitters from 2 to 3 p.m., and an art exhibition and reception from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Through the portraits, supporting references such as interviews (accessible via QR codes), and dialogue with portrait sitters, one can discover more about the experiences of people moving to and living in Fort Wayne. Temple members Jon Tam and Fran & Irv Adler are among those appearing in portraits by the artist.

Thank you to Chair Jon Tam and our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsors for their support.

## 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 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 July and August, including:

- **Saturday, July 15 at 10 a.m.** - Bat Mitzvah of Iris Miriam Powell, daughter of Marnie & Mark Lowden and Jason Powell.
- **Friday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.** - [Pride Shabbat](#) with speaker Jeff Markley, Executive Director of Northeast Indiana's [Positive Resource Connection](#)
- **Friday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m.** - Friday Night Live outdoors with Heartland Sings
- **Friday, August 18 - [Shabbat outdoors](#)** with Musician-in-Residence ShirLaLa/Shira Kline - 5:30 p.m. with Joy Vey families; BBQ at 6 p.m.; Shabbat service at 7:15 p.m.

We warmly welcome guests to join us at the Temple or online.

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## 2023-2024 MEMBER PROGRAMS

*These programs are available  
EXCLUSIVELY to NEIJGS Members!*



### August 14, 2023 – IAJGS Conference Recap

At 7:00 p.m., via Zoom, we'll present a "recap" of the summer's Conference of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), given by members who were able to attend the conference in London. Several are making the trip, and they'll each give a short report. We're excited to host the conference in 2025 – August 10-14!



### October 9, 2023 – Lunch and Learn, "Finding Genealogy on Social Media"

Many of us use Facebook and other social media, but we may not be taking advantage of all the genealogical resources out there. Genealogist Allison DePrey Singleton from the ACPL Genealogy Center will join us to elaborate on what's out there.

### January 28, 2024 – "Beginners and Breakthroughs," Annual Member Workshop

Now's the time to start thinking about a "brick wall" you'd like to tackle, a document you'd like to translate, or other problems you'd like to consult someone about. We'll match you up with advice for our Member Workshop, beginning at 2:00 p.m.



### March 11, 2024 – Lunch and Learn, "The Yizkor Book Collection at the Genealogy Center"

Genealogy librarian John Beatty will discuss the library's extensive Yizkor Book collection. These memorial books are a fantastic resource for research in Europe. We hope to have a new ACPL catalog system for him to introduce as well.

### Meet Our Guest Speakers!

One of our favorite membership "perks" is meeting with our guest speakers. We will have extra "members-only" programs scheduled with our virtual presenters, and dinners planned with our in-person guests. Whether in the form of an in-person dinner or a Zoom Q&A, we'll make sure you have the opportunity for interaction with our guests. As an NEIJGS member, you also have access to program recordings and handouts via the Member Portal on our website. Plan to take advantage of these NEIJGS member benefits!

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### 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, July 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. outdoors in the Spousep 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.

### SHARE HIGH HOLY DAYS AT THE TEMPLE IN SEPTEMBER

Please join us for the [High Holy Days](#) at Congregation Achduth Vesholom when we welcome the New Year 5784 as a community.

We'll begin the New Year with both Reform and Conservative minyanim worshipping together as one congregation on Erev Rosh Hashanah on Friday, September 15 and, for the first time, on Kol Nidre on Sunday, September 24.

[Rabbi Meir Barger](#) will lead the services, weaving together aspects of both liturgical traditions to inspire new insights during this time of reflection, forgiveness, and renewal. He'll be joined by [Cantor Yael Fischman](#), who returns as our guest clergy for a second year to lead Conservative worship on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah and on the Day of Atonement. Find out more at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

### HELPERS NEEDED WITH MAIL PREP FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> DELI DAY

Congregation Achduth Vesholom's [Corned Beef Fundraiser](#) returns for a 21<sup>st</sup> year on Thursday, October 19. Each delicious meal includes a heaping corned beef sandwich on rye, giant dill pickle, creamy cole slaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

More information will be coming on how to purchase a meal and sponsorship opportunities. Volunteers are needed to help prepare a large bulk mailing on Wednesday, August 30 at 10 a.m. at the Temple. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to say you can assist.

Mark your calendar and clear your schedule to help with our Deli Day and biggest fundraiser on Thursday, October 19. We especially need volunteers during the corned beef sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, October 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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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](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

### General Operating Fund

- A donation was received from **Eric Bloch** in honor of the marriage of **Dr. Lauren Tom & Nicholas Iannazzo**

### Janet Finkel Campership Fund

- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in honor of **Audrey Gerson's** birthday, may her memory be a blessing

### JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- A donation was received from an **anonymous** donor
- A donation was received from **Eric Schreier** in

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honor of **Jaki Schreier** becoming a Hoosier Jewish Legend

A long-time local businessman and proud member of Fort Wayne's Jewish community who wishes to remain anonymous is contributing to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne in honor of:

- **Irene & Bob Walters;** and
- In memory of **Leonard Goldstein**

## 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)

**July 6 – Salsa Grille**  
7755 Coldwater Road

**July 20 – Top Notch Diner**  
6800 Bluffton Road

**August 3 – Club Soda**  
235 E. Superior Street

**August 17 – The Han Dynasty**  
6401 W. Jefferson Boulevard

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

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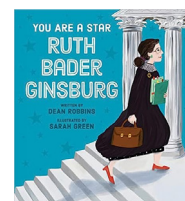
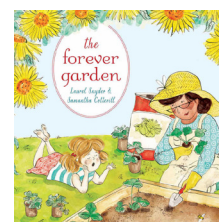
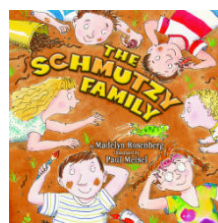
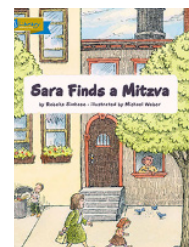
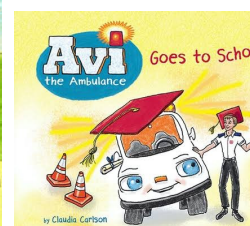
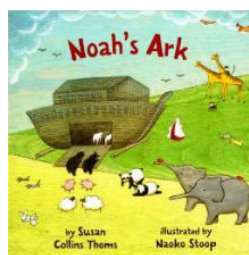
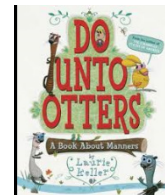
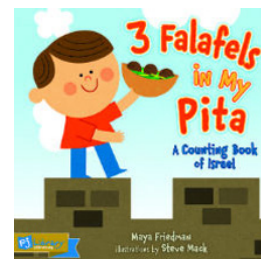
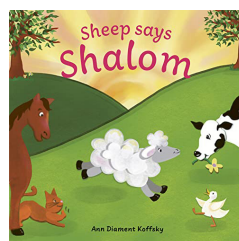
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**Which books did you receive this month?**

A program of the [Harold Grinspoon Foundation](http://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](http://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.

