

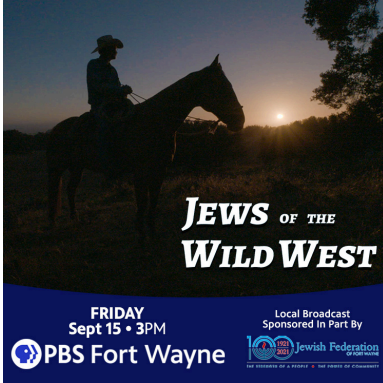


# chailights



SEPTEMBER 2023

## JEWS OF THE WILD WEST



We are excited to co-sponsor this amazing program. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming dates:

Friday, September 15 at 3 pm  
Sunday, September 17 at 2 pm  
Sunday, September 24 at 3 pm and  
Monday, September 25 at 4 pm

Western Jewish pioneers, those of the silver screen and real life, are a largely forgotten chapter in US History even though they played a definitive role shaping the expansion of the United States. *Jews Of The Wild West* tells a positive immigration story, highlighting the dynamic contributions Jewish Americans made to shaping the Western United States. Through on-camera interviews, compelling footage, and historical photographs, learn how they put down roots and, today, epitomize the important legacy of immigration in America.

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

## JOIN US FOR DINNER



Our Rosh Chodesh group will be meeting for dinner **5:30 pm** on **Wednesday, October 11** at [The Hoppy Gnome](#) - 203 E. **Berry Street**. 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, December 6** at [Bagger Dave's](#) - 2886 E. Dupont Road .

We can't wait to see you!



2023/5784

## High Holy Days

*The Board of Directors and staff hope that 5784 brings peace, joy and health to you and your family.*

Our office will be closed  
Monday, September 25.

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

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JAKI SCHREIER



One of the responsibilities of the Jewish Federation, along with Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Purdue Fort Wayne Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies (Zachor Committee) is to pay tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and affirm our commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance by providing a variety of Holocaust Education to members of our community. As the number of survivors who lived through and bore witness to the atrocities of the Shoah diminishes, it is increasingly important for the world to safeguard the memory of the Shoah. Therefore, advocating on behalf of Holocaust survivors, by promoting Holocaust awareness and education and by fighting against not only Holocaust denial, but also against any distortion, trivialization or any falsification of that history, has long been one of our priorities. Unfortunately, given the continual rise of antisemitism, it is arguably more important than ever.

Holocaust Education is primarily the historical study of the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators. It gives us a starting point to examine warning signs that can indicate the potential for mass atrocity. It raises questions about human behavior and our capacity to succumb to scapegoating or giving simple answers to complex problems in the face of societal challenges.

As my husband, Eric, and I were planning a trip to Europe, it was important to us that we go to sites where Jewish life was once strong in the countries we visited, Poland, Czech Republic, and Germany.

In Warsaw, Poland, we toured the remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. The Warsaw Jewish community had once been the largest in Europe. At one point, over 400,000 Jews lived in the ghetto, most of them killed by the Nazis. We learned that the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was the largest single revolt by Jews during World War II. On April 19, 1943, after German troops surrounded the ghetto, over 700 members of the Jewish underground staged an uprising that lasted almost one month. At least 7,000 Jews died as a result. When the inmates of the Warsaw Ghetto took up arms, they did not do so in the hope of achieving a decisive victory. Nor did they do it to ensure their own survival. Their resistance was meant to demonstrate that Jews could fight, that they would not go without a fight.

We toured the Jewish Quarter in Krakow, once home to over 68,000 Jews, most of whom were sent to their deaths at Auschwitz. We visited the Jewish Quarter in Prague, Czech Republic, once home to a vibrant Jewish community. We toured Jewish communities and memorials in Wittenberg and Berlin, Germany. It was imperative to us that we take a trip to Auschwitz while in Poland as over 1.3 million people, most of them Jews, were deported to the Auschwitz camp complex, of whom 1.1 million were murdered. There are simply no words that can describe what one feels when seeing this camp first hand.

Due to the remaining witnesses of the Shoah and the Second World War becoming fewer in number, it is up to the post-Holocaust generations to transmit the memories of the survivors, together with their moral legacies, into the future.

The Zachor Committee is committed to fight all forms of antisemitism, racism, bigotry and xenophobia directed against other national, religious, ethnic, or racial groups. We thank you for your continual support and commitment as we continue on with this important task.







Mazel Tov to **Harriet Miller** and **Monica Wehrle** for being honored with the fifth and final “**Faces of the Fort**” mural project, located at Edsall House Apartments - 310 West Berry Street.

“**Faces of the Fort**,” launched in 2021, was designed to share stories and faces of the community through large-scale murals that have been strategically placed throughout Fort Wayne. The five existing “**Faces of the Fort**” murals celebrate the social rights, social justice stories, and immigration of current and past Fort Wayne residents. Artist **Lyndy Bazile** did an amazing job capturing **Harriet** and **Monica** by sharing their decades-long efforts towards civil rights for all.



# Welcome

[Temple Beth El](#), in Muncie IN, founded in 1885, is investing in the future of midwestern Jewish life by hiring Rabbi Edie Yakutis. Prior to selecting her, the congregation had been served by HUC-JIR students from the Cincinnati campus since at least 1909. Rabbi Yakutis was ordained in Cincinnati earlier this year. She is a second-career rabbi, with a focus on chaplaincy in addition to working in congregational life.

Rabbi Yakutis became a student at HUC-JIR after a number of years with the Microsoft Corporation. Her corporate experience honed her leadership skills through a variety of team and managerial positions. During her tenure, she specialized in creating multi-disciplinary teams, working on solutions to corporate problems and mission situations.

She and her husband, Leo, were one of the 11 founding families of Temple Solel, in Fort Mill, SC, a small and energetic congregation outside of Charlotte, NC. She served there as a lay leader, which sparked her dream of becoming a rabbi. In addition to her husband, Rabbi Yakutis has a son and daughter-in-law and a nephew all living nearby



She's looking forward to engaging with the communities of Central Indiana, and providing Jewish leadership. Temple Beth El holds services and Torah study twice a month. Please follow Temple Beth El on Facebook for further information.

# camp joe levine

On the first day of camp, in what has become a Camp Joe tradition, we packed our imaginary suitcases and boarded an imaginary plane to Israel. Sure, our yearly trips require the use of imagination, but discoveries that we make along the way, the appreciation that we gain for the country and its culture, and the fun and joy that we share on our adventures are all very real.

This year, there was a special occasion to visit Israel. As we celebrated Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, we reflected on the young country's many impressive achievements in science, medicine and technology – inventions and innovations that have improved the lives of people around the world. We explored Israel's rich history and the diversity of its people. Just like Israelis themselves, we were passionate tourists: we "climbed" mountains, swam in "seas," hiked trails, and "rode" through deserts. We "visited" theaters and museums and searched for "ancient treasures" at "archaeological sites." We tried our hand at preparing some of the traditional Israeli foods and snacks. They were delicious (even the healthy ones).

What a journey it was! But, despite our busy itinerary, it was simply impossible to see and to experience everything that Israel has to offer in three short weeks. We view this as a positive, because there is so much to look forward to in years to come.

As we wrapped up this year's camp, we wanted to thank our wonderful campers whose endless energy, curiosity and enthusiasm made them the best travel companions ever!

Thank you to our outstanding counselors and CITs who never cease to amaze us with their maturity and incredible work ethic. We value the care, attention and energy they devote to our campers.

Thank you to Jaki Schreier, whose unwavering support for Camp Joe, for our staff and families and for the work that we do, allows this program to succeed and to grow.

Thank you to Bonnie Pomerantz, on whom we rely for SO many things throughout the year.

Thank you to Rabbi Meir for leading our Shabbat Service each Friday. All of us have grown to value this time together, as we end our week with a peaceful reflection and appreciation of the important people and things in our lives.

Thank you to the Salon Foundation and to Audrey Gerson's Family for making scholarship funds available for our campers. This support is extremely important for many families.

Thank you to Jeff Schneider for driving the truck with our camp supplies to and from camp and for organizing games and athletic competitions for the kids.

Big thank you to Leah Zimmerman for organizing a Birthday Party for Israel on the last day of camp and for preparing delicious Israeli foods for the celebration. Our campers had so much fun playing party games and working on crafts.

Thank you to Penske Truck Rentals for providing a truck free of charge for moving our camp supplies in and out of Metea Park.

Thank you to Metea County Park for welcoming us to their beautiful facility. We had a fantastic time there this summer.

We truly appreciated everybody who contributed to another amazing Camp Joe experience and wish all of our campers a wonderful school year.

Larisa and Samantha





## 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.



**20:00 Israel | 19:00 Budapest  
1:00PM EST**



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APRIL 3



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HASHANA**  
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**HANUKKAH**  
DEC 10

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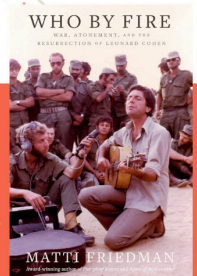
**BOOKCLUB**

Sunday September 10

1pm EDT | 7pm Budapest | 8pm Israel

Join us for a discussion  
about the book

**Who By Fire**  
By Matty Friedman



Please contact the Federation office if you would like to borrow our copy of the book. We can be reached at (260) 456-0400 or [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org)

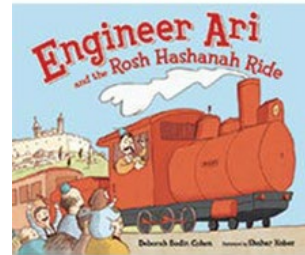
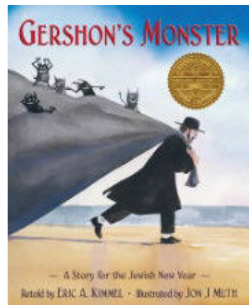
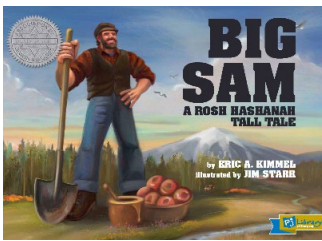
What are we talking about this month:

## Rosh Hashanah

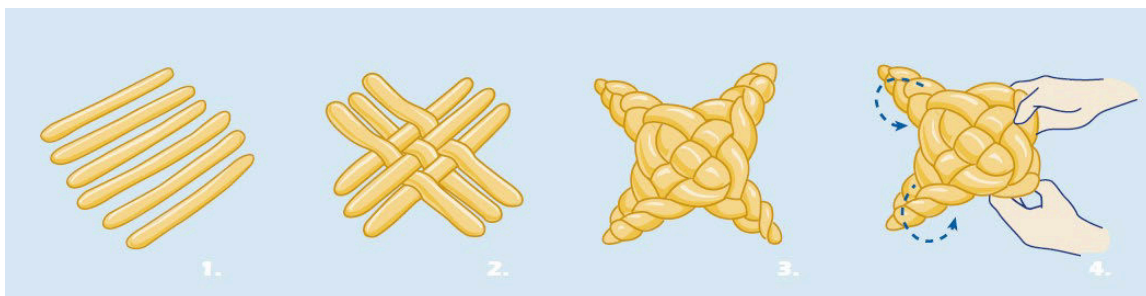
### How to Braid a Round Challah for Rosh Hashanah

**Challah** is usually shaped in a simple long braid, but you can turn any challah into a special [Rosh Hashanah](#) bread by braiding it in the round. Worried that round challah may be too complicated for you? Prepare your [favorite challah dough](#) and then follow along with the steps below. If you can braid a standard challah, you can definitely make a round challah.

This Activity Works With These Books:



#### DIRECTIONS



1. Shape the dough into six strands of equal length.
2. Lay three strands horizontally on a floured surface, then weave the other three strands into them vertically. Lift the bottom strands as needed to weave the top strands in. The ends of the strands will stick out.
3. Now braid the ends together on all four sides.
4. Gently tuck the braided edges underneath the middle section. *Voila!* A round challah!

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## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784 (2023) SCHEDULE FOR CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

### TWO TRADITIONS WILL COME TOGETHER AS ONE DURING EVENING HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please join us at Congregation Achduth Vesholom when we welcome the New Year 5784 as a community, 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 the Day of Atonement.

[Maestro Robert Nance](#) will join us throughout the holidays for evening and Reform services. Hazemir, under the direction of John Planer, will sing during the holidays. Brian Klickman will be our cellist for Kol Nidre. He is a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, where he holds the Linda and Joseph D. Ruffolo

Family Foundation Chair, and is Principal Cellist of the Canton (OH) Symphony Orchestra.

Our annual New Year's Reception will provide an opportunity to share good wishes and enjoy a delicious nosh. The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will host Break-the-Fast meals after both concluding services on Yom Kippur.

Plan to join us in person or via livestream throughout the Days of Awe.

We warmly welcome visitors to our [High Holy Days services](#). Please contact the Temple office for more information about in-person attendance or Zoom access at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Our services also are available on [YouTube](#). Visit [our calendar](#) for the latest schedule.

#### [Selichot Service](#)

Saturday, September 9  
7:30 p.m.

#### [Cemetery Services](#)

Sunday, September 10  
1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery  
2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

#### [Erev Rosh Hashanah Service](#)

Friday, September 15  
7:30 p.m. All Congregation Service  
New Year's Reception follows

#### [Rosh Hashanah \(First Day\)](#)

Saturday, September 16

#### Conservative Services

8:30 a.m. - Shacharit  
10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah  
11 a.m. Musaf

10 a.m. - Reform Service

Noon - All-Congregation Tashlich at  
[Foster Park West, Winchester Road](#)

#### [Rosh Hashanah, Second Day](#)

Sunday, September 17

#### Conservative Services

8:30 a.m. - Shacharit  
10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah  
11 a.m. Musaf

#### [Shabbat Shuvah Services](#)

##### [Friday, September 22](#)

7 p.m. Memorial Plaque Dedication  
7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

##### [Saturday, September 23](#)

at 9:45 a.m.

#### [Erev Yom Kippur Services](#)

Sunday, September 24  
7:15 p.m. Mincha  
8 p.m. All Congregation Kol Nidre Service

#### [Yom Kippur Services](#)

Monday, September 25

#### Conservative Services

8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service  
10 a.m. - Torah, Haftarah, D'var Torah, Yizkor  
11:30 a.m. Musaf  
2:30 p.m. Learning program (MRRC)  
6 p.m. Mincha  
7 p.m. - Neilah  
8:23 p.m. - Havdalah  
[Break-the-Fast](#) follows

#### Reform Services

10 a.m. Morning Service  
2:30 p.m. - Afternoon Learning (MRRC)  
4 p.m. - Yizkor (Memorial) Service  
5 p.m. - Neilah (Concluding) Service  
[Break-the-Fast follows](#)

#### [Erev Shabbat & Sukkot Services](#)

Friday, September 29  
7:30 p.m., followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah

#### [Shabbat & Sukkot Service\\*](#)

Saturday, September 30  
9:45 a.m., followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah  
\*Expect [Fort4Fitness](#) traffic delays

#### [Sukkah Decorating and Pizza in the Hut](#)

Sunday, October 1  
10:30 a.m. to Noon

#### [Erev Simchat Torah, Consecration & Yizkor](#)

Sunday, October 8  
4 p.m.







### **CORNERED BEEF ON RYE FUNDRAISER MARKS 21<sup>ST</sup> YEAR!**

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when our Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, October 19 for a 21<sup>st</sup> year! We're looking forward to topping last year's sales of nearly 2,000 delicious meals!

For your convenience, we're offering drive-thru pick up and a delivery option on Deli Day. Special sponsorship opportunities also are available.

Boxed meals are \$18 each when ordered by Friday, October 6. After that date and at the door, meals are \$21 each. Each meal includes a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

Online ordering will begin Thursday, September 7 at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

We've also got additional pounds of bulk corned beef for sale for \$20 per pound. Delivery service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Friday, October 6 for \$15 per address.

Become a sponsor! Three sponsorship levels are available for donations made by Friday, October 6:

**Become a gold sponsor with a donation of \$1,000 or more** to be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches, on our website, and in our paid Facebook advertising for the sale. You also can provide a coupon or small advertisement (limited to 3.5 x 5 inches with approved wording) to be included with each meal.

**Become a silver sponsor with a donation of \$500 to \$999** to be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches, on our website, and in our paid Facebook advertising for the sale.

**Become a bronze sponsor with a donation of \$100 or more** to be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches and on our website.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, October 18 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, October 19, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m. Contact the office to say you'll help.

**Thanks to the Corned Beef Committee:** Micah Soltz (chair), Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, David Crell, Jamie Fritz, Scott Goldberg, Shai Hadashi, Sam Krouse, Amy Krouse, Marie McFadden, Lee Pomerantz, Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, Jon Tam, Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, and Beth Zweig

### **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, September 8 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.

[Find the link](#) for more information on signing up to help with the co-op.

Please join us and Rabbi Meir in the tradition of blessing your children as we make a joyful place for Shabbat in our lives and hearts... together. Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat will meet in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

### **JOIN US FOR APPLE PICKING AND POTLUCK PICNIC**

Bring the kids and enjoy a fun adventure picking apples, sharing a potluck picnic, and preparing for the holiday season on Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. during the Temple's [KESHER](#) ("connection") program for families with children of all ages!

Please join us at [Silverbirch Studios](#). We'll ride together (less than a

1/2 mile) to [Cook's Orchard](#) to pick and buy apples and honey. Then we'll return to Silverbirch Studios for some kid-focused Rosh Hashanah activities and a potluck picnic lunch.

Please [RSVP here](#) and sign up for a potluck contribution. Bring your own lawn chairs/blanket, place settings, and serving utensils. Thank you to Stephanie Gottesman and Kate Crell for organizing. Questions? Please email Stephanie Gottesman.

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION UNDERWAY**

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School on Sunday, October 15 for children in pre-Kindergarten (age 6+ by September 1) through high school.

Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children. [Enrollment materials and more information](#) are available at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Kindly complete prior to the first day of class. Questions? Please contact Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman at [educator@templecav.org](mailto:educator@templecav.org)

### **SHARE SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY WORSHIP AT THE TEMPLE**

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

During September, our worship time will vary due to the High Holy Days. [Find the calendar](#) for details. Shabbat evening services also will move an hour later to 7:30 p.m., beginning September 8.

Rabbi Meir Barger leads Shabbat services most Fridays. Ron Friedman leads 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.

We warmly welcome guests to join us at the Temple or online on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

### **HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES**

Help supply a bag of apples for each of the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 13<sup>th</sup> annual [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) Apple Project. This year Head Start is planning for an enrollment of 51 students.

Many of the students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. We provide them with delicious Honeycrisp apples purchased from a local orchard.

This mitzvah is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days season! A tree will be on display at the Temple decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Friday, September 30. Donate online at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Indicate the amount of your donation, designate "Project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays" and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You may also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.

The tree will be on display in the lobby and the apples will be added with the names you choose for each donation. Pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's face book page as it 'grows.'

### **BAG ASSEMBLY TEAM WILL MEET IN SEPTEMBER**

[Thoughtful Thursdays](#) will begin its 14<sup>th</sup> year on Wednesday, September 6 at 10 a.m. when our volunteers meet to assemble bags for the 51 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple. Plan to join the Jewish community's teams as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head Start families in need.

Contact Sally Trotter ([sartrotter@gmail.com](mailto:sartrotter@gmail.com)) to learn more. Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).





## GREG SHOUP TO HIGHLIGHT "MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA"

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is thrilled to welcome local meteorologist, Greg Shoup, as the featured speaker for "Meet Your Mishpocha," the society's annual open house on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

In his presentation, "Surprise! I'm Jewish!," Greg will share the story of his newfound Jewish roots – how he learned of his roots through DNA testing, and worked with genealogist, Marlise Gross, to trace his connection to the Kisselhoff family and their heritage in Russia, the United Kingdom, and America. His presentation will begin at 11:00 a.m. For those unable to attend in-person, the registration link can be found on the NEIJGS website at <http://neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/>.



Before and after Mr. Shoup's presentation, guests can take advantage of a wide variety of family history resources. Bring your old photos and documents to get digitized and take the scans home on a free thumb drive! Check out the Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, with information about more than 7,000 people with Jewish roots in Northeast Indiana. NEIJGS members will be on-hand to answer questions about beginning genealogical research, including using DNA and conquering adoption challenges. Steve Carr will be there from Purdue Fort Wayne's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies to introduce new Holocaust resources available through the Shoah Foundation and the Yale Fortunoff Video Archive. And representatives from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and the Oral History Video Project will answer questions about their programs. Irv Adler will provide the latest details about the International Conference on Jewish Genealogy taking place in Fort Wayne in August of 2025. The NEIJGS will offer a free DNA kit as a door prize to one lucky attendee at the conclusion of the event.

Thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation for their support.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for an afternoon of Jewish genealogy! Additional information about the NEIJGS can be found on our website at [www.NEIndianaJGS.org](http://www.NEIndianaJGS.org), or our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>.

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[Fort Wayne, IN 46804](#)

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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*

## FUNDS AND DONATIONS

# JEWISH FEDERATION FUNDS

## ENDOWMENT

- **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 an **anonymous** donor in honor of **Bob Walters** for his scholarly music program; **Harriet Miller & Monica Wehrle** for being recognized as Hometown Heroes; and **Jaki Schreier** for being named a 2023 Hoosier Jewish Legend
- A donation was received from the **Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana** in honor of **Jaki Schreier** being named a 2023 Hoosier Jewish Legend
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- A donation was received from **Barbara & Les Lipschultz-Rifkin** in honor of **Vivian Skadron's** special birthday
- **JNF - Plant a tree in Israel**
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  - A donation was received from **Robert Elliott** in memory of **Randy Elliott**
  - A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in honor of **Ben Eisbart's** special birthday and **Irene & Bob Walters' 60th** wedding anniversary

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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)

**September 7 – 800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza**  
10020 Lima Road

**September 21 – Taj Mahal**  
6410 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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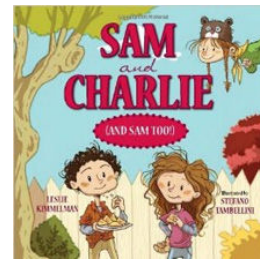
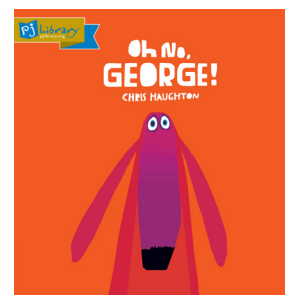
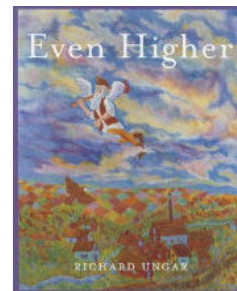
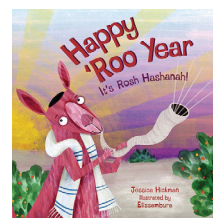
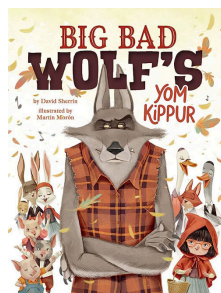
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**Which books did you receive this month?**

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.

