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## MARCH 2024

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Join our Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh Group at  
[DeBrand Fine Chocolates!](#)

Enjoy an evening of fun as we get a private tour of DeBrand. We'll nibble on some sweet treats and enjoy each other's company over a cup (or two) of Hot Cocoa...or Chocolates...or ice Cream...the possibilities and combinations are endless!

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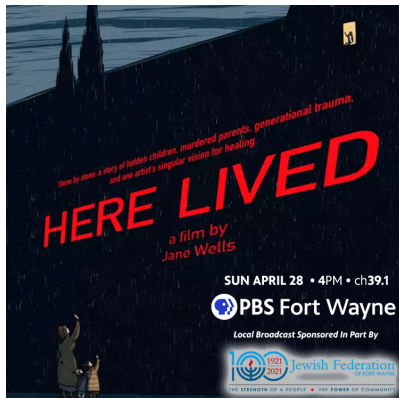
March 13, 2024  
5:45 pm

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Fort Wayne, IN

RSVP (260 456 - 0400 or [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org)) to enjoy the tour and receive a \$10 coupon (only valid that evening in the store with a minimum \$20 purchase). FREE to all members of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne!

Any and all friends of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne are welcome to join in the fun for only \$10.

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### Here Lived

**Here Lived** is the story of hidden children, murdered parents, generational trauma and one artist's singular vision for healing. Produced by **3 generations films**, it is the story of a German artist creating small monuments on the streets of Europe of people lost in the Holocaust. It's also the story of survivors of Nazi victims looking for some connection to their lost families. Ultimately it is a story of the beauty of discovery, love, and reconciliation and the unimaginable sadness of the Holocaust.

The program airs on PBS Fort Wayne (39-1) April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm; on PBS Explore (39-4) April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 11pm, and May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am.

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## YOM HASHOAH

FORT WAYNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's annual Yom HaShoah commemoration will take place on Monday, May 6 at 7 pm. More details to follow.

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

**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

### HE WHO SAVES A LIFE SAVES THE WORLD - The Talmud



The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Annual Campaign is an excellent choice for effective and meaningful giving. The work of our own Federation, the Jewish Federations of North America, and the over 300 agencies worldwide that we serve is as important now as ever before. The work we do is made possible because of the support from **each and every one of you** who contribute to our community's Annual Campaign. **The Annual Campaign** ensures that critical programs and services are available to those of us in NE Indiana, our nation, and our international partners where they are needed the most.

Thanks to each of you who have already participated financially to the 2023-2024 Campaign, we have been able to make significant contributions to both regional and overseas agencies including, but not limited to:

- \* Ball State University Hillel
- \* Indiana University Hillel
- \* Purdue University Hillel
- \* Indiana Jewish Historical Society
- \* Indiana University Jewish Studies Program
- \* Purdue University Jewish Studies Program
- \* Candles Holocaust Museum
- \* Illinois Holocaust Museum
- \* Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA)
- \* Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith
- \* Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council
- \* Jewish War Veterans of the USA
- \* Jewish Council of Public Affairs
- \* Secure Community Network (SCN)
- \* Jewish National Fund (JNF)
- \* American Friends of Magen David Adom
- \* Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
- \* Yad Sarah
- \* Religious Action Center (RAC)
- \* Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion
- \* Partnership 2-Gether (P2G) Western Galilee Region
- \* Birthright
- \* Israel Action Network (IAN)

#### With your help, we:

- \* Help feed those who are hungry
- \* Strengthen Jewish and interfaith relationships
- \* Provide comfort and care to seniors and to those who are alone
- \* Build community support and infrastructure to do so
- \* Positively impact the lives of those in our community, in Israel and around the world
- \* Combat the rise of antisemitism, racism and hatred
- \* Educate adults through various programming
- \* Educate children through PJ Library resources

If you have not made your Annual Pledge for 2023-2024, please be generous. Help us to go from strength to strength!



## Amalia Ran, Regional Director to the Midwest The Jewish Agency for Israel

### “We Stand Together” - Update from The Jewish Agency for Israel

Since its foundation in 1929, The Jewish Agency for Israel is responsible for ensuring that every Jewish person feels an unbreakable bond to one another and to Israel, so that we all can continue to play our role in our ongoing Jewish story. From the establishment of the State of Israel and its vital institutions to facilitating Aliyah (more than 3.5 immigrants to Israel) and to strengthening and supporting Israel's most vulnerable populations, The Jewish Agency has been there for almost a century. In the early hours of Shabbat, *Simchat Torah*, October 7, 2023, when thousands of Hamas terrorists infiltrated Israel and unleashed unimaginable hell on Israeli communities, our teams on the ground responded immediately thanks to this longstanding network by providing urgent aid to the thousands of terror victims, establishing support systems for war-hit communities, families, and businesses.

At present, as the true scale of the atrocities is revealed, our focus expands to launching community restoration projects and rehabilitation of communities, and to ensuring the safety and security of all the populations in our care and of Jewish communities worldwide. The Jewish Agency's Fund for Victims of Terror (FVOT) that supports families and individuals affected by terrorism and violence, has provided so far 8,252 immediate emergency grants, and is focusing on providing long-term rehabilitative care. We couldn't have done it without our many partners around the globe, Jewish communities and federations, donors and friends. Many small businesses in the communities near the Gaza border have either closed or been forced to completely cease their operations due to the ongoing war and security situation. With our partners, The Jewish Agency launched Support Business IL; a special initiative to help small businesses in southern Israel by providing immediate grants to businesses in the impacted communities. Additionally, our SparkIL platform provides support to small businesses throughout Israel that have been affected by the war. Applicable small businesses benefit from interest-free loans which will help them weather this crisis.

The impact of the war has reached every part of Israeli society. The Jewish Agency is facilitating expanded support for Israeli senior citizens, many of whom are Holocaust survivors, vulnerable Israeli youth in the geographic and social periphery and new Olim. More than 4,000 new olim from Ethiopia, Ukraine and Russia were living in the region under rocket threat and are experiencing the psychological impact of the war. Our teams stepped in to offer them safety and respite, evacuating the olim in the line of fire to safer locations, providing housing, psychological counseling, as well as education for children, activities for adults, and supplemental income for lost work because of the displacement.

Currently, we are already working on the next stage, to bring Jewish communities together from around the world to facilitate rehabilitation. Together we aim at guaranteeing that no one is left behind and at building a stronger future for Israel and world Jewry. The displaced communities face a long road to recovery. Communities2Gether pairs each impacted Israeli community with a Jewish community abroad, offering sustained support for 3-5 years. Through funding, resources, and personal connections, these partnerships will rebuild infrastructure, mend social bonds, and foster lasting connections. Another initiative, Campers2Gether, offers a transformative experience, bringing Israeli teens impacted by the war to Jewish summer camps around the globe. Israeli campers will find healing and joy alongside supportive peers, discover hidden strengths, and gain a fresh perspective on their Israeli and Jewish identities. Jewish campers from outside Israel will make meaningful connections with Israeli teens, expand their understanding of Israel beyond the headlines, and build lasting friendships.

Volunteerism is another important aspect of our work. The Jewish Agency has mobilized a passionate force of volunteers from within Israel and beyond. Masa Israel Journey, and Partnership2Gether Fellows were leveraged to bring dedicated individuals and solidarity missions to Israel. Within Israel, our ShinShinim (year of service) volunteers, pre-army academy participants, and students lend a hand to Israeli senior citizens at our Amigour facilities and provide a vital support to their residents. More than 1,100 Masa volunteers, 500 daily (3,000 so far and counting) at our Nitzana educational village, and 650 pre-army academy participants have already stepped up to help during this challenging time. Moreover, The Jewish Agency identified vulnerabilities in several of our facilities in Israel's southern and northern regions. These shared spaces must be renovated to protect the elderly who are incapable of dashing to a shelter with short notice. Lastly, with the rise of Antisemitism and growing threats to Jewish communities around the globe, The Jewish Agency's Security Assistance Fund provides urgent financial security grants to strengthen security measures for Jewish institutions and activities worldwide outside the United States.

Throughout these endeavors, we cannot understate the importance of our partners and donors worldwide. Your support enables us to provide vital care to victims of terror, combat antisemitism, assist devastated communities, facilitate Aliyah, and strengthen connections among Jews globally. Thank you for standing with Israel, *Am Israel Chai*.

## 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.

# Mishloach Manot

Send a special Purim care package to IDF soldiers through Western Galilee Now!

Visit [bit.ly/mishloachmanot24](https://bit.ly/mishloachmanot24) to purchase a package.

Online portal will stay open until March 10.

Packages will be delivered to soldiers on the northern and southern borders.

Contact Ashley Flaumenhaft at [afflaumenhaft@jfgi.org](mailto:afflaumenhaft@jfgi.org) with questions.

## Speical Mishloach Manot!

Indianapolis has teamed up with the organization "Western Galilee Now" to offer the possibility of sponsoring Mishloach Manot (traditional food packages for Purim) containing products from the Western Galilee which will be brought to soldiers. WIN- WIN!!

[Purchase a Package for a Soldier](#)





What are we talking about this month:

## PURIM

### Super Easy Hamantaschen Recipes to Make With Kids



Purim is here--that means costumes, giving to charity, sending gifts to friends, and, [hamantaschen](#)! If you've never made them before, hamantaschen are triangular cookies that are traditionally eaten on Purim. These treats are usually filled with jams, poppy seeds, or, in modern interpretations, chocolate hazelnut spread.

Don't be intimidated by making filled cookies, the recipes below feature no-fail hamantaschen hacks and semi-homemade secrets.

#### Working Mom's Hamantaschen

This is the [first recipe](#) that popped up when we searched for the easiest hamantaschen recipes on the internet. The secret? A box of yellow cake mix. The entire recipe involves only five

ingredients and is ready in 30 minutes--an easy, last minute treat to make, just in case you forget that you volunteered to bake for your community's Purim carnival.

#### The Easiest Hamantashen Recipe on the Internet

Is it the easiest [recipe](#) on the internet? You be the judge--but you will be a hit with this from scratch dough. Another tip from the My Jewish Boston bloggers? Try using premade cookie or pie crust dough for slacker hamantaschen--just double check that the brand you purchase is kosher.

#### Easy No Fuss Hamantaschen

The author promises that [this from scratch recipe](#) is actually easier than any semi-homemade shortcut using pizza dough, cookie dough, or pie crust, she's tried.

#### More

Here are more tips plus a few recipe lists:

[8 Recipes That Prove Hamantaschen Are the Best Kind of Cookie](#) via Food And Wine

[36 Mouthwatering Hamantaschen to Make This Purim](#) via BuzzFeed

[How To Fold Hamantaschen for Purim](#) via My Jewish Learning

[How to Make Perfect Hamantaschen](#) via Kosher.com

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*Don't forget to "spring forward"  
and set your clocks ahead one  
hour on Sunday, March 10, 2024*

## 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.

# WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

## Lion of Judah



### History and usage

The Biblical Judah (in Hebrew: Yehuda) is the original name of the Tribe of Judah which is traditionally symbolized by a lion. In Genesis, the patriarch Jacob ("Israel") gave that symbol to his tribe when he referred to his son Judah as a Gur Aryeh, a "Young Lion" (Genesis 49:9) when blessing him. In Jewish naming tradition, the Hebrew name and the substitute name are often combined as a pair, as in this case. The Lion of Judah was used as a Jewish symbol for many years, and as Jerusalem was the capital of the Kingdom of Judah, in 1950 it was included in the Emblem of Jerusalem.

### Who They Are:

Dynamic philanthropic Jewish woman who create social justice, aid the vulnerable, preserve human dignity and build Jewish identity. 17,500 women around the world are proud Lions of Judah, donating at least \$5,000.00 to Federation every year.

## Pomegranate Pin

An ancient symbol found carved into the lintels of the earliest synagogues, the pomegranate has carried with it the concepts of Judaism for generations.

The Pomegranate pin was introduced as a way to inspire giving from women of all stations. Three decades after its inception, more than 7,000 pins have been distributed across North America.

It represents the best of what Federation does – bringing together like-minded donors to do a world of good.

To qualify, women must donate \$1,800.00 or more to the Federation's Annual Campaign.



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

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[www.3riversfood.coop](http://www.3riversfood.coop)



### ISRAEL AT WAR: A VIEW FROM THE GROUND

Israel lost over 1,200 people on October 7, when thousands of Hamas terrorists burst through the Gaza border, launching a war which has dragged on for months — leading to tens of thousands of deaths and leaving both Israelis and Palestinians wondering what's next.

Please join us on Sunday, March 17 at 3 p.m. on Zoom to hear from [Sam Sokol](#), political correspondent from *The Times of Israel*, who has been covering Israel's war against Hamas, both on the ground in the south and in the halls of the Knesset.

He has reported from Israel for the past 15 years and previously served as a correspondent for *Haaretz*, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and *The Jerusalem Post*. Sokol also is the author of [Putin's Hybrid War and the Jews](#), a book about Russia's weaponization of antisemitism and the [destruction of eastern Ukraine's Jewish communities](#).

The program is sponsored by [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

### FUN FOR ALL AGES AT PURIM SPIEL AND CARNIVAL

Get your costume ready to join us on Sunday, March 24 to celebrate Purim at the Temple! The merriment begins with a family friendly Megillah reading and Purim spiel at 11 a.m., led by Rabbi Meir with the Purim players. Grab a grogger when we tell the story of Queen Esther and make some noise when Haman's name is said!

At noon, following the spiel, everyone is invited to join (or watch) the costume parade to the Social Hall for our annual Purim Carnival! We'll nosh on hamantashen made by a team of Temple bakers and enjoy a lunch spread of lox, bagels, whitefish salad, chopped liver, fruit, and pizza.

We'll have games, activities, prizes, and fun for all ages, including bingo, mah jongg, bounce houses, a cake walk, face painting, balloon animals, a silent auction, and more!

Tickets for the carnival will be available at the door for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 17 to the Temple at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) with the number of adults and children planning to attend.

Thanks to our creative Carnival Crew, including Kate Crell (chair), Stephanie Gottesman, Deborah Bauer, Geoff Gordon, Shai Hadashi, and Celeste Sexton. If you'd like to join the team, please let Kate or the office know. We especially need folks to help with clean-up.

### BRING YOUR FAVORITE FILLING AND BAKE HAMANTASHEN WITH US!

Please join us in getting ready for Purim when we make a variety of delicious hamantashen on Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Children are invited to share in this fun tradition when accompanied by an adult.

We're making the three-cornered treats to serve as part of our Purim festivities on Sunday, March 24, with our family friendly Megillah reading and Purim spiel at 11 a.m., followed at noon by our festive Purim Carnival for all ages.

Dough will be provided, but please bring your favorite filling (no jelly as it is too runny), such as preserves, canned pie and strudel filling, chocolate chips, Nutella, etc. If you have a rolling pin and 3-inch cookie cutter, please bring those as well.

Everyone is invited to participate in baking, but RSVPs are needed to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245 no later than Tuesday, March 12 so that adequate supplies will be available. If you have any questions, please contact coordinators Mimi Zelman ([mimiz21@msn.com](mailto:mimiz21@msn.com)) and Bonnie Pomerantz ([bonniepom@gmail.com](mailto:bonniepom@gmail.com)).

### CELEBRATE SHABBAT AND BAR MITZVAH 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 [YouTube](#).

Rabbi Meir Bargerion will lead services most Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. Our service on Saturday, March 9 will begin at 10 a.m. when Jake Anderson Copeland, son of Hannah & Jack Copeland, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Young families are invited for "Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat" service on Friday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m.

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

### JOY VEY! A SHABBAT SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Please join us on Friday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. for Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family!

We'll light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. We also embrace the tradition of blessing children as we make a joyful place for Shabbat in our lives and hearts... together. Meet us in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center on the second Friday night of each month. Folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice, challah, and dinner afterwards!

### THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS PROVIDES SPECIAL ITEMS DUE TO GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Through the end of the school year, Thoughtful Thursdays plans to include some special items, such as fresh fruit, in the bags that we send home each month with the Brightpoint Head Start Children who attend class at the Temple.

These extras are made possible through the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of our Jewish community. A warm thank you to Suzi Stone for her extremely generous donation recently.

We will be sending home bags in March that include ingredients for a chicken noodle casserole that is popular among our Thoughtful Thursdays families. One mother told us it has become her family's favorite!

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. If you are interested in volunteering for Thoughtful Thursdays, please contact me at [sartrotter@gmail.com](mailto:sartrotter@gmail.com). Our next bag assembly date is Wednesday, March 6 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.

**Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because there is inflation!**

*Sally Trotter, Thoughtful Thursdays chair*





The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome Dr. Wendy Soltz and Greg Merrell to the ACPL Genealogy Center on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm EDT. This afternoon of local history is paired with Congregation Achduth Vesholom's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

### INDIANA SYNAGOGUES

- 2:00pm – **Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project** - Dr. Wendy Soltz will go over the digital map and its functionality and will demonstrate what information one can glean from data visualization platforms as she has help to preserve and document the synagogues across the state of Indiana.
- 3:30pm – **Ligonier Restoration** – Greg Merrell will relate how he and his wife Stacey have purchased the former synagogue, Ahavath Shalom, from Indiana Landmarks in an effort to convert a historic property into a home.

Dr. Wendy Soltz is an Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Public History Program at Ball State University. She regularly works with the public and non-profits to curate exhibitions, organize collections, and assist in historical programming. Wendy conceived of the Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project in 2018 while she was the Executive Director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society. Over the course of five years and a grant from the National Parks Service, Wendy has made 45 survey stops and has conducted archival research to reveal and document 66 purpose-built synagogues across the State of Indiana from 1865-2015.

Greg Merrell is an I.T. Director for an Illinois-based consulting firm. He and his wife, Stacey, had always wanted to live in non-conventional housing. With roots in Indiana but requiring a quicker commute via the South Shore Line into Chicago, Greg and Stacey moved North. Thus began a 2-year project to convert Ahavath Shalom Synagogue into a Home.

This program is in-person at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. If you are unable to attend, registration is required to attend virtually. The link can be found at [Upcoming Events – Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society \(neindianajgs.org\)](https://www.neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/).


Thank you to the Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, the Lande Foundation, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center for their continued support of NEIJGS programming.

Additional information about the NEIJGS can be found on our website at [www.NEIndianaJGS.org](http://www.NEIndianaJGS.org), or our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/NEIndianaJGS/>. Please contact Pamela Friedman at [vp@NEIndianaJGS.org](mailto:vp@NEIndianaJGS.org) for more information.

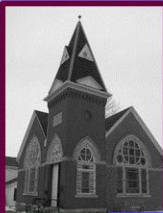
**INDIANA SYNAGOGUES**



**Mapping Project with Wendy Soltz, PhD**



**ACHDUTH VESHOLOM**



**AHAVATH SHALOM**




**Ligonier Restoration with Greg Merrell**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 2:00pm EDT**

**ACPL Genealogy Center**

More information can be found  
<https://neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/>



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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 to help!



Wellspring provides essential necessities of clothing, food, and personal hygiene items. In addition, Wellspring offers after school and summer programs for youth, as well as programming for older and disabled adults. Call today at 260-422-6618 or visit our website [www.wellspringinterfaith.org](http://www.wellspringinterfaith.org) to learn more. All services are free of charge and no referral or voucher is needed. We are here to serve all who need our help.

## 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 Operations**  
Donations were received from **Shirley Busack, Jesse Lipson and Juan Suarez**
- A donation was received from **Larry Mastbaum** in honor of **Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum**



- **Jewish Experience Fund**  
A donation was received from **Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder** in memory of **Vladimir Shakhnovich**
- **JNF - Plant a tree in Israel**  
A donation was received from **Juan Suarez**

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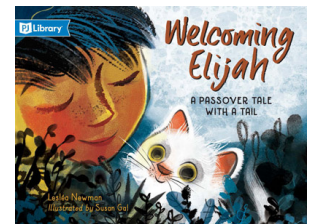
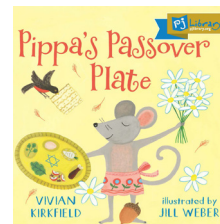
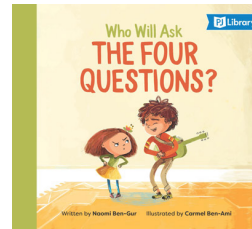
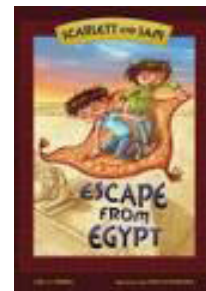
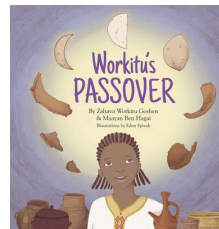
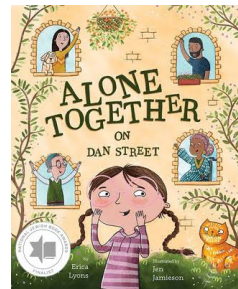
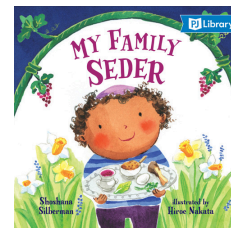
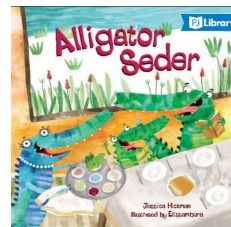
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