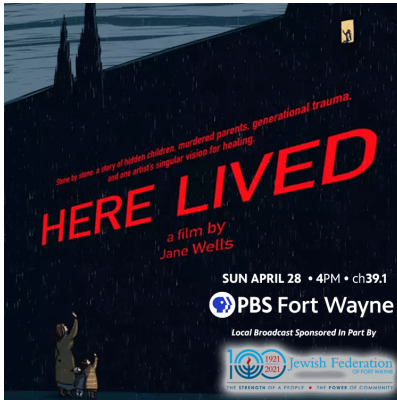




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Here Lived

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 28th at 4pm; on PBS Explore (39-4) April 29th at 2pm, May 1st at 11pm, and May 2nd at 9am.**

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

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** at the **Rifkin Campus at 5200**.

Light Refreshments will follow the commemoration.

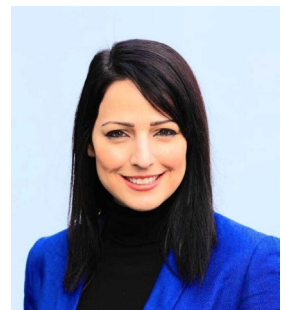
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הסוכנות היהודית
JEWISH AGENCY
לארץ ישראל
FOR ISRAEL

"The Incredible Potential of Israel's Rich Mosaic and Complex Society."

Please join us on **Sunday, May 19 at 6 pm** at the [History Center](#) when we will welcome Gadeer Kamal-Mreeh. This event is free and open to the public. Our thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.



Gadeer Kamal-Mreeh is a Senior Envoy of the Jewish Agency for Israel to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. In 2019, Kamal-Mreeh was elected to the Knesset as a member of the Blue and White party, making history as the first Druze woman to become a Member of the Knesset. She holds a degree with honors from Bar-Ilan University in Medical Imaging and Social Sciences, and a Master's Degree with honors in International Relations from Haifa University, specializing in negotiations and making decisions in international relations.

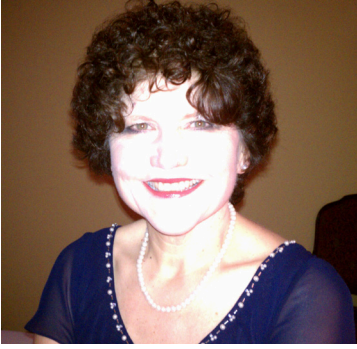
Gadeer is a "Munich Young Leaders" Alumni and in 2021 was chosen by the "World Economic Forum" as one of the young global leaders. In the same year Gadeer was also awarded the Knight of Government Quality by "The Movement for Quality Government in Israel".

Kamal Mreeh was born and lived in the Druze Village, Daliyat-al-Carmel. She is married and is the mother to two children.

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

A FOREVER CHANGED ISRAEL



The minute we arrived at the airport in Tel Aviv, we noticed a very different Israel. Gone were the crowds, gone were the long lines at Customs. It was a very unsettling feeling for both my husband, Eric, and me. We had so many different emotions, among them, shock and being disoriented. Signs and pictures of each hostage still being held by Hamas line the corridor leading to passport control. We felt it was our responsibility and duty to bear witness to the events of October 7th and be a voice for Israelis.

Before joining others for a Solidarity Mission organized by the Partnership2Gether Western Galilee region, we spent Shabbat with our dear friends the Ben Yehoshuas (who lived in NE Indiana for over a decade) their relatives and a number of their friends. All of them knew someone who had been murdered by the Hamas attack or had relatives serving in the IDF. There is no one that has not been affected by this war.

Upon joining the group participating in the Solidarity Mission, Brigadier General Illan Lavi spoke knowledgeably about the geopolitical situation in Israel and the north. This began three and half days of intense meetings and visits to areas impacted by the October 7th attack and what is anticipated to be a mass invasion from Lebanon in the very near future. We met with community leaders, IDF officers, business owners, soldiers, educators, evacuees and residents of this area who know that sooner or later the northern front will erupt and they will be under continuous missile attacks. We heard about the challenges they face and their fear of the unknown. At the time of this writing, the northern border of Israel remains largely uninhabited because Hezbollah has attacked regularly with rockets, missiles, and drones and still has an extensive arsenal of 150,000 missiles and rockets, including highly accurate precision missiles aimed at the most sensitive military and civilian sites in northern and central Israel. We visited Kibbutz Matzuva, located just over a mile from the border with Lebanon, which has become a ghost town since its evacuation on October 7th. Only stray cats and a security team remain there. It now hovers in purgatory, waiting for an undeclared war to intensify or for some kind of diplomatic agreement to end the conflict.

In addition to meeting with members of the Northern Galilee community, we visited schools, colleges, businesses, municipal buildings and the Galilee Medical Center, where we had the opportunity to tour the 400-bed underground hospital. The hospital has already treated hundreds of injured soldiers and most of the key departments have already moved underground. It is a daily struggle to function as many hundreds of their 3200 employees were evacuated from their homes and forced to move all over the country. The move to the underground hospital is in preparation for the attack from Lebanon.

Yossi Cohen, the City of Akko Municipality Auditor, who oversees emergency operations, told us that he expects there to be 3000 rockets fired by Hezbollah every day with mass casualties, buildings collapsing, no electricity, cellular or Internet services. To help face this challenge, public and private bomb shelters are being renovated. However, more than 22% of the city's residents have no shelter at all.

Matte Asher mayor Moshe Davidovitz, whose home faced a drone strike, said he was glad he gave the order to evacuate eight communities on the Lebanese border on the morning of the Hamas attack. He said, "We thought before October 7th that we were undefeatable, but what happened that day changed everything. Before October 7th, we were a start-up nation. Since then, we have to think about how to become the restarting nation. We are stronger, and we will win, but we have to think differently now."

Israel has a very difficult road ahead, and this can't be stressed enough. The members of the Solidary Mission came to show support for our Israeli brothers and sisters. We left with a stronger connection and an impactful experience that will stay with us throughout our lives.

Through your financial support to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign, we can continue to support those in need. Maybe that is the Jewish story: 3500 years of overcoming together against all odds.



Solidarity mission participants at the Matte Asher Regional Council Municipal building



Israeli flags representing the hostages held by Hamas outside of the Municipality.



Participants of the Partnership 2Gether Western Galilee Solidarity Mission



A briefing by the Confrontation Line Forum on the security situation in Northern Israel.



Solidarity participants at the Western Galilee Medical Center.



Looking out at the Old City of Akko



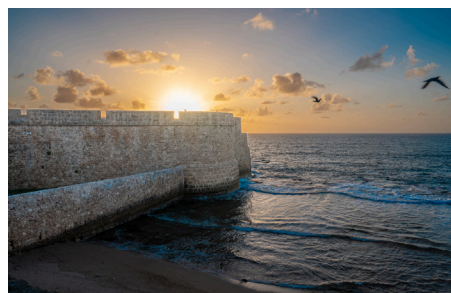
In the bomb shelter of the Galilee Medical Center



Solidarity Mission participants walking to the evacuated Kibbutz Matzuva, near the border of Lebanon.



Dr. Eric Schreier volunteering at a greenhouse in the Western Galilee.



Sunset in the ancient city of Akko.



We had a wonderful time on Wednesday, March 13, when ten Federation members met at DeBrand's Fine Chocolates on Auburn Road for a delicious tour. Our tour guide Elizabeth was a joy to be around.

Many thanks go to Leah Zimmerman for organizing all of our Rosh Chodesh events and to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support of our events.



Members of the Jewish Federation and Temple leadership met with Senator Todd Young on February 23rd to discuss issues that relate to the Jewish community, such as aid to Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan, the worldwide rise of anti-Semitism and the continued need for security in synagogues, Jewish day schools and Jewish agencies.



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

On the 14th day of the Hebrew month of *Adar* Jews around the globe celebrate the holiday of *Purim* (from the Hebrew word “lot”, *pur*) to commemorate the salvation of the Jewish people from the hands of Haman, who menaced to annihilate the Jews, as described in the Book of Esther. As other Jewish holidays, Purim represents the transition from fear and agony to joy, from helplessness to action. It is a carnivalesque celebration of the “world upside down,” in which destiny and old ways are inverted to offer a new order, as well as a reminder of the importance of peoplehood and activism, and a festivity of revival. This year, almost six months since the brutal terrorist attacks of October 7th and the war in Gaza that followed, Purim will be marked in Israel and in the Jewish communities around the globe with a special significance, as we look forward and focus on rebuilding and healing communities, fostering our responsibility for each other individually and collectively.

Currently, there are still 200,000 people evacuated from their homes in the Gaza Envelope and Israel’s Northern border. The Jewish Agency for Israel is now working on the next stage of rehabilitation efforts to bring Jewish communities together from around the world to ensure that “No Community Left Behind.” Together we are focusing now to build a stronger future for Israel and for world Jewry. *Communities2Gether* is The Jewish Agency’s new partnership model, based on our longstanding network of partnerships between Israeli and Jewish communities around the globe, in which organizations, foundations, Jewish and Israeli communities join forces to assist in rebuilding displaced communities near the Gaza border in their 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 aim at rebuilding infrastructure, mending social bonds, and fostering lasting connections.

Campers2Gether is another initiative led by The Jewish Agency for Israel and Mosaic United, together with our partners at the Foundation for Jewish Camp, to bring 1,500 Israeli teens from the impacted areas in the Gaza Envelope and the North to Jewish overnight camps across the world. Israeli teens, ages 14 – 16, will travel to camp in cohorts of up to 20 participants for two weeks of respite and *mifgash* (“meeting”). Since October 7th, teenagers in Israel, particularly those evacuated from the Gaza Envelope and Northern Israel, are experiencing unprecedented and acute levels of anxiety as they deal with the loss of family, loved ones, friends, and home. At the same time, Jewish teens across the world are facing extraordinary levels of Antisemitism, as well as severe disinformation regarding the situation in Israel.

Jewish summer camps around the world can be places where Israeli and local Jewish teens have a break from the intense stresses of

daily life. They are also settings where local Jewish teens and Israelis can experience *mifgash*, meaningful and intentional interactions, which strengthens individual identities and connections to Israel and the larger Jewish world. *Campers2Gether* provides a supportive environment in which to heal, replenish reservoirs of resilience, take a break from the stresses of regular life, and have fun. It is also a *Mifgash*, an opportunity for cultural exchange, a place to build connections and friendships with peers from North America and Europe. Israeli teens will learn about the Jewish experience directly from their peers. North American Jewish teens will develop a greater understanding of what transpired in Israel beginning on October 7th in a way that can only take place through peer-to-peer encounters. Israeli teens will have the added benefit of time to reflect on their own Israeli and Jewish identities, as well as their own commitments to Israel.

Rebuilding communities is literally translated in the *Bayit* [lit. “home” or “house”] Project to insuring physical and psychological safety to the people under our care: 15,000 Olim (immigrants) and elderly living in The Jewish Agency’s facilities as residents at our Absorption Centers and Amigour housing respectively. Many of our Absorption Centers that house Olim have inadequate shelters - cramped, poorly located, or outdated. The new immigrants often spend nights packed into these shelters to ensure they are in safety while sleeping. With the current crisis, the size and standards of these shelters are no longer sufficient. Similarly, numerous Amigour buildings housing our most vulnerable senior citizens, including many Holocaust survivors, lack proper communal shelters. The attacks of October 7 underscore the urgency. Currently, residents in Southern and Northern Israel are at increased risk with 15 to 90 seconds to safely reach a shelter. These residents do not have the ability to move out of harm’s way, threatening their physical and psychological well-being. The *Bayit* Project consists of constructing shelter towers at ten Absorption Centers and nine Amigour facilities, enabling our residents to swiftly reach safety.

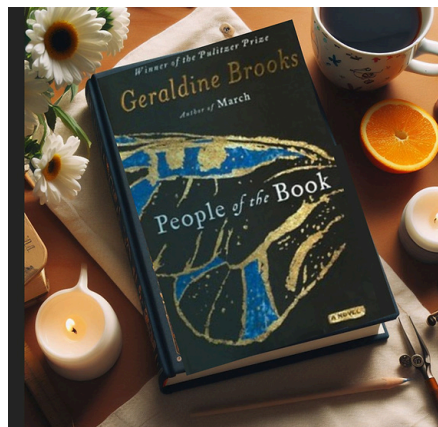
As we look back to our shared history of revival and overcoming hardships and threats, we are also reminded of our current goals: providing direct relief to victims of terror, focusing on communal relief and focusing on safety and resilience of Jewish communities around the world. For over 90 years, The Jewish Agency has championed our connection to Israel and our Jewish story and we continue to do so, connecting all Jews from all countries and religious streams, sharing our rich heritage and strengthening our ties as a global family with Israel at its center, supporting and operating important initiatives to keep the Jewish People connected; addressing emergency needs as they arise. It is our mandate, our historic obligation, and our task. 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.



Sun, May 05 | On Zoom Book Club

A captivating book club session centered around “People of the Book” by Geraldine Brooks. This novel, inspired by the true story of the Sarajevo Haggadah, masterfully weaves together an epic historical saga of persecution and survival with a powerful modern-day tale.

[RSVP](#)

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Save the Date!

Horizon Young Adults Seminar

September 17th – September 23rd, 2024
in Beautiful Budapest

The PARTNESHIP2GETHER HORIZON Young Adults Seminar is for Young Adults (25-45) who feel the urge and the desire to take a short break from the daily routine in order to explore their Jewish identity. Together with peers from Israel and Budapest, we will gather for lectures and workshops. We will visit unique tourist sites in Budapest, take part in inspirational meetings and have a good time. Life-time friendships will be made.

Our preliminary international zoom meetings regarding the seminar will take place on
Sundays on: April 14th, May 19th, June 6th, July 28th, and September 8th
11:00 am CT / 12:00 noon ET / 18:00 BUD / 19:00 IL

Expenses/Costs:

Participants are responsible for round trip flight costs, health insurance, a few meals and \$100.00 registration fee. The cost of the seminar is covered by the Partnership.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT [Sivan Friedman Lavi](#), P2G Young Adult Coordinator
Sivanf@jafi.org

Connecting **PERSON2PERSON PEOPLE2PEOPLE** ★

Join the Horizon Young Adults program, offering Zoom sessions with Israeli, Hungarian and US young adults, culminating in a joint seminar in Beautiful Budapest.

Contact [Sivan](#) for more details

What are we talking about this month: PASSOVER

Tweens have got Passover down—they know how to sing the four questions, hunt for the afikomen, and maybe even help make the charoset. Get silly with family or friends by playing with some Passover-themed word games.
[More printable word games here.](#)



The _____ NOUN Ball Soup Recipe

Get ready to make the world's most _____ soup. You may even want to double this recipe and keep half in the _____ for later.

Soup-Base Ingredients:

1/2 pound _____ sliced
VEGETABLE
_____ pound celery _____
NUMBER VERB, PAST TENSE
1 _____, sliced and cleaned
UNUSUAL PLANT
1 bunch fresh _____ chopped
NOUN
1 bunch fresh _____
HERB
2 _____ leaves
ADJECTIVE
10 whole _____
PLURAL NOUN
_____ tablespoons _____ oil
NUMBER TYPE OF VEGETABLE
Kosher _____
SEASONING

Ball Ingredients:

_____ NOUN FROM TITLE
2 large _____
PLURAL NOUN
_____ tablespoons light _____ oil
NUMBER NOUN
1 _____ water
UNIT OF MEASURE ADJECTIVE
1/2 cup _____ meal
NOUN FROM TITLE
1/2 teaspoon baking _____
NOUN
_____ teaspoons salt
NUMBER
_____ teaspoon _____ powder
FRACTION FLAVOR
1/8 teaspoon onion _____
NOUN
1/2 tbsp chopped fresh _____
NOUN

Instructions:

In a _____ bottom pot, sauté the vegetables for your soup base. Add the rest of the ingredients and turn the heat up to high. Add _____ cups of water and add the rest of the _____. Cover, turn down the heat and let _____ for _____ hours before adding the _____ balls.

To make your _____ balls: _____ your wet ingredients in a small mixing _____ and then pop in the _____ for _____ minutes. Then add your _____ ingredients. Use a _____ to thoroughly mix. Make sure there are no _____. Using a _____, scoop out the dough and form _____. Bake in the oven at _____ degrees for _____ minutes. Add to your finished soup base right before serving. Garnish with a little bit of chopped _____.

To learn more about PJ Library and sign up for free Jewish storybooks, visit pjlibrary.org

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.



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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.

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 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.



CAMP JOE LEVINE REFER-A-FRIEND PROGRAM IS BACK!

- Refer a new family to Camp Joe.
- They get 10% off of their paid fees & you do too!!

It is impossible to overemphasize the importance and lasting impact of camp friendships. Friendships, through shared participation, are at the center of every camp experience. They serve as the unofficial measuring unit of the success of any camp program.

To understand what makes a camp setting so ideally suited for forming friendships and allowing them to thrive, it is helpful to look at some of the camp dynamics. At camp, kids connect over a wide range of activities – from laid-back and relaxing craft projects to spirited athletic contests and wild adventures. But it is not any one activity, no matter how simple or elaborate; nor any one experience, no matter how familiar or unique, that makes a camp program successful. Rather, it is the interactions between kids that enrich every aspect of a camp day and transform it into something special.

Throughout each day, kids work cooperatively, discuss things passionately, cheer each other loudly, laugh exuberantly and play tirelessly. In this happy, care-free environment, it is easy to get caught up in the shared excitement and step right out of one's comfort zone, often without even realizing it. This setting



makes it easy to be adventurous and try out new things. In essence it encourages kids to be themselves and feel appreciated because friends are there to support them every step of the way and celebrate their victories and successes with them.

As we get ready for this year's camp, we look forward to reuniting with all of our camp friends and to meeting and creating new ones! Consider participating in our Refer-A-Friend Program and invite your child's friends to Camp Joe. Together, we are sure to create magical experiences and lasting bonds of friendship this summer.

Camp dates:
June 24-28
July 1-5
July 8-12

Applications are available online at fwjf.org. Mailed applications are available on request. Please call JFFW at 260-456-0400 or email the office at office@fwjf.org



WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? FIND OUT AT CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Passover begins on Monday, April 22 when we retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Please join our Temple family for the Second Seder on Tuesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Temple.

We'll read the Haggadah led by Rabbi Meir Barger on and dine on a traditional, kosher-style Pesach meal of brisket with veggies or eggplant parmesan, potato kugel and roasted broccoli. Thank you to the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for coordinating the meal – and especially to Denny Reynolds for chairing.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, April 12 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org, and then follow up by sending your check made payable to "CAV - The Temple" [or pay online](#). When you RSVP, please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian entrée. Reservations must accompany payment. We will not be taking payment the night of the event.

Students enrolled in Religious School may attend at no charge by making a reservation and when accompanied by a parent.

The cost for Temple members is \$35 for adults; \$15 for children ages 3-12 who are not enrolled in the Religious School; and free for children under age 3. For non-members, the cost is \$40 for adults; \$18 for children 3-12; and free for children under age 3. No refunds will be issued for cancellations or no-shows. Reservations after the April 12 deadline will be taken if space is available. An accurate count is needed to prepare the appropriate amount of food.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT 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 Barger on will lead services most Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. We will not have a Shabbat service on Saturday, April 20. Young families are invited for "Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat" service on Friday, April 12 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, April 12 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!

CHANGES COMING FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Thoughtful Thursdays is making some changes. I will be stepping down as chairperson on July 1 after four years, and I am delighted to announce that Cheryl Schorey has enthusiastically agreed to assume that position.

We are in our 14th year providing food and household items for the Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. Because of the dedication of our volunteers, I know it will continue on for many years to come.

Our volunteers will be meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. at the Temple to assemble the bags.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a joint project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

Sally Trotter, Thoughtful Thursdays chair



Mapping Project and Restoration of Former Synagogue in Ligonier

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](https://neindianaajgs.org) is excited to welcome Dr. Wendy Soltz and Greg Merrell to the [ACPL Genealogy Center](https://neindianaajgs.org) on Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. The afternoon of local history is paired with [Congregation Achduth Vesholom's](https://neindianaajgs.org) 175th Anniversary celebration.

- 2 p.m. – **Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project** - Dr. Wendy Soltz
- 3:30 p.m. – **Ligonier Restoration** – Greg Merrell

This program will be held in-person at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. If you are unable to attend in person, registration is required. The link can be found at <https://neindianaajgs.org/upcoming-events/>.

Many thanks 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.


UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5, 2024 - Ellie Vance of Family Search will discuss researching records reflecting the former Russian Empire


Annual Meeting - TBA

IAJGS Conference 2024 - Philadelphia; Aug. 18 - 22

IAJGS Conference 2025 - Fort Wayne; Aug 10 - 14



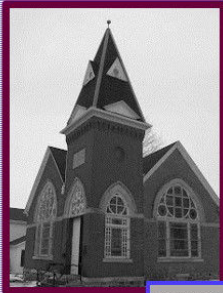
Wendy Soltz, PhD:
Mapping Project



Greg Merrell:
Ligonier Restoration



ACHDUTH VESHOLOM



AHAVATH SHALOM



Indiana SYNAGOGUES

Sunday, April 14th, 2024, at 2:00pm EDT
ACPL Genealogy Center

More information can be found
<https://neindianaajgs.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.



The Board of Directors and staff at the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne wish you and your families a Happy Passover!

Please note, our office will be closed on March 23, 24, 29 and 30

Looking for kosher ingredients and other grocery items in Fort Wayne? Shop at **Trader Joe's** in Jefferson Pointe (4110 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Suite D-2) for a wide range of kitchen and pantry basics for your holidays and day-to-day needs. **Kosher products include meat, wine, snacks, cheeses, cookies, candies, breads, and other grocery items.**

Shopping for Passover/Pesach? Trader Joe's offers a wide selection of kosher meats (including kosher beef brisket, kosher chicken, kosher beef), wine, a wide selection of produce items (potatoes, carrots, celery, parsley, onions, etc.), pantry staples, and of course, **kosher for Passover matzoh!**

Additional information is available via Trader Joe's website, (<https://www.traderjoes.com/home/search?q=kosher>) or by calling the store at (260) 432-5828.

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.



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 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

Fund

Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan

- A donation was received from **Susie Miller** in memory of **Audrey Gerson**

General Operations

- A donation was received from **Juan Suarez**



- A donation was received from **Larry Mastbaum** in honor of **Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum**

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- A donation was received from **Juan Suarez**
- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in memory of those who have lost their lives in Israel

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!



Scan QR code to donate

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

April 4 – Cosmos Restaurant
9807 Lima Road

April 18 – West Coast Grille
2310 S. Calhoun Street

May 2 – The Hoppy Gnome
203 E. Berry Street

May 16 – Black Canyon Restaurant
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Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can
contact Denny Reynolds at 260-637-0507
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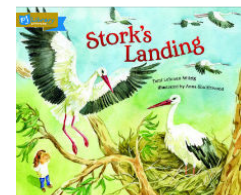
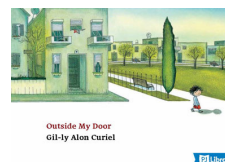
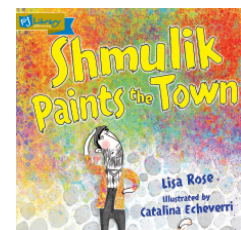
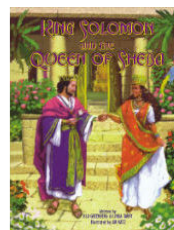
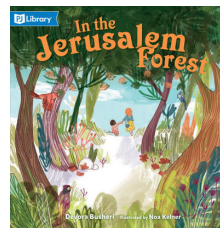
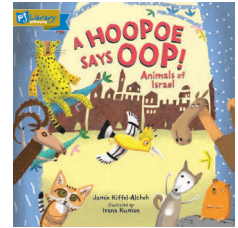
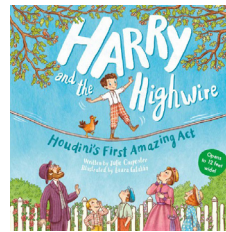
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Which books did you receive this month?

A program of the [Harold Grinspoon Foundation](http://www.haroldgrinspoonfoundation.org), 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://www.pjlibrary.org) 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.

