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MAY 2024

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**.

The Holocaust memorial service will be led by Rabbi Meir Bargerone with music by Maestro Robert Nance and Heartland Sings. Members of the community will read first-person accounts from the Holocaust and other historical moments of antisemitism.

For streaming information, please contact the Temple office at office@templecav.org or (260) 744 - 4245

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The Man Who Saved 669 Children



The Man Who Saved 669 Children - He never considered himself a hero, yet on the eve of World War II Nicholas Winton became The Man Who Saved 669 Children. Winton, a young London banker, was on the verge of departing for a skiing vacation on Christmas day 1938 when a friend called him from Prague asking for help. In the Czechoslovakian capital, Winton set up an extraordinary rescue operation for Jewish children threatened by the Nazis. From his hotel room, he organized the departure of trains to England and became a forger when he lacked authorizations and visas. His efforts allowed 669 children to board eight trains and make their way to London to find host families, new lives, and hope.

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.

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We had so much fun last month that we don't want to wait until June to meet again!

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 22**. We will meet at the [Friendly Fox](#) (4001 S. Wayne Avenue) at **5:30 pm**.

Food and drinks are on your own but having fun, making new friends and catching up with cherished friends will be shared by all!

Please **RSVP** to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456 - 0400.

This event is open to all Jewish women in our area.



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



LEST WE FORGET....

"For the survivor who chooses to testify, it is clear; their duty is to bear witness for the dead *and* for the living. They have no right to deprive future generations of a past that belongs to our collective memory. To forget would be not only dangerous but offensive; to forget the dead would be akin to killing them for a second time".

Elie Wiesel

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne wishes you and your loved ones a very special and meaningful Pesach. Tradition has it that we leave an empty chair for the prophet Elijah to help usher in our people's redemption and peace throughout the land.

This year, during the Passover service, Jews all over the world will also set aside an additional empty chair (or chairs) in support of those who have lost their freedom and in honor of those who have lost loved ones during the ongoing war with Hamas. At our home, we chose to include at this extra chair, images and names of the hostages kidnaped during the October 7th attack in Israel.

We also took a moment for Hakarat HaTov, the Hebrew for gratitude. Hakarat HaTov is a reminder that we should be grateful that we are able to freely celebrate seder and are able to finish our Passover meal with full tummies. We also are reminded that this will not be experienced by everyone, as many have lost their freedom and many are going hungry.

Before you end the seder and announce to all, "L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim or Next year in Jerusalem", take a moment to imagine what we'd like next year in Jerusalem to be like. May peace come to the State of Israel and its citizens. May the people of Israel celebrate the freedom of Pesach with their loved ones forever safely at their side.

On the evening of May 6th, 2024, our community will come together for a very special Yom HaShoah service to remember and honor the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, as well as the victims of the October 7th massacre in Israel. The service will be led by Rabbi Meir Barger. We will have special readings and listen to heartfelt music, as we reflect together on the pain, suffering, and loss sustained by the victims and their families.

Unfortunately, we know that as time passes, public knowledge about the Holocaust is diminishing. This reality, along with the frightening rise in antisemitism and hate based violence we are now witnessing, reminds us that "Never again" is not guaranteed. No matter what else is going on in the world, this Day of Remembrance is set aside for each of us to remember and learn from a history that must never be forgotten.

So, please join us the evening of May 6th at Congregation Achduth Vesholom to share together this very important commemoration. Students from New Tech High School will be in attendance to share their Holocaust related projects. We invite you to meet with them at the conclusion of the Yom HaShoah service. Please feel free to ask them questions about their projects and encourage them to continue to study this critical part of history.

To those who were lost during the Holocaust and October 7th on this Yom HaShoah, we remember you and will always keep you in our hearts.

On a personal note, I want to thank each of you who have either emailed, sent a letter or spoken to me in person with wishes for a healthy and happy retirement. It has been my great honor to serve as your Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. It is one of which I will always be eternally appreciative. I look forward to working with the new Executive Director to help assure a seamless transition, and I will continue to remain active and involved in the Fort Wayne Jewish community.

Toda Rabah.



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

This year, celebrating *Pesach* (Passover) is with mixed feelings. We are grateful for the privilege of sitting together around the holiday's table, surrounded by family and friends. Yet our joy is not complete while so many families are still grieving for their missing members and are mourning the lost ones. In many homes, this *Pesach*, an empty chair waited for a loved one to return and the fifth cup of wine was raised while praying and hoping for the quick return of all the 133 hostages still held in Hamas captivity. *Chag HaHerut* (the Festival of Freedom) receives a different meaning this year. We are all carrying a prayer in our hearts for their immediate release and liberation. We read the Haggadah, and the story of our exodus as one people from slavery and darkness to freedom, while we recognize that this year the traditional story has another significance.

This *Pesach*, I wish to focus on our *Shlichim* (Israeli emissaries), who work in Jewish communities, synagogues, schools, youth movements and on campuses around the country. These young, talented and dedicated Israelis swung into action immediately following the events of October 7 to combat antisemitism and the delegitimization of Israel. Many suffered the loss of loved ones during the attacks and in the war that followed, some endured the evacuation of their entire communities in the southern and northern borders of Israel, and all of them were called on duty here to fulfill the true essence of their *shlichut* (mission): They provided invaluable resources to their communities, Israel education, advocacy tools, and a personal, meaningful connection to Israel. In many of the areas the *Shlichim* serve, they are the only available source of Israel education and connection. Because of their existing networks and extensive relationships, *Shlichim* were able to mobilize quickly to share personal stories as Israelis; speak publicly about what is happening in Israel and counter misinformation; initiate and take part in rallies, vigils and pro-Israel demonstrations; raise awareness for the hostages; take part in fundraising events; and much more. They organized more than 75,075 educational activities for more than 908,000 participants; 92 Israel Fellows on College Campuses supported 13,600 students who are encountering Antisemitism. During the eve of *Pesach*, many of them led local seders in their respective communities.

In the summer, they will be joined by the summer camps *shlichim*, who will come to bring Israel to Jewish summer camps nationwide. This summer, they will be part also of **Campers2Gether**—an initiative of The Jewish Agency for Israel and Mosaic United, together with our partners at the Foundation for Jewish Camp—to bring up to 1,500 Israeli teens ages 14 to 16 from the western Negev and northern Israel to 50 to 60 Jewish overnight camps in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and South America. Since October 7, Israeli teens have experienced overwhelming levels of anxiety and trauma. Compounding the stress of being unable to return home for weeks or even months, many have family members or friends who were killed, injured, or kidnapped. At the same time, Jewish teens around the world face unprecedented levels of antisemitism in their daily lives and encounter hateful misinformation about Israel spread on social media and among their peers. In 2024, Israeli teens will travel to camp in cohorts of up to 20 for two weeks of respite and cultural exchange, building supportive bonds with their peers from around the world.

On the eve of Passover, we read the Haggadah together and the words:

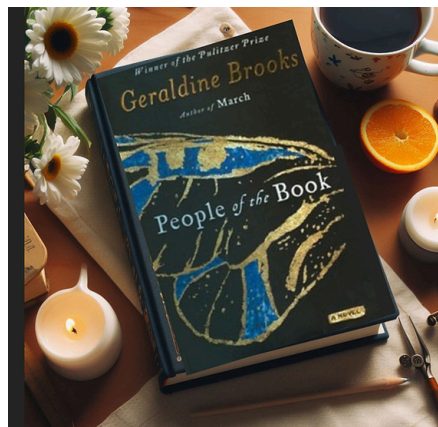
"בְּכָל דּוֹר וָדּוֹר עוֹמְדִים עָלַינוּ לְכַלּוֹתָנוּ" ("in every generation they rise up to destroy us"). But today, unlike at so many times in our history, we are capable of defending ourselves. In spite of our pain, we are able to rally together as a people to protect the Jewish state and people. As we witness the greatest crisis in the history of the State of Israel, we stand together to remember our shared destiny and our force to overcome destruction. I wish you and your loved ones a holiday of hope and *besorot tovo*t (good blessings).

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.



NEW DATE
Sun, June 9 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT
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.

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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: ISRAEL - HAMAS WAR



PJ Library and [the Harold Grinspoon Foundation](#) have a deep, unshakable connection to the State of Israel. We are proud to share stories with families around the globe that celebrate Israel and promote a sense of responsibility to the country and its people. And we are proud to reach hundreds of thousands of Israeli children and their families each month through PJ Library's Hebrew-language counterpart, [Sifriyat Pijama](#), and Arabic-language companion program, [Maktabat al-Fanoos](#).

Related: [PJ Library's Israel Hub](#)

If you are struggling, as many of us are, to navigate conversations about events in Israel with your children or grandchildren, we've compiled a shortlist of resources below.

[Statement from HGF President Winnie Sandler Grinspoon 10.16.23](#)

How to Talk to Kids

Processing the horrific attack on Israel is difficult. Explaining it to a child can feel borderline impossible. It's helpful to:

1. Take the cues from your child
2. Model calm behavior
3. Be reassuring
4. Help children express their feelings
5. Be developmentally appropriate

The links and resources that follow may be helpful:

- [Addressing Children's Big and Important Questions](#)
- [How to Talk to Kids About Israel Right Now](#) via *kveller*
- [Strategies For Talking With Our Kids About Israel](#) via the iCenter

Resources for Grown-ups

It can feel so fraught for parents, educators, and colleagues to address concerns and questions that young children may have. The following resources offer both expert-level as well as peer-to-peer support for adults navigating these complex conversations.

- [About the Map of Israel](#) a learning resource to help teens and adults understand and develop background knowledge about the history and geography of Israel.
- [How to Handle Antisemitism at School](#) via *kveller.com*
- [How to Talk to Children About Israel Today \(webinar\)](#) via The Jewish Education Network
- [Find Community Support](#) via the Jewish Social Services Agency
- [Is Anyone Prepared For These Questions?](#) (part of the [Israel at War Series](#)) via *Perfect Jewish Parents* podcast

Embrace Jewish Joy

It's important to remember that we can hold *both* the pain of this moment as well as every day moments of Jewish joy and pride.

- [Feel Closer to Israel With These Books, Videos, and Podcasts](#)
- [Find Joy and Connection: Simple Actions to Take](#)
- [Songs of Comfort](#)
- [Virtual Tour of Jerusalem](#)

More

[PJ Library's Israel Hub](#)
[How to Talk to Children about Antisemitism](#)
[Questions Children Ask About Israel in General](#)

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JOIN OUR TEAM

As you may have heard, Jaki Schreier, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, will be retiring from her position at the end of her contract, June 30, 2024. We wish to express our deepest appreciation to Jaki for her years of invaluable service.

Federation president Scott Salon has appointed a Search Committee to help find our next Executive Director.

If you or someone you know might be interested and would like more information on this position, please contact our office at (260) 456 - 0400 or at office@fwjf.org

Save
the
Date

ANNUAL MEETING

Our 103rd annual meeting will be held on Sunday, **June 9, 2023 at 3 pm**. Members who have made their 2023 - 2024 pledge are invited to attend. More details soon.

You're
invited!

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

Please mark your calendars for **Monday, September 9 at 7:30 pm**. when we welcome author **Marie Benedict**.

More information over the summer.

We look forward to seeing you then!



TOGETHER WE
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Last month, ADL released its 2023 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents. [More information here](#)

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.



Calendars have turned to May and the countdown to the final day of school has begun. Kids look forward to a well-deserved break from their studies and eagerly await the arrival of summer with all of the wonderful things it entails. A summer camp is undoubtedly one of the best and most exciting ways to celebrate summer. It is also one of the healthiest.

At Camp Joe, we take advantage of [Metea Park's](#) beautiful hiking trails, spacious fields, parks and lake. As a result, our campers spend a large portion of their days in motion. go on scavenger hunts and nature walks, sand and compete in relay races. (We take Throughout the entire day they are with tions are face to face (no electronic de- Kids meet new people and make new share stories and opinions, learn how to compromise, honing their social skills ply play and relax, enjoy their time with friends and have fun. And at the end, their successes and accomplishments are measured not in grades or test scores, but in personal growth and gratification, self-realizations and increased confidence.



They hike, swim, play sports, build castles and canals in the credit for their early bedtime.) their peers – all of their interac- vices are allowed or needed). friends. They discuss things, work out their differences and along the way. Finally, they sim-

When we look at a camp setting, we see the upside, with every aspect of a camp day and every activity contributing to children's physical and emotional well-being. We hope that your child will join us at Camp Joe this summer and take part in this wonderful experience.

Register online at fwjf.org – scroll down to Camp Joe Levine. Applications are also available on request; please call the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at 260-456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org for an application.

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

JOIN US FOR SPECIAL JOY VEY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES WITH MUSICIAN MATT CHECK

Our festive monthly Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat service for young families on Friday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. features [Matt Check](#), an accomplished singer-songwriter, guitarist, banjoist and producer of Americana, bluegrass, Jewish music and children's music.

After almost 20 years in New York City as a Jewish educator and musician, Matt now serves as director of lifelong learning at Wise Temple in Cincinnati. He holds an MA in Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary (2008), as well as an MPA from Baruch College (2011).

Please join us 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 most months.

Matt's visit is the first of four special musical programs that will be offered in the coming months during Joy Vey services thanks to the generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Musician [Juliette Nehring](#) will join us on two Shabbat mornings for young families on Saturdays, August 10 and January 11 at 10:30 a.m. [Joanie Calem](#) will join us on Friday, October 18 for Sukkot.

SHARE SHAVUOT WITH OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Please join us for our Shavuot and Yizkor service on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. when we celebrate the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, led by Rabbi Meir Barger. Join us in person or on [YouTube](#).

In ancient times, Shavuot marked the conclusion of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. The holiday is celebrated 50 days after Passover.

Traditionally, the Book of Ruth is read on Shavuot because just as that story recounts how a young Moabite woman chose to become an Israelite so did the Israelites choose to accept the commandments when they stood before Mt. Sinai. It is customary to eat dairy foods on the holiday to symbolize the sweetness of Torah and the association of Israel as the land of milk and honey.

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 leads services most Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Our summer schedule will begin on Friday, May 31 when Shabbat worship moves to 6:30 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead services most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah.

Young families are invited for "Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat" service on Friday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. with guest musician Matt Check.

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

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TO PREPARE LAST BAGS OF SCHOOL YEAR

With the school year ending soon for the Brightpoint Head Start students who attend class at the Temple, our Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers will be preparing bags with a little extra food and toiletries to help families through the summer months.

The Jewish community team will meet on Wednesday, May 1 at 10 a.m. to assemble the last bags of the school year.

We appreciate the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the many members of our Jewish community and non-members for making Thoughtful Thursdays possible through their donations and hard work.

Thank you to Sally Trotter for her leadership during this 14th year of Thoughtful Thursdays. We're grateful to the wonderful Temple staff and volunteers who continue to be so engaged and supportive, whether picking apples, shopping for supplies, bagging, and helping in other ways. Without all of you, we could not provide this program.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). If you are interested in volunteering for this endeavor, please contact our incoming chair Cheryl Schorey at cheryl_schorey@yahoo.com. We would love to have you join us!



Our office will be closed Monday, May 27 so that we may honor all who served and sacrificed for us.



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome Ellie Vance of Family Search to the ACPL Genealogy Center on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 2:00pm EDT.

Jewish Genealogy of the Former Russian Empire and Surrounding Regions

- **2:00 History of Jews in the Russian Empire and an Introduction to Record Types:** This presentation will provide a brief history of Jews in the Russian Empire, the Pale of Settlement and an introduction to basic record types including revision lists, metrical books, census records, family lists, and more.
- **3:30 Jewish Research in the Former Russian Empire:** Unsure of where to start with researching your Jewish roots in the former Russian Empire? This presentation will provide an introduction to Jewish genealogical research and discuss resources, websites, and tools for research in the former Russian Empire as well as modern country-specific resources for Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, and Ukraine.

Ellie graduated from Brigham Young University with degrees in Russian and Family History and Genealogy. She worked as the Slavic research specialist for the FamilySearch Library and currently works as a technical historical records expert at FamilySearch, where she provides data for machine learning and indexing of Russian genealogical documents. Ellie enjoys helping others trace their roots in the former Russian Empire.

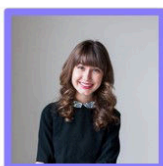
This program is in-person at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. If you are unable to attend, registration is required for the virtual link which can be found at [Upcoming Events – Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society \(neindianajgs.org\)](https://www.neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/).

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

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

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May 16-18

University of Saint Francis Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry Street

Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing antisemitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, *Fiddler on the Roof*'s universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness. *Fiddler on the Roof* is presented by special arrangement with Music Theatre International. This show is rated G.

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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

Community Relations Committee (CRC)

- A donation was received from **Carol and Larry Adelman** in memory of **Mayor Tom Henry**

General Operations

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



Holocaust Education Fund

- A donation was received from **Jaki & Eric Schreier** in memory of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

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

Stand with Israel/Swords of Iron

- A donation was received from **Lee Kreigh**

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)

May 2 – The Hoppy Gnome
203 E. Berry Street

May 16 – Black Canyon Restaurant
1509 W. Dupont Road

June 6 – Salvatori's Southwest
10337 Illinois Road

June 20 – Salsa Grille
7755 Coldwater Road

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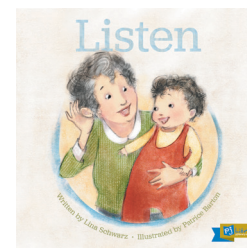
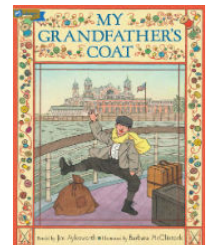
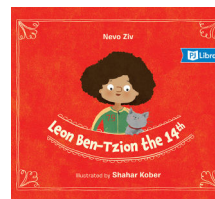
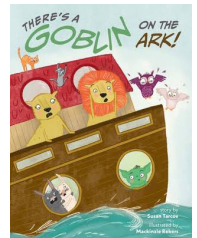
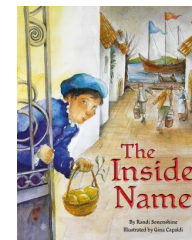
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