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JULY/AUGUST 2024

JOIN US FOR DINNER



Our Rosh Chodesh group will be meeting for dinner **5:30 pm** on **Wednesday, August 21** at [The Friendly Fox](#) - **4001 S. Wayne Avenue**. Dinner is on your own but making new friends and catching up with cherished friends will be shared by all.

Please RSVP a week before to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456 - 0400. These dinners are open to all Jewish women in our area.

We can't wait to see you!

MARIE BENEDICT TO BE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK SPEAKER



The People of the Book program will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. This year's program will feature Marie Benedict, who is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of eight works of historical fiction. A lawyer with more than ten years' experience at the country's premiere law firms, she found her calling in unearthing the hidden historical stories of women. Her mission is to excavate from the past the most important, complex and fascinating women of history and bring them into the light of present-day where we can finally perceive the breadth of their contributions as well as the insights they bring to modern day issues.

She is the author of *The Only Woman in the Room*, *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, *Carnegie's Maid*, *The Other Einstein*, *Lady Clementine*, *Agent 355*, *Her Hidden Genius*, *The Mitford Affair* and, with Victoria Christopher Murray, the Instant *New York Times* Bestseller and Good Morning America Book Club pick, *The Personal Librarian*. They have been translated into over 30 languages, and her books are often not only Indie Next and Library Reads picks but chosen by national books clubs such as Good Morning America, Barnes & Noble, Target, and Costco.

The People of the Book program is hosted by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and is free and open to the public. A question-and-answer session will conclude Ms. Benedict's talk, followed by a dessert reception and book signing by the author. Her books will also be available for purchase.

The People of the Book lecture is made possible
with the generous support from the Dr. Louis A.
and Anne B. Schneider Foundation.

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

ANNUAL MEETING SPEECH - JUNE 9, 2024

Greetings to one and all and good afternoon!



Welcome to the 103rd meeting of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

On behalf of the Federation's board of directors, I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. Because of your active participation and your philanthropy, as is our tradition, our Federation has been able to do the holy work needed to help repair our world....

By coming together, we have been able to make a vital difference for good in our community and around our world. As Mahatma Gandhi taught: "in a gentle way, you can shake the world."

Our lives now are very different then just 12 short months ago when we last met. Tragically, October 7, 2023 changed the Jewish world in ways we could never have predicted or imagined! The assault on Israel by Hamas terrorists has left us numb and vulnerable. In the months following the massacre, as in times past, we again have and continue to watch in disbelief, the exponential increase in Israeli hatred and in acts of antisemitism.

Through use of the Jewish agency for Israel, our federation, in partnership with Congregation Achduth Vesholom, helped raise a significant amount of money to provide assistance to Israeli citizens and their communities in desperate need.

The Temple and the Federation partnered again on our annual Yom HaShoah commemoration by creating a service through prayer, diary readings and music that honored the memories of the 6 million as well as the innocent victims of October 7th.

Throughout the past year, the Federation has continued with vital programming, including such examples as Camp Joe Levine, the broadcasting of relevant documentaries on PBS39, and Rosh Chodesh that brings Jewish women together quarterly for wonderful educational experiences.

We were a primary sponsor of the Mauthausen Cantata concert, performed by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Our Federation again provided vital support to the annual event commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In an ongoing effort to stay further connected with our community, Bonnie Pomerantz and I stepped up the number of Shabbat and holiday bags that we deliver to members and good friends of the Federation.

This past March, my husband, Eric and I volunteered in the Western Galilee region of Israel. Through the Partnership2gether program of which Fort Wayne is a part, we have been to Israel a number of times. However, the mission trip, more than any other, was life changing. We met with Christians, Muslims, Druze and Jewish Israelis. We saw first hand what challenges they and their loved ones are facing on a daily basis. More than anything else, we were left inspired by the strength, resilience, commitment and love they have for each other

and for their country.

During the past 12 months, we have continued to reach out and network with local, regional, and national leaders. We write letters and we speak out against injustices, all the while remaining steadfast in support of Jewish values and principles. As we move forward, we will maintain a strong and vigilant voice against the perverse and fixated bias that is directed at the nation of Israel, as well as the virulent attacks directed at Judaism as both a religion, and as a people.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to provide assistance to many in need. We continue to allocate funds to a variety of Jewish agencies, such as for college Jewish studies programs and the university Hillels in Indiana. Our primary allocation continues to be to the Jewish Federations of North America specifically for the critical work they do. These are just a few of the many issues that fill our days.

Our Federation remains hard at work preparing for the year ahead, including some exceptional programming.

On September 9th, the best-selling and prolific writer Marie Benedict will be the speaker at our 2024 People of the Book event. As always, the People of the Book series is free and open to the public. Please spread the word on this forthcoming outstanding event.

In March of 2025, the Jewish Federation, in partnership with the soon to be open, downtown Pearl Arts Center and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, will bring to our community "Violins and Hope." The project originated from a book by Cleveland photographer and professor, Daniel Levin. Mr. Levin spent time with violin luthier, Amnon Weinstein at his workshop in Israel. This amazing undertaking, "Violins and Hope," will be unique and different from the "Violins of Hope" project that came to Fort Wayne in 2019. We are now actively reaching out to a number of community agencies asking for their participation. Already, they are expressing excitement to be a part of what is sure to be a meaningful and enriching experience for all.

There is much more in the works that the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is actively involved in. Please stay tuned and please participate in any way you potentially can. Your involvement is so necessary. The more you're involved, the more we can offer.

We owe so much to our amazing and committed staff: office manager, Bonnie Pomerantz; accountant, Jeff Griggs; volunteer social worker, Fran Volante. They go above and beyond what is asked of them, every single day. I further thank the staff and leadership at the Rifkin Campus for their continued support.

It goes without saying that we owe much to our extraordinary spiritual leader, Rabbi Meir. We have come to truly appreciate his integrity, strength of character, wisdom and kindness.

Let me thank the Federation board, committee members, and all others who have been so vital, not only as a source of inspiration, but

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PRESIDENT ANNUAL MEETING SPEECH - JUNE 9, 2024

Today, as my term as President of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne comes to a close, I present my last report. It's likely to be somewhat repetitive because the functioning of this organization continues to be relevant, dynamic, and beneficial. It continues to succeed in embodying the core tradition of Tzedakah, righteousness, and social justice.

What an honor and privilege it has been to fill this position in an organization which, for more than one hundred years, has and continues to support the continuation and wellbeing of the Jewish Community in Fort Wayne, the surrounding area; and, through affiliation with the Jewish Federations of North America, to the Jewish people throughout the world.

Moreover, its impact and benefit to the larger community through its social, educational, and cultural programming is widely recognized. The relationships which the Federation has cultivated with other faith based and cultural organizations enrich the entire community: promoting goodwill, fellowship, and enhancing the quality of life for all. It has really been an honor to serve, and to be among those who have served before.

I am able to assuredly report that our organization is sound and fully committed to addressing the current and ongoing challenges facing the Jewish community in Fort Wayne, Northeast Indiana, and worldwide. In fulfilling this endeavor, and driving its success, it is important to recognize the contributions of Executive Director Jaki Schreier and Office Manager Bonnie Pomerantz, whose outstanding commitment and dedication far exceed their roles and compensation. We are also indebted to the board of directors in facilitating our focus and operations.

During my term we have negotiated the challenges presented to community life by Covid 19, the unsettling rise of antisemitism in the United States and the world, and now the changed Jewish world engendered by the horrific October 7th attack on Israel by Hamas, the continuing hostilities by that terrorist group as well as Hezbollah and both their benefactors.

In response to the October 7th attack with the guidance of Bob Walters, Ben Eisbart, and a committee that also included members from the Temple, we began raising funds for humanitarian relief for Israelis impacted by this horrific event, Jews and non-Jews alike. As a community we should be very proud of the fact that we raised over \$280,000, a sum much larger than that raised by many communities with Jewish populations much larger than ours. It is also noteworthy that without solicitation, we received contributions from non-Jews in the community who were appalled by the brutality unleashed on Israel. Similarly, others reached out to us expressing sympathy as well as concern for what has been going on on many college campuses.

Fiscally, through careful attention to our resources, the Federation remains in very good stead. We are thankful and we are also grateful to those who preceded us who thought about and planned for future generations.

As you are undoubtedly aware, Jaki, after dedicating her heart and soul to this organization for 11 years, will be retiring. Her Impact in sustaining and furthering the vitality of the Federation can't be overstated as the programmatic offerings and the relationships she has built within and outside the community attests. We have truly been blessed by her leadership, energy and dedication. Her legacy will be enduring.

That said, we have an excellent committee, with a great deal of institutional experience, engaged in a search to fill the Executive Director position. We are still evaluating and we hope to announce a decision in the near future. In the interim, Jaki has graciously committed to continue to assist in our operations to the extent she is able.

Finally, we welcome our community to get involved. An ongoing challenge for all Federations, especially small Federations, is developing interest and involvement with younger individuals. Please inform younger members of the Jewish community about the important functioning of the Federation and encourage their participation in this important institution.

Thank you all for continuing to make the Federation the resource for good and welfare that it is.

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THANK YOU!

PRESIDENT GOLDIE DUBOW - JUNE 9, 2024

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

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

The Goldie DuBow award this year is presented not to one, but two men, who since young adulthood, have individually and in tandem, contributed to the wellbeing of community life in Fort Wayne and beyond.

To enumerate all that each honoree has contributed to both the Jewish and the larger Fort Wayne community, identifying each achievement, position of leadership, accolades and awards would consume too much of our available time, and so I'll just present a snapshot.

Both recipients have been stalwarts of the Jewish community for more than 40 years. Each has held high positions in his religious congregation and in the Federation. In fact, a great many of the Federation's programs that continue to this day were shepherded into existence when one was President of the Federation and the other was the Federation Director. These include: Camp Joe Levine, the Yom HaShoah Commemoration, People of the Book, named in memory of Alex Honig, the annual Shalom Party, and, fittingly, the Goldie DuBow Award.

Both their accomplishments and recognition in the civic life of the Fort Wayne community are also too numerous to list. However both have served the Fort Wayne community in leadership roles on boards for cultural and philanthropic endeavors as well as those involved with economic, educational, and community development. Both are always ready to serve when approached to do so, as well as initiate and lead whenever a need is identified.

It is my privilege to present the Goldie DuBow award to Ben Eisbart, who is with us today, and Bob Walters who is celebrating a family event and, unfortunately, is not here today.

Gentlemen, thank you for a lifetime of exemplary giving and service.

Finally, I have a special presentation to make.

I would like to take a moment to recognize our retiring Executive Director's extraordinary service and commitment to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne which, with her leadership and dynamic presence has transformed our office and community. Jaki is leaving it as strong as it has ever been. Thank you for 11 years!



Goldie DuBow award winner Ben Eisbart, Sharon Eisbart and Federation President Dr. Scott Salon



Executive Director Jaki Schreier and Federation President Dr. Scott Salon

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.

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because of their commitment, philosophy, and active volunteerism, our Federation has thrived. It is our common belief in our shared purpose and the power within each of us that remains the key to making a difference for good in this community and worldwide.

We also thank the Salon and the Schneider Foundations for providing the financial assistance to make much of our programming possible. We are in their debt for having the foresight to know how a community benefits when resources are made available.

We thank Dr. Scott Salon for his outstanding and encouraging leadership as our current president. His intelligence, experience and wisdom have helped successfully guide this federation through three good, but often challenging, years.

We wholeheartedly welcome back as our next president, Ben Eisbart, who we know will continue to lead this Federation in its quest to further the work of growing our organization and thereby, make our community a better place.

On a personal note – this will be my last annual meeting as the executive director. These past eleven years have been such an outstanding experience for me – one that I am eternally grateful for having. The four presidents: Fran Adler, Ron Friedman, Ben Eisbart and Scott Salon, who I have had the honor to work with, are all exemplary leaders and great human beings.

When a new executive director is selected, please welcome them and their loved ones with open hearts and arms, as chances are good that they will be moving here from somewhere else.

Please encourage and support the new director the same way that you did me, knowing that encouragement provides us with motivation and invites us to dream dreams of significance for our lives. This positive support begs us to work diligently with optimism and promise.

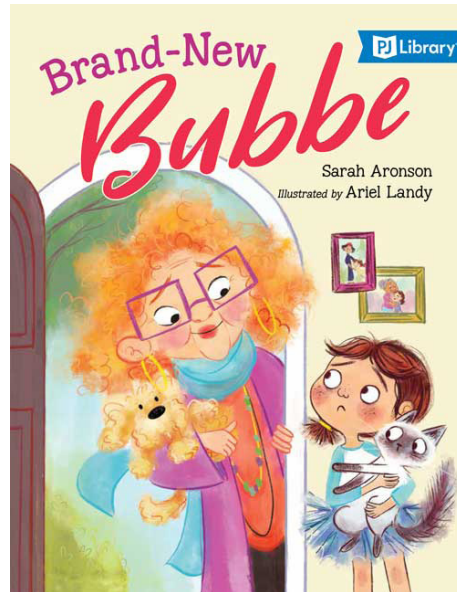
Please be assured that our Federation leadership is committed to making the new director's transition as smooth as possible. We will work together to make sure they have every opportunity to be successful. Doing so will not only enrich the Jewish community, but everyone of NE Indiana.

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

It is now time for me to move on to the next phase of life – one that will hopefully continue to be full of purpose; through volunteering and outreach. I look forward to the opportunity to be able to give back and enrich the lives of others. Eric and I are looking forward to more extensive travel, spending more time with our family and friends and taking on the new role of being "Bubbe and Zeide", when in the fall, our first grandchild will arrive.

Thank you again for your unwavering support of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. Shalom and toda raba. Jaki Schreier

What are we talking about this month: Talk It Over: What Makes a Family?



Jewish life revolves around family. The Torah even outlines the obligations that families have to support each other, both emotionally and physically. In Hebrew, *mishpacha* means family, and it's not just a word, but a value to embrace as well. Families come in all shapes, sizes, and configurations. They can be large, small, multi-generational, all living under the same roof, or spread out geographically. In the story *A Brand New Bubbe*, Jillian experiences changes to her family dynamic and wonders, what makes a family?

When Jillian's mom remarries, Jillian not only gets a really nice stepdad but also a brand-new grandmother, a *bubbe* (Yiddish for "grandmother"). At first, Jillian's not onboard with this new member of her family, but her mother tells her she has to give Bubbe a chance. The Hebrew phrase *adam yachid* refers to the uniqueness of every person. Judaism asks us to seek out and appreciate everyone's individual gifts, because every person in the world has something special to share. When Jillian gets to know Bubbe, she comes to like her — and her chicken soup with matzo balls.

Discuss

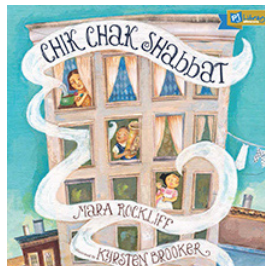
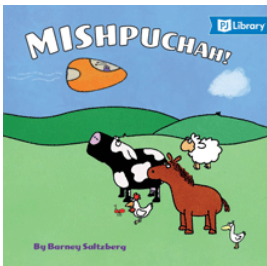
Have you ever met someone that you weren't sure about at first but later began to like? What changed?

What do each of Jillian's grandmothers have in common?

Who is part of your family?

Read More

If you enjoyed this book, check out one of these:



More

[Books That Celebrate All Types of Families](#)

[Children's And Middle Grade Books That Mirror the Diversity of the Jewish Community](#)

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ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended our 103rd annual meeting. New officers were elected to our board, our Pomegranate and Lion of Judah recipients were given their pins, and we honored our Goldie DuBow awardees. We look forward to another amazing year! Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continuously generous support! Our thanks also go to The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center for being a wonderful community partner.



Federation President Dr. Scott Salon



Executive Director Jaki Schreier



Pomegranate and Lion of Judah recipients,
with President Dr. Scott Salon



Rabbi Meir Bargeron



Guest Speaker Trent Spoolstra
with ADL Midwest



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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REV. JOHN TOLLEY WILL SPEAK AT PRIDE SHABBAT SERVICE

In conjunction with [Fort Wayne Pride](#) activities, we'll celebrate Pride Shabbat on Friday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger, with readings and prayers inspired by the LGBTQ+ experience.

Please join us in person or on [YouTube](#) as we recognize the importance of LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion. An Oneg Shabbat reception will follow. We warmly welcome guests.

Our guest speaker is the Rev. John Tolley, who for 16 years was the minister of drama at First Presbyterian Church, focusing on performances that raised social issues. He moved from Fort Wayne in 1989, living in Tennessee, New Jersey, and Connecticut before becoming a professor of ministry in the arts at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago.

After retiring, he moved back to Fort Wayne in 2016 with his husband, Richard.

A self-described humanist minister, Rev. Tolley also is a "human book" as part of the [Human Library project](#) at the Allen County Public Library. He is the affiliated community minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne.

A Crawfordsville native, Rev. Tolley graduated from the University of Indianapolis (formerly Indiana Central University). He earned a master's degree in Religious Communications from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and a PhD in Educational Theater from New York University.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE WITH HEARTLAND SINGS & BBQ

Our spirited Friday Night Live service moves outdoors at the Temple on August 2 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir with [Heartland Sings](#) on their mobile stage. Tap your toes, get on your feet, and share the joy of Shabbat with this lively worship experience. (Please note that the service will not be livestreamed.) Join us prior to services at 5 p.m. for a barbeque hosted by the ROMEOS, with Hebrew National hot dogs, veggie burgers, coleslaw, vegetarian baked beans, and chips. After the service, we'll gather around the CAV fire pit for s'mores, popsicles, and ice cream. Kindly RSVP for dinner no later than Friday, July 26 [online](#), or contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Donations to help cover costs are appreciated.

Please bring your own folding/camping chairs and or blankets/sheets to sit on and long-handled sticks or forks to roast marshmallows. Bug spray is recommended.

Thank you to Denny Reynolds for coordinating and the ROMEOS for hosting the meal. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

CELEBRATE WITH EVENING AND MORNING JOY VEY! SHABBAT SERVICES

Please join us for our summertime Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat services for young families with opportunities to introduce children to evening and morning services at the Temple.

Share fun celebrations with us:

- **On Friday, July 12**, we'll gather at 5:30 p.m. 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. Folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice, challah, and dinner afterwards!
- **On Saturday, August 10**, we'll meet at 10:30 a.m. when we welcome musician [Juliette Nehring](#) in the second of four musical Joy Vey services sponsored by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Introduce your child to the beauty of a Shabbat morning service with prayer, singing, movement, joyfulness, and friends. Folks are encouraged to stick around afterwards to enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT TOGETHER IN JULY AND AUGUST

Share Shabbat with us at [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) in person or via livestream on [YouTube](#). We warmly welcome guests.

Rabbi Meir Barger leads services most Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. Joy Vey: A Kid-ish Shabbat returns on Friday, July 12 at 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m. with musician Juliette Nehring.

Please join us for Pride Shabbat on Friday, July 26 and Friday Night Live and a BBQ on Friday, August 2. Find out more at www.templecav.org. Shabbat evening services will move to a fall time schedule on Friday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.



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

Be safe!



45TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
JEWISH GENEALOGY
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA | AUGUST 10-14, 2025

And We Settled Here...The Jewish Journey



2024-2025 PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society held its annual meeting on June 10 via Zoom. Members attended from around the country to elect officers, discuss the past year's activities, and hear an update on the 2025 IAJGS Conference. Irv Adler also presented a short program about the 2nd Generation Network, of which he is a member.

In addition, the Society announced its slate of free public programs planned for the coming year. The season will begin with the 6th annual "Meet Your Mishpocha" program on Sunday, September 15th. This year the NEIJG is partnering with Congregation Achduth Vesholom to offer their Jewish Heritage Tour at 10:30 followed by the genealogy event from noon until 2:00 p.m. at the Temple. Screenings of two local Jewish history videos are planned, IAJGS Conference updates, information about the Fort Wayne Jewish Families database, and a variety of genealogical resources.

On Sunday, November 10, the NEIJGS will present a program specifically to promote the 45th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, taking place in Fort Wayne August 10-14, 2025. This virtual program will begin at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time.

On November 17, 2024, genealogist Sarina Roffe will present two programs about Sephardic Genealogy at the ACPL Genealogy Center. Sarina is an editor of the journal *Dorot* and founder of the Sephardic Heritage Project. She is the author of *Branching Out from Sepharad*, which outlines the history of Jews in Spain, the 1492 expulsion, their history in Syria, and the subsequent immigration to the Americas. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., she'll present "Sephardic Pirates of the Caribbean" and follow that at 3:30 with "Sephardim in Colonial America."

Jakub Czaprynski, a Polish genealogist, will be the speaker on February 9, 2025, for a virtual program, "Hidden Gems in the Polish Archives." Jakub has been carrying out professional genealogical research and organizing heritage tours in Poland. He collaborates with JRI-Poland and the Jewish Community Centre in Krakow where he organizes meetings and lectures on genealogy. He is particularly interested in attempts to use lesser-known historical sources to research the histories of Jewish families from Galicia. This virtual program will begin at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time.

On April 6, 2025, Bruce Colegrove will present two in-person programs at the ACPL Genealogy Center. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. with "The Arolsen Archives and Other Sources for Holocaust Research," he'll continue at 3:30 with a "Case Study of Holocaust Research." Bruce has done extensive research on the Auschwitz-Birkenau women's orchestra since 2013.

The final program of the season will feature genealogist Ellen Kowitt on May 4, 2025. Ellen is the director of the USA Research Division and has created the Shul Records America database for JewishGen. She'll present two virtual programs, beginning at 2:00 with "Locating Jewish Records in the Golden Medina: Jewish America 1654 to present." At 3:30, she'll continue with "US Synagogue Records as Genealogical Source."

All of these programs will be free and open to the public. With the exception of the "Meet Your Mishpocha" program in September, a virtual option will be available for the in-person presentations. Please plan to take advantage of these knowledgeable speakers!



Summer has arrived and so has the heat! Please remember to check on your family, friends, neighbors and pets.



BEAT THE HEAT: Extreme Heat

Heat-related deaths are preventable

WHAT:

Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.

WHO:



Children

More males than females are affected



Older adults



Outside workers



People with disabilities

WHERE:



Houses with little to no AC



Construction work sites



Cars

HOW to AVOID:



Stay hydrated with water, avoid sugary beverages



Stay cool in an air conditioned area



Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes

Outside Temperature 80°



During extreme heat the temperature in your car could be deadly!

HEAT ALERTS: Know the difference.

HEAT OUTLOOK

Minor
Excessive heat event in 3 to 7 days

HEAT WATCHES

Excessive heat event in 12 to 48 hours

HEAT WARNING/ADVISORY

Major
Excessive heat event in next 36 hours

DID YOU KNOW?

Those living in **urban areas** may be at a greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than those living in rural areas.

Most **heat-related illnesses** occur because of overexposure to heat or over-exercising.

Sunburn can significantly slow the skin's ability to release excess heat.

During 1999–2009, an average of **658** people died each year from heat in the United States.

\$30 BILLION estimated total cost of the 2012 US drought and heatwave.

For more information on ways to beat the heat please visit:
<http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat>



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HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

WHAT TO DO

HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Losing consciousness (passing out)

- Call 911 right away—heat stroke is a medical emergency
- Move the person to a cooler place
- Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
- Do not give the person anything to drink

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness or weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fainting (passing out)

- Move to a cool place
 - Loosen your clothes
 - Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
 - Sip water
- Get medical help right away if:**
- You are throwing up
 - Your symptoms get worse
 - Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
- Muscle pain or spasms

- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
- Drink water or a sports drink
- Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity

Get medical help right away if:

- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
- You're on a low-sodium diet
- You have heart problems

SUNBURN

- Painful, red, and warm skin
- Blisters on the skin

- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
- Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
- Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
- Do not break blisters

HEAT RASH

- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)

- Stay in a cool, dry place
- Keep the rash dry
- Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash



CDC/PH

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

General Operations

- A donation was received from **Larry Mastbaum** in honor of **Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum**
- A donation was received from **Marcia & Denny Reynolds** in honor of **Jaki's** retirement
- A donation was received from **Juan Suarez**



JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- A donation was received from **Juan Suarez**
- Swords of Iron/Stand with Israel Fund**
- A donation was received from **Pamela Bailey**

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)

July 4 – No lunch this week

July 18 – Sweetwater Music
5501 US Highway 30 W

August 1 – Club Soda
235 E. Superior Street

August 15 – The Han Dynasty
6401 W. Jefferson Boulevard

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can
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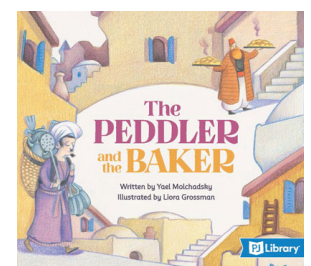
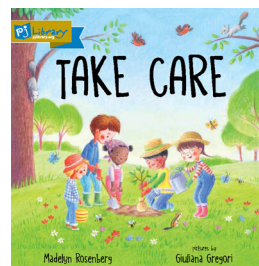
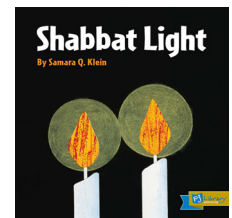
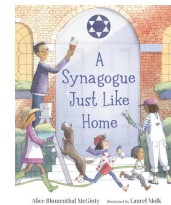
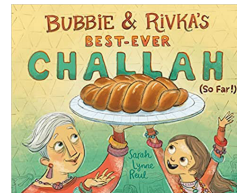
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Which books did you receive this month?

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

