



# chailights



SEPTEMBER 2024

## 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.

## WELCOME MICHAEL THEISE!

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is pleased to welcome Michael Theise as our new Executive Director, beginning September 9.



We are so glad that after having spent a rewarding 25 years in the automotive industry, Michael has decided that "It is now time for me to utilize all of my energies, skills, experiences, and passion" in the organized Jewish community – and that he has chosen Fort Wayne as the community where he will embark on this career

transition, coming to us from Sylvania, Ohio.

Michael and his family have participated and volunteered in many Jewish activities, including immigrant-resettlement support programs, Holocaust education, and particularly the International Maccabiah Games, where the whole family has been involved as competitor, volunteer, or manager.

As Michael relates, "As we raised our daughters in several Midwest communities, it was always so wonderful to see what Jewish activities our girls would gravitate toward. Each daughter was different, each community was different (some quite small), and the available social activities for children certainly changed over time. The one constant was the people of the communities that we have called home. We were blessed that a variety of Jewish-centric activities and social groups were available to our daughters and that our daughters were special ambassadors and volunteers for these communities.

Each member in our family is at a special place in our lives with unique opportunities to make impactful contributions to our community. We are all so excited about the Jewish community and Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and your history, traditions, and great people."

Look for details in the near future about joining us for a "meet and greet" to welcome Michael, Kate, and their family to Fort Wayne.

**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

## What Is Partnership2Gether?



In July, my husband Eric and I traveled to Austin, Texas (yes....Texas in July!) for the Partnership2Gether (P2G) Council of Communities meeting. This yearly conference brings together people from all across our P2G region for several days of planning and budgeting for the upcoming year. It is also an opportunity to connect and develop relationships with other participants.

This year, we had participants from Israel, Budapest, and 16 of the 17 U.S. communities that are part of our P2G consortium. This included lay leadership and professional staff.

I would never have been able to anticipate how magical this year's conference would be. Our Israeli friends were overcome with gratitude for the support they and their loved ones have received from us in the Diaspora since October 7th. Moti Yeger, the Chair of P2G in the Western Galilee, shared with us his experience of what it is like right now to be a 52-year-old Reserve Naval Officer as well as the father to several IDF soldiers,

and how he is able to keep his family together in the midst of the war. We welcomed our new P2G Consortium Director, Tamara Shuster, who has been involved in Jewish education for over 20 years. During this conference, we looked back on the many successes of the past, including the Women Leading A Dialogue program, which visited Fort Wayne several years ago.

When asked what Partnership2Gether is all about, it is best to start with the question, what is the essence that makes up the Partnership?

The main components to me are:

**WHAT:** The goal is to build meaningful relationships

**HOW:** We build these meaningful relationships through engaging activities and programs

**WHO:** We build these meaningful relationships through engaging activities and programs with our Jewish family

**WHERE:** We build these meaningful relationships through engaging activities and programs with our Jewish family in Israel, Budapest, and 17 U.S. communities

This is the heart of P2G. Now more than ever, I am incredibly proud to be a part of this exceptional program. There is an excellent opportunity coming our way to experience the Partnership2Gether region in the Western Galilee. The P2G Summit will take place in February 2025. For only \$100 (plus the cost of airfare), members of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne can experience three days of exploring the region and seeing first hand the impact that P2G is making, while also building and strengthening meaningful relationships with other participants.

There will be a two-day pre-trip for those who are new to P2G and wish to learn more. The cost for this pre-trip is \$650. There will also be an optional extension that includes travel to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Registration is available now. Please plan to join us and experience all that P2G has to offer. Please contact me if you are interested or have any questions.

Hope to see you all in the Western Galilee in February 2025.



**Save the Date!**

**PARTNERSHIP2GETHER**  
U.S. Central Area Consortium | Western Galilee | Budapest

**2025 Summit**  
**February 25 – 28, 2025**  
**in Israel**

**Cost: \$100\* (\$195 single supplement)**  
\*Subsidy provided by the Partnership. Airfare not included

Open to all community members, staff and lay leaders!

- Meet with IDF Soldiers
- Volunteer in the Western Galilee
- Enjoy a rooftop reception with chef Uri Buri
- Visit with displaced Israeli citizens
- Celebrate 25+ anniversary for Partnership
- Meet heroes of resilience

**Pre-Summit** – Introduction to Partnership2Gether (February 23 - 25), add \$650 (\$130 single supplement)

**Summit** – Get to know the people of the Partnership (February 25 - 28), \$100\* (\$195 single supplement)

**Post-Summit** – optional add-on to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem (outside vendor)

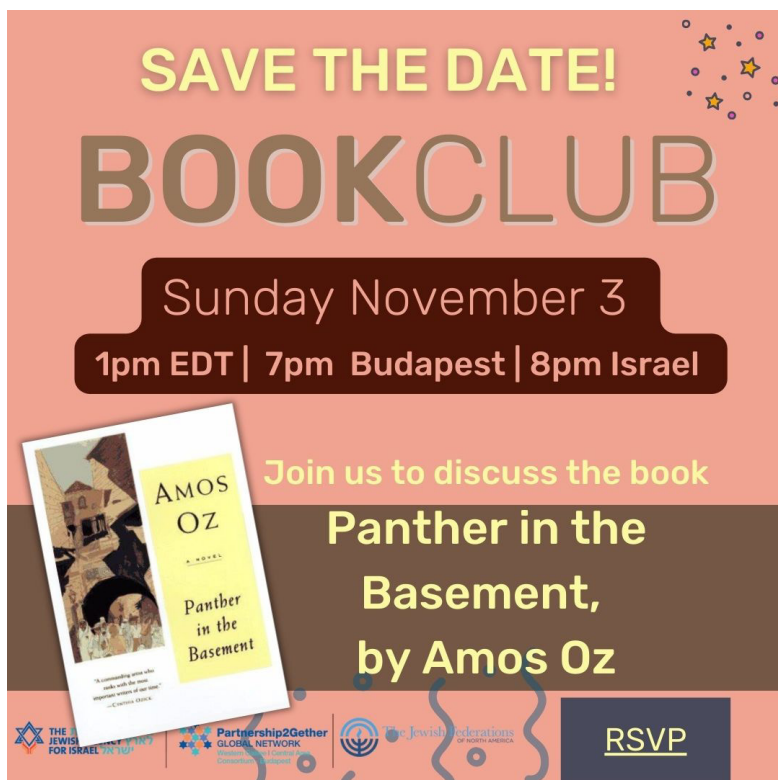
**QUESTIONS? CONTACT** Tamara Lawson Schuster,  
Consortium Director  
913-710-0463 | tamaralschuster@gmail.com

## 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.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**BOOKCLUB**

**Sunday November 3**

**1pm EDT | 7pm Budapest | 8pm Israel**

**Join us to discuss the book**

**Panther in the Basement,**

**by Amos Oz**

**RSVP**

## Book Club

### Time & Location

Nov. 03, 2024, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST  
Zoom

### About the Event

Join us as we unravel the intricacies of “Panther in the Basement” and share our insights. Whether you’re a seasoned reader or new to Amos Oz’s work, your perspectives are valued!

Invite your family and friends.

[RSVP](#)



## What are we talking about this month:

# How to Keep in touch with Grandparents

Thanks to the magic of modern technology and a little creativity, it's easier than ever to bond with relatives who live far away. Building bonds with grandparents is part of the Jewish value of [l'dor vador](#), which emphasizes passing on learning and traditions from "generation to generation."

To help stay in touch and build relationships with grandparents, try these fun and easy tips:

### Video chat together



Thanks to technology, your family doesn't need to wait long stretches of time between seeing each other. Applications like Skype, Google Hangouts, and Facetime, make it easy for families to share special virtual moments together. Take a tip from [Tea with Zayde](#) and organize a virtual tea time, or [livestream](#) a special event like a soccer game, a first day of school, or a birthday party. You can even «invite» grandparents to join bedtime stories.

### Talk on the phone



Set aside special phone time just for grandparents and grandchildren. Encourage children and grandparents to play phone games, like "20 Questions" together. Supply grandparents with a list of your child's best buddies so they'll be able to ask about particular people important to your child.

### Send special "snail-mail"



Share games together, write letters, or send a "hug" in the mail. Older children can do crosswords in steps with grandparents, mailing answers back and forth together. Postcards and home-made cards are easy to send in the mail. Not only will kids have fun making special cards and care packages for grandparents, they'll also enjoy receiving mail in return.

### Make and share photo albums



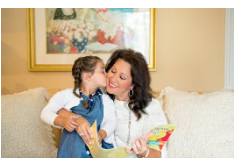
Who doesn't love a good photo album? If your grandparents are tech savvy, set up shared albums together on [Facebook](#) or [Flickr](#) or even [Apple devices](#). For special occasions, or those who prefer print, consider putting together a special album or photo book. Kids can decorate albums with supplies from craft stores, or you can use a service like [Shutterfly](#) or [Snapfish](#) to create a one of a kind book just for your family. You can also send a disposable camera back and forth through the mail to fill with photos for a special long-distance collaborative album.

### Read stories together



Whether by phone or video chat, reading stories together forms an instant bond. Use your "talk time" either via video or phone to read from favorite books. Grandparents can share their favorite classics with grandchildren. Consider having grandma or grandpa make a recording of them reading one of your child's favorite stories. You can play this recording and let the child follow along to read with their grandparent anytime.

### Create individual experiences



Children feel extra special when they get one on one time with an adult they love and admire. If you have more than one child in your family, create special one on one time between each sibling and their grandparents. Set aside time for each sibling to have their own one on one "talk-time" with grandma or grandpa. You can also alternate phone call days.

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September 9  
People of the Book with Marie Benedict  
[Rifkin Campus at 5200](#)  
7:30 pm

October 13  
Rosh Chodesh  
[Trolley Steaks and Seafood](#)  
2898 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, IN  
9 am

December 11  
Rosh Chodesh - Donut Experience  
Place TBD  
5:30 pm

January 7, 14, 21, 28  
February 4 & 11  
Confronting the Shoah  
[The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#)  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN  
7 pm

January 11  
Rosh Chodesh  
A night at the movies  
[Rifkin Campus at 5200](#) or [The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#)  
7 pm

March 2  
Rosh Chodesh - Purim  
[The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#)  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN  
1 pm

April 19  
Rosh Chodesh – Passover Women’s Seder  
[The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#)  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN  
1 pm

June 8  
Rosh Chodesh Jewish Festival  
Chicago, IL

June 2025  
JFFW Annual Meeting  
Place TBD  
Time TBD

June 23 - July 11  
Camp Joe Levine  
[Metea County Park](#)  
8401 Union Chapel Road, Fort Wayne, IN  
9 am - 4 pm M-F

August 2025  
Rosh Chodesh [Sweet Breeze Canal Boat](#) Ride  
and picnic  
Promenade Park  
202 W. Superior Street, Fort Wayne, IN  
Time TBD



**Our office will be closed  
Monday, September 2**

# camp joe levine

There are many dimensions to Camp Joe Levine. Immersed in Jewish culture and traditions, we are a story telling – song singing – Shabbat celebrating – challah loving – “Masada climbing” – “Dead Sea floating” Jewish camp. We are also a trail hiking – berry hunting – sand sculpting – nature loving – friendship building summer camp. Most importantly, we are a family. And just like any family, ours is subject to change.

Some years, this change is noticeable in personal growth of individual campers. Other years, the whole camp undergoes major shifts and transitions. This year belongs in the latter category: several of our older campers “graduated” and became counselors in training, while a large group of spirited youngsters – many of whom are only four years old – joined our camp family for the first time. Seeing the camp through the eyes of these young children, we found ourselves caught up in their excitement, exuberance, enjoyment of nature and uninhibited fun. And we gained a greater appreciation of how important Camp Joe is for our community.

We are thankful to be a part of the Camp Joe tradition – a tradition that started over a half century ago – and to be able to see the successive generations of kids mature over the years, grow in their roles as campers, CITs, counselors and, eventually, successful young adults. We are delighted to welcome this newest generation of children into our Camp Joe family, knowing that they will carry on these rich traditions for years to come.

We would like to thank our wonderful counselors and the newest crop of CITs for the care, energy and attention that they devoted to our campers.

A big thank you to Bonnie Pomerantz, who has been an important part of Camp Joe for over two decades – first, as a parent of former campers, CITs and counselors; then, as a gracious host to many past Shlichim, and, finally as a behind-the-scenes organizational force instrumental to Camp Joe’s success.

Thank you to Rabbi Meir for leading our Shabbat Service each Friday,

as we take time to consider meaningful and important things in our lives. What a peaceful, thoughtful and enjoyable way to finish each week!

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for making scholarship funds available for our campers. Over the years, this support has made a difference in the lives of many children.

Thank you to Jeff Schneider for driving the truck with camp supplies to and from camp and for his help with the Bring-A-Friend Day.

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

Thank you to Metea County Park for welcoming us to their beautiful facility. We could not have asked for a better place to spend three weeks.

Finally, we would like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to Jaki Schreier for her leadership and support over the past decade. Together, we have enjoyed many successes and many wonderful heartwarming moments. We have also navigated the COVID years and the unexpected move to Metea. No matter what the challenges, Jaki has always made it a priority that Jewish kids had a place to come together and spend time with their peers each summer, and that non-Jewish kids were welcome at our camp and were able to learn about Israel and Judaism in a positive way. Her vision, her unwavering commitment to preserving this camp for future generations and her full support of our work are major reasons behind Camp Joe’s success. We congratulate Jaki on her retirement and wish her many happy and fulfilling years of pursuing her interests, goals and dreams.

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

Larisa and Samantha

## Fun in the sun!





# camp joe levine

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## We Could Use Your Help!

We would like help “revitalizing” our PJ Library program. We are looking for volunteer parent “connectors” ,working alongside our staff, to help strengthen relationships with one another and create meaningful gatherings for families with young children. In addition to reading your PJ Library books at home, some activities might include creating low-barrier gatherings, planning stroller walks, baby and caregiver play groups, parents’ nights out, holiday celebrations, and playground meet ups. For anyone interested, please reach out to the office at [fwjf.org](http://fwjf.org) or (260) 456-0400. We can't wait to connect!

A PJ Library Connector is:

- A passionate ambassador for PJ Library, sharing PJ Library with all families they encounter.
- Excited to meet, welcome, and get to know families raising Jewish children.
- An excellent communicator and listener; excels at relationship building.
- Enthusiastic about Jewish life and excited to infuse Jewish themes into gatherings.
- Interested in facilitating and participating in new opportunities for peers to meet each other.
- Self-motivated, curious, and open to new ideas.
- Understanding and respectful of the range of Jewish connection and knowledge among parents.

# High Holy Days

2024/5785



## **Selichot Service** – Saturday, September 28

7:45 p.m. Begin the holiday season together with Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings.

## **Erev Rosh Hashanah Service** – Wednesday, October 2

7:30 p.m. **All-Congregation service**  
Reception follows

## **Rosh Hashanah – First Day** – Thursday, October 3

### **Conservative Services**

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

### **10 a.m. – Reform Service**

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

## **Rosh Hashanah, Second Day** – Friday, October 4

### **Conservative Services**

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

## **Shabbat Shuvah Services**

Friday, October 4  
7:15 p.m. Memorial Plaque Dedication  
7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service  
[Saturday, October 5](#)  
9:45 a.m.

## **Cemetery Services** –

Sunday, October 6  
1 p.m. at [Lindenwood Cemetery](#)  
2:30 p.m. at [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#)

## **Erev Yom Kippur Services** – Friday, October 11

7:15 p.m. **Mincha** (Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel)

8 p.m. **All Congregation Kol Nidre** (Sanctuary)

## **Yom Kippur Services** – Saturday, October 12

### **Conservative Services**

8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service  
10 a.m. – Torah, Haftarah, D'var Torah, Yizkor

11:30 a.m. Musaf

6 p.m. Mincha

7 p.m. – Neilah

8:23 p.m. – Havdalah

Break-the-Fast follows

### **Reform Services**

10 a.m. Morning Service

4 p.m. – Yizkor (Memorial) Service

5 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service

Break-the-Fast follows

## **Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat and Sukkot Service for Young Families** – Friday, October 18

5:30 p.m. – with guest musician [Joanie Calem](#)

## **Shabbat & Sukkot Service** – Friday, October 18

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

**Shabbat & Sukkot Service** – Saturday, October 19, 9:45 a.m.

## **Shabbat & Simchat Torah Service** –

Friday, October 25, 7:30 p.m.

# ShanaTova







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

Please join us on Friday, September 13 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.

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

Please join us at the Temple when we welcome the [New Year 5785](#) as a community, with both Reform and Conservative minyanim worshipping together as one congregation on [Erev Rosh Hashanah](#) on Wednesday, October 2 and on [Kol Nidre](#) on Friday, October 11. [Rabbi Meir Barger](#) will lead the services, weaving together aspects of both liturgical traditions to inspire new insights during this time of reflection, forgiveness, and renewal. He'll be joined by [Hazzan Penny Myers](#), who will lead Conservative worship on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah and the Day of Atonement. [Find the full schedule](#)

[Maestro Robert Nance](#) will join us throughout the holidays for evening and Reform services. Our annual [New Year's Reception](#) will provide an opportunity to share good wishes and enjoy a delicious nosh. The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will host [Break-the-Fast meals](#) after both concluding services on Yom Kippur. Plan to join us in person or [via livestream](#) throughout the Days of Awe. We warmly welcome guests.

### JOIN US FOR BREAK THE FAST HOSTED BY THE ROMEOS

The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious [break-the-fast meal](#) following both Reform and Conservative services on Saturday, October 12 at the Temple. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, blintzes, fresh fruit and other delicacies.

Please make a reservation online at [www.templecav.org](#) or contact us at (260) 744-4245 by Tuesday, October 8 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOS, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs. Thank you to Denny Reynolds for organizing and the ROMEOS for hosting!

### 22<sup>nd</sup> CORNED BEEF ON RYE – SURE TO SATISFY SALE COMING IN NOVEMBER

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when our [22<sup>nd</sup> Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns on Thursday, November 7. Online ordering will begin in late September at [www.templecav.org](#).

**Returning this year are tasty meals** that include a 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, creamy cole slaw, giant dill pickle, fudgy brownie, and a drink. Online ordering and meal delivery options also will be back, along with new sponsorship opportunities.

**What's new this year?** The biggest change is that we will not have drive-thru pick up of orders. Simply park in our spacious lot and walk up to the building, where multiple pick-up stations will be set up for your convenience. In addition, customers who pre-order meals will be able to take advantage of special early bird pick up an hour before regular hours.

Mark your calendar and clear your schedule to help with our Deli Day and biggest fundraiser. We especially need volunteers during

the corned beef sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, November 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. Contact us at [office@templecav.org](#) or (260) 744-4245 to offer your help.

### THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS BAG ASSEMBLY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4

Join the Jewish Community's Thoughtful Thursdays team on Wednesday, September 4 at 10 a.m. when we begin our 15<sup>th</sup> year assembling bags of food and household items for the Brightpoint Head Start families who attend class in our building.

Contact Chair Cheryl Schorey at [cheryl\\_schorey@yahoo.com](#) to learn more. Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

### HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Help supply a bag of fresh apples for the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 14th annual [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) Apple Project.

Many of these students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits or vegetables. Thoughtful Thursdays provides fresh apples to Brightpoint students purchased from a local orchard.

This mitzvah is a way to combat hunger in our local community! A tree will be on display at the Rifkin Campus with decorated paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$18 or more for the apple project. Pictures of the tree will be posted on [the Temple's Facebook page](#) as it grows. We hope to see your name on it soon!

[Donate online](#) by Friday, October 18 at [www.templecav.org](#). Indicate the amount of your donation, designate project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays, and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You may also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for "Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project." Thank you!

### APPLE PICKING AND POTLUCK PICNIC FOR TEMPLE FAMILIES

Bring the kids and enjoy a fun adventure picking apples, sharing a potluck picnic, and preparing for the holiday season on Sunday, September 29.

Families with kids of all ages are invited at 10 a.m. to meet at [Silverbirch Studios](#). We'll ride together (less than 1/2 mile) to [Cook's Orchard](#) to pick and buy apples and honey. Then we'll return to Silverbirch Studios for some kid-focused Rosh Hashanah activities and a potluck picnic lunch.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at [office@templecav.org](#) or (260) 744-4245 to sign up for a potluck contribution. Bring your own lawn chairs/blanket, place settings, and serving utensils. Thanks to Stephanie Gottesman and Kate Crell for organizing. Questions? Email [Stephanie Gottesman](#).

### CELEBRATE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE

Begin your fall weekends 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. Ron Friedman will lead worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. Visit [www.templecav.org](#) for the schedule.



## 45TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA | AUGUST 10-14, 2025

*And We Settled Here...The Jewish Journey*



### TAKE JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR AND MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA

Please join us on Sunday, September 15 at the Temple, beginning with a docent-led Jewish Heritage Tour by trolley focusing on Jewish life in our community from the early days of Jewish immigration to the present, followed by an opportunity to learn more about family history resources and a screening of "Growing Up Jewish in Fort Wayne."

Our Jewish Family History Day (also known as "Meet Your Mishpocha") is sponsored by [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#). Join us for all or part of the day!

**10:30 a.m. – Jewish Heritage Tour of Fort Wayne** - Two trolleys with docents from [ARCH](#) will leave the Temple promptly at 10:30 a.m. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 12 and up only. The tour is approximately 2 hours. (A self-guided tour will be available later this year.) The tour was developed by the Temple and ARCH in honor of the congregation's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Join us in the Social Hall after the tour. Lunch will be available.

**Noon - Family History Resources** – Gather in the Social Hall to learn about tracing your own family history from members of the NEIJGS; the [Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database](#) developed by the NEIJGS; the Temple's oral history project; Jewish resources in [The Genealogy Center](#) at the ACPL; the 45<sup>th</sup> [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies](#) conference on August 10-14, 2025 in Fort Wayne; and watch the video highlighting the Temple's 175-year history.

**1 p.m. – "Growing Up Jewish in Fort Wayne"** – Learn about our Jewish community directly from those who grew up here in this video sharing stories from the Temple's Oral History Project. Find out how we're chronicling Fort Wayne's Jewish roots and bringing Jews from all over the world to Fort Wayne for the IAJGS conference. We also will hold a drawing for a DNA test kit donated by the ACPL.

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

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### JEWISH FAMILY HISTORY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM  
5200 OLD MILL RD., FORT WAYNE




THANK YOU TO THE DR. HARRY W. SALON FOUNDATION FOR ITS SUPPORT



**JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR**

**TROLLEY TOUR!**

JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR WILL LEAVE THE TEMPLE PROMPTLY AT 10:30 AM AND RETURN BY 12:30 PM

**MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA**  
NOON TO 1 PM  
LUNCH AND INFORMATION

- JEWISH GENEALOGY RESOURCES
- FORT WAYNE JEWISH FAMILIES DATABASE
- VIDEO – "175 YEARS OF CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM"

**1 TO 2 P.M.**  
**UPDATES AND PROGRAM**

- 2025 IAJGS CONFERENCE IN FORT WAYNE
- CHRONICLING THE ROOTS OF FORT WAYNE JEWISH COMMUNITY
- VIDEO: "GROWING UP JEWISH IN FORT WAYNE"
- DRAWING TO WIN A DNA KIT DONATED BY THE ACPL GENEALOGY CENTER!

# 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?

**TRADER JOE'S®**

[4110 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804](https://www.traderjoes.com/locations/fort-wayne)

[260-432-5828](tel:260-432-5828)

[www.traderjoes.com](https://www.traderjoes.com)



[6306 W Jefferson Blvd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804](https://www.thefreshmarket.com/locations/fort-wayne)

[260 -459-9691](tel:260-459-9691)

[www.thefreshmarket.com](https://www.thefreshmarket.com)



[7605 Coldwater Rd  
Suite A  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825](https://www.lovingcafe.com/locations/fort-wayne)

[260-489-8686](tel:260-489-8686)

[lovingcafe.com](https://www.lovingcafe.com)



[2021 Broadway, Fort Wayne IN](https://www.georgesinternationalmarket.com/locations/fort-wayne)

[260-420-5565](tel:260-420-5565)

[georgesinternationalmarket.com](https://www.georgesinternationalmarket.com)



[1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808](https://www.3riversfood.coop/locations/fort-wayne)

[\(260\) 424-8812](tel:260-424-8812)

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## WE ARE HERE TO HELP



We are very fortunate to have a social worker who is able and willing to assist any member of the Fort Wayne Jewish community in need of services.

She works for us as a volunteer on an as-needed basis.

If you become aware of someone in the Jewish community who may need assistance at some point, please let us know. Obviously, this would be kept in the strictest of confidence. Contact us at (260) 456 - 0400 or [office@fwj.org](mailto:office@fwj.org).



### Help is Available

We know that during these trying times, we can all use a little help once in a while. For those in need, we do offer food vouchers and gas cards. Please call the [Federation office](#) at (260) 456 - 0400. All calls are confidential.

We are also accepting donations of gas cards. If you would like to make a donation, please send in a check with "gas card" in the memo or call the office.



Do you have a car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or airplane that you no longer need or use?

Donating them has never been easier! Simply choose [CARS](#) and their trained staff will guide you through the donation process.



This Fund was set up to offer an interest-free loan up to \$2,000 to members of the Jewish community who are undergoing financial hardships. Please call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 to speak to someone confidentially.

### We are here to help!



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

## FUNDS AND DONATIONS

# JEWISH FEDERATION FUNDS

## ENDOWMENT

- **Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund**
- **Baum/Goldenberg Scholarship**
- **Emergency Cash Assistance Fund**
- **Holocaust Education Fund**
- **Jewish Experience Fund**
- **JNF - Plant a tree in Israel**
- **Prejudice Reduction Elimination Fund**
- **Community Relations Committee (CRC):**  
*To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.*
- **Goldenberg Camp Joe Fund:**  
*Every year we get a number of requests for assistance with the registration for our three-week Camp Joe Levine Day Camp.*



- **Janet Finkel Campership Fund:**  
*In April 2008, Audrey Gerson established the Janet Finkel Campership Fund in honor of Janet Finkel. This fund makes it possible to help youngsters go to a Jewish Camp or to a Music Camp.*
- **PJ Library:**  
*Supports reading anytime of the day, but we know that many families sit down to read books at bedtime, in their pajamas. PJ Library books can be enjoyed any time you want a good story.*
- **The Martha Rothenberg Replane Theater & Creative Arts Fund:**  
*This fund was created in Memory of Martha Rothenberg Replane to honor her memory and her love for theater and creative arts. The fund will be used to encourage theater and creative arts presentations and knowledge in our community.*

## DONATIONS

### Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund

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

### Community Relations Committee (CRC)

- A donation was received from **Carol & Larry Adelman** in honor of **Jaki's retirement**

### General Operations

- An **anonymous** donation was received in honor of **Jaki's retirement**
- A donation was received from **Larry Mastbaum** in honor of **Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum**

- Donations were received from **Juan Suarez, Shmuel Wahli and Jay Yentis & Jacqueline Orsagh**

### Janet Finkel Campership Fund

- A donation was received from **Kay Safirstein**

### JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

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

### People of the Book

- A donation was received from **Vivian Skadron** in honor of the year's **Goldie DuBow** recipients **Ben Eisbart & Bob Walters**

## 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)

**August 1 – Club Soda**  
235 E. Superior Street

**August 15 – The Han Dynasty**  
6401 W. Jefferson Boulevard

**September 5 – 800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza**  
10020 Lima Road

**September 19 – Taj Mahal**  
6410 W. Jefferson Boulevard

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can  
contact Denny Reynolds at 260-637-0507  
or [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com)

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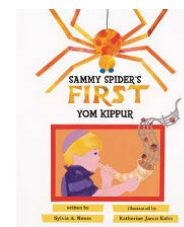
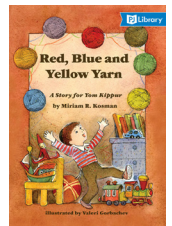
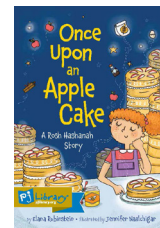
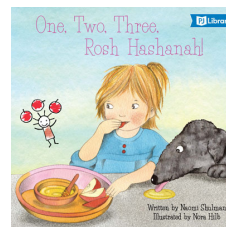
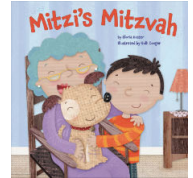
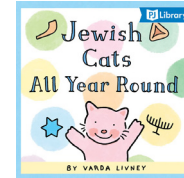
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**Which books did you receive this month?**

A program of the [Harold Grinspoon Foundation](http://Harold Grinspoon Foundation), PJ Library is made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. Families with kids ages 6 months through 8 years old with Judaism as part of their lives are welcome to sign up.



[PJ Our Way](http://PJ Our Way) is for kids ages 9-11. It is kid-driven - they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based on their own interests and reading level. To make the choice easier, our website includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

