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NOVEMBER 2024

Confronting the Shoah



Mark your calendars, this six-week class presented by Holocaust scholar Dr. David Lindquist begins in January. This course provides participants with a comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge regarding

the Nazi Holocaust. Classes will be held on Tuesday's January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4 and 11, 2025 at the [Stillwater Hospice Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#) (5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne). Classes begin at 7 pm and will last about 2 to 2 ½ hours each.

There is no cost to Federation members, teachers, principals, historians, or high school juniors or seniors. For all others, there is a \$5.00 fee to cover the cost of materials. [Click here to register](#) or call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org



New this year for teachers. We will be providing Professional Growth Points (PGP) certificates at the end of the program for those who request it.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of Federation for their continued support.

UPDATE ON ISRAEL WITH JOURNALIST MARK LAVIE IN DECEMBER



Journalist Mark Lavie, a Fort Wayne native and veteran Middle East correspondent, will share an update on the situation in Israel on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus.

His talk will be followed by a Q & A and light refreshments.

Lavie is the author of two books: [Why Are We Still Afraid?](#), which follows his five-decade career and provides a real-time picture of Israel growing up, and [Broken Spring](#), which gives insights from his time in Cairo from 2011-2013 covering the Arab Spring. Lavie's blog posts on Israel and the Middle East can be read at [Medialine](#).

Lavie's roots in Fort Wayne include being part of the Temple's Confirmation class of 1961, the first in the building on Old Mill Road. After graduating from Indiana University in Bloomington, he worked in television and radio news in Indianapolis and South Bend before making *aliyah* in 1972.

The program is sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) and [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

Please Join Us!



What would Hanukkah be without donuts? Would you like to learn how to make them? You are in luck!

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh group has made arrangements for a delicious "Donut Experience" with Chef Jessica Waggoner of the [Hazel Baking Company](#).

We will be meeting on Thursday, December 5 from 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm where we learn how to make, knead, fry and fill donuts for our holiday tables!

We have reserved the Teaching Kitchen at the Union Street Market on the Electric Works Campus (1690 Broadway). Our class will meet upstairs in The West Hall in The Teaching Kitchen. On either end of the West Hall are stairs that take you directly upstairs to the mezzanine and the kitchen is on the north end of the building. There is an elevator on the south end if needed. For parking information [click here](#).

The event is free to the women who are members of Federation. For all others the cost is \$10. Space is limited! RSVP as soon as possible to reserve your place. Call the Federation office at (260) 456 - 0400 or email office@fwjf.org.

Remember to bring some containers so you can bring home some extra treats to share! Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

Our mission is to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

MICHAEL THEISE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Wishing everyone a most wonderful and healthy 5785!

Katae & I would like to thank the entire community for the continued warm welcome you have provided to our family – so very meaningful to both of us.

A year after October 7, 2023, the pain, fear, concern, and uncertainty remains, without any signs of an end to the hardships and extreme pain for our brothers and sisters in Israel, the Israeli military, and our hostages. A touching and impacting commemoration at our Temple served to allow us all to reflect and support each other. Those from outside the Jewish community that joined us reminded us of some very special bonds with our valued neighbors.

It is with great pride that I remind the community that Your Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne has for some time played an outsized and timely role in supporting the Western Galilee region of Israel. This is a community that must be recognized as being on the frontline of military hostilities with thousands of families forced to relocate to a safer area of Israel. During the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's most recent round of allocations of funding, we continued to make sure we did our part for the Western Galilee community as our largest single line item of funding. We recognize Jaki and Eric Schreier for all that they have done to raise awareness of the plight of Western Galilee region (over many years) and for their personal support and engagement with the Western Galilee community. We will continue to support the families and communities in their time of need.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you about our upcoming Annual Campaign, which is crucial if we are to continue to support local, regional, national, and international needs.

I will conclude with two local programs:

The Rosh Chodesh program has several new and exciting activities planned which you can find in this bulletin. We would love to see you at our donuts and fused glass activities.

The leadership of Camp Joe Levine is already hard at work with some incredible ideas to help make this summer the best ever summer for our campers!

Our Board of Directors and staff are thankful for our amazing community! Happy Thanksgiving!



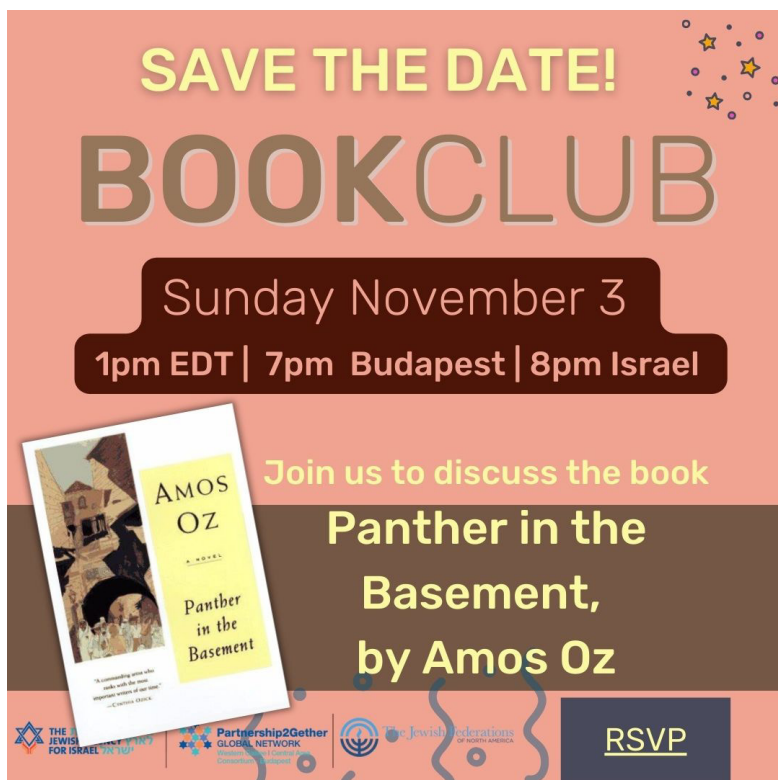
We will be closed on Thursday, November 28

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:

Sigd - celebrated November 30, 2024

The ancient Jewish community of Ethiopia, which lived far away from most other Jews, did not celebrate Hanukkah, Tu B'Shevat, or Purim, holidays that do not appear in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). The Jews of Ethiopia followed Torah-based rituals and developed their own traditions, including the holiday of Sigd (pronounced Seegd).

On Sigd the community would climb a tall mountain while holding colorful umbrellas. (In Ethiopia, umbrellas were commonly used to offer shade to esteemed leaders. On Sigd, they are a sign of honor toward the Torah scroll.) Everyone, including children, would hear readings from the Torah about forgiveness, unity, and returning to the land of Israel. After a half-day of fasting, the community would enjoy a big feast in celebration of its heritage and dreams.

The return of the Ethiopian Jews to [Israel](#) is an amazing tale of faith and hope. In Israel, the entire month leading up to the pilgrimage holiday of [Sigd](#) is marked by a celebration of Ethiopian Jewish culture. Your family can join in this celebration, too!

There are several elements that make a traditional Ethiopian Jewish meal special. Read on to learn about some of these customs to try in your home.

Learn

Eat in a Circle

It's traditional to eat sitting around a low round table. Eating in a circle means that everyone sees eye to eye and feels connected, reinforcing the Jewish values of *shalom bayit* (peace in the home) and *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests).

Seniority Matters

Who's the oldest person at your table? The rule is that no one starts eating until the oldest person says a blessing and takes the first bite. This reinforces the values of *v'hadarta p'nei zaken* (honoring elders) and *hakarat hatov* (gratitude).

Take It Slow

Who's the slowest eater in your family? The rule is that no one eats faster than the slowest person. This rule reinforces the value of *k'vod ha'acher* (respecting the other). It also shifts the rhythm of the meal so that no one races through it, and everyone takes time to enjoy the food and the company.

Hands On!

A traditional Ethiopian meal is eaten without silverware. Rather, you use bread (commonly a flatbread called injera) to scoop up bites of stew, chicken, vegetables, dips, and other foods. (Talk about kid-friendly ...) The food is served in bowls in the middle of the round table — never too far away from anyone who's hungry! — reinforcing a feeling of community or *kehilla*.



Eat

[Learn to cook split pea stew with Chef Beejhy Barhany and My Jewish Learning](#)

- [Dabu, Ethiopian honey bread](#)
 - [Goman \(Collard Greens\)](#) via ReformJudaism.org (includes a special interview as well)
 - [Mesir Wat](#) via JPost
 - [Tikil Gomen Alecha \(Stir-fried Cabbage, Potato, and Veggies\)](#) via [@EthiopianFoodie*](#)
- *Editor's note: *This is a huge favorite with my normally picky-about-veggies kids (Alli).*

More

[The Ethiopian Jewish Community](#)

[Visit the Beta Israel of North America Cultural Foundation \(BINA\)](#)

[The Secret History of Ethiopian Jews via Unpacked](#)

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OCTOBER 7 COMMEMORATION

We joined in solidarity with the people of Israel and Jewish communities around the world on Monday, October 7 to mark the anniversary of the horrific attack on Israel by Hamas. We prayed for the return of the remaining hostages and lit a memorial candle, as we have during services for the past year, in the window in our Sanctuary depicting the hope of the emergence of the State of Israel.

Rabbi Meir Barger and Jewish community leaders offered prayers and readings. The Rev. Dr. Bill McGill of Imani Baptist Temple offered "Words of Memory, Lamentation, and Hope."

Music was provided by Josiah Lund, piano; Brian Klickman, cello; David Bobay, baritone. Special thanks to Maestro Robert Nance.

The program was sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation Achduth Vesholom with support from the Jewish Federations of North America.

Thank you to the Commemoration Committee: Rabbi Meir Barger, Ben Eisbart, Ronnie Greenberg, Bonnie Pomerantz, Jaki Schreier, Samara Sheray, Michael Theise, and Beth Zweig

Watch the remembrance program at <https://youtube.com/live/OVntzIFiraA>



Heartland Sings musicians



Lighting the Yahrzeit candle



Ben Eisbart, Federation President



Rabbi Barger,
Temple



Michael Theise,
Federation Executive Director



Beth Zweig,
Temple VP Programming



Jaki Schreier, Committee Member



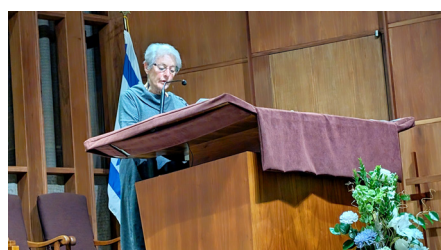
Rev. McGill, Imani Baptist Temple



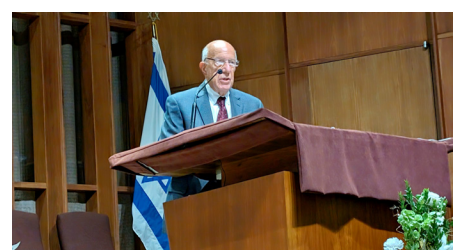
Norm Greenberg, Community volunteer



Samara Sheray,
Temple Executive Director



Ronnie Greenberg, Temple President



Bob Walters, Federation VP

ALLOCATIONS

Thank you to all of our members who made their pledge during our 2023 - 2024 campaign year. Because of your generosity, we were able to send money to all of these amazing organizations. Todah Rabah!

Regional/National Agencies:

Ball State University Hillel - We are an inclusive organization that is dedicated to providing a safe place for students to connect to Jewish culture. [More information here.](#)

Indiana University Hillel - Since 1938, IU Hillel has created a warm, welcoming, caring Jewish family and community that celebrates Judaism and Jewish life. We support and honor the diversity of the Jewish student community at IU, and are committed to its maintenance and continuity. [More information here](#)

Purdue University Hillel - Enriching the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. [More information here](#)

Indiana Jewish Historical Society - The Indiana Jewish Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization with a mission to collect, preserve, publish, and share the Jewish experience in Indiana.

Our stated mission is to preserve historical Jewish records, organize people to speak on the importance of maintaining Jewish historical records, develop a database and guidebook for archiving material, and Newsletters to notify and update members of current IJHS-related events and activities. [More information here.](#)

Indiana University Jewish Studies Program - One of the largest, oldest, and most comprehensive programs of its kind, The Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University. A premier hub for Jewish Studies. The Program is committed to fostering leadership skills, civic responsibility, and academic achievement through rigorous interdisciplinary study of Jews and Judaism. [More information here](#)

Purdue University Jewish Studies Program - Founded in 1981, the undergraduate Jewish Studies Program at Purdue provides students with the opportunity to become acquainted with the culture, language, literature, history, philosophy, and religious customs of the Jewish people from antiquity to the present. [More information here](#)

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Skokie - The mission of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is expressed in its founding principle: Remember the Past, Transform the Future. Dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust, the Museum honors the memories of those who were lost and those who survived by teaching universal lessons that combat hatred, prejudice, and indifference.

The Museum fulfills its mission through the exhibition, preservation, and interpretation of its collections; and through education programs and initiatives that foster the promotion of human rights and the elimination of genocide. [More information here](#)

Center for Jewish History, New York, NY - The Center for Jewish History in New York City illuminates history, culture, and heritage. The Center provides a collaborative home for five partner organizations: American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation,

Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. [More information here](#)

Community Relations Agencies:

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith (ADL) - To stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all. [More information here](#)

Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council - Our mission is to safeguard the rights of Jews in the U.S., Israel, and around the world by combating antisemitism through relationship-building and education. JCRC works to protect and promote a just American society, one that is democratic and pluralistic. [More information here](#)

Jewish War Veterans of the USA - The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) is the premier voice for Jewish uniformed service members and veterans in the United States. The JWV affirms that Jewish men and women serve honorably and heroically in the military forces of the United States of America during peacetime and war. The JWV defends the rights and benefits of all service members and veterans, fights antisemitism, and supports the State of Israel. [More information here](#)

Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) - The mission of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) is to strengthen and leverage the Jewish community relations network across the nation to champion a just, democratic and pluralistic society and advance the right of full inclusion of all members of our society, including Jews, free of discrimination, hate, and prejudice. [More information here](#)

Safe Indiana - The sharp rise in hate crimes and antisemitic attacks and rhetoric throughout the world has left the Jewish community with grave concerns about individual and community safety. The increase in antisemitism has led us to once again reassess our needs and financial investment in security across our Jewish community. The Jewish Federation, our synagogues and agencies are focused on a proactive approach that takes into account our institutions' diverse interests and organizational missions.

It is a goal of the Safe Indy Security Initiative to identify and assess any potential threats to our community. It is extremely important to report incidents as soon as you witness them. Keep in mind we are collecting all information that affects our community to include antisemitic behavior and acts. This information will be reviewed and shared with the appropriate local, state, and federal law enforcement for action and resolution.

We are undertaking this effort in partnership with Secure Community Network (SCN). SCN is the national safety and security organization that works to implement best practice security programs on behalf of Jewish institutions and communities across the U.S. [More information here](#)

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Masorti Foundation - The purpose and mission of the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism is to support the work of Israelis in building a Judaism that preserves observance and tradition while recognizing how modern life in Israel is lived. [More information here](#)

Non JFNA Overseas Agencies:

Jewish National Fund (JNF) - Unparalleled in the Jewish philanthropic world, Jewish National Fund-USA's strategic vision has been and always will be, to ensure a strong, secure, and prosperous future for the land and people of Israel. [More information here](#)

American Friends of Magen David Adom (AFMDA) - In the United States, disaster relief, ambulance, and blood services are handled by an array of organizations.

In Israel, there's one organization that does it all — Magen David Adom.

Although MDA's role is mandated by the Israeli government, it's not a government agency. As Israel's official representative to the International Red Cross, Magen David Adom's role precludes it from accepting governmental support for its general operations.

Because of this arrangement, MDA relies on support from donors, including those from the United States, to keep its dispatch systems, training, and equipment the best in the world.

When you support Magen David Adom, you are helping save lives, every day. [More information here](#)

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) - Drawing on our Jewish values and history, HIAS provides vital services to refugees and asylum seekers around the world and advocates for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives. [More information here](#)

Yad Sarah - The defining mission of Yad Sarah is to enable chronically ill, disabled, infirm, and terminally ill people, ranging in age from infancy to old age, to live at home either on their own or in the care of their families or caregivers, with dignity and as

independently as possible. [More information here](#)

IsraAID - Our mission is to support people affected by humanitarian crises. We partner with local communities around the world to provide urgent aid, assist in recovery, and reduce the risk of future disasters. [More information here](#)

Religious Agencies:

Religious Action Center (RAC) - For more than six decades, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC) has worked to educate, inspire, and mobilize the Reform Jewish Movement to advocate for social justice. We have helped activate the Jewish community in the key debates and mobilizations of each generation since our founding, from the civil rights movement to immigration reform. [More information here](#)

Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion - We are the center of innovation for Jewish life and learning – preparing rabbis, cantors, leaders in Jewish education, Jewish nonprofit professionals, pastoral counselors, and scholars to apply their knowledge, commitment, vision, and expertise to strengthen and transform the Jewish community and larger world. [More information here](#)

Overseas Allocations:

Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Fort Wayne - We proudly represent 146 independent Federations and a network of 300 smaller communities across the continent. Our mission is to protect and enhance the well-being of Jews worldwide through meaningful contributions to community, Israel, and civil society. [More information here](#)

Partnership2Gether (P2G) Western Galilee Region - For more than 90 years, we've worked to overcome the biggest challenges facing the Jewish people.

We founded and built the State of Israel, and we continue creating links globally—bringing Jews to Israel and Israel to Jews around the world. [More information here](#)

Israel Action Network (IAN) - The Israel Action Network builds a strong base of support for Israel and counters delegitimization in the context of two states for two peoples. [More information here](#)



Don't forget to turn back your clocks one hour on November 3!



Our offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 5

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is excited to remind our families about the Jewish Studies tuition reimbursement program.



A student whose family is a member of the Federation will be reimbursed at a rate based on one-half the tuition cost per Indiana University credit hour for classes taken in Judaic Studies.

As many of our youth are attending college all over the country and the tuition varies considerably from college to college, this policy provides equitable treatment to all of our university students.

A transcript, showing the course and grade received, and a copy of a fee payment receipt must be submitted as proof for reimbursement. The Federation reserves the right to request a syllabus or additional description of the class taken. A C+ grade or its numerical equivalent must be earned in the course work in order to qualify for reimbursement.



BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY

Family membership is defined as a minimum gift of \$108.00 to the most recent Federation Annual Campaign, which runs from November through March.

Any questions, please call Michael Theise at (260) 456-0400 or contact him at director@fwjf.org

S.K.I.P (Send a Kid to Israel Program)

Established in 1984 by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) in partnership with [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#), and revised in November 1999, the program has provided a savings vehicle for many families and has helped make a trip to Israel a reality for so many of our youth. The Federation portion of the savings plan is provided by income from the Federation Endowment Fund for members of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.



The Federation, for each year a child participates in S.K.I.P., contributes \$200.00 per year per child. This is matched by a Congregational contribution of \$75.00 per year. Your parent contribution, on behalf of each participating child, is \$175.00 or more per year.

The program is available to local youth enrolled in their congregational religious school in grades 1-10. The fund may be used for an organized trip to Israel any time after grade 10 until the youth reaches age 23.

Each S.K.I.P account is supplemented by a gift from the **HY AND LORRY GOLDENBERG BIRTHRIGHT FUND** and the **MINNETTE AND MEYER RUCHMAN FUND**.

Looking for a bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation or special gift for one of our local youth, then please consider making that gift to their S.K.I.P. Fund account. An acknowledgment will be sent to you and a card indicating your gift will be sent to the designee.

Enrollment packets will be sent to all families not yet enrolled. If you do not get a packet or have any questions, please contact Federation's Executive Director Michael Theise at director@fwjf.org or (260) 456-0400.



22nd CORNED BEEF ON RYE – SURE TO SATISFY SALE COMING IN NOVEMBER

Savor delicious delicatessen when the Temple's [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns on Thursday, November 7 for a 22nd year.

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 beginning at 10 a.m., an hour before our regular 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. hours.

At the door, meals are \$21 each. Meals include a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

[Order online](#) or [download an order form](#) at www.templecav.org. Additional pounds of bulk corned beef are for sale for \$20 per pound.

Online ordering will close on Wednesday, November 6 at noon. We'll take additional orders on November 7 while supplies last.

[Volunteers are needed](#) on Wednesday, November 6 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 7, with shifts beginning at 7 a.m. Contact the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 to say you'll help.

A CREATIVE LIFE: THE ARCHITECTURE AND ART OF ALAN GRINSFELDER OPENS IN NOVEMBER

A new exhibit called "A Creative Life: The Architecture and Art of Alan Grinsfelder" opens on Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. at the Temple. The afternoon also includes a talk and panel discussion at 3 p.m. and reception at 4 p.m.

This inspiring exhibit highlights Alan's designs and architectural contributions to the Fort Wayne skyline during his long career with Grinsfelder Associates Architecture, along with the creativity displayed in his ongoing fine arts endeavors.

Alan's building projects featured in this exhibition include Headwaters Park, the Foellinger Theatre, the Pyramid Plaza, the Hanna Creighton block (Urban League, Head Start, and Pontiac Branch Library) and the downtown Community Center.

His artwork has been on display in local coffeehouses and galleries. Alan, who will turn 89 days before the exhibit's opening, has been touted as Purdue Fort Wayne's oldest student and continues to take art classes.

Alan and his wife, Maureen, are long-time members of the Temple and past presidents.

Joining Alan on the panel moderated by **Irene Walters** on November 24 are **Geoff Paddock**, Fort Wayne City Councilman and former Executive Director of Headwaters Park, and **John O'Connell**, Dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts at Purdue Fort Wayne.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support. Thank you to Jon Tam for developing the exhibit and program. The exhibit also will be open:

- **Tuesday, November 26 following the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** at 7 p.m.
- **Friday, December 6** from 5 to 9 p.m. (before and after the Temple's Shabbat service)
- **Saturday, December 7** from 1 to 4 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 8** from 1 to 4 p.m.

A HARVEST OF COMPASSION AT INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Share an interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving highlighting the theme "A Harvest of Compassion" on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

The Temple is pleased for a 12th year to host Fort Wayne's annual community interfaith service. Join us in person or via livestream on YouTube.

A free-will offering will benefit [St. Joseph Missions Women's Shelter](#). A reception will follow the service.

JOY VEY! JOIN THE FUN AT SHABBAT SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

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

We'll light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. We also embrace the tradition of blessing children as we make a joyful place for Shabbat in our lives and hearts... together. Meet us in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center on the second Friday night of each month.

Folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice and challah.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS CONTINUES MITZVAH WORK

The sense of community and the act of doing a mitzvah truly shined in October for our Thoughtful Thursdays team.

We are very grateful for all the donations to our 14th annual apple project, as well as to our volunteers who bagged the fresh apples for the 51 students and faculty of the Brightpoint Head Start program in our building. The volunteers also prepared two additional bags in October, one with ingredients for Chicken Taco Casserole and another with toilet paper and aluminum foil.

After our assembly work was done, we held a luncheon to honor Sally Trotter, who stepped down in June after four years as chair of Thoughtful Thursdays. Sally also was recognized with a large star on the "And You Shall Be a Blessing" quilt in the Social Hall. We are very lucky that Sally is planning to continue as a volunteer.

If you would like to join our group of volunteers, please contact Thoughtful Thursdays chair Cheryl Schorey at cheryl_schorey@yahoo.com. Our next bag assembly morning will be on Wednesday, November 13 at 10 a.m. at Temple. Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE - Visit www.templecav.org for the schedule. We will not have Shabbat services on November 9, 28 and 29.



45TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA | AUGUST 10-14, 2025

And We Settled Here...The Jewish Journey



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome Sephardic genealogist and author Sarina Roffe to the ACPL Genealogy Center on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 2:00pm EDT.

SEPHARDIC GENEALOGY PRESENTATIONS:

2:00 Sephardic Pirates of the Caribbean

Jews who converted to Catholicism in Spain before the 1492 Expulsion, either by force or voluntarily, were known as Conversos. Those untrue to the faith were considered heretics and were subject to the Inquisition for something as innocent as changing their bedsheets on Fridays. Many escaped to the New World as Spanish conquistadors and Pirates. Learn their exciting history, how they got back at the Spanish in both the Caribbean and Mediterranean, and about the Inquisition that followed them.

3:30 Sephardim in Colonial America

How the Sephardic Jews came to settle in NY and other cities in the Americas, open synagogues, and became an essential component in the American Revolution. Discussion of several important early families and how their economic ties developed commerce and shipping in port cities

Sarina Roffé is a professional genealogist, editor of the journal *DOROT*, and founder of the Sephardic Heritage Project. She is the author of *Branching Out From Sepharad* (Sephardic Heritage Project, 2017), which outlines the history of Jews in Spain, the 1492 expulsion, their history in Syria, and their immigration to the Americas. She is Co-Chair of the Brooklyn Jewish Historical Initiative, and Chair of the JewishGen Sephardic Research Division. Sarina is also an author of Sephardic cookbooks including a cooking app called *Sarina's Sephardic Cuisine* as well as several family history books and hundreds of articles. Sarina presents often at IAJGS Conferences and has completed over a dozen genealogies, through her genealogy consulting business, Sephardic Genealogical Journeys.

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

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

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

Sarina Roffe

SEPHARDIC GENEALOGY
Nov. 17, 2024

ACPL Genealogy Center

2:00pm Sephardic Pirates of the Caribbean
3:30pm Sephardim in Colonial America
More information can be found
<https://neindianajgs.org/upcoming-events/>

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45TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

JEWISH GENEALOGY

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
AUGUST 10-14, 2025

And We Settled Here...The Jewish Journey

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

www.traderjoes.com



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Fort Wayne, IN 46804](https://www.thefreshmarket.com/locations/fort-wayne)

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

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

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

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[\(260\) 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.



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



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General Operations

- A donation was received from **Larry Mastbaum** in honor of **Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum**
- Donations were received from **Doris Gottlieb** and **Juan Suarez**

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- A donation was received from **Juan Suarez**
- A donation was received from **Robert Elliott, Jr.** in memory of **Jocelin Romero**

October 7 Commemoration

- A donation was received from **Patricia & Brent DuBack**

every contribution is
hugely valued



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)

November 7 – No lunch - Corned Beef fundraiser

**November 21 – Chapman's Electric Works
1660 Broadway #140**

**December 5 – Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern
2886 E. Dupont Road**

**December 19 – Club Room at The Clyde
1806 Bluffton Road**

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can contact Denny Reynolds at 260-637-0507 or dennisreynolds@me.com

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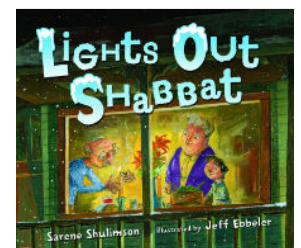
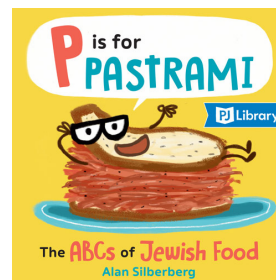
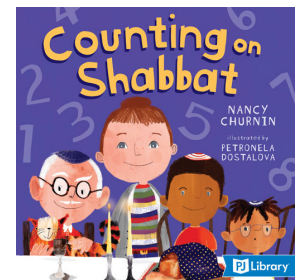
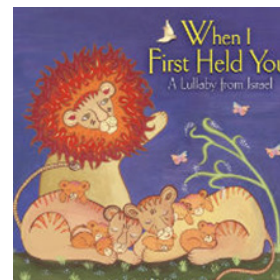
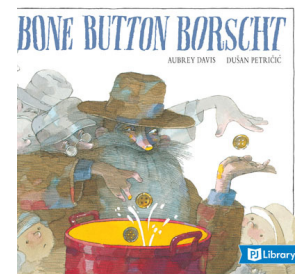
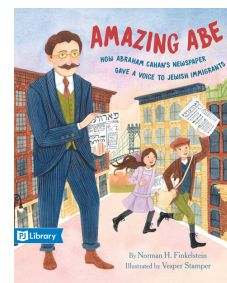
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Which books did you receive this month?

A program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, 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 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.

