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FEBRUARY 2025



LITTLE RIVER
WETLANDS PROJECT

We Invite you to join us at [Eagle Marsh/Little River Wetlands](#) to celebrate Tu B'Shevat - the Birthday of the Trees!

We will take a nature hike, have a scavenger hunt and participate in a delicious seder on **Sunday, February 16** at 1 pm.

Please RSVP no later than February 10 to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456 - 0400. We will meet rain, snow or sun! This event is free and open to our community.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, Rosh Chodesh, PJ Library and the Temple for its continued support.



Unleash your creative side!

Sunday, February 23
4 pm

[Stillwater Hospice/The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#) (5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne)

We invite all members of our Jewish community to join us to create a fused glass Hamsa.

Emily from [Sol Eye Glass](#) will guide us in creating a masterpiece Hamsa!

Seating is limited, please email the office at office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456-0400 to reserve your seat no later than February 18. Free to Federation members, \$18 for nonmembers

Light snacks will be served.

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

These were created by our Rosh Chodesh committee.



March 9
Rosh Chodesh - Purim
[Stillwater Hospice/The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#)
1 pm

April 19
Rosh Chodesh –
Passover Women's
Seder
[Rifkin Campus at 5200](#)
12:30 pm

April 21
Yom HaShoah Commemoration
[Rifkin Campus at 5200](#)
7 pm

[RSVP here for our programs](#)



April 22
The Story of Joe
Levine
Via Zoom
11 am

May 28
Rosh Chodesh
CarFit and picnic
[Rifkin Campus at 5200](#)
4 pm

June 8
Rosh Chodesh
Jewish Festival
Chicago, IL

June 2025
JFFW Annual Meeting
Place and time TBD



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

Happy & Health New Year to All

I would like to remind everyone of our wonderful Violins & Hope program that will begin on Sunday, March 9th and run through Sunday, March 23rd.



Some quick history from what is already five years ago: The 2019 *Violins of Hope* commemoration was the largest and most successful multi-organizational event of its kind in the history of Fort Wayne. Not only did 80,000 people experience a myriad of programs over a two week period in November 2019, but the project won national acclaim, earning a special category award by Arts United at its prestigious Arts United Awards.

In addition, over 250 musicians from the community brought to life the sound, presence, and stories of *Violins of Hope*. Through dozens of local area performances, local artists helped honor the memories of the brave musicians who owned and played these historic instruments.

VIOLINS & HOPE: INSIDE AMNON'S WORKSHOP, MARCH 9-23, 2025

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne will be partnering with the new [Pearl Street Arts Center](#) in March 2025 to produce its next two-week, multi-venue commemoration. Based on Fort Wayne's groundbreaking and highly successful 2019 *Violins of Hope* commemoration, the 2025 version will center on a photographic exhibition of the violins and instrument workshop of *Violins of Hope* founder Amnon Weinstein taken by Cleveland photographer Daniel Levin and his subsequent book called *Violins and Hope*.

Levin's exhibition includes 43 masterfully printed and framed photographs of selections of the *Violins and Hope* book. Each photograph has a rich back story. This beautiful series of photographs documents Weinstein's collection of violins, his workshop in Tel Aviv, and his processes for restoration.

These photographs serve not only to document a place, they reveal the ethereal. For what Weinstein has done with these lost violins has been to transform tragic loss into triumph in the most insightful and powerful way imaginable. The care that Levin has taken to hone in on the idiosyncrasies of Amnon's workshop, and his uncanny ability to celebrate the beauty of light, is nothing short of remarkable. These are beautiful photographic representations of Amnon's delicate and enduring violins that have miraculously survived the Holocaust.



"*Violins & Hope: Inside Amnon's Workshop*", will feature a series of concerts, lectures, film screenings, seminars, and interfaith events at Pearl Arts and across the community in support of an exhibition of Levin's photography, on display in the gallery at the University of St. Francis.

We will be sending out specific calendar and event updates of the two week program as we move closer to our commemoration. Please know how hard so many within the Jewish Federation and our community at large have worked to bring this event to Fort Wayne.

**In observance of Presidents Day,
our office will be closed on
Monday, February 17.**

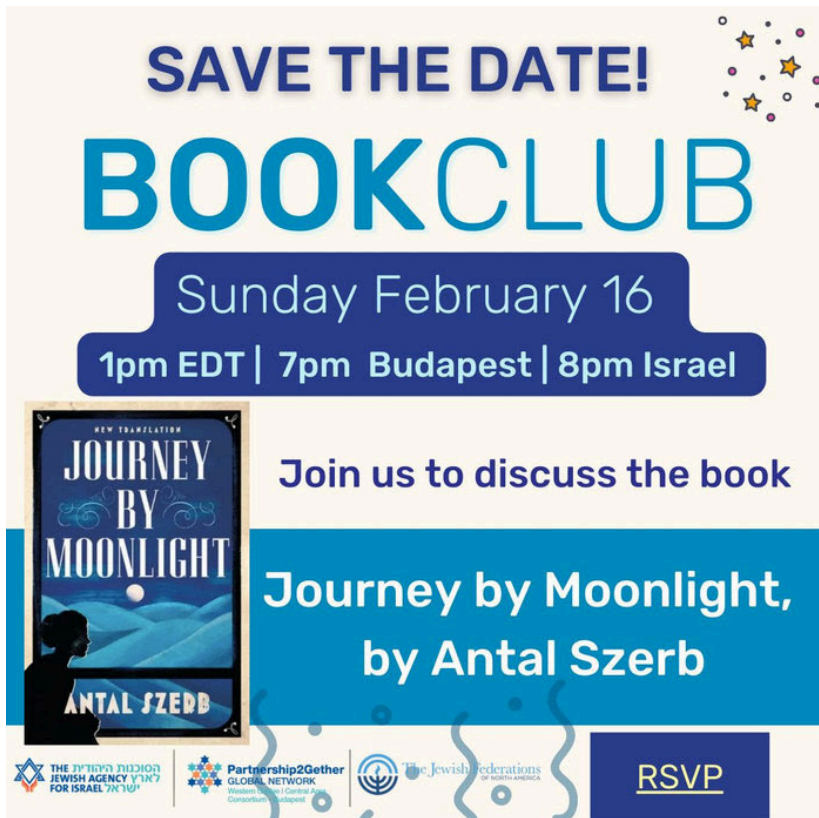
A graphic for Presidents Day. It features a red background with a white and blue profile of George Washington on the left. In the center, there is a stylized American flag with the text "HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY" in white. The text "HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY" is flanked by two small stars on each side.

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 February 16

1pm EDT | 7pm Budapest | 8pm Israel

Join us to discuss the book

Journey by Moonlight,
 by Antal Szerb

[RSVP](#)

Logos at the bottom: The Jewish Agency for Israel, Partnership2Gether Global Network, The Jewish Federations of North America.

P2G Book Club Zoom Event Sun, Feb. 16 | 1 pm

Join our P2G Book Club to discuss
 'Journey by Moonlight' by Antal Szerb.

[RSVP](#)

What are we talking about this month:

Be an Eco Kid: Easy Activities to Get in the Tu B'Shevat Spirit



All year round, it's important to take care of the [environment](#). There are many, many everyday ways to help. We can pick up trash, [recycle](#), and compost. We can turn off lights and not waste water. We can walk or ride a bike instead of driving in the car.

On [Tu B'Shevat](#), we dedicate ourselves to doing all of these things, and we also plant. If you live where it's too cold for outdoor planting, you can plant indoors or give money to a local charity or conservation effort to plant trees.

Protect a Tree

Even when we're not planting them, trees may need our protection. Is there a tree in your yard or neighborhood that could use some care?

- Water it. When the weather stays hot and sunny, most trees appreciate a drink.
- Weed it. Invasive grasses and weeds can stress a tree out. Pull them out by the roots so they don't grow back.
- Clean it. Pick up litter around your tree (and elsewhere).
- Hug it! Hey, it can't hurt.



Plant a Tree

Here are some fertile tips for planting your own trees:



Wait until the best time for planting. If the Jewish birthday of the trees isn't the right time to plant where you live, pick a different season. You can at least use Tu B'Shevat to "plant" your intention.

Look for trees that work well in your growing zone. Your favorite tree may not be the best fit for your climate. Find a tree that will be happy growing beside you.

No yard? [Consider a container sapling](#). Some trees can grow for quite a while in a large container. Then eventually you can transplant it into a permanent location. However you do it, the more trees there are

in the world, the better off we all are.

Plant Parsley

Here's a lovely way to "cross-fertilize" your Jewish holidays. Plant parsley in a specially decorated flower pot for Tu B'Shevat, and pick the parsley just in time for [Passover](#)!

Sprout an Avocado Pit

Want to grow your own tree for Tu B'Shevat (or anytime)? The next time you eat an avocado, [save the pit for sprouting](#).



More

[9 Ways to Celebrate Tu B'Shevat With Kids](#)
[Green Thumb Training for Tu B'Shevat](#)
[Explore the Seven Species](#)

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Welcome to Camp Joe 2025!!

We look forward to a new summer of fun and the exciting adventures awaiting us!

In this mailing we are including an application for this summer and an early registration coupon.

If registering online, please see the directions below. If mailing in your registration, please include this coupon with your application. Must register by February 28th to use the coupon.

Online directions:

- Go to www.fwjf.org
- Click DONATE in the top right corner.
- Enter the Amount.
- Choose Camp Joe Levine.
 - Note: there is a fee, so please choose “I’d like to help cover credit/debit card processing costs.” if using this service.
- When entering your information for payment, type “Camp Joe Early Bird Discount” in the Employer section.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back!!

-Camp Joe Staff

EARLY Registration COUPON

Register by February 28th and receive \$20.00 off per week, per camper for the 2025 Camp Joe Season.



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KEY: Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (The Federation) - JFFW The Temple - CAV Chabad - CHA	Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society - NEIJGS ROMEOs - RO Special Events					9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 1
2 p.m. Conference Information Update 2	CAV Office Closed 3	Confronting the Shoah - Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center 4	10 am Thoughtful Thursdays 5	Noon - ROMEOs 6	JFFW Office Closed 7 6 p.m. "Souper Bowl" Shabbat	8
2 p.m. Jewish Genealogy Gems Hidden in the Polish Archives 9	CAV Office Closed 10	Confronting the Shoah - Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center 11	7 p.m. Lifelong Learning 12	13	JFFW Office Closed 14 5:30 p.m. Joy Vey! 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 15
1:00 p.m. Tu B'Shevat at - Eagle Marsh 16	JFFW & CAV Office Closed 17	18	19	Noon - ROMEOs 20	JFFW Office Closed 21 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	22
4:00 p.m. Rosh Chodesh Fused Glass at - Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center 23	CAV Office Closed 24	25	26	27	JFFW Office Closed 28 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	



GIFT GIVING MADE EASY



Setting up your own philanthropic legacy is easier than you might think. Through the Jewish Federation, you can establish a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) with no setup costs or administrative fees. This personal charitable fund allows you to make tax-deductible contributions, invest the assets for potential growth, and recommend grants to your favorite charities over time. Whether you're interested in supporting Jewish causes or any other charitable organizations, a DAF offers a simple, flexible way to organize your giving while potentially reducing your tax burden. The Federation's staff will handle all administrative details, allowing you to focus on the joy of giving.

CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY - SEASONS CHANGE, BUT YOUR LEGACY IS ETERNAL



Jewish tradition teaches that one of our main responsibilities is to make the world a better place for future generations.

Federation's role is to secure the future of the Jewish community at home, abroad, and in Israel.

Working with local, national and international partners, we help Jews around the world live a Jewish life, and ensure that no Jew is left behind.

You can create a lasting legacy with the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) to benefit your children, grandchildren, and future generations, while supporting the causes you care about. Using a current or deferred endowment gift, you can become part of Federation's Legacy Society.

"PROSECUTING EVIL" - THE MOVIE



Close to 20 people came together on Saturday, January 11 at the Rifkin Campus to watch "Prosecuting Evil". It was the story of Ben Ferencz, the last surviving Nuremberg Trial prosecutor, who continued to wage his fight for law and peace until his death in 2023.

Thank you to Mimi Zelman for organizing the evening and to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

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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Fort Wayne, IN 46804](https://www.traderjoes.com)

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[\(260\) 424-8812](tel:2604248812)

www.3riversfood.coop

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.



SHARE SOUPER BOWL SHABBAT DINNER

Warm up a cold winter evening at our [“Souper Bowl” Shabbat](#) on Friday, February 7 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. We’ll sample a variety of homemade soups before declaring the top three “people’s choice” winners. Our Shabbat service begins at 7:30 p.m.

While you don’t need to bring soup to attend, we invite you to get creative in the kitchen and enter the friendly competition. Make your favorite soup to feed 8-10, whether vegetarian, chicken or beef. Maybe matzo balls, noodles or even kreplach? The only requirements: No pork or shellfish and no meat or cheese in the same dish. Please bring your hot soup in a crockpot. Any leftovers will be utilized by the Caring Committee for those in need of TLC.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org by Friday, January 31. Let us know if you will be bringing soup and what kind. The cost is \$8 per person (no charge for children 5 and under). Please [pay online](#) or send a check (payable to “CAV – The Temple”). The menu includes salad, soup, challah, dessert, and beverage.

Thank you to Co-Chairs Dawn Hammond and Rachel & Robert Laing. Questions or interested in helping? Contact Rachel at rlaing9@gmail.com.

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

Please join us on Friday, February 14 at 5:30 p.m. for the Temple’s monthly 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.

Folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice and challah. We’ll order pizza for dinner together if there’s interest.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE

Begin your weekends with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community at [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) in person or on [YouTube](#).

Rabbi Meir Bargeran leads services most Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Our Shabbat morning services are held on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 9:45 a.m., led by Ron Friedman, with Rabbi Meir offering a D’var Torah. Visit www.templecav.org for the schedule.

THE REFORM MOVEMENT IN AMERICA TODAY

Please join us for the Temple’s next lifelong learning program exploring [“The Reform Movement in America Today”](#) beginning Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

The Reform Movement, with its origins in Germany, is America’s largest Jewish movement. Congregation Achduth Vesholom is one of the nearly 850 congregations in North America affiliated with the [Union for Reform Judaism](#). According to the Pew Research Center, 2.8 million Jews live in the U.S. and 38% identify as Reform.

In this series led by Rabbi Meir, we will focus discussions based on episodes of [Re-Form](#), a recent podcast series from Tablet Studios, supplemented with Jewish texts presented during the class.

Re-Form focuses on five questions or issues that have defined the movement in the modern era. Participants are highly encouraged to listen to the podcast episode in advance, but this is not required. Come prepared to learn, to question and to share your views on what it means to be a Reform Jew in America today.

Below are session dates and topics, with links to the corresponding episode of Re-Form.

- February 12: [Origins of the Reform Movement](#)
- March 5: [Patrilineal Descent](#)
- April 9: [Social Justice](#)
- May 14: [Inclusivity](#)
- May 28: [Interfaith Marriage](#)
- June 11: [Zionism](#)

The Zoom link will be included in the weekly email to our Temple family. All are welcome.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TEAM SAYS ‘THANK YOU’

As we begin the new year, we have a deep appreciation of all who contribute to [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) financially and with their time. We’re also grateful for the donations of Trader Joe’s bags, hygiene supplies, booster seats, clothing, and warm winter coats that help us assist the 51 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple.

Generous donors to Thoughtful Thursdays help us provide at least one extra meal a month and some household supplies to the Brightpoint families. Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). We also thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continuing generosity.

Thank you to our amazing Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers who assemble the bags, Thoughtful Thursdays Chair Cheryl Schorey, and to the Temple staff for all they do to support this social action project.

We welcome volunteers to assist our bag assembly team on Wednesday, February 5 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.



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 researcher, Jakub Czuprynski, for a free virtual program on Sunday, February 9th.

SEEKING POLISH ANCESTORS

- **2:00 pm (EST) – Jewish Genealogy Gems Hidden in the Polish Archives**

Jakub Czuprynski will present strategies for those individuals with Polish roots who would like to expand their searches to less popular archival resources that can be found in the Polish State Archives. In this lecture, guidelines on how to search for additional family information not covered in the obvious sources will be discussed. Additionally, participants will become familiar with the various alternative sources for genealogy research.

Jakub is a researcher, guide and travel journalist who specializes in the family history of Polish Jews. For about 15 years he has been running his own business carrying out professional genealogical research and organizing heritage tours in Poland. Mr. Czuprynski collaborates with Jewish Record Indexing, Jewish Culture Festival (Krakow), 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.

****Registration is required to attend this free virtual program. The link can be found at the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/.****

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

NEIJGS Virtual Program featuring:

JAKUB CZUPRYNSKI

February 9, 2025

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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.



The Audrey & Joe Gerson Free Loan 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

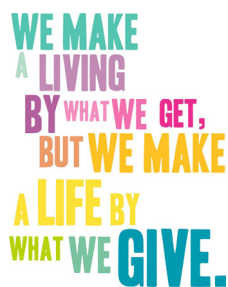
ENDOWMENT

- **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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Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund

- A donation was received from **Janet & Andy Katz**

General Operations

- A donation was received from **Larry Mastbaum**

in honor of Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum

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

JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

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

every contribution is
hugely valued

thank
you!

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)

February 6 – China Palace
5810 Bluffton Road

February 20 – The Lucky Moose
622 E. Dupont Road

March 6 – Ziano's
5907 Covington Road

March 20 – Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine
4411 Coldwater Road

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



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.



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