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JULY - AUGUST 2025

Sip, Savor, and Celebrate Israeli Wine

Wednesday, July 16 • 7:00 PM • Rifkin Campus at 5200



Join us for an evening of community, conversation, and wine as we sample a selection of wines from Israel! We'll gather at the Rifkin Campus at 7 PM to sip, connect, and enjoy a few light bites.

This special evening is free and open exclusively to Federation members. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by Wednesday, **July 9** to reserve your spot.

Call us at (260) 456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org.



A heartfelt thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its generous support, and to our Rosh Chodesh committee for bringing this festive evening to life.

Brunch & Boat Ride on the Sweet Breeze

Sunday, August 24 • Starting at 12:00 PM



Mark your calendars for a relaxing summer Sunday with Federation! We'll kick things off with brunch at noon (location to be announced) and then head out for a scenic cruise aboard the *Sweet Breeze* canal boat.

We'll share details soon on which tour to reserve once ticket sales open for August. Have a favorite brunch spot near the dock? Let us know—we'd love your input!

Stay tuned for final timing and ticket info in our weekly Mailchimp updates.

With thanks again to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and our wonderful Rosh Chodesh committee for organizing this fun afternoon on the river!

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



As we move into summer, with a great Camp Joe Levine season ahead, I wanted to share with the community how our 104th year as a Jewish Federation is wrapping up. In May, we had a flurry of in-school requests and activities regarding Holocaust education and antisemitism awareness. The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne supported our schools through a number of presentations and question & answer sessions.

The reception from students and teachers was tremendous. What I was most touched by were those students and teachers who approached me individually to share how they enjoyed some part of our Violins & Hope event from two months earlier. Students who attended the musical training or the exhibit (including student art work) at University of Saint Francis, teachers who were in attendance for the Jewish-Catholic Prayer Service all had such wonderful comments to share about Violins & Hope.

This prompted me to include a letter that was received by the Jewish Federation:

The March 20, 2025 Jewish-Catholic Prayer Service hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and parish, facilitated by parishioner Jim Palermo, One of the Righteous, was, in particular, one unbelievably powerful experience. Jaki Schreier, Bonnie Pomerantz, Samara Sheray, the entire steering committee, Rabbi Meir, Mike Rush, Ronnie and Norm Greenberg, and Marcia Reynolds as prayer-service principals deserve the thanks of two faith communities. If this service did not unite us as one, it at least brought us closer together in spirit for one magical evening.

For the vast majority of the 1200-strong St. Vincent de Paul parishioners present, this may have been their only contact with folks they knew for a certainty to be Jewish. What a positive impression you all made, regardless your role or the nature of your contribution. Rabbi Meir's offerings were special--divine. Mike Rush's reading of Julie's Violin will be remembered by all for many moons. As I witnessed what unfolded that evening, I was never prouder to be a member of the Fort Wayne Jewish community.

I make that statement, having resided in Fort Wayne the last 70 years. Only the four-week long Violins of Hope program six years ago was embraced by the entire community as a Jewish-sponsored event more than this year's sequel Violins and Hope celebration. Only the 2019 Holocaust violin-quartet program and prayer service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Aboite Township was attended and appreciated as enthusiastically, by over 1,000 Catholics, as this year's similar program and service at St. Vincent de Paul. Only that program in 2019 engendered the same spirit of good will and solidarity with their Jewish brethren from as sizeable a local Catholic population as was prompted the evening of March 20, 2025.

It is important that we feel wonderful about what we provide for the community and always remember that we have an opportunity to create goodwill and very special memories for those we interact with.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

Save
the
Date

Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 21** at
7:30 p.m. when we welcome author
Mitch Albom.

More information over the summer.

We look forward to seeing you then!

You're
invited!

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.



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

2025 HaTikva Summit

October 28 – 30, 2025 in Israel
Cost: \$100* (\$195 single supplement)

*Subsidies provided by the Partnership. Airfare not included.
One Israel Summit/Solidarity subsidy per person per calendar year. Some exceptions apply. Contact Tamara for details.

Open to all community members, staff and lay leaders!

Engage with IDF Soldiers
Volunteer in the Western Galilee
Hear from displaced citizens and bereaved families
Speak with executives and owners of businesses in the evacuation zone
Meet heroes of resilience
Connect with friends from the Western Galilee, Budapest and Central Area Consortium communities in the US.

Pre-Summit – Introduction to Partnership2Gether (October 26 - 27), add \$650 (\$130 single supplement)

Summit – Get to know the people of the Partnership (October 28 - 30), \$100* (\$195 single supplement)

Post-Summit – Optional add-on to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem (outside vendor, October 31 - TBD)

Horizon/YA Seminar – An add-on or stand-alone seminar for Young Adults from our P2G communities in the US, BUD, and WG (Oct 31 - TBD), \$100* (\$195 single supplement).

QUESTIONS? CONTACT Tamara Lawson Schuster,
Consortium Director
913-710-0463 | tamara@schuster.com

We are strong; together we are stronger

SAVE THE DATES! P2G WG HaTikva Israel Summit 2025!

Summit: October 28-30
Pre-Summit: For those new to P2G and the WG region, October 26-28
Post-Summit add-on: October 31 - TBD to include Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Gaza Envelope (outside vendor, not subsidized)

For more information contact [Tamara L. Schuster](#)

What are we talking about this month:

Recipe Roundup: Dishes From Israel

Never been to Israel? Eyn ba'aya, no problem! Get a taste of Israel, literally, with these delicious (and easy) traditional recipes.

Falafel

One of the things that many children enjoy eating are falafel sandwiches from a local stand. No falafel stand in your neighborhood? Don't let that stop you from enjoying a tasty Israeli treat. Try making falafel at home – from scratch or from a boxed mix. Stuff the falafel into a pita with roasted eggplant, tomatoes, or any vegetables you like. Tahini, a sesame sauce, is the traditional topping, but you can try any topping you like! Add some hummus on the side and have an Israel-inspired meal at home. To learn everything there is to know about falafel, visit [MyJewishLearning](#),

[Falafel Sliders](#) via The Noshers
[Crunchy Falafel](#) via Super Healthy Kids



Hummus is a staple of Israeli cuisine and a favorite snack of many PJ Library characters. Looking for an easy family activity? Try making some hummus!

[Have it with Hummus-Yovel and Helen's Trip to the Shuk](#) from [PJ Our Way](#) on [Vimeo](#).
[PJ Library's Tried and True Hummus Recipe](#)
[Hummus Fest with PJ Our Way](#)

Shakshuka

Shakshuka is a sumptuous and savory Middle Eastern dish that takes minutes to cook, and is a warm, filling meal. If your house is stocked with eggs and a can of tomato sauce or cooked, peeled tomatoes, you're basically ready to start cooking.

[Basic easy shakshuka recipe](#) via Tasty
[Shortcut shakshuka](#) via Joy of Koshers

Halvah

This super sweet, dense treat, is so much fun to make. Halvah comes in many varieties with the common feature being a base made from tahini or nut butter. A very basic halva can be made with only three ingredients—a perfect confection for a tween to create with a little adult supervision.

[Halvah Tutorial](#) via Joy of Koshers
[Israeli Halvah Recipe](#) via MyJewishLearning.com

Couscous

You may already be familiar with couscous, a popular grain eaten all over the world. It's easy to swap as the primary grain in just about any recipe and takes minutes to cook. Here are a few crowd pleasers to get you started:

[Moroccan Couscous and Chicken Recipe](#) via The Noshers
[Seven Vegetable Couscous](#) via My Jewish Learning

On supermarket shelves outside of Israel, ptitim, a slightly larger grain, is sold and marketed as "Israeli Couscous." This small pasta was developed in Israel during a time when rice was scarce. While ptitim is popular with Israeli children, in the states the grain is often used in sophisticated salads and side dishes. If it's your first time making ptitim, try one of these recipes:

[Easiest Israeli Dinner](#) via kveller.com
[Israeli Couscous Salad](#) via Weelicious
[Israeli Couscous With Roasted Vegetables](#) via Koshers.com

More

[Feel Closer to Israel With These Books, Videos, and Podcasts](#)
[Questions Children Ask About Israel in General](#)
[Tour Israel With These Picture Books](#)



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CALENDAR

JULY 2025

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AUGUST 2025

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24 12 p.m. Brunch and SweetBreeze boat ride - JFFW	25 CAV Office Closed	26 6:30 p.m. Jewish Insights - weekly Torah class - CHA	27 5 p.m. JUDA Hebrew School of the Arts	28	29 JFFW Office Closed 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service	30
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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?

TRADER JOE'S®

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

[260-432-5828](tel:2604325828)

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

[260 -459-9691](tel:2604599691)

www.thefreshmarket.com



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

[260-489-8686](tel:2604898686)

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



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

[260-420-5565](tel:2604205565)

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



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

[\(260\) 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.



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.

Thank You

2024 - 2025 DONORS (SINCE MAY 15, 2025)

Thank you to our generous donors:

Anonymous, Jamie Berger, Jon Berger, Rena & Don Black, Sarah (Kitlan) Renner, Kathy Sider, Thom Kelley, and Irene & Bob Walters!

We could not do what we do without each of you!

Your gift to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne provides much-needed support here at home, in Israel and to struggling Jewish communities in over 70 countries around the world.



KRIS WISE TO SPEAK AT PRIDE SHABBAT SERVICE

In conjunction with [Fort Wayne Pride](#) activities, we'll celebrate Pride Shabbat on Friday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Temple, led by Rabbi Meir Barger, with readings and prayers inspired by the LGBTQ+ experience.

Guest speaker Kris Wise will discuss the impact of discrimination and negative government policies on LGBTQ+ people, particularly youth. A licensed clinical social worker, he previously was the mental health clinician at [BRAVE Alliance](#) and continues to serve the LGBTQ+ community as mental health clinical director at [Alliance Health Centers](#).

Please join us in person or on [YouTube](#) as we recognize the importance of LGBTQ equality and inclusion. An Oneg Shabbat reception will follow, hosted by Rabbi Meir Barger & Jon Tam and Beth & Dan Zweig. We warmly welcome guests.

Wise's passion for social change found him at home in non-profit and higher education arenas. He earned a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of St. Francis and a master's degree in social work from Indiana University. Clinical practice specialties include substance use, trauma, families, sexuality, and gender.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT AND BAR MITZVAH AT THE TEMPLE

Begin your 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 6:30 p.m. We will not meet for Shabbat on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5. We'll celebrate Pride Shabbat on Friday, July 25.

Our Shabbat morning services are usually 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. We'll

also celebrate Shabbat and a simcha on Saturday, July 12 at 10 a.m. when Ethan Wallet, son of Wendi & Joshua Wallet, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

JOIN US FOR FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE WITH HEARTLAND SINGS, BBQ & BONFIRE

Our spirited [Friday Night Live](#) service moves outdoors at the Temple on August 8 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger with [Heartland Sings](#) on their mobile stage. Tap your toes, get on your feet, and share the joy of Shabbat with this lively worship experience. (Please note that the service will not be livestreamed.)

Join us prior to services at 5 p.m. for a barbeque hosted by the ROMEOS, with Hebrew National hot dogs, veggie burgers, coleslaw, vegetarian baked beans, and chips. After the service, we'll gather around the CAV fire pit for s'mores, popsicles, and ice cream. Kindly RSVP for dinner no later than Friday, August 1 [online](#) or contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

We also look forward to welcoming guests who are visiting Fort Wayne prior to the [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies](#) conference on August 10-14 at the Grand Wayne Center and Allen County Public Library.

Please bring your own folding/camping chairs and or blankets/sheets to sit on and long-handled sticks or forks to roast marshmallows. Bug spray is recommended. Thank you to Denny Reynolds for coordinating and the ROMEOS for hosting the meal. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

SHARE A JOY VEY MORNING WITH JULIETTE NEHRING

Families with young children are invited to share a special musical morning of Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat on Saturday, August 23 at 10:30 a.m. with musician [Juliette Nehring](#).

Meet us in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center to introduce your child to the beauty of a Shabbat morning service with prayer,

singing, movement, joyfulness, and friends. Folks are encouraged to stick around afterwards to enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

Nehring has been a lay leader and music specialist at Jewish congregations in the Indianapolis area for the past 13 years and has been a professional in the fields of music and education for over 30 years.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School on Sunday, September 7 for children in kindergarten (age 5+ by September 1) through high school.

Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children. [Enrollment materials and more information](#) will be available later this summer at www.templecav.org. Kindly complete prior to the first day of class. Questions? Please contact Youth Education & Family Engagement Director Stephanie Gottesman at youth@templecav.org.

JOIN US FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS AT THE TEMPLE

We look forward to welcoming you to Congregation Achduth Vesholom for the [High Holy Days 5786](#), with both Reform and Conservative minyanim worshipping together on Erev Rosh Hashanah on Monday, September 22 and for Kol Nidre on Wednesday, October 1.

[Rabbi Meir Barger](#) will lead 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 be our guest clergy leading Conservative worship on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. All are welcome. Visit www.templecav.org for the schedule.



IAJGS CONFERENCE UPDATE

Have you registered for the International Association of Jewish Genealogy Society (IAJGS) Conference? The IAJGS, in collaboration with your local NEIJGS, extends an invitation to those interested in Jewish genealogy to enroll in this educational conference designed “to learn, to research, and most importantly, to share.” Take this opportunity to explore the rich tapestry of your ancestry, gain exclusive insights from world-renowned experts, and engage with a dynamic community dedicated to preserving the legacy of our heritage.

Registration link <https://iajgs2025.org/index.cfm>

Highlights

- **Keynote Speaker:** Cece Moore, also known as the DNA Detective
- **Gala Banquet Speaker:** Dr. Daniel Horowitz, presenting “Bear With Me: A Cultural History of Famous Bears in America”
- **Tours:** Available at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center
- **Jewish Film Festival:** Including the 50th anniversary screening of “Hester Street”
- **Research Resources on the Holocaust:** Access to over 4,400 Holocaust testimonies from the Fortunoff Archive, nearly 60,000 testimonies from 69 countries collected by the USC Shoah Foundation, and hundreds of Yizkor books available on open shelves
- **Additional Services:** Translator services and mentoring will be provided

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

- Check-in registrants
- Welcome table
- Assist with getting people to/from Grand Wayne Center/ACPL Library
- Session monitors

Please reach out to Fran Adler (fran@adlerfw.com) if you have time to share!
Thank you for helping to make our conference a success!

NEIJGS 25-26 PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

- Oct. 17 Meet Your Mishpocha Shabbat
- Nov. 9 Ava Cohn “The Photo Genealogist”
- Feb. 15 Steve Little “Uses of AI in the Genealogy Space”
- May 3 Hadassah Lipsius and Anna Wiernicka “Jewish Genealogy with Polish Records”

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

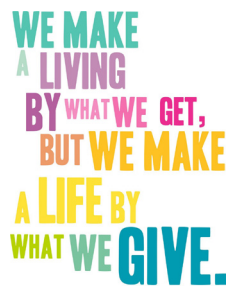
ENDOWMENT

- **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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Emergency Cash Assistance Fund

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

General Operations

- Donations were received from **Janet Finkel, Doris Gottlieb** and **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.

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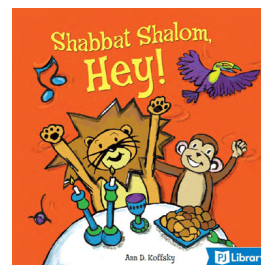
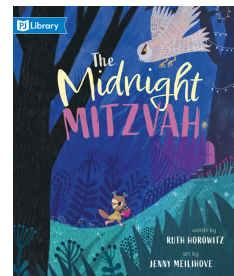
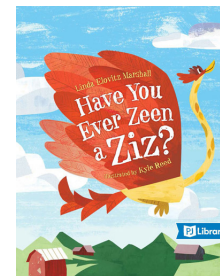
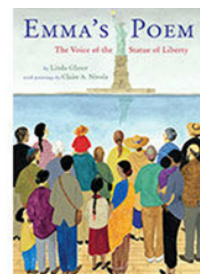
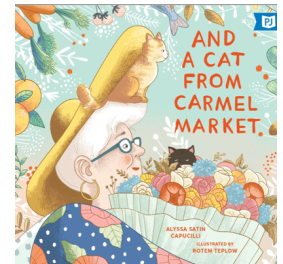
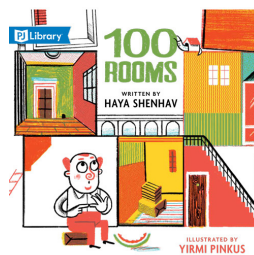
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