

2021-2022 PROGRAMS

Mark your calendars and join or renew your membership now to support these great programs!



October 24, 2021 – Meet Your Mishpocha!

In celebration of Family History Month, we will begin our season with our third annual “Fort Wayne Jewish Family Day.” From noon to 2:00 p.m., this “hybrid” event will be both in-person at the Madge Rothschild Resource Center and virtual for those who prefer to attend that way. In-person guests can take advantage of scanners from the Allen County Public Library’s Genealogy Center to digitize family documents and photos. Mentors will consult about family history research, and representatives from the Oral History Video Project and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society will be on-hand either virtually or in-person. We’ll highlight our Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, now encompassing over 7,000 people, and a “Photo ID” table of Temple photographs will be set up for members of the community to identify. Those attending virtually may register for 20- to 30-minute sessions with four of our presenters.



November 14, 2021 – Jewish Cemeteries, Indiana and Beyond

In conjunction with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, JewishGen’s Nolan Altman and Jeannie Regan-Dinius of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will present a virtual program, “Jewish Cemeteries – Indiana and Beyond,” beginning at 2:00 p.m. Their talks will feature a report on Indiana’s Jewish cemeteries and information about deciphering headstones and their meaning.



February 13, 2022 – Jewish Names

Genealogist Warren Blatt is the former managing director of JewishGen. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the ACPL Genealogy Center, his two programs, “Jewish Given Names” and “Jewish Surnames” will focus on the origins and histories of names, how they changed, and how they can be helpful in genealogical research.

April 3, 2022 – Location, Location, Location



At 2:00 p.m. at the ACPL Genealogy Center, Ed Mitukiewicz will present “Location, Location, Location: How Genealogical Research Can Benefit from Historical Maps.” Identifying the places where our ancestors used to live is a critical step in finding sources of genealogical information but locating those places can be a challenging task.



May 1, 2022 – FamilySearch for Jewish Research

FamilySearch’s Todd Knowles will present “Making the Most of FamilySearch for Jewish Research” at 2:00 p.m. at the ACPL’s Genealogy Center. Todd is an Accredited Genealogist specializing in English and Jewish research. His quest to find more about his G-G-grandfather, a Polish Jew, led to the creation of the Knowles Collection.