

Getting Involved with the Indianapolis Jewish Community

Looking to get involved with the Indianapolis Jewish community? There are lots of exciting ways to make connections and a difference in the community. Our programs and events are designed to further our mission, engaging and connecting our community today and tomorrow. More information on who we are and what we do can be found at www.jewishindianapolis.org.

Partnership2Gether (P2G)

P2G is a program of The Jewish Agency and The Jewish Federations of North America, promoting people-to-people relationships through cultural, social, medical, educational, and economic programs. The Western Galilee Partnership connects 17 U.S. communities of the US Central Area Consortium, Israel's Western Galilee and Budapest, Hungary. Indianapolis is one of the 17 communities. Learn more about Partnership at <https://www.westerngalilee.org.il>.

Jewish Community Relations Council

Public affairs and community relations arm that builds consensus on public affairs issues and translates these positions into community action and partnerships with civic leaders, public officials, and interfaith and intergroup communities. They offer Holocaust education, Israel engagement and programs for students on how to speak with other students about difficult Jewish topics. Learn more at <https://indyjcrc.org>.

Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center (JCC)

The JCC enriches the community by perpetuating Jewish tradition and heritage while celebrating diversity of beliefs through arts, education, health and wellness. Learn more about the JCC at <https://jccindy.org> and their volunteer interest page: <https://jccindy.org/volunteering>.

Hooverwood Living and Kraft Commons

With a compassionate and well-rounded staff, Hooverwood Living provides individualized care and treatment for all seniors. Learn more at <https://www.hooverwood.org> and their volunteer interest page: <https://hooverwood.org/contact-us/volunteer-opportunities>.

Jewish Family Services (JFS)

JFS provides inclusive human services inspired by Jewish values to strengthen lives and community in Greater Indianapolis. Visit <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/social-services> for more information. There are many ways to get involved, and here are some ways:

Popsie's Pantry

Popsie's Pantry serves people in the surrounding area who come to JFS for food assistance.

What makes Popsie's unique? Clients get to choose the food that they want and need, and their privacy is protected with scheduled appointments. It is only pantry here with a kosher foods section, and cleaning supplies and hygiene products are stocked, as those items cannot be purchased using SNAP (food stamps). JFS goes beyond the provision of these necessities to work with pantry clients on other issues- to connect them to other supports that have the potential to uplift their circumstance.

How to help: organize food drives, volunteer to pack groceries for client distribution, or put together a group volunteer day.

Birthday Club

\$100 will sponsor a child on his/her birthday!

Become a Birthday Boss, or team up with friends, and be assigned to a child in the Indianapolis Jewish community. You can shop from their wish list, purchase a gift card, or simply make a donation.

Seasonal Campaigns

Each year, JFS runs a Passover Food Drive (spring), Backpack Attack School Supplies Drive (summer), and Adopt-a-Family for Chanukah (winter).

Contact Rachel Katz at rkatz@jfgi.org to learn more and how you can get involved.

PJ Library and PJ Our Way

PJ Library offers free books to children ages 0-8 and PJ Our Way offers books for children ages 8.5-12. To enroll or to learn more about these programs, visit www.pjlibrary.org.

Family Programming

PJ Library offers family friendly programming each month. Events range from playdates in the park to holiday themed experiences, like Latkes and Lights. Email aflaumenhaft@jfgi.org to be added to the monthly newsletter or follow PJ Library on Facebook and Instagram [@Pjlibrarygreaterindianapolis](https://www.instagram.com/Pjlibrarygreaterindianapolis).

PJ Library Get Together Grants

PJ Library is offering up to \$100 grants for PJ Library parents and children to do something Jewish with their Jewish friends! This could be a game night Havdalah or a Chanukah party for parents only with your friends! The options are limitless. Application for the grant takes three minutes to complete. For more information, visit <https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/get-together/get-together-2023/choose-your-own-get-together>.

Other Community Organizations

Candles Holocaust Museum and Education Center

<https://candleholocaustmuseum.org>

Jewish Historical Society

<https://www.ijhs.org>

Synagogue Information

Congregation Beth El Zedeck

317-253-3441 | www.bez613.org

Congregation Beth Shalom

317-306-5644 | <https://bethshalomindy.org>

Congregation B'nai Torah

317-253-5253 | www.btorahindy.org

Chabad Lubavitch of Indiana

317-251-5573 | www.chabadindiana.org

Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

317-251-6220 | <https://etzchaimindy.org>

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

317- 317-255-6647 | <https://ihcindy.org>

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

317-733-2169 | <https://shaareytefilla.org>

Overseas Partners

Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)

<https://www.jewishagency.org>

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

<https://www.jdc.org>

Consul General of Israel to the Midwest

<https://embassies.gov.il/chicago/Pages/default.aspx>

For questions regarding Israel, email Ashley Flaumenhaft at aflaumenhaft@jfgi.org.

Other Ways to Engage

One Table

Gather people in your communities for a Together at the Table dinner to engage in constructive dialogue during a meaningful dinner. Shabbat is an opportunity to be in community, learn from and with one another, and begin to heal. Use the resources on this page to come together at your table. If you're not yet a host, apply to host a dinner to pause and discuss. More information can be found at <https://onetable.org>.

Jewish Community Calendar

Find what's going on in our community on the Jewish Community Calendar at www.jewishindianapolis.org/jfgcommunitycalendar.