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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE WITH HEARTLAND SINGS & BBQ

Our spirited Friday Night Live service moves outdoors at the Temple on August 2 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir 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.

Donations to help cover costs are appreciated.

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.



MUSICAL MORNING OF JOY VEY! WITH JULIETTE NEHRING



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

New this month! 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.

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.

Currently, she is dedicated to her position as music specialist, cantorial soloist, and religious school teacher for Congregation Beth Shalom in Carmel, Indiana. She has a passionate interest in children and families, and community engagement and social justice.

Nehring is the second of four musical Joy Vey! services for young families sponsored by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. She will return for another morning Joy Vey! on Saturday, January 11, 2025.

Also mark your calendars for Joy Vey! with [Joanie Calem](#) on Friday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. for Sukkot.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS APPROVED AT 176TH ANNUAL MEETING

Congregants gathered in person and online on June 5 for Achduth Vesholom's 176th Annual Meeting, approving changes to the bylaws that govern the Temple, electing new Board members, reviewing the leadership structure, and approving the budget for the coming year.

President Ronnie Greenberg presided over the assembly of Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation, which for a fifth year brought members together both in person and on Zoom.

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UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

AUGUST SHABBAT SERVICES

**Friday Night Live
Outdoors & BBQ hosted
by the ROMEOS**

Friday, August 2
5 p.m. BBQ
6:30 p.m. Service

Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 3
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Friday, August 9
6:30 p.m.
D'var Torah: Greg Shoup

Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 10
9:45 a.m.

**Joy Vey: A Kid-ish
Shabbat With Musician
Juliette Nehring**
Saturday, August 10
10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Friday, August 16
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Saturday August 17
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Friday, August 23
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 24
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Friday, August 30
6:30 p.m.

No Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 31

AUGUST EVENTS

Corned Beef Mail Prep
Thursday, August 29
10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays
Wednesday, September 4
10 a.m.

**Fall Shabbat
Schedule Begins**
Friday, September 6
7:30 p.m.

**People of the Book:
Author Marie Benedict**
Monday, September 9
7:30 pm.
Sponsored by
Jewish Federation of
Fort Wayne

Lifelong Learning
Wednesday, September 11
7 p.m. on Zoom

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat
Friday, September 13
5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

First Day of Religious School
Sunday, September 15
10 a.m.

**Jewish Heritage Tour &
Meet your Mischpocha**
Sunday, September 15
10:30 a.m. Tour
Noon Information Tables
1 p.m. Program and "Growing
Up Jewish in Fort Wayne"
Sponsored by the Temple and
NEIJGS

**Hot Topics Shabbat:
Food Insecurity**
Friday, September 27
7:30 p.m.

Selichot Service
Saturday, September 28
7:45 p.m.

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DAYS
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CAN'T COME IN PERSON? JOIN US ONLINE!

Please join us in person or via livestream for worship services. Friday evening services are offered on [YouTube](#). Saturday morning services are available on Zoom and YouTube.

Zoom links are in the weekly email to our Temple family. We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information on Zoom at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org

GREG SHOUP WILL GIVE D'VAR TORAH ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Celebrate Shabbat with us on Friday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger. Greg Shoup will give the D'var Torah about his recent conversion to Judaism. Please join us in person or via [YouTube](#). (See page 10 as we welcome Greg as the Temple's newest member.)



Join us at the Temple!

**A NEW TIME
TO
CELEBRATE
SHABBAT!**

**STARTING ON
SEPTEMBER 6, SHABBAT
SERVICES ON FRIDAYS
WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.**



FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE RESUMES ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Our summer service schedule continues at 6:30 p.m. through Friday, August 30 (Labor Day Weekend). Services will return to 7:30 p.m., beginning Friday, September 6.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS BAG ASSEMBLY TEAM WILL MEET IN SEPTEMBER



Thoughtful Thursdays will begin its 15th year on Wednesday, September 4 at 10 a.m. when our volunteers meet to assemble bags of food and household items for the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple.

Contact Chair Cheryl Schorey at cheryl_schorey@yahoo.com to learn more. Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

Lunch with the ROMEOs

Join the [Retired Old Men Eating Out](#) for lunch at noon:

Thursday, August 1
[Club Soda Restaurant](#)
235 E. Superior St.

Thursday, August 15

[The Han Dynasty](#)
6401 W. Jefferson Blvd.

For more information, please contact Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com.

Rabbi Meir Bargeron: BACK TO SCHOOL

Summer is a beautiful but fleeting season in Indiana -- especially for kids. Not long after they finish their summer experiences of sleep-away camp, sports or other activities, and volunteering, August -- and back-to-school time -- arrives. The same is true for Religious School, as we prepare to return to the classroom at the Temple.

Jewish tradition takes a number of positions on education, starting in one of the most familiar places: "You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. **Teach them to your children.**" ([Deuteronomy 6:5-7a](#))

The Shema, perhaps the most foundational prayer of Judaism, commands each of us to teach Torah to our children.

The Sages refined this biblical commandment to make education a communal responsibility that is shared by all. Not only are parents responsible for ensuring that their children receive a Jewish education, the community is responsible for maintaining schools of Jewish learning. The Temple's own Religious School is a contemporary example of this Jewish responsibility, and we have recently begun an initiative to evaluate and refresh our religious education program.

This past spring we engaged Jewish educational consultant [Wendy Grinberg, RJE](#) to evaluate the current program and to recommend changes that will bring our Religious School more in line with our congregation's needs. The space for this column does not permit me to provide a detailed summary, but the complete report is [available here](#). Like any program evaluation with recommendations, there will be parts that we can implement immediately, parts that we will consider over time, and parts that don't seem to quite fit our congregation right now.

More information will be communicated in the next few weeks, but I can share three changes now. First, we will return to a more traditional school calendar, nearly doubling the number of weekly in-person school days, beginning Sunday, September 15. Second, the curriculum for elementary-aged students will focus on Torah stories and the Jewish year. The curriculum for students in grades 6 and 7 will continue to focus on B'nai Mitzvah preparation, and we will continue to offer Hebrew in an online format for students in grades 5-7.

Third, we are realigning our people resources to provide critical support to our Religious School. **Leise Rosman** will continue to chair the Temple's Religious School Committee, and I am grateful to have her as my partner in planning and overseeing Jewish education. Additionally, our part-time

administrative assistant, **Lily Noga**, has taken on an additional role as Religious School Coordinator. I am very excited to have Lily's involvement in the Temple's Jewish education programs. Over the next few weeks, parents, students and volunteers will see her in action.

Jewish education at CAV is a shared responsibility between parents and the congregation as a whole. In order to launch and operate the program that I have described, we need your help. We have had a significant decrease in the availability of congregants to volunteer to play hands-on roles in the Religious School. Please consider helping our congregation by volunteering for one of the following in-person roles on Sundays:

Teachers: Early and late elementary grades. You will have pre-written lesson plans and supplies ready to go for you every week, as well as the coaching support of a professional Jewish educator. Teaching experience is not necessary, but having a big heart helps!

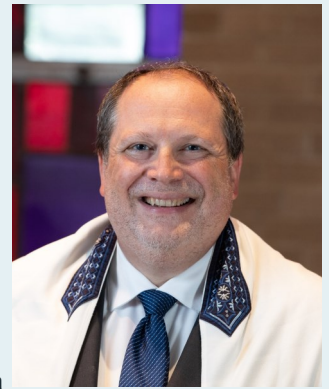
Hebrew Buddies: Spend a few minutes with late-elementary students who arrive for "Hebrew Study Hall" before class on Sunday mornings. Help with homework and listen to students read to support them as they build their Hebrew reading skills. Solid "Prayerbook Hebrew" skills are required; Hebrew fluency is not required!

Holiday Celebrations Team: Work with a team to plan and present all-ages celebrations of the Jewish holidays, such as Hanukkah, Purim and others.

Greeters: Welcome students and families to the Temple for Religious School. Help organize coffee and snacks for students and parents. Flexible schedule: you need not attend every week.

Office Volunteers: Help our Religious School Coordinator organize materials and assist with other hands-on projects in the Temple Office.

Please consider how you can help to transmit the beauty of Judaism and Jewish life to the next generation. We would be very grateful for your support! You do not have to have a child in the Religious School to be able to help us. If you want to volunteer, or even if you have questions about what the roles entail, please be in touch with me at rabbi@templecav.org. — *Rabbi Meir*



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



Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when our 22nd [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns on Thursday, November 7.

We're looking forward to topping last year's sales of more than 1,800 delicious meals and 53 sponsorships that helped us raise \$29,688 for programs at the Temple!

Returning this year are tasty meals that include a 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, creamy coleslaw, giant dill pickle, fudgy brownie, and a drink. Online ordering and meal delivery options also will be back.

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 an hour

before regular hours.

Next month's Bulletin will include more information, including sponsorship opportunities and volunteer needs.

Mark your calendar and clear your schedule to help with our Deli Day and biggest fundraiser. We especially need volunteers during the corned beef sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, November 6 from 6 to 9 p.m.

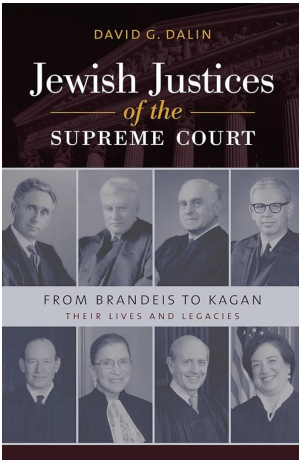
HELPERS NEEDED WITH MAIL PREP FOR DELI DAY

Volunteers are needed to help prepare a large bulk mailing on Thursday, August 29 at 10 a.m. at the Temple as we get ready for our 22nd Corned Beef Fundraiser. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to say you can assist.

Thanks to Corned Beef Co-Chairs Amy Krouse and Micah Soltz and their team!

READ ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT IN TEMPLE LIBRARY

The United States Supreme Court has been in the news quite a bit lately. For those interested, we have several biographies in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) that highlight our Jewish justices.



David G. Dalin's *Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court: From Brandeis to Kagan* is part of the Brandeis Series in American Jewish History, Culture and Life. The eight justices featured are Louis D. Brandeis, Benjamin Cardozo, Felix Frankfurter, Arthur Goldberg, Abe Fortas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, and Elena Kagan.

From Pamela S. Nadell, president of the Association for Jewish Studies, "This landmark collective biography of the Jewish men and women who have served on our nation's highest court reminds us that, long before the 21st century, conservatives and liberals battled over the limits of free speech, the rule of reason, and even fake news. David Dalin's *Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court* is that all-too-rare history that serves up lessons from the past that speak to our moment in time."

For those interested in specific justices, we have biographies in our collection of Louis Brandeis, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Elena Kagan.

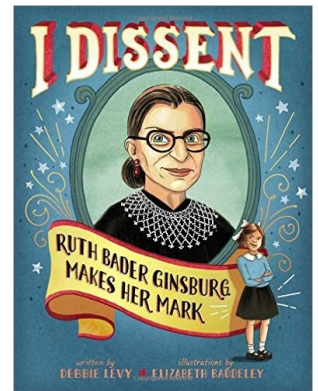
Melvin Urofsky's *Louis D. Brandeis: A Life* won the National Jewish Book Award and was acquired as part of our "Betty's 100 Books" program in 2016 honor of the 100th birthday of Betty Stein z"l. From *The Boston Globe*, it "will likely stand as the definitive Brandeis biography for many years." For younger readers, Louis Brandeis: *The People's Justice* by Suzanne Freedman is in our juvenile biography collection.

Our two biographies of Elena Kagan are in our juvenile and teen biography sections. *Elena Kagan* by Viki Wagner is part

of a "People in the News" series. Part of our juvenile biography collection, it includes color photographs, sidebars, bibliographies, timelines and indexes. Meg Greene's *Elena Kagan: A Biography* is part of our collection for teens. Part of the Greenwood Biography series, it is a full-length biography of Justice Kagan recommended by the Jewish Book Council.

We have biographies for all ages of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Perhaps the most well-known is Irin Carmon's *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*. A *New York Times* bestseller, it was also part of our "Betty's 100 Books" program. From the *New York Times*, "The authors make this unassuming, most studious woman come pulsing to life." We have both the adult and young readers' editions in our collection. *Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work* by Victoria Ortiz is part of our juvenile biography collection. A Sydney Taylor Honor Book in 2020, this title weaves case histories in with details of the justice's life. *Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice* by Debbie Levy is a biography in graphic novel format for middle grade readers.

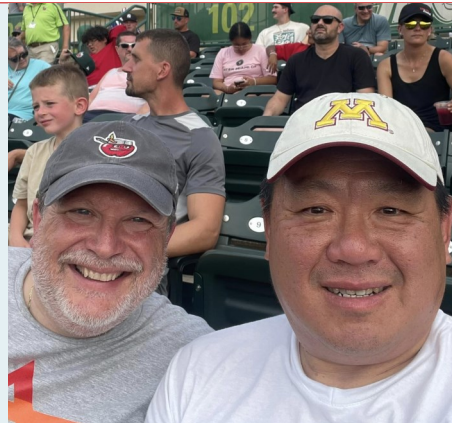
Finally, we have four picture book biographies of Justice Ginsburg for our youngest readers: *No Truth Without Ruth: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, by Kathleen Krull, *Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.S. vs. Inequality*, by Jonah Winter, *Ruth Objects: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, by Doreen Rappaport, and Debbie Levy's *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark*. Published in 2016, *I Dissent* was awarded both the Sydney Taylor Award and the National Jewish Book Award.



[Search our full catalog](#) Please take advantage of this member resource. Self-checkout is available whenever the building is open.

TEMPLE NIGHT AT THE TINCAPS!

Despite the summer heat wave, our members had a great time on June 22 during Temple Night at the TinCaps. Thanks to Mike Barasch, who has been organizing this annual event since we began the tradition in 2009 - the same year Parkview Field opened!



Youth News



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS SOON

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School in September for children in kindergarten (age 5+ by September 1) through high school. Families must be members of the congregation to enroll their children in the program.

Enrollment materials and more information will be sent to our Religious School families and also posted at www.templecav.org. Kindly complete forms prior to the first day of class. Religious School begins on Sunday, September 15.

Please contact Religious School Coordinator Lily Noga at educator@templecav.org with any questions.



We shared a special milestone during our Shabbat service on May 31 when Rabbi Meir presented prayer books and offered a blessing to our 5th grade students in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies. We're so glad to celebrate this meaningful time of Jewish learning and tradition with our students and their parents.



Our Joy Vey families and friends (almost 30 people) shared a fun Shabbat evening outdoors on July 12 in the Sposeep Chapel. Sam Krouse and Stephanie Gottesman led songs. Wendy Soltz led the Mission Impossible Torah learning game where the children worked together to find and piece together the Red Heifer from Torah. Rabbi Meir talked with the group about what it might have been like to be with the Israelites on a long journey without water. They enjoyed a nosh in the garden while the kids enjoyed the playground.



Rabbi Meir offered a blessing on June 7 for our students on who will be attending a Jewish summer camp and wished them well on their summer adventures.



HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

Please let the Temple office know your college student's email address so that we may stay in touch by sending the monthly Bulletin. We'll also be glad to send the weekly email, which also provides links for online services and opportunities. Contact us at office@templecav.org.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS (continued from page 1)

Changes to the Bylaws

During the past year, the Temple board proposed revisions to the bylaws that take into account the implementation of a partnership model of operation and the need to give the board more flexibility, particularly in financial matters. The structural change creates new efficiencies and greater opportunities for strategic planning to better serve our members.

An earlier bylaws proposal was considered at a special congregational meeting in March, but it failed to pass due to low turnout despite overwhelming support from those who voted. Changes to the bylaws must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members who are eligible to vote.

Because of the importance of approving the proposed bylaws, materials about the proposal were sent multiple times to members, along with reminder phone calls. Early absentee voting for the first time was offered online via a direct link, along with in person and online voting in real time.

Following the counting of the vote, Finance Vice President John Stein announced that the new bylaws were approved. John said he was "pleased and relieved" about the result and thanked everyone for participating. Ronnie said that with approval of the bylaws, "we can continue to move forward."

President's Report

In addition to welcoming three new member households in the past year, Ronnie highlighted several milestones and developments since the membership last met. These included:

- **The celebration of our 175th Anniversary**, with a full, event-packed year of programs and activities, led by Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig.
- **Our 21st Corned Beef Fundraiser**, with record profits under the leadership of Amy Krouse, Micah Soltz, and Samara Sheray.
- **Stand With Israel campaign in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne**, which raised \$275,240 for Israel in response to the horrendous attack by Hamas against Israel on October 7.
- **An effort to list the Temple on the National Register of Historic Places**, led by Dr. Wendy Soltz. Paperwork has been submitted and the first hearing in the process comes in late June. Assuming a favorable outcome, the application will eventually go to Washington, DC for approval.
- **Further refinements of the partnership model of governance took place.**
- **The revised committee structure has been implemented** and is being tweaked as needed.
- **The employee handbook was revised and approved**, led by Dan Zweig.
- **Thoughtful Thursdays continues under new leadership**, with Sally Trotter stepping down after four years as chair and Cheryl Schorey beginning as the new chair.
- **Strategic issues have been identified and the board's meeting schedule updated.** The board has identified 10 key topics to explore and a procedure for investigating them. As outlined in the new bylaws, fewer board meetings are required, with task forces and committees meeting during certain months to work on assigned topics. Findings will be reported to the congregation during the year.

Ronnie also thanked the staff for their dedication to the congregation, including Rabbi Meir Bargerone; Samara Sheray, our

Executive Director; Lily Noga, who became our new administrative assistant earlier this year; Jamie Fritz, our comptroller; and Timmy Oberly, our custodian. Charles Smiley was recently hired as our facilities manager. Ronnie also thanked our members and volunteers.

Rabbi's Report

Rabbi Meir said our 175th year was one of unparalleled activity as we found so many ways to celebrate while also taking care of necessary things to keep our Temple running smoothly.

Instead of talking much about what we've done, Rabbi Meir said his focus is on why we do it and what it means to us. We come together routinely on Shabbat, special events, and important moments, he said, but what links us together as a congregation?

Rabbi Meir noted that Elie Wiesel once asked: "What does it mean to be a congregation? It means to care about each other. Pray? We can pray at home. We come together a congregation in order to share in each other's lives and in order to share in the life of the Jewish people – past, present and future."

"While I might have a respectful objection to praying (only) at home, Wiesel's reason for being a congregation is very compelling," Rabbi Meir said. "Each one of us matters, and we express our Jewishness in community. While one can be Jewish in any place or situation, we can only *do Jewishness in community.*"

In looking at the past year, Rabbi Meir mentioned some of the ways our members come together: Thoughtful Thursdays, Temple Book Club, Joy Vey, Temple gardeners (Haganim), ROMEOs.

"This is how we express our Jewishness in community," he said. "As we begin our 176th year of building Jewish community, may we continue to be responsible for each other, because we belong to one another."



ANNUAL MEETING NEWS (continued)

Executive Director's Report

Samara Sheray, who has served as our Executive Director for seven years, reported on several topics, including:

- **The City of Fort Wayne's lift station project is underway.** The Temple sold the city land on the northwest corner of our property for \$29,035 to build and house a stormwater lift station. It will be underground and inaudible. A new 6-foot privacy fence will be installed along our north property line, separating our campus from the neighborhood, while also improving vegetation. We are unable to use the north driveway onto our property, a temporary inconvenience that should be over by the end of summer. The driveway will be restored as part of the project.
- **Security needs have been reevaluated since October 7 and additional improvements will be made by August 2025.** We are utilizing \$150,000 from a Nonprofit Security Grant from FEMA and Homeland Security received in September 2022 to further fortify our campus against attack.
- **Our Corned Beef Fundraiser was our most successful to date,** with net revenue of \$29,574, almost \$6,000 higher than the year before. Help is needed from members to purchase meals, sponsor the sale, and volunteer.



175th Anniversary Report

A year ago, Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig, co-chairs of the 175th Anniversary Committee, explained that the goal of the celebration season was to provide a variety of events to stimulate congregational interest, build community, forge new friendships, strengthen partnerships, and raise funds that will support most of the Temple's programming for the coming year and beyond.

"In looking back, we're proud to say that we achieved those goals and more," Beth said at this year's annual meeting. "Our 175th anniversary season encompassed musical programs for all ages, art exhibits, educational offerings, and mitzvah projects. It included history, worship, cultural, and social events. Visitors even included descendants of the Nirdlinger family, which helped found Achduth Vesholom in 1848."

We welcomed Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism; Dr. Gary Zola, Executive Director Emeritus of the American Jewish Archives; and musician Shira Kline, who recently received a national award for outstanding contributions to Jewish education.



With the Unitarian Universalist Congregation next door, we hosted a panel discussion and exhibit of artist Hilarie Couture's paintings called Unity with Variety. Torah scribe Rabbi

Moshe Druin demonstrated the age-old tradition of writing and repairing a Torah. We showcased musical talent within our congregation at a Beit Café coffeehouse, led by Rabbi Meir Bergeron and Maestro Robert Nance.

We recognized some of those who grew up here and developed a love of Judaism, leading them to become Jewish professionals, including musician Orin Reynolds, Rabbi Jonathan Greenberg, Rabbi Rachel Greengrass, and Rabbi Jen Gubitz.

Mitzvah work included donating a Torah to Goldman Union Camp Institute in honor of our long association, presenting to GUCI Director Jeremy Klotz on our anniversary weekend in November 2023. We learned about foster children in our community from three guest speakers and donated 175 totes filled with toiletries, stuffed animals, and blankets to Fostering Hope for Children.

Through the generosity of our 175th sponsors, we raised more than \$100,000. Beth said we're grateful to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation as lead sponsor and Irene Walters for chairing our fundraising. Extra funds will be used for future Temple programming.

Beth said one of the most meaningful parts of the celebration came during our 175th weekend when we launched a Jewish Heritage Tour of Fort Wayne by trolley. On the same day, aided by excellent media coverage, a Sunday open house drew some 400 people from the community, many of whom expressed solidarity with Israel and our Jewish community a few weeks after the Hamas attack on Israel. Visitors sampled Jewish food, learned about our traditions and building, and listened to klezmer music by a string quartet from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

An impressive exhibit called "Jewish History and Art Illuminated: 175 Years of Congregation Achduth Vesholom" at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art was developed by Dr. Wendy Soltz and Sharon Eisbart and featured from mid-November through January. The exhibit educated the community about our history and traditions and received the Outstanding Artistic Endeavor award from Arts United.

With the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society, we hosted a local history program that included a presentation by Wendy on her Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project at the Allen County Public Library.

In all, the 20-member 175th Anniversary Committee coordinated or assisted with at least 18 events in the past year, along with a 175th anniversary history booklet and video chronicling our story. The video was shown after the annual meeting.

"Kathy and I thank you for the honor of allowing us to chair this important occasion," Beth said. "We thank our hard-working committee, Rabbi Meir, Ronnie, and Samara, along with our 175th sponsors for their contributions to the celebration."



ANNUAL MEETING NEWS (continued)



New Board Elected for 2024-2025

The membership unanimously elected new leaders for the coming year as presented by Board Development Co-Chairs John Stein and Beth Zweig.

OFFICERS

Elected to a 1-year term ending in June 2025

President: Ronnie Greenberg

Elected for 1-year term ending in June 2025

Vice President Programs: Beth Zweig

Vice President Finance: John Stein

Secretary: Amy Krouse

TRUSTEES (*Elected to 2-year term ending in June 2026*):

David Crell
Sam Krouse
Mimi Zelman

TRUSTEES (*Serving 2-year term ending in June 2025*):

Shai Hadashi
Dawn Hammond
Leise Rosman
Kathy Sider
Micah Soltz

Installation of New Board Members

New members of the board were installed by Rabbi Meir.

Outgoing Trustees

We thanked Juli Dominguez and Brian Rosman for their

board service.

Financial Report

Vice President-Finance John Stein said it's too early to know how the 2023-2024 fiscal year will end, though it does not appear that we'll come anywhere close to our planned deficit of \$24,000. Expenses are lower than forecast due to less than full employment for some staff positions. We are now back to full employment, he said, so our expenditures are back at anticipated amounts.

For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, John said, expected income is lower than usual. Income from our Endowment Fund is down by \$5,000, an amount dictated in the bylaws that takes "5% of a three-year rolling average." John said that this is another reason that the new bylaws were needed since they would change the 5% requirement.

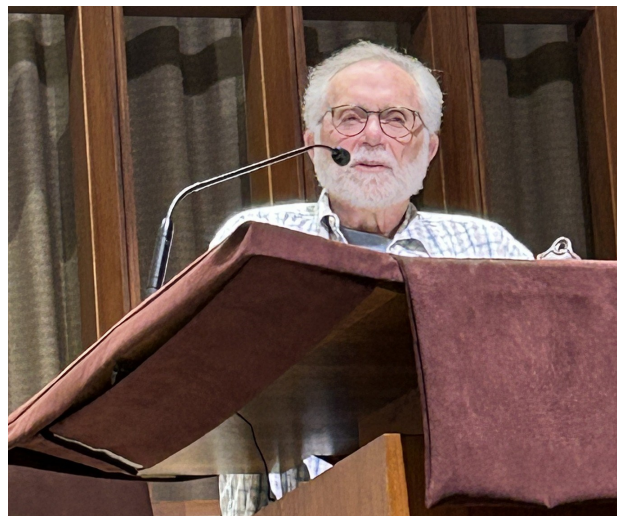
Fewer Religious School students also means fewer dollars collected for our program. John said we also only budgeted a 5% increase in membership dues, a reasonable estimate based on recent years, but not as much as increases in our expenses.

On the expenditure side, we were forced last year to revert to a cost of expenses/cost of living adjustment just to keep up with fixed expenses, such as utilities and trash removal.

In response to requests from trustees and officers, along with vocal congregants, wages have been increased just to reach the Indiana media for the same positions. As a way of staying in touch with our members here and away, John said, we added and improved our streaming capabilities, but there are costs associated with running the system. Increased programming, another request by our members, means higher security



President Ronnie Greenberg and past presidents at the annual meeting.

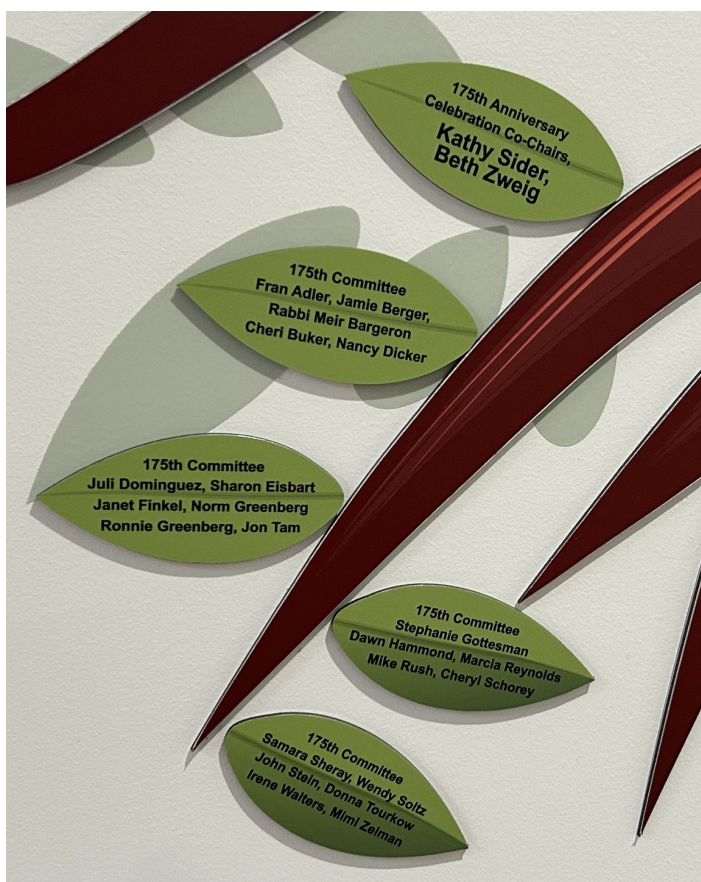




Special Award Presented

Ronnie Greenberg announced a special award in honor of the 24 volunteers who served on the 175th Anniversary Committee or chaired one of the 175th Anniversary programs. In appreciation for conceiving, planning and executing a year of programming for our milestone year, the team was recognized with five new leaves with their names on the olive tree near the entrance to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

The leaves honor 175th Co-chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig, Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Bargeron, Jamie Berger, Cheri Buker, Nancy Dicker, Juli Dominguez, Sharon Eisbart, Janet Finkel, Norm Greenberg, Ronnie Greenberg, Stephanie Gottesman, Dawn Hammond, Marcia Reynolds, Mike Rush, Samara Shera, Cheryl Schorey, Wendy Soltz, John Stein, Jon Tam, Donna Tourkow, Irene Walters, and Mimi Zelman.



L'dor Vador Legacy Society

Beth Zweig, chair of the Planned Giving Committee, said the Temple received nearly \$205,000 in the past year through the establishment of a named fund and two bequests, bringing the

total to \$380,000 in planned gifts since the society began in 2012.

Nancy & Michael Dicker are the newest of the members of the legacy society. In August 2023, they established The Nancy and Michael Dicker Youth and Religious School Fund. Contributions are used to support Temple youth activities, including Jewish education, cultural enrichment, and Jewish community activities for children from early childhood through high school. Beth said that Nancy & Mike made the generous gift to support an area of congregational life important to them and where the Temple also has a need.

Two substantial bequests were received from long-time supporters of the legacy society. The Temple received a gift of \$94,623 from Rabbi Emeritus Richard & Lois Safran z"l in July 2023. Achduth Vesholom also received \$90,110 for the Endowment Fund from Ruth "Rikki" & Leonard Goldstein z"l in January 2024. Leonard had previously provided a gift to the congregation \$27,000 by making the Temple beneficiary of a life insurance policy that we received in September 2018.

"Not only are we so very grateful for what the Safrans and Goldsteins meant to us during their lifetimes, but also for these gifts to show us again how much this congregation and community meant to them," Beth said. "We will treasure them and their memories as a blessing."

She encouraged members to talk to her or Vice President Finance John Stein for how to provide a gift to the Temple in estate planning. These legacy gifts are vital to the long-term financial health of the Temple.

Beth said that she and John Stein continue to talk to congregants about their interest in making planned gifts while they can see the fruits of their generosity. Others who may not be able to make a gift now are utilizing different financial planning options to ensure they can contribute to the Temple in the future. To date, 47 members and friends of Achduth Vesholom are part of our legacy society after formally indicating they've made arrangements for a gift.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



Mazel tov to Gregory Shoup on his recent conversion to Judaism and on becoming the newest member of our Temple family! We also welcome his wife, Claudia Johnson.

A Southern California native, Greg grew up Lutheran in a religious family. He was a guest vocalist

in Jewish congregations in Los Angeles with his voice teacher during college. After living in Texas, Wyoming, and Montana, Greg came to Fort Wayne in 1989 to meet his future wife's parents and ended up being hired at WKJG-TV as a meteorologist, later moving to WANE-TV.

Three years ago, he did DNA testing to find his birth father, discovering that his grandparents were Jewish. They had lived in eastern Russia before moving to England and Scotland, later moving to the United States in the early 1900s. All are buried in Jewish cemeteries near New York City.

To learn more about his Jewish heritage, Greg began studying 2-1/2 years ago with Rabbi Meir. He also took an Introduction to Judaism class through the Union for Reform Judaism and studied Biblical Hebrew with John Planer.

"I feel like the people in our congregation are the closest connection to my DNA family and finally feel like I'm home," he said. (Greg will speak at services on August 9. See page 2)



After a lovely Shavuot service on June 12, we enjoyed a cheesecake nosh, reminding us of the sweetness of Torah and the association of Israel as the land of milk and honey.

TAKE HERITAGE TOUR & MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA



Please join us on Sunday, September 15 at the Temple, beginning with a docent-led Jewish Heritage Tour by trolley focusing on Jewish life in our community from the early days of Jewish immigration to the present, followed by an opportunity to learn more about family history resources and a screening of "Growing Up Jewish in Fort Wayne."

Our Jewish Family History Day (also known as "Meet Your Mishpocha") is sponsored by [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#). Join us for all or part of the day!

10:30 a.m. – Jewish Heritage Tour of Fort Wayne - Two trolleys with docents from [ARCH](#) will leave the Temple promptly at 10:30 a.m. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 12 and up only. The tour is approximately 2 hours. (A self-guided tour will be available later this year.) The tour was developed by the Temple and

ARCH in honor of the congregation's 175th anniversary. Join us in the Social Hall after the tour. Lunch will be available.

Noon - Family History Resources – Gather in the Social Hall to learn about tracing your own family history from members of the NEIJGS; the [Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database](#) developed by the NEIJGS; the Temple's oral history project; Jewish resources in [The Genealogy Center](#) at the ACPL; the 45th [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies](#) conference on August 10-14, 2025 in Fort Wayne; and watch the video highlighting the Temple's 175-year history.

1 p.m. – "Growing Up Jewish in Fort Wayne" – Learn about our Jewish community directly from those who grew up here in this video sharing stories from the Temple's Oral History Project. Find out how we're chronicling Fort Wayne's Jewish roots and bringing Jews from all over the world to Fort Wayne for the IAJGS conference. We also will hold a drawing for a DNA test kit donated by the ACPL.

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

MEET OUR NEW FACILITIES MANAGER:

CHARLIE SMILEY



Charlie Smiley started in June as our Facilities Manager. Charlie and his wife, Sherri, have just celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary. They have one son, Brandon, and one fur baby, Lilly.

For the past three years, Charlie has been the caretaker at the Wells Co. 4-H park in Bluffton where he does building maintenance and outdoor maintenance. He also works with the rental program to make sure the venue is set up for large events. Before that, Charlie

and Sherri worked at and managed several campgrounds from Indiana to Key West, Florida. Charlie started his career for the City of Bluffton in 1994 as an electrical lineman. In his free time, Charlie enjoys camping, cooking, 4-H shows, and working in his wood shop.

TWO TRADITIONS COME TOGETHER AS ONE DURING EVENING HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please join us when we welcome the New Year 5785 as a community, with both Reform and Conservative minyanim worshipping together as one congregation on Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, October 2 and on Kol Nidre on Friday, October 11.

Rabbi Meir Bargeron will lead the 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 lead Conservative worship on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah and the Day of Atonement.

Maestro Robert Nance will join us throughout the holidays for evening and Reform services. Our annual New Year's Reception will provide an opportunity for our Temple family to share good wishes and enjoy a delicious nosh. The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will host Break-the-Fast meals after both concluding services on Yom Kippur. Plan to join us in person or [via livestream](#) throughout the Days of Awe. [Find the full schedule](#)

SUPPORT THE TEMPLE WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS DONATION



As we prepare to start the New Year, it's tradition to make a donation to the Temple to help support our year-round efforts to ensure a Jewish presence in Northeast Indiana.

Please consider being a "sponsor" of Achduth Vesholom's High Holy Days 5785. Your generous gift will be used for needs during the holidays and beyond, from replenishing the floral fund to assisting with security, music, technology, and congregational events.

Sponsors who donate \$54 or more by Friday, September 20 will be recognized in our holiday announcements.

Jewish tradition encourages making *tzedakah* (charitable gifts) in multiples of 18, which is spelled *chai* and also means "life." Donations offered in any amount will be greatly appreciated.

We're proud to be one congregation with two worship traditions. Whether your customary gift is through sponsoring *aliyot* during Conservative services or your annual donation contributes to other congregational needs, we value and appreciate your assistance.

We have several ways to give:

- [Donate online](#) and choose "High Holy Days" on the dropdown menu. Please indicate if your gift is "in honor of" or "in memory of" a special person, or celebrates an occasion.
- For *aliyot* during our Conservative service, please contact Josh Tourkow at jtourkow@tcrjlaw.com. (To donate online, choose "High Holy Days – Aliyot" on the dropdown menu and indicate if your gift is "in honor of" or "in memory of" a special person, or celebrates an occasion.)
- Send a check payable to "CAV- The Temple" to sponsor the High Holy Days (5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807).

HAZZAN PENNY MYERS JOINS US FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS



As one congregation with two traditions, the Temple is pleased to have [Hazzan Penny Myers](#) join us for the [High Holy Days 5785](#) to lead our Conservative services in October. She will also serve as hazzan co-leading the combined Erev Rosh Hashanah service and for Kol Nidre services with Rabbi Meir Bargeron.

"Versatile," "engaging," "warm," and "gifted" are a few of the many attributes people have said about Hazzan Myers.

In 1996, following a successful tour in Central Europe as the primary lyric soprano soloist, she received a BA in Music-Voice from Buffalo State University. Her studies continued at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, earning a Master of Arts in Teaching-Music Education in 1999.

While a music teacher at an inner-city school in Durham, North Carolina, Hazzan Myers was a nominee for Teacher of the Year and discovered the Cantorate in Durham, N.C., where she moonlighted as cantorial soloist.

She received her *Hazzan credential through the Cantors Assembly, a branch of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the world's largest professional association of Jewish Cantors.*

In 2022, Hazzan Myers received her Rabbinic *s'michah* from *Mesifita Adas Wolkowisk/ Rabbinical Academy of America, making her the first dually ordained Jewish clergy in Western New York.*

She has performed on the bimah and on grand stages throughout North America, Europe and Israel. She is also a sought-after lecturer with a focus on pedagogical practices within worship and religious school education.

She also teaches and lectures about female clergy, emphasizing the challenges and blessings of how *#metoo has affected awareness in Jewish organizations.*

Chairperson of the Great Lakes & Rivers Region of the Cantors Assembly, Hazzan Myers is very active in the Cantorate, serving on many committees. She was recently a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award from the Cantors Assembly.

Hazzan Myers is married to neurologist Dr. Bennett Myers. They have three children: Hunter, Saul, and Corrinne.

She was recommended to Rabbi Meir Bargeron by members of the Conservative High Holy Days Service Leader Search Committee. The committee included Chair Ben Eisbart, Ron Friedman, Josh Tourkow and Bob Walters.

SWEETS, TREATS, & MORE NEEDED



Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah Reception following our service on Wednesday, October 2. Baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Tuesday, October 1. Items may be put in the freezer, but please mark them for the reception including your name.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Thank you to Dawn Hammond and Sheryl Merritt for chairing the reception!

A NEW WAY TO VOLUNTEER – BECOME A SHAMASH!

Are you interested in becoming more involved on Friday nights at the Temple? Consider becoming a *shamash*!

You may know the term from Hanukkah when we refer to the candle used to light the others on the menorah as the *shamash* or “helper” candle. The Hebrew word *shamash* also refers to a person who helps take care of things. That’s what we envision at CAV.

In this new volunteer role at the Temple, the *shamash* will assist about a half-hour before our 6:30 p.m. summer services with preparing the wine, juice and challah for *Kiddush* and *motzi*. The shamash also will help for a few minutes afterward by removing the leftover items. Not only do we appreciate the assistance, but this is an especially great way to get to know others in our congregation.

If you are interested in joining the Shamash team, please contact the Temple at office@templecav.org or Dawn Hammond at dawnghammond@gmail.com. If you’re interested in helping as an usher on Fridays, please also let us know.



A meaningful **Pride Shabbat** service on July 26, led by Rabbi Meir, included readings and prayers inspired by the LGBTQ+ experience. Rev. John Tolley was our guest speaker, sharing how his life story shaped his faith. [Watch the Pride Shabbat service.](#) Kiddush included vibrant rainbow challah made by Jon Tam and Beth Zweig, and a festive Oneg Shabbat hosted by Rabbi Meir & Jon Tam and Beth & Dan Zweig featured a Pride-themed cake and cookies, along with a rainbow fruit tray.

ROMEOS BEGIN NEW YEAR OF LUNCHEES & SCHMOOZE

The **ROMEOS** (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will begin a new year of twice-monthly lunches on Thursday, August 1 at noon at Club Soda, continuing a tradition launched in 2012 when the guys started gathering to share stories, meals, and friendship.

Their social time has expanded over the years to include supporting congregational events in big ways – including this coming year as hosts of the BBQ before Friday Night Live on August 2 and Break-the-Fast in October. Led by Denny Reynolds, the ROMEOS also are volunteering in November at the Corned Beef Fundraiser.

The ROMEOS will continue to meet for regular lunches together most months on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. To find out more or join the chaverim, please contact Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com. [Find the 2024-2025 schedule](#)



JOIN TEMPLE TEAM AT ALZHEIMER'S WALK

Sheryl Merritt is heading up a team representing the Temple for the 2024 [Walk to End Alzheimer's](#) on Saturday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at Parkview Field.

If you're interested in joining her and making a small contribution, it would be much appreciated. Rhonda Gerson has kindly offered to sponsor our team so individuals will not have to solicit others for contributions. If you are interested, please contact Sheryl for a registration form at eletone@frontier.com.



UPCOMING NEIJGS PROGRAMS EXPLORE SEPHARDIC GENEALOGY & MORE



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follow that at 3:30 p.m. with “*Sephardim in Colonial America.*”
On February 9, 2025, Jakub Czuprynski, a Polish genealogist, will speak virtually at 2 p. m. on “Hidden Gems in the Polish Archives.” Jakub has been carrying out professional genealogical research and organizing heritage tours in Poland. He collaborates with JRI-Poland 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.

On April 6, 2025, Temple member Bruce Colegrove will present two in-person programs at the ACPL Genealogy Center. He'll speak at 2 p.m. on “The Arolsen Archives and Other Sources for Holocaust Research,” and continue at 3:30 with a “Case Study of Holocaust Research.” Bruce has done extensive research on the Auschwitz-Birkenau women's orchestra since 2013.

On May 4, 2025, the final program of the season will feature genealogist Ellen Kowitt, director of the USA Research Division and creator of the Shul Records America database for JewishGen. She'll present two virtual programs, “Locating Jewish Records in the Golden Medina: Jewish American 1654 to present” at 2 p.m. and “U.S. Synagogue Records as Genealogical Source” at 3:30 p.m.

All of these programs will be free and open to the public. With the exception of the “Meet Your Mishpocha” program in September, a virtual option will be available for the in-person presentations. Please plan to take advantage of these knowledgeable speakers!

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) has an exciting schedule of free public programs planned for the coming year:

On Sunday, September 15, the 6th annual “Meet Your Mishpocha” program will be held in partnership with Congregation Achduth Vesholom. The Jewish Heritage Tour of Fort Wayne by trolley begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by the genealogy event from noon until 2 p.m. at the Temple. Screenings of two local Jewish history videos are planned, IAJGS Conference updates, information about the Fort Wayne Jewish Families database, and a variety of genealogical resources.

On Sunday, November 10, the NEIJGS will present a program specifically to promote the 45th [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#), taking place on August 10-14, 2025 in Fort Wayne. This virtual program will begin at 2 p.m.

On November 17, genealogist Sarina Roffe will present two programs about Sephardic Genealogy at the [ACPL Genealogy Center](#). Sarina is an editor of the journal *Dorot* and founder of the *Sephardic Heritage Project*. She is the author of *Branching Out from Sepharad* which outlines the history of Jews in Spain, the 1492 expulsion, their history in Syria, and the subsequent immigration to the Americas. Beginning at 2 p.m., she'll present “*Sephardic Pirates of the Caribbean*” and

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK FEATURES AUTHOR MARIE BENEDICT



The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) will host New York Times and USA Today bestselling author [Marie Benedict](#) for the annual People of the Book lecture on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus.

Marie Benedict is the author of eight works of historical fiction, as well as two chart-topping books with co-author Victoria Christopher Murray.

A graduate of Boston College and the Boston University School of Law and a litigator with more than 10 years' experience at some of the country's premiere law firms, she found her calling in unearthing the hidden historical stories of women. Her mission is to excavate from the past the most important, complex, and fascinating women of history and bring them into the light of the present day, where we can appreciate the breadth of their contributions, as well as the insights they bring to modern-day issues.

Ms. Benedict is the author of *The Only Woman in the Room*,

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie, Carnegie's Maid, The Other Einstein, Lady Clementine, Agent 355, Her Hidden Genius, The Mitford Affair, and, with Ms. Murray, the Instant New York Times Bestseller and Good Morning America Book Club pick, *The Personal Librarian*.

Her most recent novel with co-author Ms. Murray was another Instant New York Times Bestseller, *The First Ladies*. Her newest novella, *Agent 355*, was released in January about a young female spy who may have changed the course of American history.

She has a forthcoming novel, *The Queens of Crime* (February 2025) that is a thrilling story of five of the greatest women crime writers and their race to solve a murder, and the power of friendship among women.

She lives in Pittsburgh with her family.

Ms. Benedict's talk will conclude with questions and answers, followed by a book signing and dessert reception. The program is free and open to the public. It is made possible by support from the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation.

On June 7, we honored Jaki Schreier on her retirement as executive director of the Jewish Federation after 11 years. Temple President Ronnie Greenberg presented a resolution honoring Jaki. Rabbi Meir offered a blessing. An Oneg Shabbat followed in honor of Jaki, who also is a past president of the Temple..



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AUGUST Jahrzeits

August 9-10

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Mary Bronstein	Amelia (Mollie) Hutner	Leonid Finkelshteyn	Esther Gabe
Louis Hansen "Joe" Carter	Max Kaposky	Molly Fox	Dorothy B. Gold
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CONDOLENCES TO:

Kathy Sider and family on the death of her husband, Todd Sider, on June 1, 2024 in Fort Wayne. We also think of their daughters, Rachel and Jaclyn, on the loss of their father.



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President's Corner

Ronnie Greenberg



In Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, the caterpillar tells Alice "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." That could be a good thing as you may see lots of interesting things you never expected to see along the way. But on the other hand, you may not get where you really wanted, and really needed, to go because you didn't have a plan.

I've been thinking about a plan for the things I would like to accomplish in this, my fourth and last year, as president of the Temple. What goals do I have and what needs to be done to achieve them?

The first goal would be to complete the transition of the Board of Trustees to a body that gathers and considers information affecting our strategic direction. To this end, we have outlined a meeting schedule for the year, with entire meetings dedicated to these discussions. We have also identified the issues with which we will begin. Much of the information gathering will be assigned to existing committees or newly established task forces. I will keep you informed of opportunities to participate and would be glad to hear from you to volunteer.

The second goal is to assist staff with the transition to their new duties and responsibilities. As the board has divested of many operational aspects, these responsibilities have transferred to our staff, led by our Executive Director Samara Sheray. We must ensure that the needs and expectations of the Board, of our community of congregants, and of the community outside our congregation are clear and reasonable. We also must be sure that we support our staff to the fullest extent in their work to accomplish these goals.

My third goal is for us to complete the restructuring of the Religious School. Leise Rosman has done an excellent job these last few years volunteering her time in organizing and running the school nearly singlehandedly. And, admittedly, a school for our small number of students is difficult to organize and administer. To help us figure out how to do things better – and to provide Leise with some well-deserved support – a consultant was hired over the summer to assess our situation and advise us on structure and curriculum. We have made substantial progress in these efforts and you can expect to hear much more on this topic in the coming months.

Goal four, and arguably the most important goal, is to work with our leadership development team to identify, initiate, and involve our next generation of leaders. It's no secret that our congregation is growing older, but we do have a group of younger families who are beginning to be involved in leadership roles. I hope to work with them to transfer the organizational knowledge – and wisdom – of my generation to theirs. For Achduth Vesholom to continue as a vibrant congregation, this goal is not optional. It's imperative.

My fifth and last goal is to continue to appreciate and support Rabbi Meir in the many roles he has embraced at the Temple. We are very fortunate to have a Rabbi who wants to be fully involved in all aspects of Temple life - from governance, to program planning and implementation, to Religious School and adult education - in addition to his "normal" religious and pastoral duties. I value and appreciate his ideas and counsel, and am grateful that we will be working together during my final year in office.

So that's how I plan to spend my time at Temple this year, when I'm not attending services or working in the gardens. I hope that your plans include time at the Temple in whatever capacity is meaningful to you. And I hope the sense of community you will find there is as rewarding to you as it is to me.