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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 Barger](#) 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. New this year is a Yom Kippur afternoon healing service, providing a time to come together in sacred community to offer healing, comfort and support.

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.](#) High Holy Days news on pages 8-11.



HOT TOPICS!

HOT TOPICS SHABBAT FOCUSES ON FOOD INSECURITY

Picture this: you go to Kroger for your weekly shopping trip and pile the cart high with all the items on your list and a couple of other things that just looked good. Price? Somewhere north of \$100.

Or you stop by The Fresh Market and pick up just what you need for dinner that night, including fresh meat, a vegetable, rosemary crusted bread, and dessert from the bakery. Price? In the neighborhood of \$50.

But there are many people in Fort Wayne who can't afford either plan. In fact, they may not be able to buy fresh meat at all. Or crusty bread. Or especially dessert. These members of our hometown may be dining on a can of Chef Boyardee spaghetti and the cheapest white bread to sop up the extra tomato sauce.

Please join us for Hot Topics Shabbat on Friday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. to learn more about this important issue impacting so many. Following the service led by Rabbi Meir, we'll learn about food insecurity and the widely used food pantry at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#) that allows our fellow citizens to have a daily meal.

Ermina Musteganagic, Wellspring's chief executive officer, will be here to discuss the growing problem of food insecurity, how widespread it is, how it affects your neighbors, and what Wellspring is doing about it.

Stick around after services and get educated on this increasingly horrifying issue. Thank you to the Social Action Committee for hosting the program.

TAKE JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR AND 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!



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UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, September 6
7:30 p.m. Service

Oneg Shabbat: Jamie & Jon Berger

Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 7
9:45 a.m.

Joy Vey: A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, September 13
5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday September 13
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 14
9:45 a.m.

Hot Topics Shabbat

Service: Food Insecurity
Friday September 20
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday September 21
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, September 27
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service*

Saturday, September 28
9:45 a.m.

*Fort4Fitness Race—
parking pass needed

Selichot Service

Saturday, September 28
7:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, September 4
10 a.m.

People of the Book:

Author Marie Benedict

Monday, September 9
7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by
Jewish Federation of
Fort Wayne

Lifelong Learning: The Prayers of Leonard Cohen

Wednesday, September 11
7 p.m. on Zoom

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

OCTOBER EVENTS



HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE see page 8

Memorial Plaque Dedication

Friday, October 4
7:15 p.m.

Alzheimer's Walk

Saturday, October 5
9 a.m. to noon

Adult Beginning Hebrew

Starts Monday, October 7
7 p.m. on Zoom
Registration and tuition required

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat & Sukkot

Friday October 18
5:30 p.m.

Guest Musician: [Joanie Calem](#)

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



FORT4FITNESS WILL IMPACT TRAFFIC NEAR THE TEMPLE ON SEPTEMBER 28

Please contact the Temple office if you plan to attend the Shabbat morning service in person on Saturday, September 28 at 9:45 a.m. to get [a traffic pass](#). The annual [Fort4Fitness](#) scheduled that morning will impact roads accessing the Temple.

The traffic pass should be placed on your dashboard that morning so it's visible. The ONLY entry or exit into the neighborhood will be at Fairfield Avenue/West Fairfax Avenue. Questions? Please contact Executive Director Samara Shery or one of our police officers at the Temple.



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.



SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES MOVE TO NEW TIME ON SEPTEMBER 6

Our Shabbat evening services will move an hour later to 7:30 p.m., beginning Friday, September 6. The new schedule continues through Memorial Day. Please join us!

Lunch with the ROMEOs

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

Thursday, September 5
[800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza](#)
10020 Lima Rd..

Thursday, September 19

[Taj Mahal Restaurant](#)
6410 W. Jefferson Blvd.

For more information, please contact Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com.
[Find the lunch schedule](#)

Rabbi Meir Bargeron: OUR STUDIES NEVER END

Now that we are well past “Back to School” in Indiana, the quiet of weekdays between about 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. has returned. Jon and I stopped for lunch recently at a quick service restaurant on a Monday afternoon and had our pick of tables, something that would have been unlikely a few weeks earlier. With our kids back in the classroom, perhaps now is a good moment for us adults to consider our own learning. Last month I described the Jewish obligation to educate our children, and I’d like to continue the conversation by looking at how Jewish tradition guides our own learning as adults.

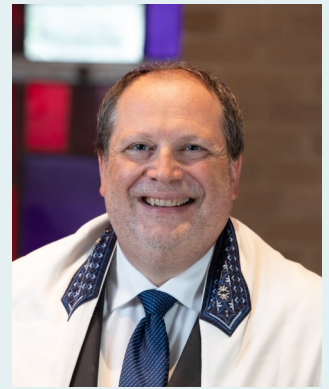
I think the Jewish position on learning is most clearly stated in Mishnah: “These are the activities for which one enjoys the fruits of in this world but the principle remains for the world to come, honoring one’s mother and father, acts of kindness, bringing peace between two people, **yet Torah study is equivalent to them all.**” ([Peah 1:1](#)). The study of Torah, which can be expanded to include all Jewish learning, is equated to these commandments which have enduring value to humanity. This is not a casual comparison.

Learning Torah is a lifelong obligation, and a lifelong benefit! Rabbi Akiva was a teacher who was called the “Chief of the Sages.” His life is held up as an example that it is never too late to begin learning. Rabbi Akiva began to study Torah when he was 40, becoming a teacher of Torah scholars at 80 years old.

Jewish tradition regarding Torah learning can apply to adult learning in general. I am inspired by the commitment to learning of a member of the Temple family. Last year, Terri Richardson of the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette wrote a

[powerful profile on our own Alan Grinsfelder](#), who was at that time “the oldest student (age 87)... enrolled at Purdue Fort Wayne!”

Following a long career as an architect, Alan returned to school to earn a degree in fine arts at PFW in 2020 – and he is still taking classes! Alan’s paintings have been exhibited in café and gallery spaces around Fort Wayne. He is an inspiring example of exploring and deepening one’s passions through learning. Later this fall, we will celebrate the creative life of Alan Grinsfelder in a special exhibition of his paintings and his architecture at the Temple. Watch for more information coming soon!



Regarding Jewish learning, our sage Ben Bag taught, “Turn it and turn it again, for everything is within it. Look at it, become gray and old within it, and do not depart from it. For you have nothing greater than it.” Judaism is rich in knowledge with which we are commanded to engage our entire lives. As we mature from childhood to old age, our experience of Jewish knowledge evolves with us.

--Rabbi Meir

Stay up to date with [Lifelong Learning opportunities](#) at www.templecav.org

BEGINNING HEBREW FOR ADULTS BEGINS ONLINE OCTOBER 7

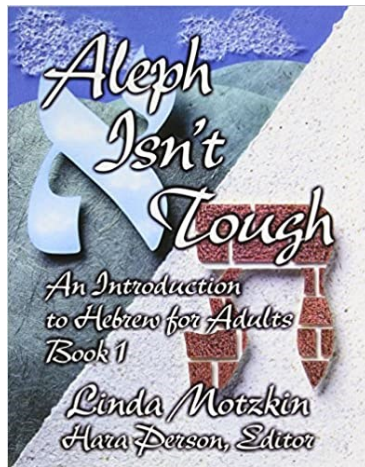
A great opportunity begins online next month for adults interested in learning to read Hebrew through a collaboration between the Temple and [Shir Tikvah Congregation](#) in Minneapolis.

If you would like to decode (read) Hebrew, the class and textbook *Alef Isn't Tough* offers extensive opportunities to learn



and practice reading with Steve Greenberg, a fun-loving Hebrew instructor and member at Shir Tikvah!

Hebrew reading provides a deeper path into Jewish texts and prayer. The class will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. ET for 12 Monday evenings from October 7 through January 13, with days off for holidays and breaks.



Tuition: \$216

Registration opens soon. See the Temple's weekly e-mail for updates.

The required text can be [purchased from Amazon](#) at a discounted price and with free shipping for Amazon Prime members.

The Temple can offer scholarship support to members and conversion students. Please contact Rabbi Meir for more information at rabbi@templecav.org.

LIFELONG LEARNING: THE PRAYERS OF LEONARD COHEN



We'll begin a new year of lifelong learning programs on Wednesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. on Zoom when Rabbi Meir leads us in exploring the prayers of Leonard Cohen.

Cohen was a contemporary Jewish visionary songwriter and poet, who was known for his soulful, evocative lyrics. We will explore his songs through a Jewish lens,

uncovering themes and influences from Jewish texts, mysticism, and tradition, revealing the poet's spiritual depth.

RSVPs are appreciated to office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245. The link to attend will be included in the weekly email to our Temple family.



LOOK FOR HOT TOPICS IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

Tying into this month's Hot Topics Shabbat on Food Insecurity on Friday, September 20, we'll feature a few excellent picture books available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

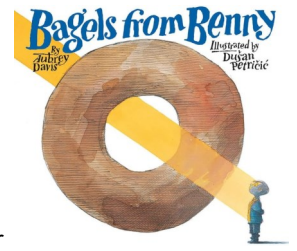


Mitzvah Pizza, by Sarah Lynn Scheerger, is based on Rosa's Fresh Pizza in Philadelphia, and is a wonderful story about helping out. Lela Nargi's *A Heart Just Like My Mother's* follows Anna and her choice of where to spend her tzedakah money.

Maddi's Fridge, by Lois Brandt, is an award-winning story of two best friends, Sofia and Maddi. Sofia's fridge is full of nutritious food, but Maddi's is empty. Sofia tries to figure out a way to help. A call-to-action

section is included.

Bagels from Benny, by Aubrey Davis, has become something of a "classic" in Jewish children's literature. A Sydney Taylor Award winner from 2003, the story is based on a Jewish folktale, and features a boy named Benny who leaves bagels for God at his synagogue. *Bone Button Borscht*, by the same author, is based on a different folktale, the familiar "Stone Soup."



Remember that the library is available whenever the building is open, and a self-checkout sheet is easy to fill out on the library desk. Find our [full library catalog](#)

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB TITLES ANNOUNCED FOR THE COMING YEAR



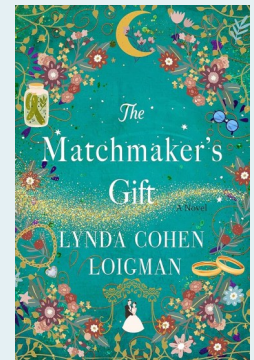
Our Temple Book Club will meet twice this year to discuss two very different titles. Thanks to the [Jewish Book Council](#), we are able to "LiveChat" with the authors of our books as part of our virtual evening discussion. Our sessions begin at 7 p.m. and the Zoom link is included in the weekly e-mail beforehand.

On Tuesday, November 19, we'll meet with Jennifer Rosner to discuss her novel, [Once We Were Home](#). A finalist for the National Jewish Book Award, the plot follows two children who were "rescued" from a Polish ghetto by Christian friends. Twenty years later, they are still processing the loss of their losses. From *Hadassah Magazine*, "Rosner's tender prose unearths the depth and

complexity of family, love, religion, identity, memory and home."

On Tuesday, February 25, Lynda Cohen Loigman will join us to discuss [The Matchmaker's Gift](#). The plot centers around a Lower East Side matchmaker, Sara, and her granddaughter, Abby. Abby inherits her grandmother's journals after her death. From the Jewish Book Council, "The historical chapters are compelling; the more contemporary ones are equally so. A fascinating narrative."

We hope you'll read each of our books and plan to join us for our discussions. One copy of each title is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).



HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES



Help supply a bag of fresh apples for the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 14th annual [Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project](#).

Many of these students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits or vegetables. Thoughtful Thursdays provides fresh apples to Brightpoint students purchased from a local orchard.

This mitzvah is a way to combat hunger in our local community! A tree will be on display at the Temple with decorated paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$18 or more for the apple project. Pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's Facebook page as it grows. We hope to see your name on it soon!

[Donate online](#) by Friday, October 18 at www.templecav.org. Indicate the amount of your donation, designate project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays, and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You may also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for "Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project."



THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS BAG ASSEMBLY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4

Join the Jewish Community's Thoughtful Thursdays team on Wednesday, September 4 at 10 a.m. when we begin our 15th year assembling bags of food and household items for the Brightpoint Head Start families who attend class in our building.

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](#).

Youth News



Musician Juliette Nehring engaged our Joy Vey families on August 10 in prayer, singing, and movement, offering a special introduction to the beauty of a Shabbat morning service. Rabbi Meir showed the children how to respect and treat the Torah while involving them in all aspects of the ritual. In his interactive D'var Torah, Rabbi Meir asked the children to share their favorite stories. He then gave them a brief, animated summary of Torah to teach them why Torah is our people's most powerful and revered story. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation



JOIN US FOR JOY VEY ON SEPTEMBER 13

Please join us on Friday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. for Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family!

We'll light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. We also embrace the tradition of blessing children as we make a joyful place for Shabbat in our lives and hearts... together. Meet us in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center on the second Friday night of each month.

Folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice, challah, and dinner afterwards!

Also mark your calendars for Joy Vey! with musical guest [Joanie Calem](#) on Friday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. for Sukkot (see page 11).



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL READY FOR NEW YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School on Sunday, September 15 at 10 a.m. 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](#) are available at www.templecav.org. Kindly complete forms prior to the first day of class. .

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

APPLE PICKING AND POTLUCK PICNIC FOR TEMPLE FAMILIES ON SEPTEMBER 29

Bring the kids and enjoy a fun adventure picking apples, sharing a potluck picnic, and preparing for the holiday season on Sunday, September 29.

Families with kids of all ages are invited to meet at 10 a.m. at [Silverbirch Studios](#). We'll ride together (less than 1/2 mile) to [Cook's Orchard](#) to pick and buy apples and honey. Then we'll return to Silverbirch Studios for some kid-focused Rosh Hashanah activities and a potluck picnic lunch.

Please RSVP by Sunday, September 22 to the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 and then [sign up for a potluck contribution](#). Bring your own lawn chairs/blanket, place settings, and serving utensils.

Religious School programming will not be held that morning, and all families are encouraged to participate in this fun beginning of the Jewish holiday season.

Thanks to the Temple Celebrations Team of Stephanie Gottesman, Kate Crell and Deborah Bauer for organizing. Questions? Email [Stephanie Gottesman](mailto:Stephanie.Gottesman).





A FUN SUMMER EVENING WITH FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE AND BBQ

With a rainy forecast on August 2, we changed plans for the outdoor Friday Night Live service with Heartland Sings and BBQ hosted by the ROMEOs, moving the festivities inside. While the weather prediction proved accurate, the cookout continued as planned with the grill placed under a covered entrance by our resourceful team.

About 75 people dined on kosher hot dogs, veggie burgers, and accompaniments before our toe-tapping Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Meir Bargeran. Afterward, we enjoyed s'mores and ice cream.

Thank you to Denny Reynolds and the ROMEOs for hosting another wonderful cookout for our Temple family; Rabbi Meir, Maestro Robert Nance, and Heartland Sings for the beautiful Shabbat service; and our Temple staff for all their hard work and flexibility.

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

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when our Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, November 7 for a 22nd year. We're looking forward to topping last year's sales of more than 1,800 delicious meals!

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 beginning at 10 a.m., an hour before our regular 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. hours. New sponsorship opportunities also are available.

Boxed meals are \$18 each when ordered by Friday, October 25. After that date and at the door, meals are \$21 each. Meals include a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

Order online or download an order form from www.templecav.org, beginning Friday, September 20. Additional pounds of bulk corned beef are for sale for \$20 per pound. Delivery service is available when you order 12 or more meals by Friday, October 25 for \$15 per address.

22nd Corned Beef on Rye Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DELI DAY

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 6 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 7, with shifts beginning at 8 a.m. Contact the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 to say you'll help.

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

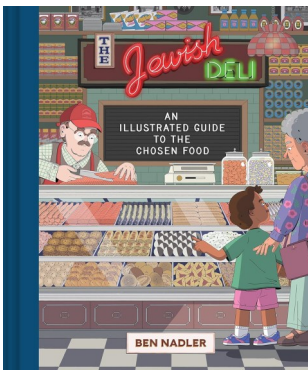
Look sharp and celebrate our unique fundraiser by wearing a custom apron and cap with our corned beef sandwich logo while supplies last. [Find an order form](#)

THANKS TO OUR CORNED BEEF CREW

Co-Chairs Micah Soltz & Amy Krouse and their team: Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Bargeron, Jamie Fritz, Lily Noga, Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, Celeste Sexton, Rachel Tobin-Smith, Jon Tam, Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, Beth Zweig, and Dan Zweig



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



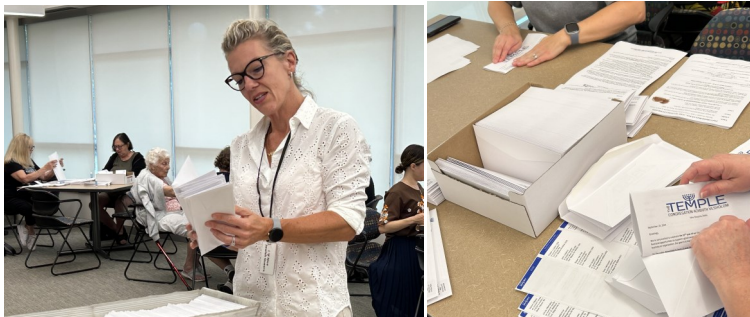
Become a sponsor! Four sponsorship levels are available for donations made by Friday, October 25.

Become a platinum sponsor with a donation of \$1,800 or more – along with GOLD benefits, you will receive a copy of *The Jewish Deli: An Illustrated Guide to the Chosen Food*, by Ben Nadler. A delightful celebration of Jewish delicatessens in an accessible comics format, full of history and humor, and guaranteed to make you hungry.

Become a gold sponsor with a donation of \$1,000 to \$1,799 – you and/or your business will be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches, on our website, and in our paid Facebook advertising of the sale. At this level, you also can provide a coupon or small advertisement (limited to 3x5 inches with approved wording) to be included with each meal. Attention: restaurant operators – we're your target market!

Become a silver sponsor with a donation of \$500 to \$999 – you and/or your business will be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches, on our website, and in our paid Facebook advertising for the sale.

Become a bronze sponsor with a donation of \$180 to \$499 – you and/or your business will be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches and on our website.



Nearly two dozen volunteers prepared a large mailing on the morning of August 29 to get ready for our Corned Beef Fundraiser. Thank you to all who assisted!

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5785 (2024)

Selichot Service

Saturday, September 28
7:45 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Wednesday, October 2
7:30 p.m. All Congregation Service
Reception Follows

Rosh Hashanah, First Day

Thursday, October 3
Conservative Services:
8:30 a.m. Shacharit
10 a.m. Torah Service with D'var Torah
11 a.m. Musaf
Reform Service:
10 a.m.
Noon—All Congregation Tashlich at
[Foster Park West, Winchester Road](#)

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day

Friday, October 4
Conservative Services:
8:30 a.m. Shacharit
10 a.m. Torah Service with D'var Torah
11 a.m. Musaf

Shabbat Shuvah Services

Friday, October 4
7:15 p.m. Memorial Plaque Dedication
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 5
9:45 a.m. Shabbat service

Cemetery Services

Sunday, October 6
1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery
2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

Erev Yom Kippur Services

Friday, October 11
7:15 p.m. Mincha
8 p.m. All Congregation Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur Services

Saturday, October 12
Conservative Services:
8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service
10 a.m. Torah, Haftarah, D'var Torah, Yizkor
11:30 a.m. Musaf
3 p.m. Healing Service (MRRC)
6 p.m. Mincha
7 p.m. Neilah
8:23 p.m. Havdalah
Break-the-Fast follows
Reform Services:
10 a.m. Morning Service
3 p.m. Healing Service (MRRC)
4 p.m. Yizkor
5 p.m. Neilah
Break-the-Fast follows

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat & Sukkot Service with Musician Joanie Calem

Friday, October 18
5:30 p.m.

Shabbat & Sukkot Service

Friday, October 18
7:30 p.m. Followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah

Shabbat & Sukkot Service

Saturday, October 19
9:45 a.m.

Simchat Torah & Yizkor Service

Friday, October 25

CAST AWAY YOUR SINS ON TASHLICH

The Hebrew word *tashlich* literally means "You shall cast away." In the book of Micah (7:18-20) we find the verse: "And you shall cast (*tashlich*) into the depths of the sea all their sins." Traditionally, Jewish communities throughout the world have taken Micah's words to heart by gathering on Rosh Hashanah and symbolically casting away their sins by throwing breadcrumbs into a lake, stream or ocean.



Join us for Tashlich on Thursday, October 3, following Rosh Hashanah morning services (about noon). Meet in the lobby for directions to Foster Park [West, Winchester Road](#) (street address 3900 Old Mill Road). Bread will be provided. No livestreaming will be available.

VISITORS WELCOME FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS



Do you know someone who is new to Fort Wayne? Will you have family or friends visiting for

Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur? Please ask them to join us!

Our High Holy Days services are open to all. Services are offered both in person and via livestream ([YouTube](#) for all services and Zoom for Conservative morning services). We look forward to welcoming everyone. To receive information on how to access virtually on Zoom, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

We're especially eager to welcome those who are new to our Jewish community to explain the benefits of membership at Achduth Vesholom. Please call us to let us know so we can reach out to newcomers.

Traveling to another URJ congregation that requires tickets? Contact the Temple office as soon as possible if you need a letter verifying that you're a member in good standing of Achduth Vesholom in order to obtain tickets at another Reform congregation.

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@tcrlaw.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).

JOIN US FOR BREAK THE FAST HOSTED BY THE ROMEOs

The [ROMEOs](#) (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious break-the-fast meal for the congregation following both Reform and Conservative services on Saturday, October 12. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, blintzes, fresh fruit and other delicacies.

Please make a [reservation online](#) or contact us at (260) 744-4245 by Tuesday, October 8 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOs, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

Volunteers are needed to help with set ups and other tasks. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance. If you would like to sponsor the sweet wine for Kiddush, please let us know. Thank you to Denny Reynolds for organizing and the ROMEOs for hosting!



REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

If you wish to have a loved one's name included during memorial services on Yom Kippur, please provide information to the Temple office by Tuesday, October 8. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at office@templecav.org.

Join us for memorial services in person or on [YouTube](#) on Saturday, October 12 at 10 a.m. during our Conservative service or 4 p.m. during our Reform service.

Healing Service

COME TOGETHER FOR HEALING, COMFORT AND SUPPORT ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON

On this sacred day, what kinds of healing or comfort do you need?

Has it been a hard year for you physically, mentally or spiritually? The work of Yom Kippur can open up our vulnerability and this will be a time to come together in sacred community to offer healing, comfort and support.

Please join us on Saturday, October 12 at 3 p.m. when Rabbi Meir leads a special Yom Kippur afternoon healing service, which may be helpful for those who are physically ill, those in need of emotional and spiritual healing, those friends and family who care for those in need of healing, and for anyone seeking additional prayers to add meaning to their High Holy Day experience.

The service will be in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. It will not be livestreamed.

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 Bargeran.

"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 Bargeran 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!

CEMETERY SERVICES PLANNED

Memorial services will be held Sunday, October 6 at 1 p.m. at [Lindenwood Cemetery](#) and 2:30 p.m. at [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#). Join Rabbi Meir for the traditional *El Maleh Rachmim* and *Kaddish* prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers.

SUPPORT HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE WITH THANKSGIVING ITEMS



This year for the High Holy Days, we're asking you to help those who need food assistance get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving. [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#), which counts the Temple among its congregational faith partners, will provide all the fixings their clients need to enjoy a delicious holiday meal. **And we can help!**

Please take a paper grocery bag from the lobby on Rosh Hashanah and return it on Yom Kippur with the following items in cans or boxes:

Mashed potatoes
Stuffing
Mushroom Soup
Green Beans
Sweet Potatoes
Cake Mix/Frosting
Gratin Potatoes/Scalloped
Gravy
French Fried Onions

If shopping is not your thing, we accept checks! Write a check to "Wellspring Interfaith Social Services" for any amount you can donate, get it to Temple, and we will take all checks to Wellspring. You can always make a [direct donation](#) at www.wellspringinterfaith.org.

Fill yourself with the holiday spirit and give what you can!

Thank you from the Social Action Committee!



MACHZORIM ARE AVAILABLE TO BORROW



For those attending services online for the High Holy Days, we are making the Temple's *machzorim* (holiday prayer books) available for congregants to borrow during the Days of Awe for both Reform and

Conservative worship. [Find out more](#)

On Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre when both minyanim worship together, we will be using Mishkan HaNefesh, the Reform machzor.

For the best worship experience, we encourage congregants to either borrow or purchase copies. If borrowing, members must follow guidelines for keeping the prayer books in great condition and return them no later than Thursday, October 31.

Please note that the borrower is responsible for replacement of any misplaced or damaged books at \$55 per copy.

To make arrangements for borrowing, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other options include:

- *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform machzor - available for purchase or in a Kindle ebook format. [Find out more](#)
- *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, the Conservative machzor – [Find a book for purchase](#)

HIGH HOLY DAYS BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has more than [200 titles for the High Holy Days](#) that can be found online. [Find a "one-sheet" with recommendations](#) on the Temple's website.



COMPLETE THE CYCLE AND BEGIN ANEW ON SIMCHAT TORAH

Be part of our festive Simchat Torah celebration on Friday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. when we parade our sacred scrolls through the Sanctuary, enjoy festive singing and flag

waving, and complete the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy while also beginning the Book of Genesis. We'll also observe Yizkor.

Join us in person or on [YouTube](#). An Oneg Shabbat follows hosted by Nola & Matthew Katinsky.

As we finish the annual reading of the Torah, we'll continue our beautiful tradition of completely unrolling the scroll. Please come and offer your assistance!

MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION ON OCTOBER 4

Please join us for [Shabbat Shuvah](#), the Sabbath of Return between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, on Friday, October 4.

We'll begin at 7:15 p.m. with the dedication of [memorial plaques](#) added during the past year. We'll also remember those honored on our virtual plaques and on the [yahrzeit sculpture](#) in the courtyard, which brings together bronze plaques from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. (The dedication will not be livestreamed.)

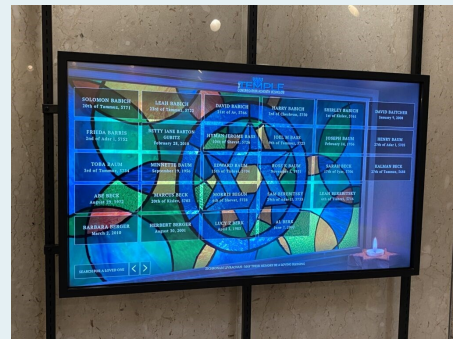
Our Shabbat service will begin at

7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron. Share in the evening in person or on [YouTube](#).

The name of this special Shabbat comes from the first word of the reading from the Haftarah reading from Hosea, which also shares the same Hebrew root with *t'shuvah*, *repentance*.

We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

[What is Shabbat Shuvah?](#)



SHARE SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS

Shake the lulav and inhale the lovely scent of the etrog during the Temple's Sukkot celebrations in honor of the harvest festival.

We'll observe Sukkot and Shabbat both in person and on [YouTube](#) during these worship opportunities. Please join us on:

- **Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.** when we celebrate Sukkot and Shabbat during our service, led by Rabbi Meir. We'll light the Sabbath candles, learn more about the symbols of the holiday, and enjoy an autumn evening of community. Enjoy Kiddush and a nosh afterward in the Temple's sukkah, hosted by Fran & Irv Adler and Beth & Dan Zweig.
- **Saturday, October 19 at 9:45 a.m.**, led by Ron Friedman with a D'var Torah by Rabbi Meir. Share a lovely morning of Torah and learning.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Temple sukkah throughout the seven-day holiday.



A MUSICAL SUKKOT SERVICE & PIZZA DINNER FOR FAMILIES



Temple families are invited to join our Joy Vey group for an outdoor Sukkot and Shabbat celebration on Friday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. with guest musician [Joanie Calem](#).

Shake the lulav, light Shabbat candles, listen to stories in the sukkah, make holiday decorations, and enjoy Pizza in the Hut.

Joanie is a singer-songwriter, storyteller, educator and inclusion advocate. She grew up in Israel, where she worked both in Jewish-Arab relations and as a musician. Later, as the mother of an autistic child, Joanie began to understand the experience of exclusion and sensory needs more deeply, and, because of that, all her work has focused on inclusion and compassion.

She loves sharing music, stories and creating community with groups of all ages. Her seven CDs for young people, three CDs for adults, and six children's picture books all focus on not "othering" people. She spends her days performing, singing, writing and teaching.

More information about the dinner will be coming.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Joanie's visit. Thank you to our Joy Vey and Holiday Celebration teams, including Wendy Soltz, Stephanie Gottesman, Kate Crell, and Deborah Bauer.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD



The Temple's Board of Directors met on August 8 to begin the 2024-2025 year. Thanks to our leadership for their service.

During its first meeting of the 2024-2025 year on August 8, the Temple Board of Directors continued to refine a list of important issues and questions to address in the coming months, such as member engagement, finances, and Religious School. Leise Rosman led the discussion as part of the board's focus on strategic planning.

In leadership news, Dawn Hammond was appointed secretary of the board, succeeding Amy Krouse, who had stepped aside from the officer position due to unanticipated family commitments. Amy was then appointed trustee to fill the remainder of Dawn's term. The board also chose Sam Krouse to serve as the fifth member of the Executive Committee for the coming year.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

We're pleased to welcome Rachel & Robert Laing as the newest members of the Temple. The Laings live and work in Van Wert, Ohio, where Rachel is a school psychologist for the Van Wert City Schools and Robert is a fourth-generation dentist in his hometown. They live in a 100-year-old house with their rescue pup, Izzy, and a "very spicy" cat named Murray, who they say walked in and decided he lived there.

Rachel, a Chicago native, and Robert met as undergraduates in the marching band at Miami University - Ohio. She plays French horn and flute; he plays percussion. They recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary.

The Laings are excited to have a community and faith home. Robert, who was raised Catholic, said he enjoys attending services and participating with Rachel at the Temple. They look forward to getting involved at Achduth Vesholom.



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.

**WALK TO END
ALZHEIMER'S**
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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 volunteer role at the Temple, the shamash will assist about a half-hour before our 7:30 p.m. services with preparing the wine, juice and challah for *Kiddush* and *motzi*. The shamash 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.



The ROMEOs enjoyed lunch and schmooze on August 1 before heading to the Temple to begin preparations for hosting the barbeque prior to the Friday Night Live service. We greatly appreciate the guys for all they do! Next up is the wonderful Break-the-Fast meals prepared by the ROMEOs.

TAKE JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR AND MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA (continued from page 1)

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.

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.

WE APPRECIATE OUR CHALLAH BAKERS AND SPONSORS!

Our dedicated team of challah bakers and sponsors add to our Shabbat experience by providing delicious and beautiful challot to enjoy on Friday evenings after services. If you'd like to join our team, please contact Jon Tam or Beth Zweig.

Thank you to Jamie Berger, Becky Guttstein, Nola Katinsky, Joanne McCrory, Bonnie Pomerantz, Wendy Soltz, Jon Tam, and Beth Zweig for baking and/or sponsoring challot.



PERSONALIZE YOUR LOVED ONE'S DIGITAL Yahrzeit PAGE



Have you previously purchased a bronze yahrzeit plaque for a loved one at Achduth Vesholom or B'nai Jacob? Or have you recently purchased a digital plaque on our new display in the foyer?

If so, we invite you to take advantage of special features on our new yahrzeit display by providing biographical information and photos of your family member. Forms are available both [online](#) or [on paper](#) to fill out with specific information about a loved one to submit to the Temple office to be added to the display.

Digital yahrzeit plaques are available for \$500 each, with proceeds going to the Temple's Endowment. While the congregation draws from our entire yahrzeit list when we say Kaddish during services, the digital display includes only names for those whose loved ones have purchased a plaque. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 with any questions.



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.



Members of our gardening team taming the magnolia tree in front of the Temple.



During our Shabbat service on August 9, Greg Shoup, a new member of our congregation, gave the D'var Torah, sharing his Jewish journey that began with a DNA test three years ago that led him to discover his grandparents were Jewish. From there, he started on a path of learning about his Jewish heritage and studies with Rabbi Meir.

Donations

Jack & Gertrude Adelman Facility Improvement Fund
In memory of June Deitch: Carol & Larry Adelman

Adult Education

In memory of Todd Sider: *Kraus House Foundation, Rita & Tom O'Neill*

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In memory of Bill Fox: *Linda Fox*

Endowment Fund

In memory of Mo Safirstein, Chuck Replane and Aaron Borenstein, and in honor of Jaki Schreier and her long service to the Jewish Federation: *Kay Safirstein*

General Operations

A donation was received from: *Juan Suarez*
In memory of Mo Safirstein, Chuck Replane, Aaron Borenstein, and Robert Kirk Johnson, and in honor of Jaki Schreier and her long service to the Jewish Federation: *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Phil Oppenheim: *Silvia Furner*

In memory of Norman Kolenberg: *Jamie & Jonathan Berger*

In memory of Dorothy Rothberg: *Samuel Rothberg & Betty Butterfield*

Library Fund

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In memory of Chuck Replane: *Betsy Thal Gephart*

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In memory of David Zeemont: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

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In honor of the birth of Laila Zuri Planer: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

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Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Nettie Stumpf: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

Explore all our [Tribute Funds](#) or make a [Donation](#)

BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT

One of the best ways we can sustain a Jewish presence in northeast Indiana is through a lasting gift to Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

More than 40 congregants already have become members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society since it was established in 2012 to encourage individuals to make arrangements to remember the Temple in their estates. Legacy society members are recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting in June.

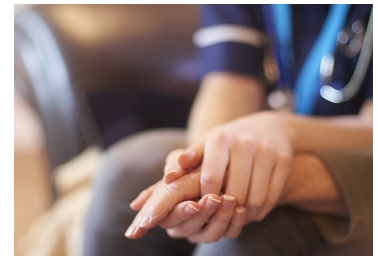
To become a society member, please inform the Temple in writing that you have made provisions to remember the congregation in your estate. For further information about the L'dor Vador Legacy Society or making a planned gift now or in the future, contact Planned Giving Committee Chair Beth Zweig at blzweig@msn.com.

MISHEBEIRACH HELPS US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Our Mishebeirach list helps us come together as a congregation and community to think of those among us who especially need healing, care, and compassion. We encourage you to add your loved one's name by calling the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or emailing us at office@TempleCAV.org so that those we hold dear will be called to mind during our Shabbat services.

Names will remain on the list for four weeks. For those who wish to have a family member or friend's name listed for longer, please contact us to make another request. Thank you for helping us keep our list current. You also may share your loved one's name during services when the service leader asks for additional Mishebeirach names.

[Learn more about the Mishebeirach prayer.](#) Rabbi Meir and the Temple's Caring Committee are available to offer support and comfort, so please let us know when situations arise where we may be of help. We are a kehillah kedoshah, a holy community. Our Temple family supports one another during difficult times and joyous ones.



ADD A LEAF TO THE OLIVE TREE



Purchasing a [leaf on the olive tree mural](#) in the hallway leading to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center is a wonderful way to recognize an important person or significant occasion. Leaves are \$180 each and may be personalized with three or four lines to highlight a lifecycle event, anniversary, or special kindness. Proceeds benefit the resource center.

September Jahrzeits

September 6-7

Grace Becker
 Irma Benson
 Clara Brosler
 Etta Brower
 Gita Bruckman
 Hyman Doppelt
 Max Dubrowin
 Alex Feldman
 Harry Fryefield
 William Gitlin
 Dr. Morris "Fuzzy" Himelstein
 Ruby Jackson
 Sophia Maier Johnston
 Rose J. Kaplan
 Robert I. Kesselman
 Michael Kupersmith
 Gilbert Landy
 Eduard Lefand
 Michael Hunter Leib
 Sam Levin
 Laura Himmelstein Levine
 Theodore Levy
 Lina Miller
 Abe Nemeroff
 Lloyd Ray
 Lawrence Ress
 Moses Safirstein
 Marilyn Sax
 Irene P. Sherr
 Fannie Spanjer
 Thelma Strouse
 Henya Rose Walter
 Jacob Weil
 Goldie Yaffe

September 13-14

Blanche Boyles
 Lottie Colucci
 Terri Darienzo
 Abraham Dicker

Betty Dubinsky
 Rabbi Eddie Fox
 Robert Gaskill
 John Gilbert
 Joseph Goldberg
 Irving Golder
 Ryan Goldstrom
 Joseph Goltz
 Adolph Greenebaum
 Paul Grossman
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 Shirley Komito
 Carole Krainess
 Edward Krainess
 Moses Lamley
 Steven Warren Landy
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 Jennie Levitz Levis
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 Dr. Abraham J. Ochstein
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 Joseph Ostertag
 William. J. Platka
 Benjamin Rosenberg
 Francine Schubert
 Leah Schulman
 Gerlinde Schwartz
 Jeanetta A. Silverman
 Jack Singer
 Fay Slutsky
 Irmgard A. Stein
 Bruce Stone
 Nettie Stumpf
 Irvin I. Weinraub
 Inez Zacharia
 Judith Zala

September 20-21

Lloyd Amster
 Claudine Bartel
 Minnette Baum
 Benjamin Becker
 Joe Blumenthal
 Rose Carol Brown
 Joseph Cristil
 Daniel Daniel
 Yelena Drozdova
 Jack I. Dubrove
 Lottie Gutmacher
 Israel Hattner
 Frieda Hyman
 Isabel Kaskel
 Tobi Greenspan Kepes
 Charles Leopold
 Jacqueline Levin
 Howard Levin
 Raymond Levis
 Becky (Betty) Lichtscien
 Sidney Motel
 Julius Nathan
 William Pollak
 Ronald Repka
 Pearl Russ
 Henry Schwartz
 Frances Shine
 David Spanjer
 Emmanuel Warshauer
 Felix Zweig

September 27-28

Lottie Albert
 Sidney Barasch
 Isadore Besser
 Sarah Bosell
 Adolph Brateman
 Helen Coffman
 Marvin Cristil
 Ernest Einstein

Jim Etzler
 Evelyn Feldman
 Nathan Fine
 Charles "Bernie" Fine
 Morris Fogel
 JoEllen Fredrick
 Gladys Friedman
 Ida Golden
 Arnold Hirschberg
 Elias Horn
 Freda M. Kaplan
 Ricka Lehman
 Lucile K. Marx
 Mary McIntrye
 Jennie Morris
 R. J. O'Neill
 Nate Pollack
 Esther Rothschild
 Mark Ruben
 Abbie Sax
 Tillie Schubert
 Harold M. Smith
 Louis Snow
 Jane Stiefel
 Daniel Stut
 Harry Turansky
 Rose Walters
 Rose Wattenberg
 Rose Steiber Weinraub
 Sophie Harmon Wetstein
 Louella Williams
 Muriel Yentis
 Morris Zweig

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Lisa Bradley and family on the death of her husband, Dan, on August 18, 2024 in Fort Wayne. We also think of their sons, Aaron and Joshua, on the loss of their father.
- Mike Lewis and family on the death of his wife, Rita, on August 6, 2024.

WE CARE

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Meir know if a family member is in the hospital or if other situations arise when the congregation may be of assistance or comfort. We aren't always aware of situations unless family or friends notify us.





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The Temple Board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. We value the diversity of viewpoints within our congregation. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for information. President Ronnie Greenberg can be reached at (260) 483-6327 or president@templecav.org.

President's Corner

Ronnie Greenberg



I've always loved the theater, especially backstage. During my 35 years singing with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus, I've had the opportunity to be backstage in every theater in Fort Wayne. I loved it. There is something about the semi-darkness, props, wires, ropes and actors and stagehands scurrying around that is very exciting. However, the most important thing about backstage is that without it, nothing would happen on-stage in front of the curtain.

Preparation for the High Holidays at the Temple is much like a backstage, resulting in the ultimate on-stage "performance" of our beautiful and meaningful services. Most congregants are completely unaware of how much time, planning, and staff and congregant power goes into this preparation.

Not surprisingly, Rabbi Meir is both the executive producer and the director of this event. It begins shortly after Simchat Torah, when he convenes the Ritual Committee, now under the leadership of Dawn Hammond, to discuss the recently completed cycle, what was wonderful and what didn't quite work. This input provides the basis for planning for the following year.

One of the earliest decisions to be made is the engagement of a guest cantor for the Conservative and joint High Holiday services. This year, a small task force of congregants who are knowledgeable in the Conservative liturgy were tasked with the initial solicitation and screening of candidates, and recommendation of one or several candidates to Rabbi Meir for a final interview and decision. Thank you to Ron Friedman, Josh Tourkow and Ben Eisbart for accepting this responsibility. We are looking forward to welcoming Cantor Penny Myers to our congregation this year.

As with most projects, planning is not linear. Sometime in the spring, many things began to happen at once. Rabbi Meir begins planning the service and the music. In addition to working with Cantor Myers and engaging Maestro Bob Nance, he also has been consulting with Cantor Rosalie Will, the lead consultant on music for the Union for Reform Judaism, to adjust our music to account for the retirement of the Hazemir choir.

Another piece of what we see "in front of the curtain" are the congregants who usher for services, as well as those who have the honor of sitting on the bimah during services. Mike Rush, a member of the Ritual Committee, is working to fill these positions. If Mike calls you to serve, I hope you will accept the honor. Thank you, Mike!

Many other and equally important tasks are handled not "backstage", but "back office." All the information sent in many formats and multiple times to congregants with dates and times of everything High Holidays, as well as giving opportunities, are the work of our Communication Committee chair, Beth Zweig, along with Executive Director Samara Sheray and Administrative Assistant Lily Noga. It's a lot of information and they ensure that everything is accurate and timely. Thank you for the excellent job you do!

Other "back office" tasks are actually handled in the kitchen. Thank you to Dawn Hammond and Sheryl Merritt for organizing and preparing for the Rosh Hashanah Reception, as well as all the congregants who plan to bake or purchase food. Another thank you to the ROMEOS, under the leadership of Denny Reynolds, for providing the Yom Kippur Break the Fast. And yet another thank you goes to Betsy Gephart and Jon Tam for the apples and honey treat that will be served after Rosh Hashanah morning services. And setting up the tables for us to sit and eat, as well as all the other physical logistics of the building? Thank our wonderful staff, Charlie Smiley and Timmy Oberley, under the capable leadership of Samara, for quick turnarounds in set-up and clean-up.

All of these "backstage" efforts result in a seamless, beautiful and meaningful High Holiday experience for our congregants and guests. If you are involved "backstage", thank you for sharing your skills and energy with the Temple. And if you are "in front of the curtain," I hope you will take a moment during the holidays to thank Rabbi Meir, Samara, and all the "stagehands" involved in making our services as wonderful as they are.

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